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A Movable Feast

Eating In Without the Hassle of Cooking

By Corrie M. Anders

Samantha Varghese had a simple culinary question for her friends and neighbors. Was there an individual or company that prepared delicious, home-cooked meals and delivered them to homes in Noe Valley?

Varghese, a recent transplant from Charlotte, N.C., was asking around because she was tired of eating out in restaurants or cooking her own dinners after a busy day's work as a physician assistant.

"I didn't move here to cook all day," said Varghese, who shares a 27th Street house with roommates.

Varghese was surprised to discover a cornucopia of choices—at least a dozen online food delivery services offering to help her stay out of the kitchen.

Some, like Munchery, deliver meals that merely need to be reheated. Others, like Blue Apron, drop off food kits filled with pre-measured ingredients that customers can easily assemble and cook. Still other businesses deliver hot foods that can be ordered from the menus of hundreds of San Francisco restaurants.

Meal delivery in the city has become so diverse, in fact, that Varghese was able to select a Noe Valley startup that delivers Turkish food prepared by Turkish families in their private homes. The business, which launched its pilot effort in November, is so new that it does not yet have a name.

Food delivery companies are reluctant to reveal specific data about the customers they serve in Noe Valley.

However, Jessie et Laurent, a San Rafael-based firm named for founders Jessie and Laurent Boucher, acknowledged that it had a large following in the neighborhood for its professionally prepared foods.

"I think the people in Noe Valley are kind of enjoying the good things in life, so we do have quite a few clients there," CEO Jessie Boucher said in a phone interview from New Zealand, where she is on vacation.

Boucher said her 35-year-old business started to soar two years ago, riding the wave of Munchery and Sprig, two popular and well-funded firms that launched on-demand meal services in 2010 and 2013, respectively.

Jessie et Laurent customers order from an online menu for up to a week's worth of food that can be refrigerated and reheated. "It's made to order, so it's fresh when it comes to your home," said Boucher, who trained at Le Cordon Rouge in San Francisco.

The menu changes weekly and customers can choose from a mix of American and international cuisine, with organic meals for both vegetarians and meat eaters and special dishes for holidays.

The company's prices are comparable

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There Are Enough Veggies for All. Erica Murray loads plates for husband Andy and daughters Hannah and Isabel (right) with food delivered by their favorite meal service: Frannie's Kitchen. *Photo by Najib Joe Hakim*

And to All a 'Good Night'

As the *Noe Valley Voice* prepares to enter its winter hibernation, we wish you patience and fortitude in dealing with the traffic cone that is our president-elect, and all his associated ilk.

We'll return in January (maybe it was all a terrible dream) and work on our February 2017 edition. Your deadline for news, letters, Class Ads, and the like is Jan. 15. For display advertising, Pat Rose will grant you a few more days to get us your file.

Thank you for your support. It's hard to believe that we've been doing this for almost 40 years. But you keep encouraging us. That's a good thing.

—Jack Tipple and Sally Smith and the *Voice* elves

Retired Kaiser Doctor Helps Those in Need

Physician Now in His 11th Year at Project Homeless Connect

By Matthew S. Bajko

In 2004 San Francisco officials launched a new program they dubbed Project Homeless Connect in an effort to combine various services for the city's homeless population in one location once a month.

Four years into his retirement from Kaiser Permanente at the time, Dr. Don Bardole decided to volunteer at the third Project Homeless Connect. He was immediately impressed by the operation, and in 2005, signed on as its volunteer co-medical director.

"The first time I went, it was total chaos," recalled Bardole, 67, an 18-year resident of Noe Valley. "I said to myself I could help organize it after attending several of the Project Homeless Connects."

Eleven years later he remains in the

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A Passion for Art and Humanity. Dr. Don Bardole's artworks and engaging smile enliven his Noe Valley home. His advice on encountering people living on the street: "Acknowledge the homeless you see." *Photo by Beverly Tharp*

The Cement Has Been Poured. The sod is on the way to our neighborhood park at the corner of 24th and Douglass streets. *Photo courtesy SF Recreation and Park Department*

Noe Courts Makeover Moves Toward Finish

Meanwhile, Controversial Home Remodel Near Park Approved

By Matthew S. Bajko

A revamped Noe Courts Park is set to debut in late January or early February after an eight-month renovation.

Once complete, the overhaul of the small park at the corner of 24th and Douglass streets will feature redone basketball and tennis courts, upgraded single-stall restrooms, a terraced lawn with seating, picnic tables, and new midblock entryways from 24th and Elizabeth streets. A wheelchair-accessible ramp will snake its way up from the children's play area at the park's southeast corner to the middle of the park.

In the works for five years, the $1.2 million project was made possible by a Community Opportunity Fund grant, the voter-supported 2008 and 2012 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Park Bonds, funds secured by District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener, and the San Francisco Parks Alliance. After years of debate over the park's new design, work on the project began in June.

"Overall, the design is increasing connectivity across the park from Elizabeth to 24th streets to the playground and the tennis and basketball courts. It is a much more functional design," said Brett Desmarais, a project manager with the city's recreation and park department. "It really

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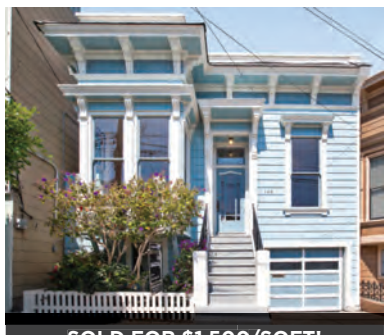

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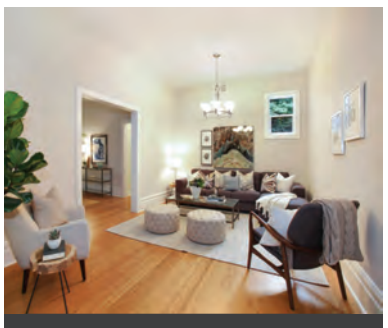

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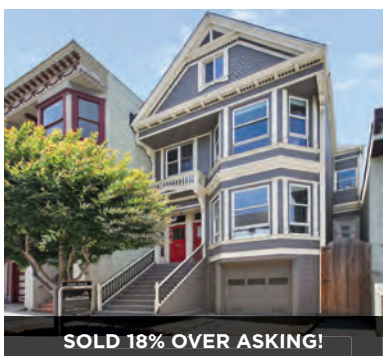

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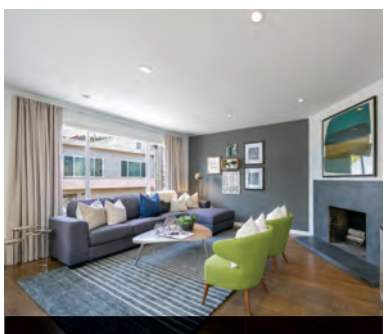

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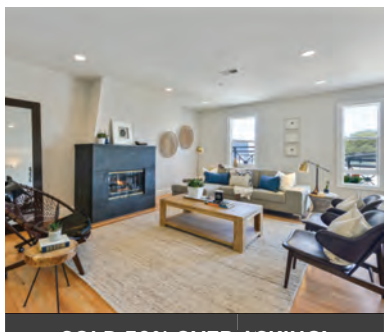

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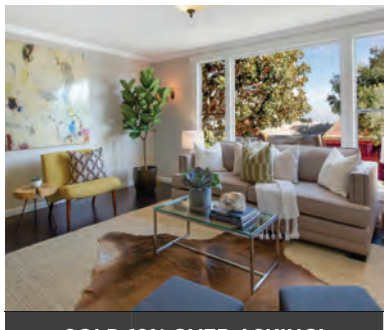

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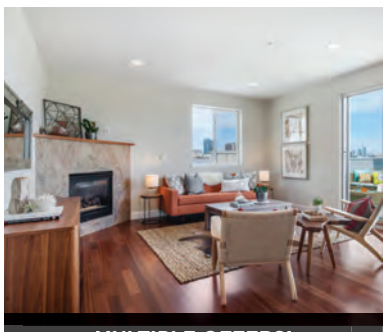

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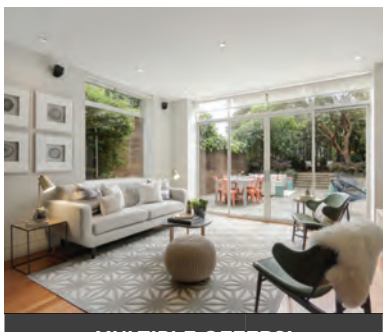

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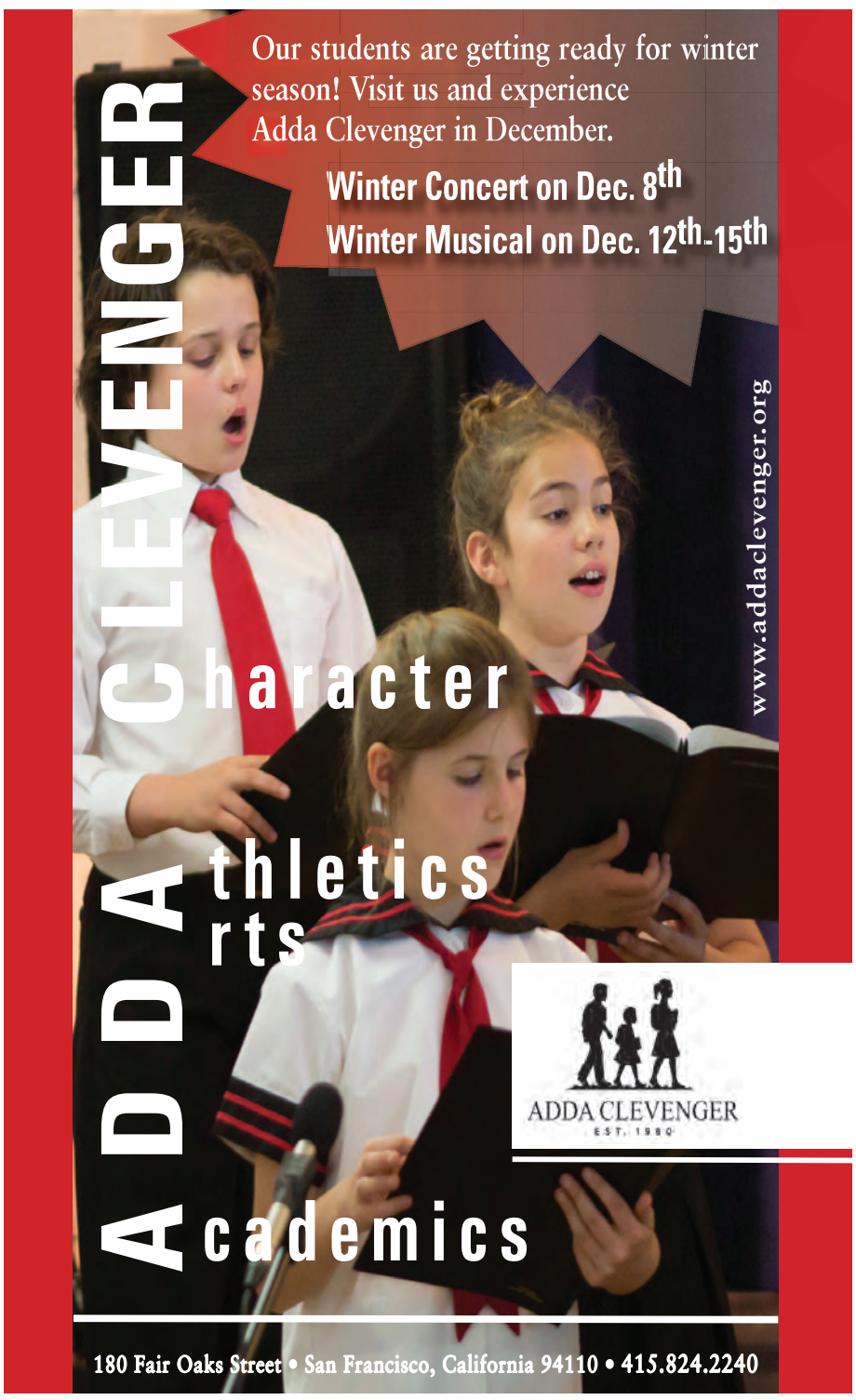

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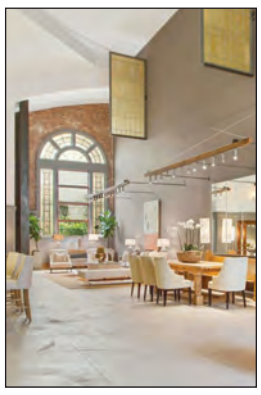

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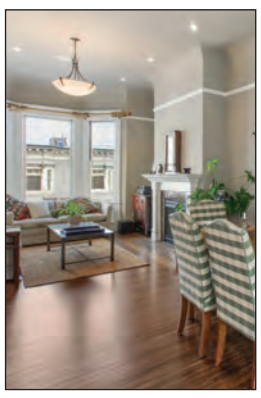

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to those of other delivery services in the area, and range from $20 for entrees large enough for two people to $46 for meals that serve four to six diners.

Food from Franny's

For nearly a decade, Noe Street resident Erica Murray has been using Franny's Kitchen in the Excelsior District as her favorite go-to service. The firm prepares her family's evening meals two to four times a week.

"It arrives already cooked, and all I have to do is stick it in the microwave," said Murray.

"The food is delicious. There's hardly a dish we don't like," and the family is especially fond of the meatloaf, she said. One night last month, Murray got to enjoy her favorite: baked salmon with spinach leaves and French lentils.

"We need it [the deliveries] because I work 50 to 60 hours a week," said Murray, president and CEO of the California Association of Public Hospitals, "as does my husband," Andy Murray, an attorney. It also allows the couple more free time to spend with their children, Isabel, 8, and Hannah, 5.

Every Thursday, Franny's Kitchen emails clients a menu of entrees and side dishes available Monday through Thursday. The meals cost $9.50 to $12.50 per order, with a $5 delivery fee.

The family began using Franny's Kitchen in 2007 after Murray was hospitalized with a spinal injury and work colleagues collected $1,000 to help provide outside meals. There were about six months of dinners left over once she finished her rehabilitation and returned to her job.

"Why would I stop this?" Murray asked herself at the time, since she needed to balance a busy job and a toddler. "It's delicious organic food and reasonably priced."

Frances Sanahuja, who has a culinary arts degree, said she started Franny's Kitchen 11 years ago "before it became the in thing to do." Sanahuja, who has three children, said she was motivated knowing how it was "so easy to get stuck in a cooking rut or get sucked into the temptation" of eating out.

Nourished by Nuri's

Some Noe Valley residents look to Nuri's Kitchen, another thriving local service that cooks and delivers food ready for the microwave or oven. Run by a Bernal Heights couple, Nuri's specializes in hearty soups, thick stews, quiches, and pastries.

"Two thumbs up," touted Noe Valley resident Peggy Cling, a longtime client.

Boris Lieberman and Maya Solo Lieberman of 22nd Street have been customers for two years.

The couple, both lawyers and parents of three children, ages 10, 7, and 5, patronize Nuri's about once a week "to give ourselves a break" from daily cooking, said Boris Lieberman.

Nuri Rivera, who has a background in nutrition and picked up her culinary skills working at the famed Tartine Bakery, started her company in 2012 in a rented commercial kitchen. Her husband, Tony, helps out and also makes the firm's once-a-week deliveries, on Tuesdays.

"I get a lot of return customers," said the founder. "It's because I offer things that are really easy and still taste good after it's reheated."

Turkish Delights

With clients like Samantha Varghese, Yigit Ihlamur, 29, a former Google software engineer, found an opportunity to fill a niche in the food delivery business. The impetus was his nostalgic but fruitless search for home-cooked Turkish food.

Not long ago, he found a woman who prepared him a meal in her home. "I was very impressed. The food was like that my mom used to cook back in Turkey. That was the moment when I said this is unique."

Now, Ihlamur has four cooks who prepare extra food while making meals for their own families. He has about two dozen customers and personally delivers the three-course meals, which recently included a $15 entree of pide, a Turkish calzone with ground beef; bulgur kofte (like couscous); and an eggplant salad.

In November, Ihlamur's mother arrived in San Francisco from Turkey to help out temporarily. Now all Ihlamur needs is a name for his enterprise. ■

Yigit Ihlamur, founder of a new business specializing in Turkish food, watches for a reaction as he delivers warm olive bread to customer and neighbor Maricar Lagura.

Photo by Najib Joe Hakim

Dinners on Douglass Street

Time-starved residents of Noe Valley have always had many restaurants and groceries they can turn to for takeout food.

But in the past few months they've gained another option: a popup kitchen at Neighbor's Corner Market on Douglass Street that makes tasty healthy meals once a week.

"We change the menu every Wednesday," said spokesperson Nadim Jessani. Meals, which run $8 to $16, recently included four varieties of poke bowls, authentic Mexican dishes, and Hawaiian-themed plates.

"Most of the dinners are cooked by our own chefs," including Tim Luym, a co-owner and professional chef, Jessani said.

Neighbor's Corner opened in 2015 in a former convenience store as a cafe and espresso bar. It began the weekly kitchen in September, and anywhere from 100 to 150 people, mostly from the neighborhood, show up between 4 and 8 p.m. to pick up meals.

Ten percent of the evening's proceeds go to a nonprofit or public school—Alvarado Elementary School has been a two-time recipient.

"We are in a really nice groove with the schools and want to keep it going," Jessani said.

—Corrie M. Anders

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11 Ways to Avoid the Kitchen—At Least Some of the Time

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Caviar
Service: Delivers hot foods ordered from more than 300 local restaurants
Delivery schedule: Daily
Delivery fee: Up to $7.99, depending on distance from the restaurant
Founded: 2012 in San Francisco
Contact info: www.trycaviar.com

Franny's Kitchen
Service: Prepares and delivers ready-to-reheat food
Meals: Traditional American cuisine
Price: $9.50 to $12.50 per entree
Delivery schedule: Monday-Thursday
Delivery fee: $5
Founded: 2005 in San Francisco
Contact info: www.frannyskitchensf.com

Grubhub
Service: Delivers food ordered from local restaurants
Price: Each restaurant sets minimum price order
Delivery schedule: Daily
Delivery fee: Restaurants may charge for delivery
Founded: 2004 in Chicago
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Jessie et Laurent
Service: Prepares and delivers up to one week's worth of ready-to-reheat food
Meals: Traditional American cuisine
Price: $19.95 for two people; $34 for three-four people; $46 for four to six people
Delivery schedule: Tuesday or Thursday
Delivery fee: Free
Founded: 1981 in San Rafael
Contact info: jessieetlaurent.com

Meals on Wheels
Service: Nonprofit prepares and delivers chilled food to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities
Meals: Two meals daily, brunch/lunch and dinner. Food is microwave ready.
Price: $7.50 suggested
Delivery schedule: Monday through Friday
Delivery fee: Free
Contact info: www.mowsf.org

Munchery
Service: Prepares and delivers ready-to-reheat food
Meals: Traditional American and international cuisine
Membership: $8.95 monthly or $85 annually
Price: $8 to $12 per entree; sides, salads, and desserts $4 to $8
Delivery schedule: Daily
Delivery fee: $2.95 to $4.50
Founded: 2010 in San Francisco
Contact info: munchery.com

Nuri's Kitchen
Service: Prepares and delivers ready-to-reheat food
Meals: Rustic-style soups, stews, quiches, and pastries
Delivery schedule: Tuesdays
Price: $6 to $28 with $20 minimum
Delivery fee: Free
Founded: 2012 in San Francisco
Contact info: www.nuriskitchen.com

Sprig
Services: Prepares and delivers ready-to-reheat food
Meals: American cuisine
Delivery schedule: Daily
Price: $10 to $14 per entree
Delivery fee: $2.75, $10 monthly for unlimited delivery
Founded: 2013 in San Francisco
Contact info: www.sprig.com

Taro
Service: Partners with individual private chefs
Meals: Ready-to-reheat ethnic cuisine with family-style portions, prepared daily
Delivery schedule: Daily
Price: Approximately $25 for a couple, $40 for family
Delivery fee: Free to $7, depending on the chef involved
Founded: 2015 in Palo Alto
Contact info: www.tarobites.com

Yigit Ihlamur
Service: Partners with individual home cooks and delivers food
Meals: Ready to reheat, 3-course Turkish dinners
Price: $13 to $18
Delivery Schedule: Wednesday, Thursday
Delivery fee: Free, but tips accepted
Founded: Launched pilot November 2016, San Francisco
Contact info: email: yihlamur@gmail.com

Waiters on Wheels
Service: Delivers food ordered from more than 350 Bay Area restaurants
Price: Minimum $20 order
Delivery schedule: Daily
Delivery cost: $5.95
Founded: 1987 in San Francisco
Contact info: www.waitersonwheels.com

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A Long Run

Editor:

I've been reading the *Voice* since the first issue [May 1977]. It's a treasure.

I was an adult when I came to Noe Valley, quite by accident. And I stayed here for the rest of my life. Not an accident. The *Voice* was a good six years in the future when I arrived. So I've gotten to be pretty old, reading the *Voice.*

I truly enjoy reading the stories of people who grew up here and, even better, stories of those with family histories who can show you their parents' or grandparents' original house.

So glad that the *Voice* continues....

Thank you!

Joanna Venneri
Church Street

Tutors Needed at James Lick

Dear Noe Valley community:

This holiday season, many of us are thinking about what we can do to make a difference in our communities. The San Francisco Education Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting students and teachers in public schools, is looking for volunteers.

Right here in Noe Valley, volunteer Bill Marlow has dedicated his time at James Lick Middle School for the past four years. Here's what one teacher, Mike Longnecker, had to say about Bill:

"I have been tracking the data and I select a few students from my seventh-grade class who scored well back in elementary school but did not score high in their sixth-grade assessment. After working with Bill, those students are back to high performing. Without Bill, those students wouldn't get the one-on-one attention."

At the San Francisco Education Fund, we train and support volunteers like Bill, and in particular we are looking for more volunteers at James Lick. We're starting an afterschool math tutoring program there in January, and we need a few caring adults to provide extra one-on-one attention to sixth- and seventh-grade students.

If you want to make an impact in Noe Valley right now, get in touch with the Education Fund and sign up for an info session at www.sfedfund.org/volunteer. Volunteering can be a great way to connect with neighbors and help students get a great education.

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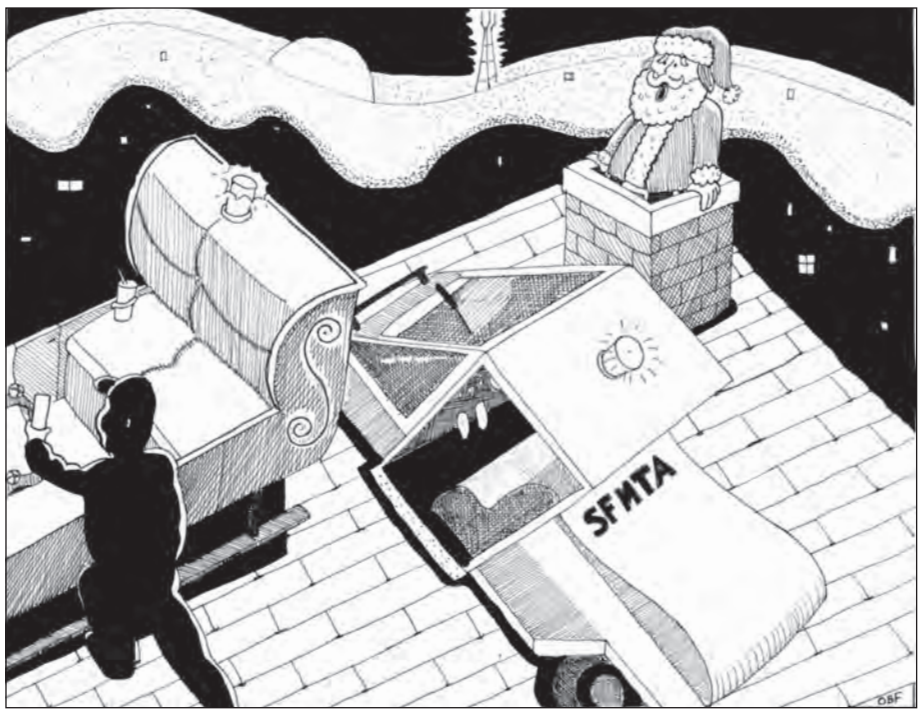

Great Stocking Stuffers

Editor:

Give your family the greatest holiday gift: peace—of mind.

This season of gifting can be a good opportunity to assemble those practical items that would be essential to your family's well-being in case of an earthquake or other natural disaster.

Children love flashlights and a small, lightweight but powerful one they can keep in a shoe under the bed can help make them feel safe in a power outage.

Flashlights at Cole Hardware run from $8 on up. I like the Fenix, which is more costly at $79 but is small and has a very powerful LED light that can illuminate a wide swath. Cole Hardware also sells two-person, three-day emergency kits in a backpack for $55. There are other handy supplies such as emergency blankets, food rations, a manual can opener, a pry bar, and first-aid supplies.

The disaster preparedness website 72.org also recommends having board games or decks of cards to help pass the time while you wait for things to get back to normal. It also recommends you have a contact person outside the Bay Area for family members to check in with in case they can't reach local numbers.

Have a happy and well-prepared holiday season. And when it is time for new year's resolutions, why not put NERT training on your list! The Neighborhood Emergency Response Team skills you will learn will help you, your family, and the community meet whatever might come our way in 2017.

Mindy Kershner
Noe Street

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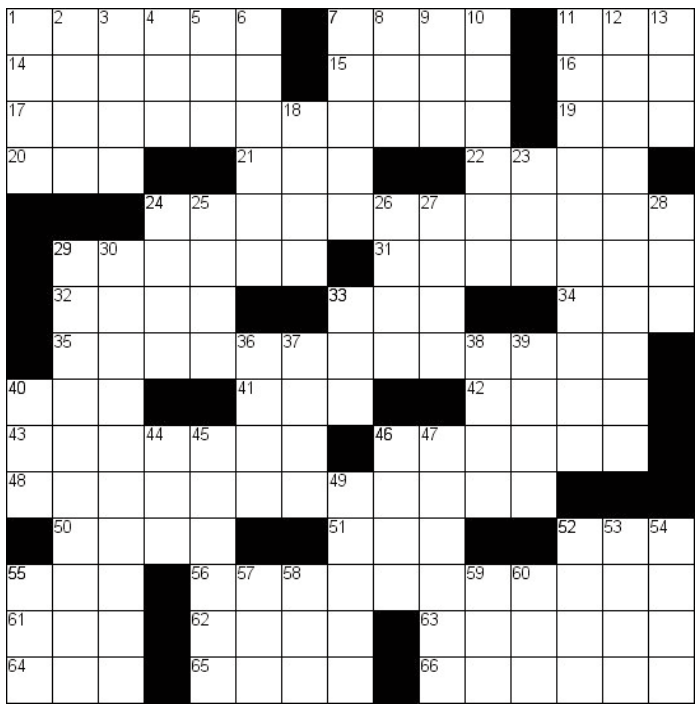

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1. Obama's *actual* birthplace
7. Office msg.
11. Sally Brunn librarian's admonition
14. Demi's 2005 groom
15. Films in which Damien made at least IV appearances
16. 180, slangily
17. Where soul brothers meet and greet on 24th?
19. What the letters in HAL are adjacent to
20. New abbr. before "Kamala Harris"
21. Patronized Le Zinc
22. Today, in Torino
24. Place on 24th where everyone has a newly flat tummy?
29. Quinto and Nimoy, onscreen
31. Armed forces department, across the pond
32. French river
33. Olive This, Olive That purchase
34. Continental abbr. that rhymes with 32-Across
35. Costly laundry on 24th?
40. Natalie's dad
41. Small amount
42. Cleveland coastline
43. In the midst of
46. Number-one nun
48. Place on 24th that counsels you on buying Mexican currency?
50. Cameras with mirrors, briefly
51. 1959 hit song about "a man named Charlie"
52. Cartesian conclusion
55. Extra-ample shoe width
56. Italian eatery on 24th with a jazz band below the bar?
61. "Golly!"
62. Wicked
63. Hormel competitor
64. Econ. indicator
65. Seductive
66. ___-oo!

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1. Headwear
2. Big Apple stadium
3. One of the five W's
4. Symbols like @
5. Loan letters
6. Garaged for the night, gearwise
7. Common sight on western Lombard Street
8. Comic Phillips
9. "Bleu" part of a French map
10. Unrepeated, as an event
11. Latin phrase meaning "in a class by itself"
12. Big flowering plants common in 1-Across
13. Do some tailoring
18. Criteria (Abbr.)
23. Coll. seniors' test
24. "An Inconvenient Truth" star
25. Slurpee cousin
26. "Desperate Housewives" character
27. Boxer Oscar ___ Hoya
28. LBJ dog
29. Holey Bagel topping
30. Bore excessively
33. Ancient
36. Condition once called "shell shock," for short
37. Cable, briefly
38. Kans. neighbor
39. "___ Tu" (1973 Spanish hit song)
40. Siesta
44. Neither partner
45. Talks idly or boastfully: Slang.
46. ___ Spumante (wine)
47. Outdo in
49. Say without really saying
52. Company with a crocodile logo
53. Blue, in Baja
54. Paddock parent
55. Urge (on)
57. One of 48 in Western SF
58. Nero's 19
59. Con's opposite
60. "If you ask me," in chat rooms

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A Gala Affair Raises Some Green

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A little rain failed to dampen the festive mood at the first Noe Valley Gala, a fundraiser to purchase sound equipment for the Performing Arts Center at the Noe Valley Ministry.

The event brought together overlapping circles of Noe Valley business and community leaders, tech industry notables, and, of course, politicians.

"It was magical," said Gala Chair Yvonne Gemmell Keene. "It was a lovely combination of community and music and food and festivity."

The Oct. 27 soiree at the Sanchez Street church featured four music groups, a cocktail hour, and a dinner spread of chianti braised Meyer Angus short ribs and grilled vegetable timbale.

By the time the 90 guests had finished their dark chocolate espresso mousse, the gala had raised $40,000. The evening was so much fun that organizers plan a repeat next fall.

—*Corrie M. Anders*

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Volunteer Medical Director Helps Homeless Connect

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unpaid position, overseeing a small army of local health care professionals who donate their time and talent to care for the more than 100 homeless individuals at each of the Civic Center events. Anywhere from 10 to a dozen physicians, most internal medicine residents from area hospitals, staff each Homeless Connect, assisted by upwards of 25 nurses. They treat a range of health problems.

"I think, generally speaking, most people think of homeless people as being crazy and having drug and alcohol abuse issues. But for a lot of people that is not the case," Bardole told the *Noe Valley Voice* during an interview at his home in early November. "They are not alcoholics; they just got down and out. They are people who had jobs and then lost them and are suddenly homeless."

The average age of the people the medical team treats is 40 to 50 years old, said Bardole. And not everyone is living outdoors.

"We do see a lot of people who are not on the streets but in a shelter or staying with family on the couch," he said.

These days, rather than treating patients himself, Bardole tends more to the organizational needs of the program. He continues to be a licensed physician, however, just in case he does need to lend a hand and examine someone.

"It is not a large burden on my time anymore. Nowadays it is a little bit on auto pilot," said Bardole, who is also a sculptor and painter.

Early Focus on the Elderly

Born and raised outside Albany, N.Y., Bardole graduated in 1977 from the private Albany Medical College and did his residency at a hospital in Wilmington, Del. He relocated to the Bay Area in 1980 to work for Kaiser Permanente.

A family practitioner geriatrician, Bardole spent 18 years at Kaiser's San Jose hospital before transferring to the HMO's San Francisco staff. He saw elderly patients at various locations throughout San Francisco's eastern neighborhoods, from their own homes to hospices and nursing homes to the occasional street corner.

"One patient I treated in the Castro lived outside," recalled Bardole.

His patients suffered from a variety of ailments, including broken hips, Parkinson's disease, dementia, arthritis, and strokes. Another key concern was helping them maintain their mobility.

"These were the frail elderly, not the 75-year-olds playing tennis," he said.

When he began working with Project Homeless Connect, Bardole said it was normal for him or other members of the medical team to treat people for pneumonia or open wounds on their legs. And they routinely were sending patients to the hospital for more intensive care.

That is no longer the case, said Bardole, as the city's health department has re-examined how it offers services to the homeless. It is now easier for a homeless individual to get a same-day appointment for treatment, he said, rather than the three-month wait it used to take to see a doctor at San Francisco General Hospital.

(The city's hospital is now known as Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center due to a $75 million donation last year from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Dr. Priscilla Chan.)

Linking to Healthy SF

The introduction in 2007 of Healthy SF, the city's health insurance program for uninsured residents, has also lessened the need for health care services at Project Homeless Connect events, said Bardole. At the event in October, for instance, the medical team didn't have to send anyone to the hospital.

And in 2012 Project Homeless Connect launched Every Day Connect, a daily in-office program that helps individuals needing medical attention receive treatment that day.

"We are seeing less ill people," Bardole said of the volunteers at the monthly events. "Now we are seeing more people who need their medicines refilled. Or they are new to town and need to get signed up for Healthy SF. We can get them signed up and usually give them an appointment to see a doctor the next day."

City Still a Magnet

What hasn't changed is San Francisco being a magnet for homeless individuals. The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, released in November by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, had the city's homeless population at 6,996 individuals, a slight increase from the 6,775 in the 2015 report.

The figure was also higher than the 6,686 homeless adults counted in 2015 as part of a biennial survey that records the number of people found living on the streets on a given date. But those figures are far lower than the 9,975 homeless individuals the city's public health department reported had accessed services during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Give Socks, Granola Bars

Unlike in other parts of town, where homeless tent encampments have popped up on sidewalks, it is rare to see such outward signs of homelessness in Noe Valley. Other than in a few out-of-the-way pockets, such as under the Market Street overpass accessed from Grand View, tents are not taking over the public right of way in "downtown" Noe Valley.

Shoppers and visitors to the neighborhood's commercial corridor will encounter a few panhandlers stationed outside the Whole Foods parking lot entrance on 24th Street or near the Walgreens parking lot on Castro Street. Rather than hand over spare change or a few dollars, Bardole suggests having individually packaged granola bars to offer.

"I will say I can't give you any money but will ask if they want a granola bar. It is rare somebody turns me down," he said.

He also suggested offering to buy the person a sandwich, or if going into a pharmacy, ask if they need things like socks or toiletries.

"It is not about giving them money but something to help with their life," said Bardole. "I always tell them when a Project Homeless Connect event is coming up."

At the very least, Bardole asked that people "acknowledge the homeless you see."

The next Project Homeless Connect, the 66th one, is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, located at 99 Grove St. For more information, visit https://www.projecthomelessconnect.org/. ■

Practice and Promote Peace

Noe Courts Park Set to Reopen Early Next Year

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offers a lot more flexibility in terms of the spaces created by the terracing and the plaza area by the courts with picnic tables. I think it will really enhance the experience for people in the park."

Desmarais said construction has been "fairly smooth" and that there "really hasn't been any complications." He couldn't give an exact date for when the work would be finished, only that it "should be sometime mid winter."

City parks officials had held a series of community meetings in 2013 to fine-tune the plans for the 0.925-acre park. One initial idea that was eventually nixed was to remove the basketball court and replace it with another grassy lawn. Instead, it was decided to upgrade both it and the adjacent tennis court with new equipment, paving, and fencing.

The work being done is also to repair the park's drainage system. And new drought-tolerant, non-invasive plants and shrubs will be planted around the park. If they can be ordered, additional olive trees will also be planted, said Desmarais, adding to the existing ones growing along the park's Elizabeth Street side.

"They are really popular and hard to come by, but we are hoping they end up there," he said, adding that the alternative would be to plant Podocarpus, an evergreen tree.

Though the park has long been a magnet for dog owners, it will now feature "a clean, green space that is not dominated by dog activity," as explained in an April 23, 2014, letter sent to nearby residents of Noe Courts.

When it reopens, "people can still have dogs on leash in the park," said Desmarais. "But it was not designed as a dedicated dog park and certainly not as an off-leash dog park."

Housing Project Okayed

At its meeting Nov. 3 the city's planning commission rejected community concerns that a housing project adjacent to Noe Courts Park's tennis court would create shadows during certain times of the day. Instead, the oversight body voted 5-0 to approve it.

In the spring, several residents of Noe Valley, in addition to the San Francisco Parks Alliance and the neighborhood group Protect Noe's Charm, had raised objections to the proposed plan by the owners of 4320 24th St. to add a third story to their existing two-story, 2,800-square-foot single-family residence. As the property abuts the western side of Noe Courts, the neighbors expressed concerns that the larger structure would block the park's sunlight, particularly in the early evening.

But because the project is lower than the 40-foot height threshold that automatically triggers a shadow impact study, the planning department did not require one to be done.

According to planning documents, the addition would increase the building height from 19 feet to 30 feet but would not expand the existing building footprint. The proposed third floor is setback 15 feet from the front property line.

Shadowing the Park

Although a full shadow study was not called for under the city's zoning laws, the planning department did conduct a shadow fan analysis due to the property's proximity to Noe Courts. It found that the additional third story "could potentially cast some incremental shadow on the park."

In August, Lawrence Kane, who lives at 4348 24th St., requested a discretionary review of the project, prompting it to be taken up by the planning oversight body. In his request he contended the home addition would "cause significant shading to a large section of the park," not only on the tennis courts but also on the kids play area in the late afternoons, which he noted was "a peak period of park use." He predicted the resulting shade would "reduce the use of a public space for the sole benefit of a private developer."

A petition he launched online this fall garnered more than 110 signatures. Kane told the planning body that few people in the community had been informed about the project or how it would cast shadows on the park.

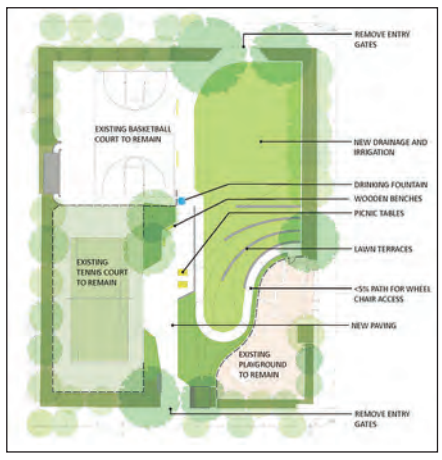
"If this is built, it will impact the park forever," said Kane, whose three daughters are frequent users of the open space.

Matt O'Grady, the former chief executive officer of the San Francisco Parks Alliance, which is the fiscal sponsor for the Friends of Noe Courts group, also raised concerns that any "additional shadow may significantly impair the public's use and enjoyment of the park and tennis courts."

Owners Make Concessions

Jeremy Paul, a permit consultant hired by the property owners, Sara Witt and Andy Charmatz, countered at last month's hearing that the shadows created by the addition to the home "would be very minimal." Noting that he lived near the park, Paul said, "We are never shadowing the picnic area, the lawn, or especially the children's playground."

Commissioner Kathrin Moore noted that several full-grown evergreens in the park already cast shadows over it in the late afternoon and early evening.



When the $1.2 million renovation of Noe Courts is complete, park users should find repaved basketball and tennis courts, a green terraced lawn, picnic tables, benches, drought-tolerant shrubs, and a wheelchair-accessible path winding through the park.
Graphic courtesy SF Recreation and Park

When it first took up the matter in September, the planning commission asked the homeowners to carve out a second, ground-floor unit as a condition for approving the third-story addition. They agreed to do so and presented a design in November showing the new unit would have its own entranceway fronting 24th Street.

Paul also said the owners would be willing to paint a mural on the side of the home facing the park.

"I think something needs to be done to that wall," he said. "But it should be the property owners' decision on how to do it."

Difficult Decision

At the November hearing, commissioner Rich Hillis said the decision confronting the body "was a hard one" and that he "sympathized" with the objections voiced by the neighbors.

"No doubt it is going to impact the park and will have some shadow impact to the park," he said. "I don't think it will be enormous."

The tradeoff, he noted, is an additional housing unit will be created in exchange for approving a modest expansion of the home.

"We are not adding a monster home here or a typically large home," said Hillis.

Commissioner Christine Johnson also stated she was conflicted about the project's impacts on the park. But she too noted it fell within the zoning requirements and was adding to the housing supply in the area.

"The tradeoff we have here is fair," said Johnson, though she stressed, "I don't like the idea of impacting open space and hope it doesn't come to people not wanting to use that park or it being programmed improperly."

In the end, the commissioners instructed the property owners to remove a front deck they had proposed to add to their house and to use lighter colors if a mural is added to the side facing the park as part of the conditions for their approval.

To follow updates about the Noe Courts Park project, visit http://sfrecpark.org/project/noe-courts-park-improvement-plan/. ■

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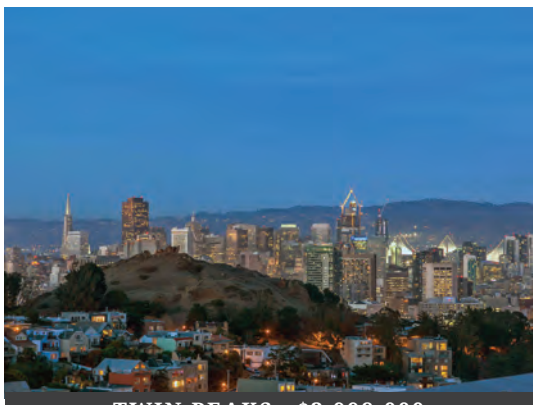

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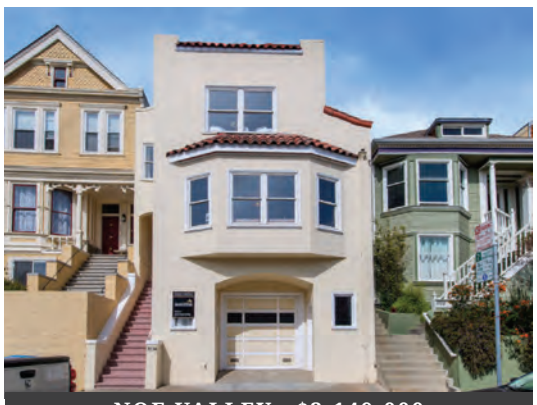

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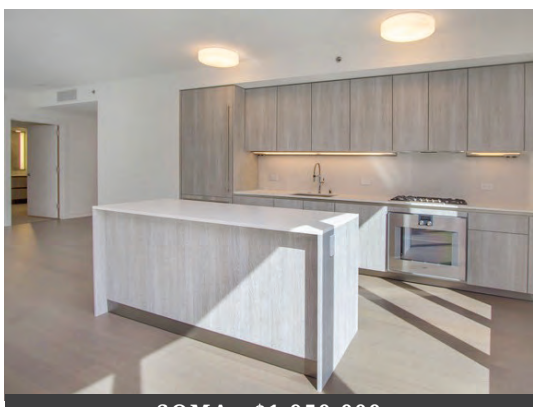

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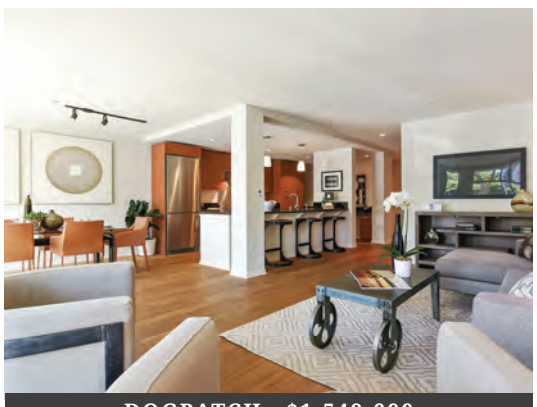

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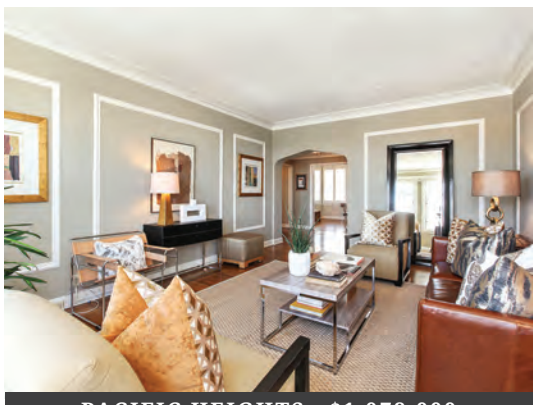

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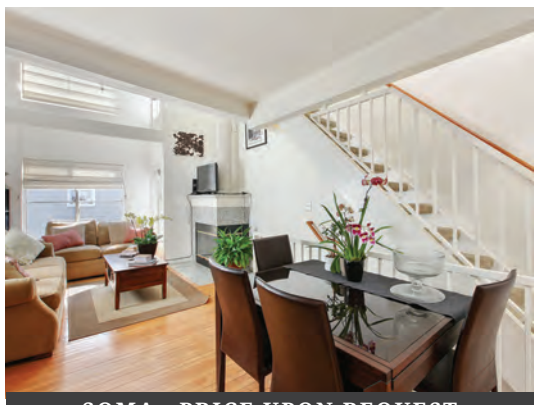

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Homes Rebound in October

By Corrie M. Anders

Residential sales in Noe Valley bounced back in October as buyers purchased 12 single-family homes, including three that sold for more than $4 million.

The number of sales matched those of October a year ago and was five more than the seven home sales in September of this year, according to data that Zephyr Real Estate provides monthly to the *Noe Valley Voice*.

Eleven condominium transactions in October kept pace with the 12 deals recorded a month earlier. Both totals surpassed the meager sales (three) of October 2015.

There was also a surge in demand for buildings with two to four units, which people often convert into separate living spaces. Buyers purchased eight such buildings in October, the highest monthly total in more than three years.

The residential real estate market typically gets a boost in the fall, as consumers rush to pick up new keys and settle in before the holiday season.

"After Labor Day, properties are getting sold and making their last hurrah for the year," said Zephyr president Randall Kostick.

Still, Kostick pointed out, Noe Valley's real estate market, a bubbling cauldron in 2015, has lost a little froth in the past several months.

Homes typically sold in October for 2 percent above the asking price—a nice tip in a neighborhood with an average sales price of nearly $2.8 million.

"So it's not like the market is cool. It's still pretty hot," Kostick said. "But 102 percent [of the asking price] does not compare to 113 percent last year at this time and 112 percent over asking the year before."

October's individual vitality was dependent on the sale of three luxury homes.

The most expensive was a modern mansion in the 2100 block of Castro Street, between 28th and Valley streets, which sold in eight days for the seller's asking price of $4,399,000.

The newly built house had four bedrooms, 4.5 baths, and abundant living space—4,797 square feet. Amenities included a gourmet kitchen, floor-to-ceiling glass windows, dramatic bay views, a two-car garage with electric chargers, and solar and radiant heating.

A four-bedroom, 4.5-bath home next door with similar amenities—both houses were designed by Hood Thomas Architects of San Francisco—sold for $4,250,000 (in October as well). The 4,627-square-foot abode was built in 2015 and had originally been listed at $4,995,000.

Also in the $4 million club—$4,220,000 to be exact—was a remodeled Victorian in the 600 block of Diamond Street, between 23rd and Elizabeth streets. It featured four bedrooms and 3.5 baths in 3,037 square feet of living space.

Condos and Tenants in Common

The average outlay for a condominium in October was just below $1.4 million. Competition for the relatively more affordable dwellings pushed the average cost to 8 percent over the seller's asking price.

Buyers shelled out $2,050,000 for the most expensive condo, a three-bedroom, 2.5-bath unit in the 1100 block of Church Street, between 23rd and Elizabeth streets. Located within an Edwardian built in 1908, the unit offered 1,801 square feet of living space spread over two levels. The home had been elegantly modernized and also featured a roof deck with sweeping city views.

Buyers also paid $2.7 million for an apartment building containing four units in the 3800 block of 26th Street at Dolores Street. The building had one two-bedroom unit, two one-bedroom units, and a fourth unit that is currently a ground-floor coffee shop.

Of the eight small buildings sold in October, six were two-unit buildings. New owners likely purchased them as "tenants in common" occupying separate units. ■

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						
October 2016	12	$1,250,000	$4,399,000	$2,772,000	20	102%
September 2016	7	$1,600,000	$2,800,000	$2,058,429	22	109%
October 2015	12	$1,250,000	$3,800,000	$2,201,375	22	113%
Condominiums						
October 2016	11	$460,000	$2,050,000	$1,392,273	22	108%
September 2016	12	$1,076,936	$1,995,000	$1,516,072	24	113%
October 2015	3	975,500	1,680,000	1,311,833	15	112%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
October 2016	8	$1,350,000	$2,700,000	$1,930,000	44	105%
September 2016	1	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	9	105%
October 2015	3	$1,500,000	$2,300,000	$1,841,667	26	122%
5+-unit buildings						
October 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
September 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
October 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—

* Survey includes all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is loosely defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The *Voice* thanks Zephyr Real Estate (zephyrre.com) for providing sales data. *NVV12/2016*

Buyers paid $2,050,000 for a three-bedroom, 2.5-bath condominium within this 1908 Edwardian building on Church Street. The two-level unit had been remodeled to add contemporary touches to its vintage pedigree. *Photo by Corrie M. Anders*

A rooftop deck with 360-degree views was one of the attractions for buyers of the luxury condominium on Church Street. *Photo by Olga Soboleva, courtesy Zara Rowbotham/Vanguard Properties*

This newly built home on Castro Street, featuring solar panels and electric car chargers, sold in October for $4,399,000. *Photo by Corrie M. Anders*

Glass walls open up the living spaces and enhance access to the back yards of two homes on Castro Street designed by Hood Thomas Architects. *Photo courtesy Pete Brannigan/Paragon Real Estate*

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range November 2016	Average November 2016	Average October 2016	Average November 2015
Studio	6	$2,095 - $2,450	$2,262 / mo.	$1,948 / mo.	$2,459 / mo.
1-bdrm	32	$2,450 - $4,998	$3,245 / mo.	$3,489 / mo.	$3,255 / mo.
2-bdrm	54	$2,950 - $6,395	$4,229 / mo.	$4,315 / mo.	$4,752 / mo.
3-bdrm	15	$4,595 - $8,400	$5,776 / mo.	$7,053 / mo.	$5,917 / mo.
4+-bdrm	13	$5,990 - $19,995	$10,279 / mo.	$10,697 / mo.	$9,992 / mo.

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On 24th Street

What's on Your Holiday Wish List?

Asked on Friday afternoon, Nov. 11, 2016, in front of the new Noe Valley Town Square at 24th and Vicksburg streets

Kate and Hudson, 27th Street:
Kate: Oh, we were just talking about this! **Hudson:** So I guess this big wooden animal would be pretty cool.
Kate: I'd like to go on a vacation.

Helen Zagorodniuk, 27th Street:
I want to gather with my friends and go skating in Union Square.

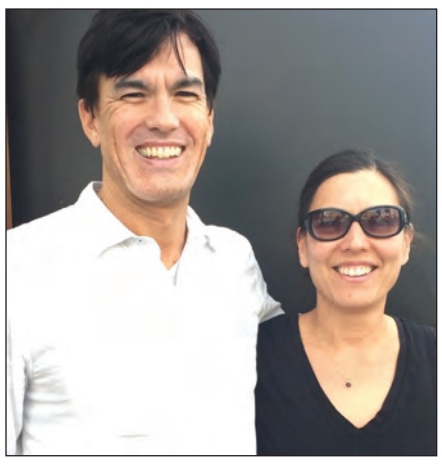
Jared Windt, Sanchez Street: I get to see family. I'm from the East Coast, so that's my number one wish this year.

William, 23rd Street and Guerrero Street: I don't have one.... Redo the election.

Niko, Vicksburg Street: I'm not going to say a different president, although I do want that.... I'm not going to see my family, so I'd love to see my family.

Raven (left) and Georgie, 25th Street and 30th Street:
Raven: Anything *Stranger Things* related (a Netflix series).
Georgie: Probably a Chromebook.

Robby, Church Street: Spending the holidays with my family, my brother and sister-in-law.



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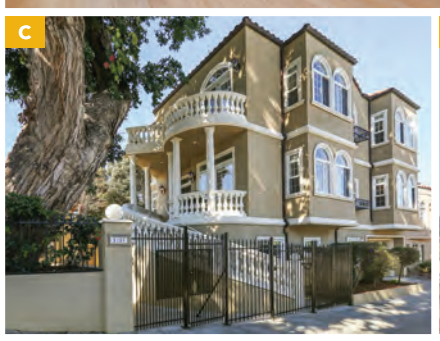

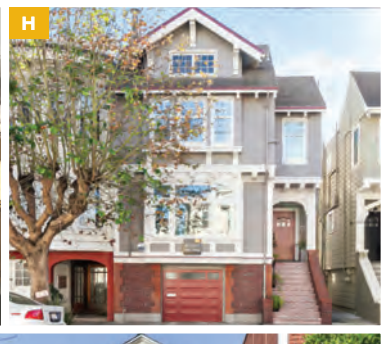

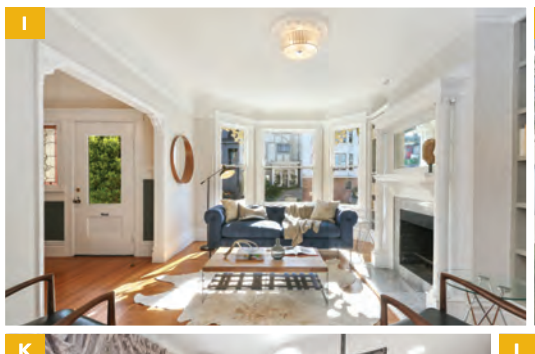

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The kids will explore the National Mall, visit Presidential and war monuments, see the Smithsonian and the Holocaust Memorial, and take a guided tour of the Capitol Building. Each child's trip costs $1,559 and several need help raising the money, in some cases significant support, Keller says. The goal is to raise $9,000 in supplemental funds.

The students themselves have raised nearly $2,000 so far, staffing a dessert and snack table at the Noe Valley Farmers Market every weekend and at school basketball games. Patxi's Pizza donated $350, and the Lick Parent-Teacher-Student Association made a "generous donation," according to Keller.

The public can help by visiting the table at the Saturday market (at 24th and Vicksburg streets) and by donating online at donorschoose.org, a website created by a teacher to help other teachers fund school projects. Type James Lick Middle School in the search box. You can also hoist a few at a fundraising night at the Elixir Saloon, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. until midnight. Ten percent of the bar take will go to the school. Elixir is located at the intersection of Guerrero and 16th streets.

For more information, contact Ann Keller at kellera@sfusd.edu or Eric Uribe at uribee@sfused.edu.

December Suddenly Got Busy

Were you wondering what to do with your December? The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association has that covered for you. Check out 24 Holidays on 24th Street at www.24on24th.com.

The sound of music will fill the air several days and evenings. Carolers from the Adda Clevenger School on Fair Oaks Street, San Francisco City Chorus, and the Loosies (a women's a cappella group) will stroll and sing. Skillet Licorice plays bluegrass music and rags from the Roaring 20s at the West Parklet, 1 to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The Farmers Market offers live bands all four Saturdays. Blind Lemon Pledge plays the blues Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17, 2 to 4 p.m., at the East Parklet on 24th Street, and, yes, there will be ukulele music and hula dancers outside Just for Fun, near the West Parklet, Saturday, Dec. 10, 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Zephyr Real Estate of Noe Valley is once again sponsoring Holiday Hayrides, on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Pickup and dropoff is at the Walgreens parking lot at Castro and Jersey streets. Mapamundi, at 1306 Castro, will host a Kids Holiday Craft Workshop for ornament-making on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. (RSVP at 415-641-6192.)

Carolers, hula dancers, reindeer, and Santa are among the scheduled visitors to 24th Street during December's 24 HoliDAYS.

When strolling on 24th Street, look for your old friend Santa Claus. Saturday, Dec. 10, he'll be waving outside Zephyr Real Estate, 4040 24th St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The following day, Sunday, Dec. 11, he's hanging out at Folio Books, 3957 24th St., from 3 to 5 p.m. On Thursday, Dec. 15, Santa will ho-ho with some of his reindeer from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Just for Fun, 3982 24th St. (Note the reindeer are expected first at 3:30 p.m.) Finally, on Saturday, Dec. 17, Santa alights at the Swann Group, at 3848 24th St. at Vicksburg, for photos from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don't miss the hot cocoa, and cookies courtesy Noe Valley Bakery.

Christmas Jazz and Pajamas

Noe Valley churches are planning special events to mark the Christmas season, including caroling, pageants, special music programs, and a pajama Christmas service.

Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m., the Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church at 1021 Sanchez St. presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas and Other Delights." The Dave Len Scott Jazz Ensemble will play, and baritone Joshua Hollister will sing. Admission is free. Rev. David Brown cautions that there will be no Christmas Day service, even though it's Sunday because of the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Sunday, Dec. 18, you're welcome to go caroling along Fair Oaks Street with the congregants of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church. Meet at the church, 455 Fair Oaks St., at 5 p.m. Vicar Jane McDougle promises "warm, seasonal refreshments" afterwards.

Christmas Eve at Holy Innocents you can be part of the Christmas Pageant at 5 p.m. but arrive by 4:15 p.m. to get a costume. At the 10 p.m. service, the church choir performs Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols,* accompanied by a harp.

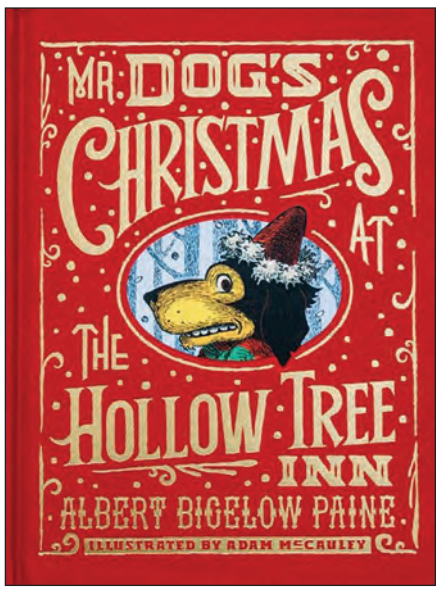
At St. Paul's Catholic Church, 221 Valley St., parish kids will present a Christmas tableau at the 4:30 p.m. family mass on Christmas Eve. You'll recognize Mary, Joseph, the Three Kings, and the shepherds.

Christmas morning, at 10:45 a.m., you can experience perhaps a once in a lifetime event—wearing your pajamas to church—at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1270 Sanchez St. Comfortable, non-pajama clothes are also okay, according to Pastor Sadie Stone.

At the Bookstores

In December, Charlie's Corner celebrates the reissue of *Mr. Dog's Christmas at Hollow Tree Inn* by Albert Bigelow Paine, first published in 1898. It was a favorite book—some decades later—of Betsy Cordes as a child, now a grown-up San Francisco art-brand manager and consultant. When Cordes found out the book was out of print, she launched a successful Kickstarter campaign to reissue it, with new illustrations by award-winning local children's book artist Adam McCauley.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 5 p.m., you can meet Cordes and McCauley and hear the book read to you, complete with puppets, music, food, and Victorian décor, according to Charlie's Corner manager Lori Blackburn. For all Charlie's Corner events in December and January, see charliescorner.com. The store is located at the corner of 24th and Castro streets.



Charlie's Corner will host a puppet show and reading of a reissue of the classic Christmas tale *Mr. Dog's Christmas at the Hollow Tree Inn* on Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.

In January, the quarterly reading series Queer Words returns to Folio Books with "Poetry & Prose" Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. Natasha Dennerstein, David Hathwell, Richard Loranger, and Arisa White will read from their work. Also in January will be new installments of Pajama Party Storytime with Elizabeth Crane Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m., and Bookworms middle-reader book club Friday, Jan. 20, also at 6 p.m. For all Folio events, go to foliosf.com. Folio Books is at 3957 24th St.

Omnivore Books on Food performs a public service Saturday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m., by allowing Elizabeth Howes, author of the new book *The Modern Salad*, to tell us how to recover from all the rich and abundant food we ate over the holidays, with lighter leafy fare. See omnivorebooks.com for more food readings. Omnivore is at 3885A Cesar Chavez St., just east of Church Street.

Book It, Danno!

The final paving stone has been laid, the ribbon cut, and the Noe Valley Town Square is open for public use—and that's just what the local people behind it want you to do. Leslie Crawford from a newly formed town square committee says, "People should feel encouraged to use the space for events and activities. We're hoping to make it easy for them."

The committee is meeting with San Francisco Recreation and Park staff to streamline booking procedures. The town square is under the purview of Rec and Park since it's technically a "park," although it's really "a European-style plaza," according to Crawford—an open space for public gathering.

The town square committee hopes neighbors will use the plaza for everything from tai chi and morning meditation to bigger events like Music in the Square and the Authors Festival. Once the Noe Valley Town Square is added by Rec and Park to its website, www.sfrecpark.org, event space can be booked there, Crawford says. Meanwhile, for information on the soon-to-be-installed park benches, contact Melinda Stockmann, Noe Valley Town Square project manager at Rec and Park, at Melinda.stockmann@sfgov.org.

Music at the Ministry

Five musical programs are scheduled in December and January at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., from Classical Kids, Bay Area Vocal Academy, Noe Valley Chamber Music, San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, and Lieder Alive!

Want something different for the kids this December? Dawn Harms is definitely not Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker. At

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the Classical Kids Concert Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m., Harms will dress up like a yellow bird to play "The Hot Canary" by Paul Nero on her steaming violin and wear cowboy clothes, including a humongous purple Stetson, to give us "The Orange Blossom Special." Who knows who—or what—she'll be when she's playing Bach and Mozart. Find out for $15 individual and $40 for a family of four at nvcm.org.

Is your family more traditional? Then, try "A BAVA Christmas" Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. The teenage choristers from the Bay Area Vocal Academy are back to sing Handel's Messiah, Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Berlin's "White Christmas," and other familiar seasonal songs and carols. Tickets $5 to $20 at the school's website, www.bayareavocalacademy.org.

You can catch Bay Area Rainbow Symphony conductor and violinist Dawn Harms in her yellow bird costume and purple Stetson at the Dec. 10 Classical Kids Concert at the Noe Valley Ministry.

After New Year's, get ready for three concerts in January. The ensemble Musica Pacifica plays eight Baroque pieces, including a Scarlatti cello sonata, harpsichord sonata, and concerto Saturday, Jan. 15, 4 p.m., at the third concert of the 2016-17 Noe Valley Chamber Music season. Musica Pacifica includes a recorder, two violins, cello, and harpsichord. Tickets are $15 to $25 at nvcm.org.

Fans of Bach and Mozart can meet them Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m., at San Francisco Chamber Orchestra's Meet the Composers family concert. Amadeus and Johann Sebastian will only be there through the acting of Tristan Cunningham, but modern—and alive—composer Laurie San Martin will be on hand. Caleb Chen, Yesenia Espinello, and Wyeth Minami will play their music on the flute, viola, and violin. Admission is free. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

The last classical event for January is a birthday party. Soprano Heidi Moss Erickson was born on Mozart's birthday, so Lieder Alive! is throwing them both a party Friday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Erickson will sing and violist Paul Yarbrough and pianist—and husband—Kurt Erickson will play Mozart lieder. Tickets $15 are $75 at eventbrite.com.

All events are at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., but contact the individual groups for more information on their performances.

Unusual Gifts at Baltic Fair

Whether you say Merry Christmas, Haid Joule, Precigus Ziemassvetkus, or Linksmu Kaledu, organizer Linnea Bartling says the Baltic Christmas Fair has something for you.

"We take pride in maintaining our traditions and sharing them with our American neighbors and friends," she adds. The fair runs Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Latvian Hall, 425 Hoffman Ave. between 24th and 25th streets. Admission is free.

Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian gifts for sale will include amber jewelry, textiles, hand-worked leather goods, and imported items from the Baltic countries.

Sweet and savory Baltic food like pierogis, borscht, and sausages will be available for purchase throughout the day.

A raffle will be held for prizes donated by the vendors. Drawings will be held periodically from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Tickets are only one dollar each. You must be present to win, however, according to Bartling. Free activities at the fair include a kids' art workshop at 2 p.m. and a pub quiz to test your knowledge of the Baltics.

The Baltic Christmas Fair is co-sponsored by the Estonian Society of San Francisco, Northern California Latvian Association, and the San Francisco chapter of the Lithuanian-American Community.

Two Menorahs, No Waiting

Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, starts on Saturday, Dec. 24, and continues for eight nights. Traditionally, participants light one candle on the chanukia, an eight-candle Chanukah menorah, each night as part of the celebration. This year, Noe Valley will have two public lighting ceremonies. Both events are free.

Each year, Chabad Noe Valley lights a giant menorah and holds a party, Chanukah Wonderland, with food, arts and crafts, music, and singing. This year, the lighting and party are at the Town Square on the fifth night of Chanukah, Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 6 p.m.

There will be chocolate gelt and dreidels for everyone, hot chocolate, steaming latkes, a bouncy house, and a special appearance by the Maccabees. No, that's not a band. The Maccabees were Jewish rebels who led a successful revolt against the Greeks, which is one of the things Chanukah commemorates.

The second menorah lighting will be on the sixth night of Chanukah, Thursday, Dec. 29, 5:30 p.m., outside Just for Fun, 3982 24th St. A rabbi from Temple Emanu-El on Lake Street will officiate.

Art Show "House and Garden"

"House and Garden" is the theme for the art exhibit presented at Gallery Sanchez Dec. 11 through Feb. 13. Two local artists, Kit Cameron and Marc Ellen Hamel, will share new work. Cameron's garden is depicted in some of her paintings but don't expect Monet, she says. "We both paint figurative pictures which veer toward abstraction."

Both artists use color and shape to create an effect. Cameron paints in acrylics and oils. Hamel uses oils and mixed media. She is also a printmaker. Cameron, who lives and paints on 28th Street, says she saw Hamel's work at Open Studios and suggested they exhibit together. Hamel was a longtime Noe Valley resident but recently relocated to Oakland.

The opening reception for the exhibit is Dec. 11, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., at the gallery, located in the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Musician Lee White will perform.

Gallery Sanchez is open 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Find out more at www.noevalleyministry.org. Click on community classes and events.

Call for Authors

Do you have a book? Do you live or work in Noe Valley? Would you like to participate in the third Noe Valley Authors Festival? The date and time are Saturday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., with setup at 1 p.m. and tear-down at 5 p.m. This is a Word Week 2017 event.

The Authors Festival will include an exhibit hall of authors presenting and selling their books and a separate room for readings and panel discussions. The event will be free to the public. There will be a nominal cost for exhibit space to pay for space and equipment rental.

If you're interested in receiving more information, contact wordweeknoevalley@gmail.com. Word Week is a project of the Friends of Noe Valley residents group.

This month's Short Takes were compiled and written by Richard May.

No Camping: Nearly two dozen neighbors banded together Nov. 5 to clean up an area recently frequented by homeless campers. The volunteers collected around 100 bags of trash, old mattresses, and other debris from a patch of ground beneath the Market Street overpass above Grand View Avenue. Two employees of the Department of Public Works and a member of the Mayor's Homeless Outreach Team were on hand for the event, which was a follow-up to one held last May. Elizabeth Marlow, a spokesperson for the Grand View Avenue Steering Committee, said "more than a few" homeless people were using the camp. "We made contact with two of them," she said, but "they refused services" of city workers. *Photo courtesy Elizabeth Marlow*

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Local Teen Raising Funds Through Art

A Pro-Choice Step After Nov. 8 Letdown

By Olivia Boler

When 26th Street resident Ella Scanga signed up for an educational trip to Washington, D.C., she thought with excitement she'd be witnessing the inauguration of the first female president of the United States of America. After November's results, however, the 16-year-old Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory student realized the miracle wasn't going to happen, not this year anyway.

Disappointed by the election of Donald Trump, Ella discussed with her parents how she could turn the unexpected twist on her travel plans into something positive. An idea took shape that combined her love for photography with a budding activism.

"I'd taken photos in Noe Valley and other neighborhoods for an AP [Advance Placement] photography class," she said. "My photos show different aspects of the city—plants, flowers, buildings, industrial sites. I took them all in the fall." A standout is a colorful still life of Noe Valley Farmers Market tomatoes.

Ella shot the photos with her Canon T5 camera and developed them at Walgreens. Five she matted and framed herself. Then, she and her mother asked the owners of Martha & Bros. Coffee on Church Street, their regular hangout, if the cafe might be interested in exhibiting Ella's photos. They said they would.

The photos will be on display beginning Dec. 3, for about two months. Ella is not just showing her works of art—she's also selling them. The price per photo is $20, and she'll donate 100 percent of the proceeds to Planned Parenthood.

Though she's sad about Hillary Clinton's loss in the November election, Ella Scanga is happy to be taking a stand on one of the candidate's causes. *Photo courtesy Louise Gregory*

"I chose Planned Parenthood because I think it's really important for girls to have a choice," she said. "They should be able to make room for their own decisions, and make room for mistakes. It's important to support these kinds of organizations, especially when politicians are working to bring them down."

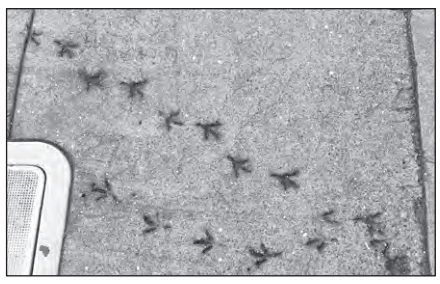
She's still looking forward to her trip to Washington, D.C., with Close Up, an organization that offers week-long educational programs in the nation's capital for high school students from all over the country.

"It's a good experience to peacefully protest and be an activist," Ella said. "It'll be really cool to attend the inauguration and see all these different people and movements while I'm there. It's something I'll be able to tell my grandkids about!"

Her mother, Louise Gregory, is hoping to join her daughter the day after the inauguration for the Women's March on Washington Jan. 21, 2017. The demonstration is being organized via social media, with local groups forming on Facebook. Plans so far are for demonstrators—women, feminists, minorities, and others who want to voice concerns over the president-elect's agenda—to march peacefully from the Lincoln Memorial to the White House.

"Ella and I feel better about the D.C. trip knowing that she is taking a stand," said Gregory.

As for her photos being up in Martha's, Ella said, "When I can fundraise and give something back to something I care about, I'm glad I'm able to fight in my own way and use something I love to do it." ■



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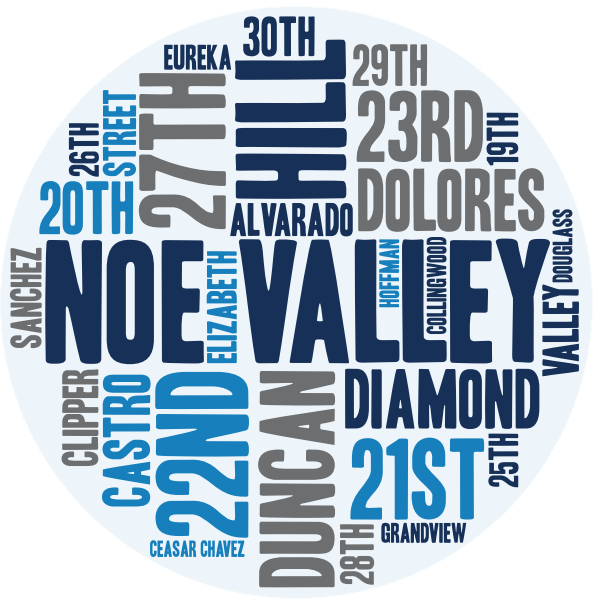

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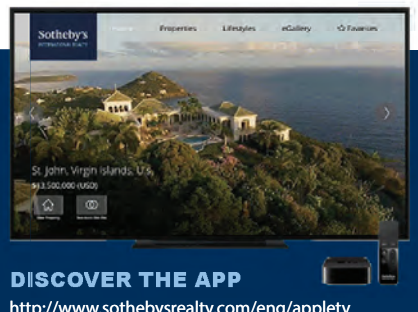

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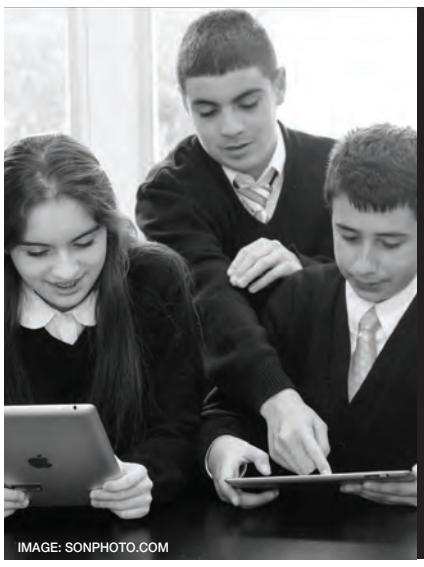
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Getting Involved in Noe Valley

Wondering how to connect in your community? Upper Noe Recreation Center offers adults a wide array of activities at all levels of skill and impact, from karaoke, senior tango, qi gong, Pilates, and yoga, to zumba, pickleball, and volleyball. Many are free, and all are open to drop-in participation. Check the daily schedule below. Basketball players, note there are open gym hours Tuesday through Saturday for pickup games or just practicing your free throw. The gym is also available for private basketball games every night after hours (9 to 11 p.m. weekdays and after 5 p.m. on weekends). Or how about lending a helping hand around the park? Gardening work parties happen every second Saturday from 9 to noon.

Winter registration begins Dec. 17. Browse classes now and add them to your wish list at www.sfreconline.org. Junior Warriors basketball season begins in January. Baseball season just ended, but spots for next season are already filling up. Register now. To get updates to the schedule of classes and events, go to www.noevalleyreccenter.com, call 415-970-8061, or stop by the rec center office at 295 Day St., open Tuesday through Saturday.

—Christopher Faust, Chair, Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center

UPPER NOE REC CENTER FALL SESSION, AUG. 23 - DEC. 17, 2016

MONDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

TUESDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	12-3:30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	1-3:30 p.m.*
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun 2 (formerly 1,2,3 Ready) (age 10m-4yrs)	10-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register	10:15-11:15 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (age 2-4)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
QuickStart Tennis (age 8-13)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Youth Soccer (age at least 5 but less than 6)	4-5 p.m.
Youth Soccer (age 9-12)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tennis Intermediate/Advanced (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boot Camp (18+)	7:45-8:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	12-3 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	3:30-5:30 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Baby & Me (age 1-3) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Pilates beginner (18+)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Qi Gong for Seniors (55+)	1-3 p.m.
Coed Flag Football-Pee-Wee Division (age 8-10)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Coed Flag Football-Senior Division (age 11-13)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Volleyball-Girls in Sports-Beginner (age 7-8)	4-5:30 p.m.
Tennis beg/intermediate (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

THURSDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	12-3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	None
Simply Fun 2 (formerly 1,2,3 Ready) (10m-4yrs)	10-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register	10:15-11:15 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (age 2-4)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Pickleball (all ages)	1-3 p.m. FREE
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE
Beginning Archery (age 10+)	4-6 p.m.
Kid Theater-Mini Players (age 5-8)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE
Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	12-3 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	1-3 p.m.*
Baby & Me (age 1-3) Drop-in only	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates beginner (18+)	11:30 -12:30 a.m.
Youth Theater-So You Think You Can Act (age 7-10)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Jiu-Jitsu (formerly Combat Athletics) (age 8-16)	4:30-6 p.m.
Volleyball-Girls in Sports-Int. (age 10-13)	4-5:30 p.m.
Karaoke for Adults (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

SATURDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Open Gym	12-4:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	12-4:30 p.m.*
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE
QuickStart Tennis (age 7-9)	1-2 p.m.

SUNDAY (Center closed; outside activities only.)

*Hours are subject to change.

CLASS ADS

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A Sunday in December

By Daniel C Murphy

You knew it was Sunday, because Wilbur Fielding's immaculate 1938 black Ford sedan was parked at the curb in front of the family flat on Guerrero Street. He only took the car out of his garage on Sundays to take his family to the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Fielding polished the windshield as he waited for his wife and Mary Helen, their 10-year-old daughter, to come down from the flat. Although he was dressed in a blue suit, white shirt, and tie, Mr. Fielding busied himself with his car. Cloth in hand, he checked the tires, polished the chrome, let the engine warm. He stood with pride by his automobile, and waited for his family.

It must have been about two in the afternoon on this particular Sunday in December, because the San Francisco sun was already growing faint in the west. We had been to mass ourselves that morning, and now my dad and I were setting out on foot to my grandparents' house in St. Mary's Park, about a mile and a half up Mission Street from our place.

When Mr. Fielding saw us, he called out to my father, "Oh, Dan, have you heard the news?"

"No. I haven't," said my father, already growing cautious, as if he was not entirely surprised by the question. "What news?"

"The Japanese hit Pearl Harbor, this morning at dawn."

It frightened me to see the worry on my dad's face. He had been a football player in college, worked his way through night law school, and prosecuted criminals in federal court, so if he looked worried, I knew, even at my six years of age, that there was something to worry about.

"I'll go tell Bobbie," my dad said, but before he could move, my mother, holding my baby brother, Michael, in her arms, called from the doorstep, "Dan, have you heard? Oh, it's awful. They bombed Pearl Harbor. I just now turned on the radio, and it's on every station."

My mother came towards us, as Mrs. Fielding and Mary Helen approached from the opposite direction. Mrs. Fielding was older than my mother. She was dressed in her Sunday best, black hat and gloves, while my mother wore a cotton dress, covered with an apron from neck to hem. I knew my mother didn't like Mrs. Fielding, thought her condescending. To make matters worse, there had been a controversy earlier that month involving our two families.

The problem had occurred at the corner grocery store run by our friend, Jack Daly. According to Mary Helen, Mr. Daly had been rude in dealing with her, roughly pushing her hand aside when she had tried to purchase a candy bar.

When Mary Helen returned home from the store, she was in tears. Mrs. Fielding listened to her daughter's account of what had happened, then hurried down the apartment stairs to demand an apology from Mr. Daly. Mr. Daly was a confident man with hair and moustache so fiery red that it seemed unlikely to me, even at six years of age, that he had ever issued an apology to anyone.

Receiving no satisfaction from the grocer, Mrs. Fielding telephoned my mother calling her for the first time by her nickname, "Bobbie." She asked that our family join the Fieldings in boycotting Mr. Daly's grocery. My mother politely refused, explaining that she did not want to get our family involved in a neighborhood dispute. By the end of the conversation, Mrs. Fielding was now angry with my mother.

In March 1943, local residents crowded the "Victory Window" at I. Magnin's on Grant Street to hear news and lend support to U.S. soldiers at war overseas.

Photo courtesy San Francisco Public Library, History Center

The truth was that my father and Jack Daly were close friends. While the Fieldings paid cash for infrequent purchases at Daly's, we bought all our groceries from him on credit. He recorded the amounts in a thick notebook next to the cash register.

Once a month, my dad would settle up with Mr. Daly—which involved a few drinks of bourbon served in the grocery storage room. I had been allowed a few times to sit with the two adults around a low barrel table, listening to their stories and laughter while their business was conducted.

During one of these sessions, I learned what had actually happened with Mary Helen. She had become impatient waiting to make her purchase, and interrupted a conversation between the grocer and an adult customer. When Mr. Daly reminded the girl that she was acting impolitely, Mary Helen left the store in a rage, promising that her family would never shop there again.

She had only started crying when she had reached her mother's door. Mr. Daly attributed the entire problem to the superior attitude of the Fieldings, which he claimed was shared by their daughter.

So as our two families stood talking on Guerrero Street on that Sunday afternoon so long ago, a neighborhood dispute was quickly being overshadowed by an approaching world war.

My family went back to our flat. My dad turned on the radio and we listened to the tumultuous news: sneak attack, Pearl Harbor, Japanese treachery, dead sailors, sunken ships, the United States Congress in session, President Franklin D. Roosevelt to speak to the nation on Monday.

Like many Americans, my dad had been a cautious isolationist up until that Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. He had been sympathetic to a viewpoint held in Ireland, that the British war with Germany was really "Churchill's War," and that the Irish should not shed any blood or lose any sleep defending the British empire.

But now, everything was changed. The Japanese had bombed us at Pearl Harbor and America was in the thick of it: my dad and Mr. Fielding; my mother and Mrs. Fielding; Mary Helen and Jack Daly, my baby brother Michael, and me.

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Daniel C Murphy, *a retired attorney, was born and raised at Duncan and Guerrero streets, near the corner grocery store of Jack Daly. The names of the Fielding family have been changed.*

A major distribution hub, San Francisco was bustling with activity throughout World War II. In September 1943, the city hosted a display of aircraft and other military equipment, on Post Street near Union Square.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Learn how to knit or crochet the first Saturday of the month. The library has supplies to practice on, but bring your own yarn and needles or hooks if you're working on a special project. Saturdays, Dec. 3 and Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

eReader and Online Resource "Drop-In": Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN, and accompanying passwords to an informal workshop on using the SFPL's digital resources, including the library catalog and databases, Zinio for magazines, ebooks and Hoopla! for movies, music, and audiobooks. Tuesdays, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ATA @ SFPL: Artists' Television Access (ATA) teams up with SFPL to screen movie treasures from the San Francisco Library's 16mm film archive. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Adult Craft Night: Participants will make a sugar scrub and holiday card that's ready for holiday gift giving. All materials will be provided. Space is limited, so registration is required; sign up by calling 415-355-5707 or asking at the info desk. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday Matinee: In Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 British thriller *The 39 Steps*—this month's Friday matinee at the library—a Canadian visitor in London stumbles upon a conspiracy and goes on the run after he is mistaken for a murderer. Friday, Dec. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

Radio Play: Mary's Castro Senior Center Radio Players give a dramatic reading of "Who Jacked Jack London Square?" from *The Adventures of S. Phaeton* mystery series. Saturday, Dec. 10, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Great Books Discussion Group: Discover, discuss, and learn from outstanding works of writing with members of this ongoing discussion group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco. For information contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesdays, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Adult Craft Night: Start the New Year right with a 2017 Desk Calendar that you create and customize. All materials will be provided. Space is limited, so registration is required; sign up by calling 415-355-5707 or asking at the info desk. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The library screens *Captain Phillips*, the 2013 film starring Tom Hanks about Richard Phillips, a U.S. cargo ship captain who surrendered himself to Somali pirates so that his crew would be freed. Friday, Jan. 13, 2 to 4 p.m.

Screen Time Presents eLearning with Flipster: Flipster is an online digital magazine platform that allows you to easily access popular magazines. Learn how to stream titles online from a computer or download them to a smartphone or tablet using the mobile app for offline reading in this introductory session. Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. to noon.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This neighborhood book group reads a variety of contemporary fiction and non-fiction. This month's selection is *Birds of Paradise* by Andrew Lam. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

All 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

All Booked Up

Curl up this holiday season with a book from the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library. Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children's Librarian Catherine Starr have shared their list of new arrivals, featuring such gems as the latest collection of O. Henry Prize stories, a fictional biography of Albert Einstein's wife, and a science book from the point of view of 14 sharks and a manta ray.

To check on the availability of these and other reads, or on the movies, magazines, and music on the shelf, call 415-355-5707, visit www.sfpl.org, or drop by the Noe Valley branch, the beautiful Andrew Carnegie library at 451 Jersey St. Please note that the branch will be closing at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Jan. 31. San Francisco libraries will be closed all day on Dec. 25 and 26, 2016, and on Jan. 1 and 2, 2017.

Adult Fiction

• Marie Benedict tells the story of Albert Einstein's wife Mitza Maric, a brilliant physicist, in ***The Other Einstein.***

• ***Lily and the Octopus*** by Steven Rowley is about a man and pet dachshund Lily, who develops a brain tumor nicknamed "the octopus."

• Jessica Winter's comedic debut novel, ***Break in Case of Emergency,*** features a woman in her early 30s facing challenges at her job in a "feminist" foundation.

In book four of the Kendra Michaels series by Iris Johansen, ***Night Watch,*** the once-blind detective faces an enemy with a shocking secret.

Adult Nonfiction

Guillermo Del Toro, at Home With Monsters: Inside His Films, Notebooks, and Collections, is the companion book to the horror film director's 2016 exhibition at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

The O. Henry Prize Stories 2016, edited by Laura Furman, offers prize-winning short stories from around the world.

Oxmoor House's ***Christmas Cookie Swap! More Than 100 Treats to Share This Holiday Season*** includes easy-to-follow recipes and how-to tips.

Frank Lloyd Wright and San Francisco by Paul Venable Turner focuses on 30 Bay Area projects the renowned architect designed from 1900 to 1959.

eBooks

World-class marathon runner Charlie Engle chronicles his races, including a run across the Sahara Desert, in ***Running Man: A Memoir.***

Ladies Drawing Night: Make Art, Get Inspired, Join the Party, by Julia Rothman, gives suggestions to inspire creativity in fun group projects.

Manitou Canyon by William Kent Krueger is the latest installment in the Cork O'Connor mystery series.

Lionel Shriver's novel ***The Mandibles: A Family, 2029-2047*** imagines a future where the dollar is replaced by a new currency and America defaults on its loans.

Audiobooks

The View From the Cheap Seats: A Collection of Introductions, Essays, and Assorted Writings by Neil Gaiman covers topics including music, fairy tales, bookshops, travel, and ghosts.

Peter Frankopan's ***The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*** explains the emergence of the first cities and empires, and the beginnings of trade that brought together East and West.

The lives of three women in 1939 Europe and America are intertwined in ***Lilac Girls*** by Martha Hall Kelly.

A son delves into his mother's radical past in ***The Nix*** by Nathan Hill.

Children's Fiction

A little mouse with a big ego has slapstick adventures in ***I Am the Mountain Mouse,*** written and illustrated by Gianna Marino. Ages 3 to 5.

In ***Before Morning,*** written by Joyce Sidman and illustrated by Beth Krommes, a child hopes for a snow day so her family can be together. Ages 4 to 8.

A young boy writes a story, one letter at a time, in ***A Squiggly Story,*** written by Andrew Larsen, with illustrations by Mike Lowery. Ages 5 to 8.

Inspector Flytrap, written by Tom Angleberger and illustrated by Cece Bell, is the first book in a series about a mystery-solving Venus flytrap. Ages 6 to 9.

A young griffin, half lion and half eagle, worries he isn't brave or fierce enough in ***The Enchanted Files: Hatched,*** by Bruce Coville. Ages 8 to 11.

A girl hopes to inherit the family crime business from her gangster grandfather in ***The Bad Kid*** by Sarah Lariviere. Ages 8 to 12.

In ***A Most Magical Girl,*** written by Karen Foxlee and illustrated by Elly MacKay, a girl in Victorian England faces trolls, a dragon, and a witch in her quest to find her missing mother. Ages 9 to 13.

Claire's gripes about school are overshadowed by her father's medical emergency in ***Falling Over Sideways*** by Jordan Sonnenblick. Ages 10 to 14.

Children's Nonfiction

Fourteen sharks and one manta ray are introduced in ***Please Be Nice to Sharks: Fascinating Facts About the Ocean's Most Misunderstood Creatures,*** written by Matt Weiss, with photography by Daniel Botelho. Ages 6 to 10.

Three-Dimensional Art Adventures: 36 Creative, Artist-Inspired Projects in Sculpture, Ceramics, Textiles, and More, written by Maja Pitamic and illustrated by Jill Laidlaw, includes step-by-step instructions. Ages 6 and up.

In ***Children Just Like Me: A New Celebration of Children Around the World*** by DK publishers, 44 children from 36 countries describe their lives. Ages 8 to 11.

Annotations by Voice *bookworm Karol Barske*

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CHILDREN AND TEENS

Button Making: Join librarian Miss Catherine to make miniature, wearable buttons—to dress up your backpack, tees, hat or scarf. Make matching ones for a friend and yourself. Ages 7 and up. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Let's Build with Tinker Toys and Wooden Blocks: Use your imagination to construct a fanciful tinker toy sculpture, or a super tall skyscraper using wooden blocks. Ages 3 and up. Friday, Dec. 30, 2 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year (Year of the Rooster, 4715) with a **Chinese Lion Dance and Martial Arts Performance**. Saturday, Jan. 21, noon to 12:30 p.m. Meet in front of the library.

Marcus Ewert: Author Visit. Join this local author for a lively reading and discussion of his popular children's books *Mummy Cat* and *10,000 Dresses.* For ages 5 and up. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Toddler Tales. Children's librarian Miss Catherine leads stories, songs, rhymes and movement, for ages 16 to 36 months with parents or caregivers. Thursdays, Dec.1, 8, 15, and 22, and Jan. 5, 12, and 19 at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films. Children ages 3 to 5 years and caregivers are invited to view vintage films. Thursdays, Dec. 29 and Jan. 26, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Especially for Teens

The AAC Conversation Club, provided in partnership with Support for Families of Children with Disabilities, invites users of Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices—including Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, Talk Bar, and smartphone and tablet applications—to come explore new topics and themes. Mondays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19, and Jan. 9, 16, 26 & 30, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Teen/Tween Winter Reading: From Dec. 16 to Jan. 7, kids ages 10 to 18 with an SFPL library card can visit a participating library and pick up a reading log, to use to keep track of reading—in books, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, eBooks, blogs, and websites. The more you read, the more chances you have to win. There will be two grand prizes per location: a $25 gift card and a $10 gift card, and every reader receives a Chipotle gift card. Check with city libraries to find out when they'll be drawing for prizes. To post reviews or find out more, go to themixatsfpl.org. Also, look out for the bonus **Bookémon Hunt** on Jan. 6 at select branches. Friday, Dec. 16, through Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017.

BRANCH HOURS

Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library
451 Jersey St., 355-5707

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1-5	12-6	10-9	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6

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Saint Paul's Parish

Christmas / Holiday Mass Schedule

Rev. Mario Farana warmly invites you to come and share the Love that is Christmas at St. Paul's Parish.

Christmas Eve • Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016
10:30–Noon: Reconciliation (Confession)
4:30 pm — Family Mass with Choir and Pageant
8:00 pm — Mass in English with Adult Choir

Christmas Day • Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016
8:00 am, and 9:15 am in English, and 11:00 am en Español,
and 12:30 pm Mass in English
There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Eve • Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day • Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017
8:00 am, 9:15 am and 12:15 pm in English
and 10:45 am en Español
There will be no 5:00 pm Mass New Year's Day

Merry Christmas, Joyeaux Noel,
Feliz Navidad, Maligayang Pasko,
Buon Natale

221 Valley Street
San Francisco, California 94131
415-648-7538

Saint Philip the Apostle Church

725 Diamond Street at 24th Street
San Francisco, CA 94112 - Phone: 415-282-0141

Parish-Wide Sacrament of Reconciliation
December 17, Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
(Confessions are available every Saturday 4:15 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24
Vigil of Christmas

Children's/Family Mass:	**5:00 p.m.**
Christmas Carols:	**8:00 p.m.**
Evening Mass:	**8:30 p.m.**

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25
Mass of the Lord's Nativity - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 26 - Monday 8:00 a.m.
Dec. 27 - Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

January 1, 2017– Sunday
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Bethany United Methodist Church

1270 Sanchez St
bethanysf.org

Holy Innocents
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Services

5:00pm
Christmas Pageant with Carols ~ children of all ages welcome. Arrive by 4:30pm to get a costume!

10:30pm
Eucharist with harp, choir, and
Benjamin Britten's "*Ceremony of Carols*"

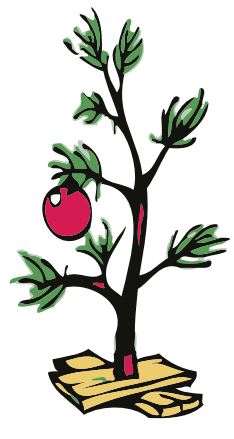
NOE VALLEY MINISTRY

Presbyterian Church, USA 415-282-2317
1021 Sanchez St., between 23rd & 24th
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am Childcare provided
Rev. David Brown, Pastor

Music for the Soul Sunday
December 11, 10:30 am
A Service in the Manner of Taize
Cellist, Lori Hennessy; Music Director, Kelly Savage

Charlie Brown Christmas & Other Delights
Thursday, December 15, 6:30 pm
Featuring Dave Len Scott Jazz Ensemble
A Musical Christmas Treat for the Entire Family

Labyrinth Walk
Wednesday, December 21, 6 pm
A Serene Candle-lit Meditation
Music by Cellist Lori Hennessy



Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24, 5 pm
With NVM Choir & Guest Musicians

Christmas Day & New Year's Eve
No Worship Service

New Year's Day Worship Service
January 1, 10:30 am

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Spiritual experience has no boundaries!
www.noevalleyministry.org

· DECEMBER 2016 ·

Dec. 1-29 & Jan. 5-26: Attend TRIVIA NIGHTS on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Dec. 1-31: Ruby's Clay Studio and Gallery hosts its annual HOLIDAY SHOW of sculpture and pottery. 10 am-7 pm. 552A Noe. 558-9819; rubysclaystudio.org.

Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22; Jan. 5, 12 & 19: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 1-31 & Jan. 1-31: Charlie's Corner offers children's STORY TIMES every day. Mon.-Fri., 10 am, noon, 3 & 5 pm; Sat. & Sun., 10:30 am, 12:30 & 3:30 pm. 4102 24th; 641-1104.

Dec. 1-31 & Jan. 2-31: Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

Dec. 1-31 & Jan. 2-31: The On Lok 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon & 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

Dec. 2-30: Creativity Explored hosts the "Naughty & Nice Holiday ART SHOP." Mon.-Fri., 10 am-6 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Dec. 2-30 & Jan. 6-27: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett with artists Don Prell, Jimmy Ryan, and the Third Quartet. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

Dec. 2-30 & Jan. 6-27: Chris Sequeira leads a free Friday KARAOKE for Adults gathering at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061.

Dec. 2-30 & Jan. 6-27: Shout "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.

Dec. 3: Volunteer at JURI COMMONS for a 9 am to noon workday. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th. Dave@schweisguth.org or meetup.com/Juri-Commoners.

Dec. 3: St. Paul's Church hosts "An Afternoon with SANTA," featuring games, crafts, lunch, and photos with Santa. 1-4 pm; reserve spaces by Dec. 2, 3 pm. St. Paul's Rectory, 221 Valley. 587-5117; stpaulschoolsf.org

Dec. 3: Naomi Pomeroy introduces Taste & Technique: Recipes to Elevate Your HOME COOKING. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Dec. 3: A NEON WALKING TOUR of Chinatown and Union Square begins an hour before sundown; start location is given with reservation at neonbook.xyz

Dec. 3: The ROVA Saxophone Quartet performs with the Fred Frith Trio at 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com

Dec. 3 & 10: Holiday HAYRIDES, sponsored by Zephyr Real Estate, begin at the Walgreens parking lot, Castro and Jersey, from 11 am to 2 pm. 24on24th.com

Dec. 3-31 & Jan. 7-28: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live music from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com

Dec. 3-31 & Jan. 7-28: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com

Dec. 3-31 & Jan. 7-28: The "Meet the ANIMALS!" event at the Randall Museum features California wildlife. Saturdays, 11 am. Mission Art Center, 745 Treat. 695-5014.

Dec. 3-31 & Jan. 7-28: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com

Dec. 3-31 & Jan. 1-31: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org

Dec. 3 & Jan. 7: Artists Leonard Breger and Beth Pewther host an OPEN HOUSE with tours, conversation, and tea and cookies the first Saturday of the month. 10 am-1 pm. 80 Bronte. 826-2952; artfools.com

Dec. 3 & Jan. 7: The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets at the Noe Valley Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

Dec. 4: Synergy School hosts a benefit BOOK FAIR from 1 to 5 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477.

Dec. 4: Hendrik Haase discusses Crafted MEAT: The New Meat Culture, Craft and Recipes. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Dec. 4: Music on the Hill presents JAZZ-inspired French music in "Paris Nights" by Eline van den Ende, Geordie Frazer, and Ava Soifer. 7 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 820-1429; musiconthehill.org

Dec. 4 & 18; Jan. 1 & 15: 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

Dec. 4-25 & Jan. 1-29: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org

Dec. 5: SCOTT WIENER, new California State Senator, will be sworn in to office, and a celebration will be held at the Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market, from 6 to 8 pm. RSVP victor@scottwiener.com.

Dec. 5: Cal Peternell introduces A Recipe for COOKING. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Dec. 5, 12 & 19; Jan, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) Club meets Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 5: The annual BALTIC CHRISTMAS FAIR features Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian arts and crafts, music, and food. 10 am-4 pm. Latvian Hall, 425 Hoffman.

Dec. 6: Artists' Television Access and the Noe Valley Library screen FILMS from the library's 16mm archive. 6:30-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 6: Omnivore Books hosts writers Phyllis Grant, Michael Procopio, John Birdsall, and Jessica Battilana from Best FOOD WRITING 2016. 6:30-7:30 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Dec. 6 & Jan. 3: The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 6-Jan.17: SF WOMEN ARTISTS host "San Francisco," a juried all-media exhibit. Reception Dec. 8, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org

Dec. 6-27 & Jan. 3-31: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org

Dec. 7: The Noe Valley Library hosts a CRAFT WORKSHOP for adults to make a sugar scrub and a holiday card; supplies provided. 7-9 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org

Dec. 7 & 14: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesdays, 4 to 8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com

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

Dec. 7 & 21; Jan. 4 & 18: Children ages 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org

Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25: The Eureka Valley Library offers BABY RHYME and play time on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org

Dec. 7-28 & Jan. 4-25: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org

Dec. 7-28 & Jan. 4-25: Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com

Dec. 7-28 & Jan. 4-25: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays, 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com

Dec. 7-28 & Jan. 4-25: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church hosts Candlesong, a TAIZE-style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142

Dec. 8: Author Betsy Cordes and illustrator Adam McCauley introduce Mr. Dog's CHRISTMAS at the Hollow Tree Inn. 5-6 pm. Charlie's Corner Bookstore, 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com

Dec. 8: Elaine Khosrova discusses BUTTER: A Rich History. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Dec. 8 & Jan. 12: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

Dec. 9: The Noe Valley Library screens Hitchcock's 1935 thriller The 39 Steps. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707;

Dec. 10: Noe Valley Chamber Music's CLASSICAL KIDS presents a "hilarious and instructive" concert by Dawn Harms. 10:30 am. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcm.org/classical-kids

DEC & JAN EVENTS AT OMNIVORE BOOKS

THU DEC 1	TRINE HAHNEMANN • SCANDINAVIAN COMFORT FOOD: EMBRACING THE ART OF HYGGE • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • The Scandinavians excel at comfort - family, friends, a good atmosphere, long meals, relaxation, and an emphasis on the simple pleasures.
FRI DEC 2	ROD PHILLIPS • FRENCH WINE: A HISTORY • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE, WITH WINE! • *French Wine* is the first synthetic history of wine in France: from Etruscan, Greek, and Roman imports and the adoption of wine by beer-drinking Gauls to its present status within the global marketplace.
SAT DEC 3	NAOMI POMEROY • TASTE & TECHNIQUE: RECIPES TO ELEVATE YOUR HOME COOKING • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE James Beard Award-winning and self-made chef Naomi Pomeroy's debut cookbook is designed to improve the home cook's understanding of professional techniques and flavor combinations in order to produce simple, but show-stopping meals.
MON DEC 5	CAL PETERNELL • A RECIPE FOR COOKING • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • *A Recipe for Cooking* takes home cooks to the next level. Cal Peternell gives you everything you need to cook for big get-togethers, holiday feasts, family occasions, and for a special dinner for two.
THR DEC 8	BEST FOOD WRITING 2016 • FEATURING PHYLLIS GRANT, MICHAEL PROCOPIO, JOHN BIRDSALL, AND JESSICA BATTILANA! • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • These essays once again skillfully, deliciously evoke what's on our minds—and our plates. Join a panel of this year's authors and pull up a chair.
SAT JAN 14	ELIZABETH HOWES • THE MODERN SALAD: INNOVATIVE NEW AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL RECIPES INSPIRED BY BURMA'S ICONIC TEA LEAF SALAD • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • Bursting with bold flavors, hearty ingredients, crunchy textures and brilliant colors—the salads in this book are a feast for your senses.
SAT JAN 21	CYNTHIA NIMS • CRAB: 50 RECIPES WITH THE FRESH TASTE OF THE SEA FROM THE PACIFIC, ATLANTIC & GULF COASTS • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • If you dream about perfectly prepared crab cakes, steamed Dungeness straight from the shell, or lightly coated soft-shell blue crabs, this is your cookbook.

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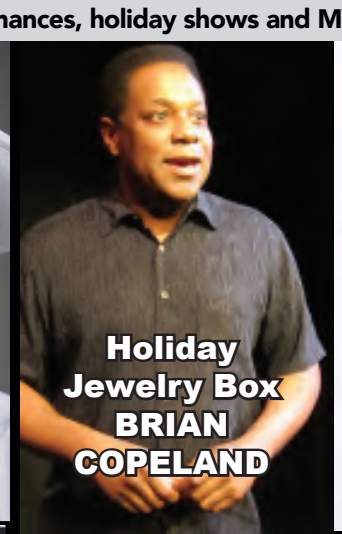

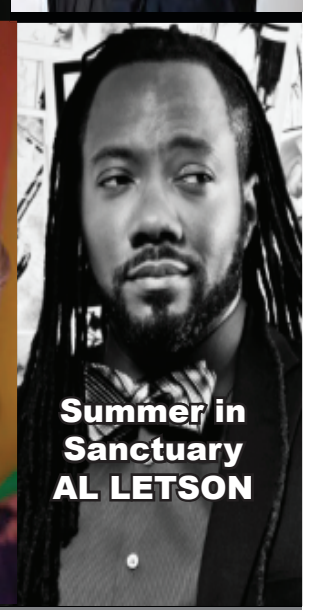

Tickets: www.themarsh.org • 415-282-3055

The Marsh SF, 1062 Valencia St • Parking at 21st & Bartlett

The Marsh Berkeley, 2120 Allston Way

Dec. 10: There's free gift wrapping and Olio Nuovo tasting at Olive This Olive That 10 am to 3 pm. 304 Vicksburg St. 24on24th.com

Dec. 10: Meet SANTA and Rudolph 11 am to 2 pm. Zephyr Real Estate, 4040 24th. 24on24th.com

Dec. 10:: HULA DANCERS sway outside Just for Fun at the West Parklet on 24th near Noe, 1:30 to 2 pm. 24on24th.com

Dec. 10: The Castro Senior Center Players perform a RADIO PLAY, The Adventures of S. Phaeton, at the Noe Valley Library. 1:30-3:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 10: BLUES band Blind Lemon Pledge performs at the East Parklet on 24th Street near Martha's Coffee. 2-4 pm. 24on24th.com

Dec. 10 & Jan. 14: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on the second Saturday of the month. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com

Dec. 10 & Jan. 14: Green Mann and Lisa Erdos conduct a free PLANT CLINIC on the second Saturday of the month. 10 am-noon. 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th. lisa.erdos@att.net

Dec. 10 & Jan. 14: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com

Dec. 11: Mapamundi hosts a kids HOLIDAY CRAFT workshop to make a tree ornament or Chanukah decoration, beginning at 11 am. 1306 Castro. RSVP: 641-6192

Dec. 11: Herchurch offers "Sounds of the Season," a holiday concert and SING-ALONG. 1 pm. 678 Portola. herchurch.org

Dec. 11: SANTA visits Folio Books from 3 to 5 pm; cookies, hot cider, and tea will be served. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com

Dec. 11-Feb. 13: GALLERY SANCHEZ exhibits new work by Marc Ellen Hamel and Kit Cameron. Reception Dec. 11, 12:30-1:45 pm; weekdays, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org

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Dec. 13: The Noe Valley Library hosts a CRAFT WORKSHOP for ages 7 and up to make miniature buttons to wear. 3:30-4:30 pm. 451 Jersey.

Dec. 13 & Jan. 10: PFLAG meets at the Women's Building, 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsf.org

Dec. 15: Adda Clevenger School students SING in front of Zephyr Real Estate, 4040 24th St., 10 am to noon. 24on24th.com

Dec. 15 LIVE REINDEER visit the West Parklet from 3:30 to 7:30 pm, and SANTA will be at Just for Fun, 3982 24th, 4:30 to 7:30 pm. 24on24th.com

Dec. 15 The Noe Valley Ministry hosts "CHARLIE BROWN Christmas & Other Delights," featuring the Dave Len Scott Jazz Ensemble. 6:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

Dec. 15 COMEDY, featuring Marga Gomez, Matt Gubser, Priyanka Walk, Nick Leonard, and Lisa Geduldig, returns to El Rio. 8 pm. 3168 Mission. elriosf.com

Dec. 16: GAMES NIGHT at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church welcomes all ages; pizza, cookies, and age-appropriate beverages served. 6-9 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Dec. 16-Jan. 18: Teen/Tween WINTER READING at the Noe Valley Library offers prizes for reading. For details, go to 451 Jersey or call 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 17: BLIND LEMON PLEDGE plays Delta and Chicago blues at the East Parklet on 24th between Sanchez and Vicksburg. 2-4 pm. 24on24th.com

Dec. 17: The Swann Group hosts photo booth pictures with SANTA, and hot cocoa and Noe Valley Bakery cookies. 10 am to 2 pm. 3848 24th at Vicksburg. 24on24th.com

Dec. 17: The Bay Area Vocal Ensemble performs "A BAVA CHRISTMAS," with Handel's Messiah, Bach's Christmas Oratorio, and Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. bayareavocalacademy.org

Dec. 18: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church hosts "CAROLING on Fair Oaks"; refreshments follow. Meet at 5 pm at 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Dec. 21 & Jan. 18: HERCHURCH offers a Women's Drumming Circle the third Wednesday of the month. 5:45-6:45 pm. 678 Portola.

Dec. 21 & Jan. 18: LIVE MUSIC continues at the Valley Tavern on third Wednesdays. 7-9:30 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

Dec. 23: YOUTH OPEN MIC Night at Charlie's Corner bookstore encourages songs, jokes, and dances; for kids 14 and under. 6-6:30 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com

Dec. 27 & Jan. 31: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Dec. 28: Folio Books hosts a HOLIDAY STORYTIME at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com

Dec. 28: Chabad of Noe Valley celebrates CHANUKAH with latkes, gelt, arts and crafts, and the lighting of a giant menorah. 4-6 pm. Noe Valley Town Square, 24th near Sanchez.

Dec. 29: Come to the MENORAH lighting at the West Parklet on 24th Street (near Just for Fun), featuring music and treats. 5:30-5:50 pm. 24on24th.com

Dec. 28 & Jan. 25: The RESILIENT Diamond Heights work group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

Dec. 29 & Jan. 26: Reel-to-Reel FILMS for preschoolers are shown at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 30: Ages 3 and up can build with TINKER TOYS and wooden blocks at the Noe Valley Library, from 2 to 4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Dec. 30: The Swann Group hosts "Vodka and Latkes!" from 5 to 7 pm. 3848 24th.

Jan. 4: The Noe Valley Library hosts a CRAFT WORKSHOP for adults to make a 2017 desk calendar; supplies provided. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org

Jan. 6: Lola San Francisco Gallery exhibits Willa Owing's pastel "Yosemite" series and California landscapes in acrylic. Open house, 5-7 pm. 1350 Sanchez. 642-4875.

Jan. 11: James Lick Middle School hosts a fundraiser at Elixir Saloon, to send students to Washington, D.C., in March. 8 pm-midnight. Guerrero & 16th. keller@sfusd.edu or uribee@sfused.edu

Jan. 13: The Noe Valley Library screens Captain Phillips, starring Tom Hanks. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Jan. 14: Screen Time at the Noe Valley Library introduces FLIPSTER, a digital platform to access magazines. 11 am-noon. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

JJan. 14: Elizabeth Howes discusses The Modern SALAD, a book with recipes inspired by Burma's tea leaf salad. 3-4 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Jan. 15: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC hosts a concert by Musica Pacifica, "Dolci di Napoli." 4 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcm.org

Jan. 17: QUEER WORDS quarterly reading series features Natasha Dennerstein, David Hathwell, Richard Loranger, and Arisa White. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. foliosf.com

Jan. 17: Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. Community Room, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane. 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

Jan. 18: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads Birds of Paradise by Andrew Lam. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Jan. 20: BOOKWORMS Club (ages 8 to 12) meets at 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477 http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bookworms-club-tickets-25485102628.

Jan. 21: Celebrate the Chinese year of the rooster with a LION DANCE and martial arts performance. Noon-12:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Meet in front of the library.

Jan. 21: The SF Chamber Orchestra offers a FAMILY CONCERT of music by Bach and Mozart. 2 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez.

Jan. 21: Cynthia Nims introduces CRAB: 50 Recipes with the Fresh Taste of the Sea from the Pacific, Atlantic, and Gulf Coasts. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Jan. 23: ODD MONDAYS hosts a Pop-Up Reading to welcome in the New Year. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (rsvp jlsender@webtv.net). Call 821-2090 to confirm; oddmondays.com

Jan. 25: Local children's author Marcus Ewert reads from Mummy Cat and 10,000 Dresses at the Noe Valley Library. 3:15-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org

Jan. 26: Voice contributor LAURA McHALE HOLLAND reads from her new memoir, Resilient Run. 7-8 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com

Jan. 27: LIEDER ALIVE! hosts a Mozart and Erickson Birthday Fest, featuring soprano Heidi Moss and pianist Kurt Erickson. 7 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. liederalive.org

Festivities, Festivities

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Noe Vote Trumped

By Mazook

THANK YOU FOR VOTING: The San Francisco Department of Elections has released the final results of the vote for the Nov. 8 General Election, and here they are.

Citywide, almost 81 percent of our registered voters turned out to cast their ballots, with Democrat Hillary Clinton getting 84 percent of their votes. Republican Donald Trump got 9 percent, Green Jill Stein garnered almost 2.5 percent, and Libertarian Gary Johnson got just over 2 percent. Write-ins accounted for almost 1 percent of the city's votes, with Bernie Sanders getting a third of those votes.

Looking at the "consolidated results," the DOE reports that of our 17,417 registered Noe Valley voters, a healthy 15,512 voted, which translates to a 89.1 percent turnout. Eureka Valley's turnout was just under 90 percent, and Diamond Heights came in with 88.3 percent.

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MAKING NOE GREAT AGAIN: In Noe Valley, when we cast our votes for president, we gave Clinton 13,979 (90.1 percent), Trump 656 (4.2 percent), Stein 339 (2.2 percent), and Johnson 217 (1.4 percent). For the record, 107 of you voting chose not to vote for any presidential candidate, and 45 of you wrote in Sanders.

In the vote for U.S. senator, Kamala Harris tallied 12,175 votes (78.5 percent) to Loretta Sanchez's 2,133 (13.7 percent), and almost 1,200 souls didn't vote on this contest (8 percent). Nancy Pelosi retained her seat in the House of Representatives with 80 percent of the Noe vote, over Preston Picus with 13.6 percent.

In the California State Senate race (District 11), current District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener won with 53.7 percent of the Noe vote, Jane Kim got 40 percent, and 6 percent didn't vote for either one. In the State Assembly race, David Chiu got 77 percent to Matthew Del Carlo's almost 9 percent, with 14 percent abstaining.

In the BART board of directors battle (District 9), former District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty got 52 percent, Gwynneth Borden got 23 percent, and about 23 percent left their ballots blank.

The mood of the neighborhood on abolishing the death penalty (Prop. 62) was yes 12,053, no 2,595. Regulate firearms (Prop. 63)? Yes 13,416, no 1,548. Legalize marijuana (Prop. 64): 12,657 ayes and 2,361 nays.

In San Francisco measures: E (Healthy Trees and Safe Sidewalks) won here by an 11 to 2 margin. Measure F (Youth Voting in Local Elections) was close, with 6,791 Yes and 7,191 No. Measure V (the Soda Tax) passed by a 5 to 2 margin, 10,476 to 4,059.

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POST MORTEM: It would appear that all the glee in local and state election results was trumped by the Electoral College's outcome in other states.

Too late for press time (Nov. 29) was a much anticipated Noe Valley Democratic Club election roundup featuring political pundit David Latterman. The Dems' Facebook notice said Latterman, a pollster with 20 years of experience analyzing public policy and political data, would talk about "What the Hell Just Happened." Then members would discuss "what a 'Donald Trump Presidency' means to our country and our community," and what steps the club might take in response.

Making the front page of the Nov. 22 *San Francisco Examiner* was a story by Jonah Owen Lamb ("Preparing for the Worst Under Trump Presidency, SF Neighborhood Finds Solidarity") about a group of Noe Valley neighbors who were meeting to share feelings and take action. It had a picture of retired school teacher Dan Pucillo Jr. standing on the porch of his Sanchez Street house. He started the group by knocking on doors on his block, and offered his home as a meeting place.

In the story, group member Anthony Grumbach was quoted as saying, "It was not just a bunch of liberals sitting around fretting. It's a bunch of concerned citizens thinking about what we can do and what can we do, beyond our block." The first meeting had 15 attendees, and the second was expected to have more.

And what a great story there is in this month's issue of the *Voice* (page 20) about how high-schooler Ella Scanga is raising money for Planned Parenthood by selling her photos from the walls of Martha's Coffee on Church Street.

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FREE TO SPEAK, FREE TO ASSEMBLE: There are also rumors that an ad hoc group of Noe Valleons is planning to hold a candlelight vigil at the Noe Valley Town Square on or before the presidential inauguration, which is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20. But at this point they are only rumors. Keep your eyes on social media and on the neighborhood bulletin boards for a date and time.

And there is still a lingering question as to who might actually be inaugurated as president. Just sayin'.

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NEW SUPE FOR YOU: Who will be appointed by Mayor Ed Lee to complete the rest of Scott Wiener's term as supervisor has been the subject of serious speculation. Wiener's term will run until 2018.

"I can only speculate, and the mayor's office has been tight-lipped about this," says Todd David, who worked on the Wiener election team. "From what I read in the press, it would seem to be between Alex Randolph, Rebecca Prozan, and Conor Johnston."

Right now, Alex Randolph, a former aide to Bevan Dufty, is on the Community College Board. Another former Dufty aide, Rebecca Prozan, is working as manager of public policy and government affairs at Google. And Conor Johnston is currently Supervisor London Breed's chief of staff.

"However," says David, "I have a feeling there may be a 'dark horse' that has not yet been mentioned and that any official announcement would likely be around the time that Scott is sworn in to the Senate on December 5."

David also wanted to commend Wiener's campaign manager, Maggie Muir. "She did an outstanding job, especially after [Jane] Kim's win in the June primary election. She's a wonderful person to have worked with on the campaign."

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EAT, DRINK… As we reported here last month, Laurent Legendre from Glen Park's Le P'tit Laurent will soon open his second restaurant in the space vacated by Le Zinc on 24th Street, next to the Harry Aleo Memorial Parking Lot.

Says Legendre, "We will open Chez Marius in the first part of December, once we have completed installing a new bar and adding finishing touches to the décor." He says the menu will include "a variety of classic French dishes, with a 'province touch' added to each."

And over on Church Street, in the restaurant space at 1550 Church St. (once the location of Incanto), the long-awaited opening date of Uma Casa by Telmo Faria appears to have been set. Faria says Dec. 20 is now the target date "at the latest."

He says the main cause of the delay (he was hoping to open at the end of the summer) has been San Francisco's grueling permit process, not to mention the remodel itself.

Faria, known for his reign as executive chef at Tacolicious, says the Uma Casa menu will be split between small, shareable plates and larger entrees of food inspired by his native Portugal, with a wine list that will also be predominantly Portuguese. There will also be a children's menu.

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…AND BE MERRY: The Noe Valley Gala for the Arts, held at the Noe Valley Ministry Oct. 27, raised $40,000 for a new sound system, according to Gala spokesperson Yvonne Gemmell Keene. Images of the neighborhoodies in attendance show folks I know, whom I see in the 'hood and walking around on 24th Street, but I've never seen them dressed up formal and all that. Wow!

The Gala was a huge success, and the sound system will help restore the Ministry to the days when it was the music center of the neighborhood. In some ways, it already is that. It's the home of the popular performances presented by Noe Valley Chamber Music and its Classical Kids series; of Lieder Alive!, the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, and the Bay Area Vocal Academy.

Keene says the sound system will come in three parts. "Phase one will include the purchase of the initial system, which includes amplifier, microphones, and speakers; phase two will be a sound booth to control sound remotely, including amplified instruments and a control panel; phase three will be AV, including projector and screens." A timetable has not yet been set, so please stand by.

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GO FOR BAROQUE: The Nov. 13 Noe Valley Chamber Music concert at the Noe Valley Ministry was truly a special Noe-vember event. According to NVCM director Tiffany Loewenberg, 150 folks showed up for the performance featuring the Friction Quartet, who teamed up with Jenny Q Chai from Shanghai, China. Andy Akiho's piano quintet "Five Prospects of a Misplaced Year" was premiered that night. The quartet is composed of cellist Doug Machiz, violinists Kevin Rogers and Otis Harriel, and Taija Warbelow playing the viola.

What was really special, says Loewenberg, was the after-party reception to celebrate the premiere, attended by about 70 people, down the street from the Ministry at La Boulangerie. The cafe "graciously stayed open for us and hosted the party immediately after the performance," she says.

"I was helped with this event by our Noe Valley musicologist, Kai Christiansen, … to debrief everyone about the music we had just heard and to get feedback from the composer and the musicians," says Lowenberg. "The crowd raved about the event, the delicious food, and warm atmosphere, and [it was a] particularly uplifting and wonderful community-building experience after all the election events of the week."

Friction Quartet also launched NVCM's Classical Kids concert series on Oct. 1, with about 100 kids attending, and according to Loewenberg, they "worked tirelessly in reaching out to the community through our new school outreach arm of Classical Kids, and performed three consecutive concerts at James Lick, filling the auditorium and engaging with over 500 middle school students and staff."

Up next for Classical Kids is violinist Dawn Harms with Karen Hutchinson at the piano on Saturday Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m. The ticket price is $15 per person, or a "family pack" for four at $40.

Next on the schedule, the NVCM is going baroque with Musica Pacifica on Sunday, Jan. 15. The ensemble includes Judith Linsenberg on the recorder, violinists Elizabeth Blumenstock and Katherine Kyme, cellist William Skeen, and Charles Sherman playing the harpsichord, with special guest Tekla Cunningham on the viola. The concert starts at 4 p.m. at 1021 Sanchez St. Tickets are $15 for students, and $25 for adults in advance, or $30 at the door.

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WORD UP: James Lick Middle School eighth-grade teacher Eric Uribe is looking for donations of new or "gently used" board games for his AVID college-prep class. He wrote, "Specifically, I'm looking for Scrabble games for expanding vocabulary and Connect Four for promoting [spatial] thinking, but any games would be great for brain breaks."

If you have any games you want to donate, drop them off at the school office at 1220 Noe St., or call 415-695-5675.

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THAT'S 30 FOR 2016: Holiday greetings to all of you and have a happy New Year. If I don't see you at the Noe Valley Town Square vigil, then I'll see you right here for the next issue of the *Noe Valley Voice,* in February 2017. ■

The supermoon on Nov. 14, 2016, was a mesmerizing sight as it rose above the bay and illuminated 21st Street. It will be 18 years until we see a moon as close. *Photo by Peggy Cling*

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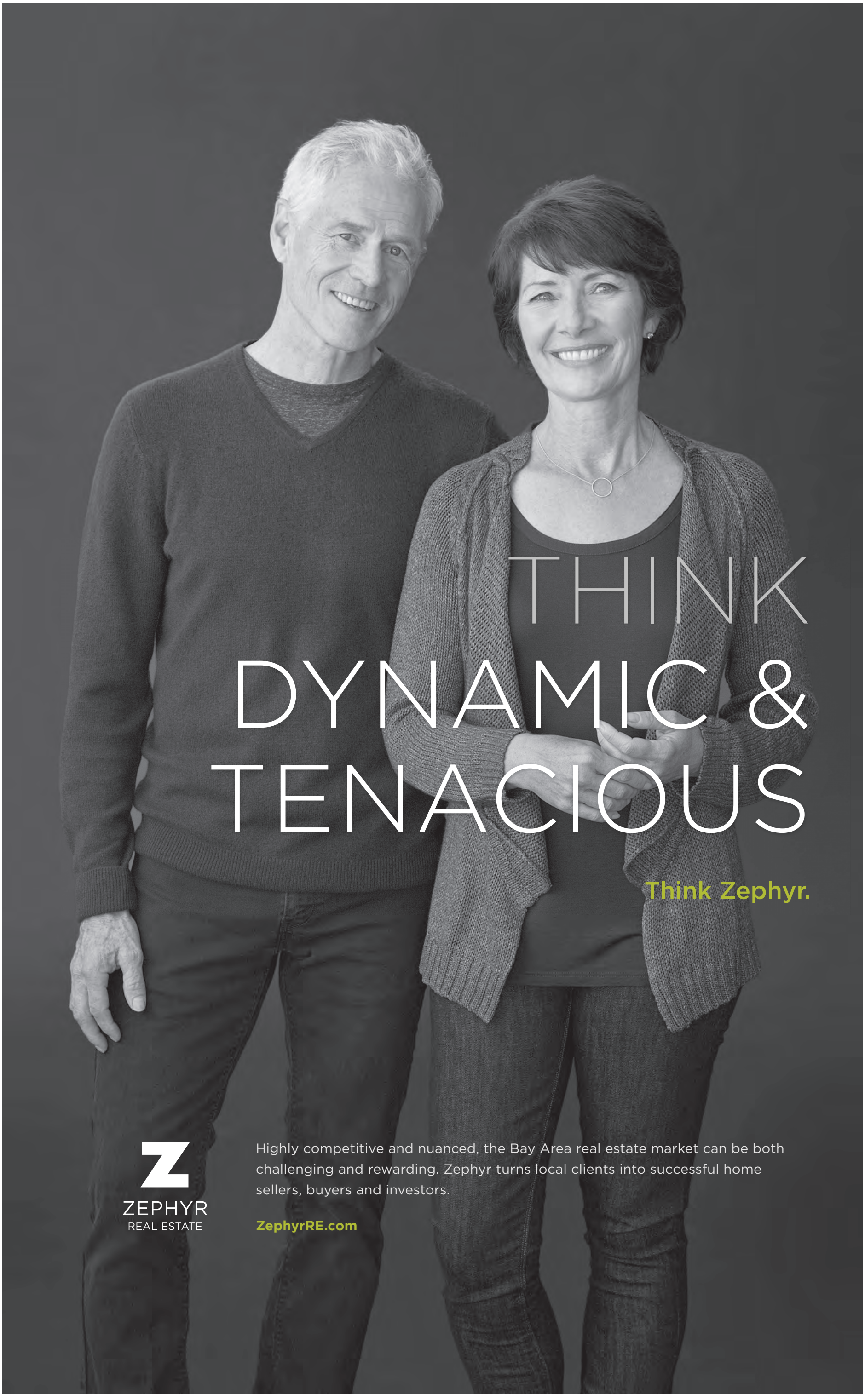
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