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Petit Cine Now Showing on Cesar Chavez

Sidewalk Cinema Invites a Closer Look

By Matthew S. Bajko

Welcome to Petit Cine, a sidewalk cinema that offers Lilliputian-sized visual delights to passersby.

Ensclosed behind a small, glass window recessed into the foundation of a home on the 3800 block of Cesar Chavez Street, this minuscule movie house sports red velvet curtains around a small video screen. A film only minutes long plays on a continuous loop, with the offerings updated each week.

The selection running one week in late May was titled *Family Portrait*. The three-minute film depicted a family—the parents seated on a couch, their three children standing behind them—being manipulated in dress and posed by a mystery maestro decked out in all-black clothing and wearing yellow gloves. As the strange figure does his work, the children one by one gradually move out of frame and then a small, white-haired dog appears in the lap of the mother.

It was avant-garde and amusing at the same time. Each viewing revealed a



Backstage Peek. Scott Kravitz reveals the inner workings of his latest project, which puts a big emphasis on the small and silent. Photo by Beverly Tharp

new detail that had previously flashed by unnoticed.

The short film was the work of homeowner Scott Kravitz, who shot it years ago on 16mm film with the assistance of his brother, the masked person seen staging the actors. Petit Cine, which debuted a year ago, is also his brainchild.

To maintain an air of mystery about Petit Cine, whose existence is meant to be a pleasant surprise to unsuspecting passersby, the *Voice* is electing not to disclose its exact location on Cesar Chavez

Street. At the urging of his neighbors, Kravitz approached the paper this spring about writing a story about what he termed his “sort of attraction” in an email.

“I don’t know if this is the kind of curiosity that is of interest to you, but I’d be happy to talk to you about it and give you a ‘behind the scenes’ look,” he offered.

Kravitz installed his jury-rigged cinema, created out of an old iPhone plugged into the ceiling of his garage via electrical

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Sale News Sparks Hope for Real Food Site

Steve Young’s Company Offers To Buy Nutraceutical

By Corrie M. Anders

The saga of the empty Real Food Company, a forlorn presence on 24th Street for nearly 14 years, finally may be coming to an end.

A Palo Alto firm backed by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young has reached “a definitive agreement” to buy Nutraceutical Corporation, the company that owns the vacant building at 3935-39 24th St.

HGGC, a private equity firm, announced May 22 a planned \$446 million purchase of Nutraceutical, an international maker and retailer of nutritional supplements. The deal should close escrow by fall, assuming no other interests come forward with better proposals.

In 2007, Young and CEO Rich Lawson co-founded HGGC in order to invest in

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Photo by Jack Tipple

Farmers’ Market Families Bring the Goods

The Stories Behind These Delectable Enterprises

By Tim Simmers

The sweet aroma of ripe peaches and plums wafts through the air as Jimmy Egoian carefully slices tasting samples for people at the Noe Valley Farmers Market.

Egoian’s working another Saturday at

the 24th Street market, now in its 14th year, and he’s beaming over his healthy summer crop of Twin Girls Farms’ stone fruit and citrus from the Central Valley.

The season’s rains soaked the soil of farms in the region, and the eye-popping bounty of colorful fruits and vegetables at the market is more pronounced each week.

A huge variety of tomatoes, from heirlooms to early girls, is ripening, as well as brilliant red, orange, and yellow bell

peppers. Bright red pomegranate and multi-colored corn are coming on this summer, as are deep purple eggplant and fragrant fresh melons.

“We bring only the best stuff we grow,” said the friendly Egoian, who has made the three-hour trip from the Reedley area for years to get to the local market.

Like many farmers selling their wares

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Sweet Selections. Jimmy Egoian (right), who runs market operations for Twin Girls Farms of Central Valley, enjoys having his son Cole close by when they sell at the Noe Valley Farmers Market. In June, they were offering tastes of a white flat peach called Saturn. Photo by Beverly Tharp

Noe Valley Voice Flees the Scene

What Would We Do Without Our Summer Vacation?

By Sally Smith and Jack Tipple, Eds.

Longtime readers of the *Noe Valley Voice* are familiar with the unique publishing schedule of their local newspaper. It involves a summer break where the July edition becomes a hybrid combining July and August. There’s a winter break too, but more about that later.

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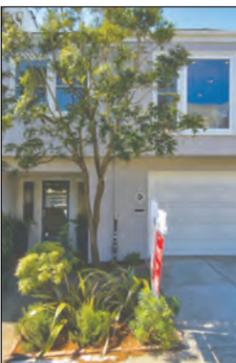
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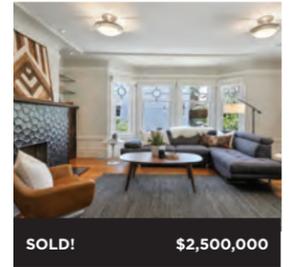
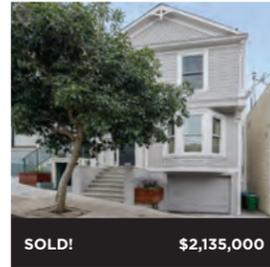
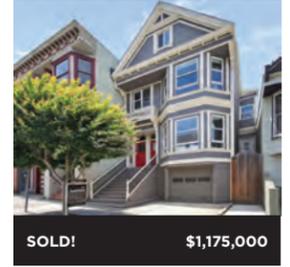
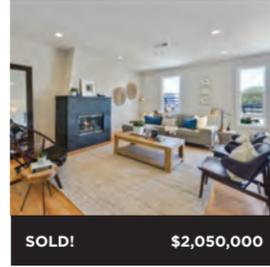
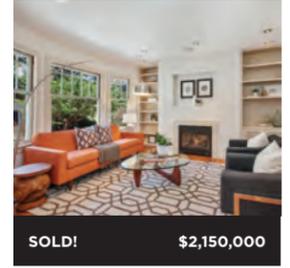
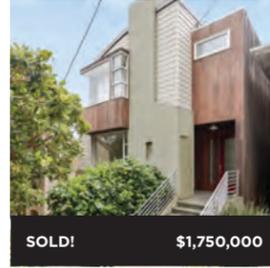
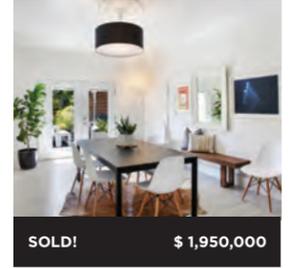
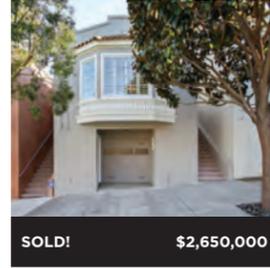
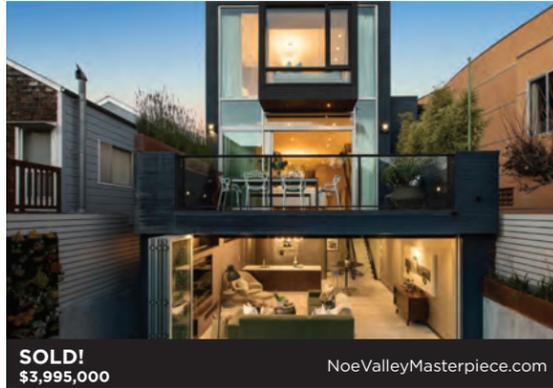
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District 8 Supervisor Race Kicks Into Gear

Sheehy and Mandelman Main Rivals So Far

By Matthew S. Bajko

Next year, the even-numbered supervisor seats will be up for grabs on the November ballot, and the races in Districts 2, 6, and 10 are sure to be competitive, as all three of the incumbents are term-limited from running again. The city's moderates will be fighting to protect their six-member majority on the 11-person Board of Supervisors.

Key to doing so will be the contest for the board's District 8 seat, which covers Noe Valley, the Castro, Diamond Heights, and Glen Park. Supervisor Jeff Sheehy is running to maintain the seat he was appointed to by Mayor Ed Lee in January. The vacancy was due to the election of former District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener to the state Senate.

Because of an electoral quirk, voters in the heart of the city will twice cast ballots next year to decide who they want representing them at City Hall. Sheehy, who is aligned with the moderate majority, must first run in next June's primary to remain on the board through 2018. He then must run again in November for a full term.

In both elections, he will be running against progressive Rafael Mandelman, 43, a gay man who led City College of San Francisco through its accreditation crisis as president of the community college's board. A land-use attorney, Mandelman grew up in San Francisco and has lived in District 8 the past 18 years.

Sheehy told the *Voice* he plans to hold a campaign kickoff event at some point, but for now he is focused on being a supervisor. Over the last few months, he has been attending campaign fundraisers as he sought to amass a sizeable war chest by the June 30 filing deadline in order to qualify for \$100,000 in public campaign financing.

"I am focused on my job right now. I campaign, but it really has to be secondary," said Sheehy, 60, a gay married father who is the first HIV-positive person to serve on the board.

Mandelman officially kicked off his campaign June 14 outside the entrance to James Lick Middle School on Noe Street, where he once taught summer school.

"It will not be easy, nothing ever is," Mandelman said of his seeking the supervisor seat. "I offer our neighbors a vision they can believe in. When we win, I will bring that vision of yes to City Hall."

In a not-so-subtle dig at Sheehy having been named to the seat by the mayor, Mandelman said the district needed a supervisor who was not beholden to special interests.

"We need an independent voice in City Hall who will go beyond the rhetoric and won't be afraid to hold our elected officials accountable," he said.

Leadership Qualities

More than 300 people turned out for the start of Mandelman's second bid for the seat. (He ran unsuccessfully against Wiener for the job in 2010.) Among Mandelman's backers on hand was Dee Andrews, a former president of the Noe Valley Democratic Club.

"I have known Rafael for many years. He is an incredibly stable person with unwavering support for social justice issues, especially public education," said Andrews, a Noe Valley resident since 1988 who is a professor of American history at Cal State East Bay. "He is very pulled together, efficient, and very smart."

Also supporting Mandelman in the race is Google program manager Sally



To keep his seat beyond 2018, District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy must run in two elections, the June 5 primary and the Nov. 6 general election. Photo by Rick Gerharter

Jesmonth, who has lived in Noe Valley for two years. In June, she succeeded Mandelman as board chair of the LGBT Community Center, which reopened this spring after a \$10.3 million renovation.

"I have served with him on the board for the past year and been really impressed with his leadership and ability to manage complex issues," said Jesmonth.

A Parent for Public Schools

The night after Mandelman's event, Sheehy attended a fundraiser for his campaign at the home of Todd David, the current Noe Valley Democratic Club president. David, who helped elect Wiener to the state Senate in November, has known Sheehy for a decade. They co-founded a political group for parents with children in the city's public schools.

"He is one of the most committed and hardworking people I know," said David, executive director of the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition. "He is focused on issues I care about, like public education, recreation and parks, and housing."

Another backer of Sheehy's among the 40 people in attendance was Debra Niemann, the executive director of the Noe Valley Association.

"What I like about him is he has a partner and a child, so families matter to him," she told the *Voice* at the fundraiser. "He has been very helpful in getting the Town Square launched."

'Why Is He Running?'

Sheehy and his husband, Bill Berry, have a 12-year-old daughter, Michelle Berry, who attends public school in the city. The couple have lived together in the district for 18 years, first in Noe Valley and now in Glen Park, where they bought a home in 2004.

Describing himself as a political "independent" on the board, Sheehy questioned the rationale behind Mandelman's decision to run against him. He noted that having two gay men run for the same board seat does nothing to increase LGBT representation on the board, on which Sheehy is now the only LGBT member.

"Why is he running?" asked Sheehy of his opponent, answering the question with partly because of "ambition" and claiming that "Rafael has never done anything for the community."

Sheehy noted how he co-led the fight to secure domestic partner benefits for same-sex couples in the 1990s and launched a national boycott against United Airlines when it sued the city over its policy. He also pointed to his time serving former Mayor Gavin Newsom as his unpaid HIV policy adviser and as a co-founder of the city's Getting to Zero initiative, aimed at reducing new HIV transmissions by 90 percent by 2020.

"Rafael goes to a lot of parties; I do pol-

icy work," said Sheehy, who is a member of the board overseeing California's stem-cell research institute.

East Bay and Personal Experience

Mandelman is an urban development attorney who currently works in Oakland as a deputy city attorney. Throughout his legal career, he has helped cities across the East Bay build housing, he noted.

"No one on the Board of Supervisors has my background in building housing and working to revitalize neighborhoods," said Mandelman. "I want to bring that practical, real world experience to the board, cut through the ideology and pessimism, and get affordable housing built here in San Francisco."

Mandelman has made solving the city's homelessness issue and creating more affordable housing key aims of his campaign, saying the city can build more housing without sacrificing the character of its neighborhoods.

The issue hits close to home for Mandelman. When he was 11 years old, his mother, struggling with mental illness, ended up homeless. Mandelman had to fend for himself, and in high school, lived with Bernard Burke and his wife, Eleanor, in the city's Richmond District.

"I've experienced firsthand how people can fall into homelessness and what it takes to get them off the streets," said Mandelman, who as an adult secured guardianship over his mother in order to get her the care she needed. "We just can't continue to spend this much money and have so little to show for it. But that means bold new leadership in City Hall that will demand better results—I'm ready to do that work."

He also distanced himself from policies championed in the past several years by progressives, such as the moratorium on building new housing in the Mission District that former District 9 Supervisor David Campos had proposed but was rejected by voters.

"Bans, moratoriums, and boycotts are easy to come up with, and both sides of



Rafael Mandelman kicked off his campaign for District 8 supervisor June 14 on the steps of James Lick Middle School, where he once taught. Photo by Rick Gerharter

the aisle are guilty of doing it. But when you go to these 'politicians of no' with a vision or a plan, too often you hear excuses like: 'it's complicated' or 'that's not the way things are done' – they like the status quo because, frankly, it's easier," said Mandelman as Campos was standing behind him on the front steps of James Lick School.

"Now I'm not saying these politicians are bad people," Mandelman said. "Creating change, especially around big entrenched issues, takes a lot of hard work. It takes leadership and a supervisor who's willing to stand up for his constituents."

Housing, Schools Top Their Lists

Since becoming the district supervisor, Sheehy has sought to be a vocal advocate for parents with children in the city's public schools and for homeless youth, especially those who are LGBT and account for a majority of those living on the city's streets. He recently secured \$1.5 million in the mayor's proposed budget for ad-

ressing youth homelessness and is now pushing to see the city open a navigation center dedicated to homeless youth.

"It is a real problem and getting worse," said Sheehy, promising that he "can move the needle for these kids."

He is also a proponent of housing that is affordable for people making moderate incomes, such as teachers, firefighters, and police officers.

"We have to build housing for all levels," Sheehy said at his fundraiser, later adding, "We are not going to be able to keep teachers if we don't build housing."

Education is also a part of Mandelman's platform. As a member of the college board, he fought to make City College free for San Francisco residents to attend, a policy that will go into effect this fall.

He is now calling on San Francisco to offer universal preschool. And if he's elected supervisor, he has pledged to address the city's teacher housing shortage and to solve the local school district's hated lottery system that determines which schools students will attend.

"Often we hear from supervisors that schools aren't their problem. They'll tell you to call the Board of Education if you have any concerns about local schools," said Mandelman. "I'll tell you this: children and their families are every elected official's responsibility, from dog-catcher to the president of the United States." ■

Both Favor Housing at Real Food Space

In terms of what to do with the vacant Real Food Company site, both Jeff Sheehy and Rafael Mandelman told the *Voice* they would like to see the property redeveloped with housing over retail space.

Nutraceutical, which had shuttered the former grocery store due to a unionization effort by the staff 14 years ago, announced in May the corporation was being sold to a private-equity firm co-founded by former 49er quarterback Steve Young. (See story, page 1.)

"The sale creates opportunities," said Mandelman in a brief interview prior to the start of his campaign kickoff.

Building a mixed-use development there, "conceptually I like that," added Mandelman, "but the devil is in the details. I want to make sure it fits into the neighborhood."

Sheehy told the *Voice* in a brief interview at his campaign house party that he believes "affordable housing there would be good. It just depends on what people want to do."

He noted that his office had been working on the issue since his appointment in January and was "optimistic we can get something to happen."

Asked about the long-vacant building by a constituent during the fundraiser, Sheehy reiterated he was "very optimistic" about seeing progress at the site. But when asked if the city had looked at using eminent domain to acquire the property, Sheehy raised his hands in the air and declined to directly answer the question.

"It is not appropriate for me to talk about it," said Sheehy. "All I know is we have a change in ownership. We were doing other stuff that was moving along."

Should he be elected supervisor, Mandelman pledged to use the bully pulpit of the office to pressure landlords to rent out their vacant retail spaces, which is an issue district-wide.

"I think it takes persistent, diligent harassment of folks who are not renting out their spaces," he said. "As supervisor, I will be working with the property owners, cajoling them, threatening them, doing whatever it takes."

—Matthew S. Bajko

LETTERS

Grateful for Trees

Editor:
I wanted to extend a public thank you to all of the hardworking folks at Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF), who over the course of the last few months worked with multiple Noe Valley residents (including myself) to coordinate, design, and install multiple new sidewalk gardens at a few different neighborhood locations, with the largest new garden at the corner of 25th and Sanchez.

For folks who don't know, FUF is a remarkable nonprofit organization that leverages volunteer support, grant money from organizations like the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the efforts of dedicated employees to plant trees and install sidewalk gardens all over San Francisco with the aim of beautifying neighborhoods and making them stronger and healthier from an ecological standpoint.

It was a pleasure dealing with FUF in the creation of the new gardens. And through their volunteer process that encourages neighbor participation, it was a pleasure to get to know more of our neighbors as we worked side by side to build the gardens.

I hope more folks in Noe Valley reach out to FUF to support their efforts and to plant more trees and build more sidewalk gardens in our beautiful neighborhood!

Rob Garnett
Sanchez Street

A Paradise on Earth

Editor's Note: This letter was addressed to the Noe Valley Voice and to Leslie Crawford, event coordinator of the new Noe Valley Town Square, on 24th Street at Vicksburg.

Editor:
What a wonderful idea you had to have a great concert in the park in May with a person that sings the old and all-time music. His music brings the best people and creates an



A crop of sidewalk gardens has sprouted at the corner of 25th and Sanchez, thanks to the efforts of many neighbors and Friends of the Urban Forest. Photo courtesy Rob Garnett

atmosphere of peace and love for everyone.

Noe Valley needs harmony, and the concert creates and promotes it. We need more pedestrian traffic in the area to support the hardworking merchants who give their best efforts and time to serve the local people. We need to support them and help them.

Although most of us think we created Noe Valley, all newcomers discover the most mellow place where people feel part of a wonderful place to live and raise their children. I must tell you that I also fell in love with the place, and we owe our ancestors for creating such a paradise on earth.

Best wishes.
Max M. Selva
Windsor, California

Stop Evictions of Senior Renters

Editor:
Thanks for your recent story that touched on the issue of seniors being forced out of Noe Valley by developments that are out of character with the community ("End of the Line for House and Tenant on 26th Street," April 2017).

Our neighbors of over 28 years, Michael and Connie Juarez of 79 28th St., are being displaced by a developer who has utilized the Ellis Act to evict them after they refused his owner move-in offer.

The developer has claimed he wants to build a new home for himself but has bought the property through a commercial LLC, which means it could be turned over and sold again. Even though his plans call for the construction of a ground-floor rental unit, he has refused to offer the Juarez family the right of first refusal to live in the rental unit at a mutually agreeable rent that we proposed be set by the San Francisco Rent Board. The residence currently has two units of affordable housing which will be permanently lost by this new construction.

The developer also claims his building is a remodel not subject to the city's demolition and new construction requirements. In fact, only two parts of two outside walls remain in the plans with an entirely new structure going up and back into the rear yard destroying a significant part of the mid-block greenbelt with the removal of seven mature trees, including two avocado trees over 30 feet high. This intrusion into the open space greenbelt was raised as an overall concern at a recent meeting of Upper Noe Neighbors attended by Supervisor Jeff Sheehy.

We have met twice with the developer per planning department guidelines, but he has refused to make any modifications to his existing plans to stop the eviction of Michael and Connie, limit the shadowing and blocking of direct light, or preserve the trees on the property, which provide habitat for our neighborhood birds and squirrels.

Neighbors, we have to take a stand to stop evictions of our longtime senior renters. We have to stand against the destruction of our midblock greenbelt open spaces. What can you do? Sign our petition of support to the Planning Commission and Rent Board at Chuck's Grocery at 28th and Church, whom we thank for his support. Call or email Supervisor Sheehy (jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org) to ask that he seek a compromise with the developer that will stop the Juarez family eviction and protect our mid-block greenbelts.

Tom Ruiz, Jan Goben, Michael and Connie Juarez, Ken and Kathy Hoegger, Paul Bernier, Dennis Kujawa

Plus Belle Tour de Fleur

Editor:
The weather was spectacular and the gardens were lush on Saturday, June 3, for the 12th annual Noe Valley Garden Tour. More than 200 people visited the nine beautiful neighborhood gardens.

While viewing the gardens, many visitors were inspired to create their own eye-catching landscapes. To help them in this endeavor, raffle tickets for a garden makeover, donated by Noe Valley neighbor Stephanie Johnson of Pacific Union Real Estate, and several gift certificates donated by Flora Grubb Gardens were enthusiastically pur-

chased by garden guests. This year, a donation will be made to the Noe Valley Town Square for additional greenery and moveable planters.

The Friends of Noe Valley would like to thank all of the homeowners who graciously opened their gardens to guests this year. Well done!

We want to thank the merchants who, year after year, volunteer to sell tickets to the Garden Tour. Bravo! Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, Folio Books, Olive This Olive That, Omnivore Books, and Just for Fun.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who manned the tables and welcomed visitors to the gardens. Take a bow!

And finally, we absolutely could not have done it without the generous support of these big-hearted Noe Valley friends and businesses: The Swann Group (Lead Sponsor 2017), BJ Droubi Team, Cliché Noe, Dennis Otto at Compass, Dirty Hoe Landscaping, Flora Grubb, McGuire Real Estate, Noe Valley Merchants & Professionals Association, Regent Thai, Sloat Garden Centers, Stephanie Johnson at Pacific Union, Umpqua Bank, Urban Farmer Store, Valley Tavern, and Zephyr Real Estate.

So when you are out and about in the neighborhood, please stop by and thank these folks for helping to keep Noe Valley great. And green!

P.S. If you know of a garden that you would like to nominate for the 2018 Garden Tour, or if you would like to get involved in the planning of the 2018 Garden Tour, or if you have some good ideas for the 2018 Garden Tour, do not hesitate. Send an email to: info@friendsofnoevalley.com right away!

Peggy Cling for Friends of Noe Valley



Condolences for "Big Mike" Lefiti: At the end of June, a memorial at the Diamond Heights Shopping Center was still growing for **Michael Lefiti**, the neighborhood's UPS driver, who was killed in a workplace shooting in Potrero Hill on June 14 along with three other UPS employees, including the gunman. Residents of Diamond Heights and Upper Noe Valley brought flowers, candles, and notes to remember the 46-year-old father of five. Many saw Lefiti, also known as "Mikey," as more than a delivery person—he was a unique individual with a larger-than-life personality who brightened their days with his warm smile and friendly greetings. Noe Valley resident Jes Lam wrote, "He was a father of beautiful children and one of the sweetest men I knew." A GoFundMe account has been set up by Lefiti's wife, Danielle Lefiti, of Hercules, Calif.: <https://www.gofundme.com/in-honor-of-mike-lefiti-big-mike>. By June 28, contributions had reached \$51,600. Funds for the families of the two other employees who died—Wayne Chan, 56, and Benson Louie, 50, both of San Francisco—can also be found at GoFundMe.com. In addition, the Teamsters Union has launched a campaign for the families of all of the victims. Donations may be sent to All Charities Teamsters, Memorial for W. Chan/M. Lefiti/B. Louie c/o Teamsters Joint Council #7, 250 Executive Park Blvd., Suite 3100, San Francisco, CA 94134.

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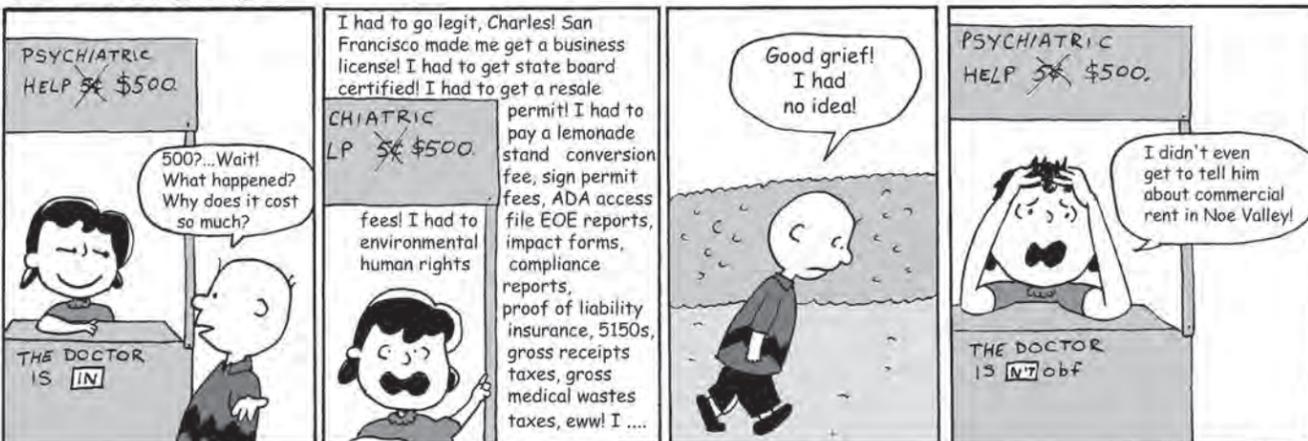
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Peephole Cinema Has Quiet Opening On Cesar Chavez

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cords, where the gas and electric company's meter reader used to be located. PG&E removed it years ago when it introduced its smart meters, leaving a vacant space looking into the garage. As a precaution against someone breaking in, Kravitz and his wife, photographer Natasha Saravanja, had been using a piece of cardboard to cover up the window. It is about three feet above the sidewalk, so most viewers will need to sit or crouch down in order to view the films.

The couple, who seven months ago welcomed the birth of their first child, have lived in their Noe Valley home since 1998.

Before the mini theater, "you could easily see in if we left the light on by accident in the garage," said Saravanja.

In addition to short films he made in his youth, Kravitz finds short clips online to add to his Petit Cine lineup. Selections have ranged from animated shorts and

black-and-white films from the early days of cinema to old *Tonight Show* skits from when Johnny Carson was the host. A main criterion is that any clip he chooses works silently, as his sidewalk silver screen doesn't project sound.

"Most of the films I made myself," said Kravitz, an animator who worked on the movies *Elysium* (2013) and *Chappie* (2015) as well as the Oscar-nominated animated short *Pearl* (2016), part of the Google Spotlight Story series and the first film using virtual reality to be up for an Academy Award.

Currently working as a freelancer, Kravitz also teaches a stop-motion animation class at the California College of the Arts. He has yet to direct a film specifically made for screening in his Petit Cine.

"That is not a bad idea," he said.

Miniature Movies a Model

Kravitz drew inspiration for his sidewalk cinema from his friend Laurie O'Brien, who founded the "miniature cinema" collective Peephole Cinema in San Francisco's Mission District and later expanded it to include sites in Brooklyn and Los Angeles. As the project's website explains, "In each city, silent film shorts

Company Offers to Buy Nutraceutical

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midsize companies. The firm did not return calls from the *Noe Valley Voice* seeking comment.

When news of the Nutraceutical deal hit 24th Street in late May, merchants were gleeful.

Many hope a sale will lead to development of the empty health food store. The building's windows have been papered over since Nutraceutical abruptly closed the grocery before Labor Day 2003. Merchants claim the vacancy has resulted in a severe loss of foot traffic on the commercial strip.

"I couldn't believe it," Rachel Swann, president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA), said last month about HGGC's announcement. "I thought it was absolutely fantastic. It was a great step forward."

The pending sale is "extremely exciting," added Veronica Ruedrich, who manages Astrid's Rabat Shoes a few doors from the Real Food storefront.

"There has been a hole in the center of Noe Valley for 13 years," Ruedrich said. "That's a huge block of real estate right in the middle of our commercial district, and it's such a blight."

Merchants were upbeat because businesses in mergers or acquisitions often sell off unproductive assets or those that don't fit their core purpose. The Real Food site could easily be sold off to a developer, as it is zoned for mixed-use commercial and residential projects in one of the city's most desirable neighborhoods.

Swann, who has been in touch with HGGC executives, said the company had not divulged its plans for the Real Food site but was aware of the impasse Noe Valley and Nutraceutical had reached years ago.

"It's been challenging for a very, very long time, so they are very aware of that," said Swann, principal at The Swann Group SF Real Estate.

Checked History

The original owners of Real Food, Jane and Kimball Allen of Marin County, opened in 1970 and stocked the shelves with organic foods and natural products. The couple sold the 24th Street store to Nutraceutical in 2002 and trouble erupted the next year.

On Aug. 28, 2003, without warning to workers, Nutraceutical shut down the store, purportedly for remodeling. Thirty

employees lost their jobs.

The employees claimed they were fired for attempting to unionize, and filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board. The federal agency ruled for the workers and ordered back pay—though a final settlement was not reached until 2009.

Former District 8 Supervisors Bevan Dufty and Scott Wiener were both stymied in their efforts to return the site to productivity. They repeatedly held talks with Nutraceutical executives, seeking either a new tenant for the building or the sale of the site to a new owner.

In 2013, Wiener and Carol Yenne, then NVMPA president, flew to Nutraceutical's Park City, Utah, headquarters, hoping to iron out a resolution. The company's rosy plans to tear down the structure and build a new retail space never materialized.

"Why would you sit on a piece of property worth four or five million bucks and not do something with it?" asked Yenne, who owns Small Frys, a children's clothing store. "We've been asking that question for 13 years."

A Shopping Bag of Ideas

Now more optimistic, Yenne would like to see condominiums with retail on the ground floor built at the site.

"I hope that somebody will buy it and build something," she said.

A number of potential uses have been floated for the storefront, which sits across the street from Whole Foods Market. One suggestion calls for an artisanal food bazaar like that inside the Ferry Building.

Others want Cole Hardware to move in, or to see it used for a shared workspace. Some would like residential housing above commercial space, especially housing that would be below market rate.

"Affordable housing there would be good. It just depends on what people want to do," said District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy.

He said he has been working "to break the logjam" over Real Food since he took office in January and remains "optimistic we can get something to happen."

But Sheehy noted "there is no there there yet," since Nutraceutical has until late July to entertain any other offers. He stressed that "it's very important to have something happen with that space." ■



The silent films shown at Petit Cine range from animation shorts to 100-year-old classics.

are screened 24/7 through a dime-sized peephole installed in a public location."

"I really liked her idea, mostly of finding art in random places," said Kravitz.

O'Brien's peephole can be found on the side of the Victorian cottage at 280 Orange Alley, between Valencia and 26th streets, near the restaurant Al's Place. The films screened are routinely swapped out, with the new offerings listed online at <http://www.peepholecinema.com/peephole-cinema-san-francisco/>.

"Hers is more of a fine arts approach," said Kravitz. "She drilled a hole in her house and installed a peephole with an optical glass and created an LCD monitor. It is quite complicated."

Good Use for Old iPhones

In contrast, the technology he used for his peewee picture show is quite simple, noted Kravitz, and anyone can easily replicate it. He took his old iPhone 4, which he was going to recycle, disconnected its phone service, and repurposed its screen as a mini-computer.

Using a wi-fi connection, Kravitz accesses a Dropbox folder, where he uploads his movie files. Then he downloads them onto the cellphone. He uses the free app Loopideo, which he added to the iPhone, to play whichever video he selects in a constant loop.

He does check on the sidewalk cinema nightly, as after a certain amount of time, the app will automatically shut off and require him to log back in to it.

"The cost was virtually nothing," Kravitz noted.

Added Saravanja, "We had to buy the velvet for the curtains."

The cellphone is encased in a wood box Kravitz assembled, and he applied black tape to obscure its iPhone appearance. He attached it to a hinge thinking it would allow him to easily swing the phone out when he needed to access it. But pipes that run behind the window block him from doing so.

"I made it much more complicated than it needs to be," he acknowledged.

Tiny Audience at First

Unlike Peephole Cinema, Petit Cine does not have its own website, nor does Kravitz advertise its existence. A Google search brought up no mention of it.

This is the first time Kravitz has spo-

ken publicly about it, deciding to alert the *Voice* of the entertaining diversion since, until now, it has been a secret too well kept. Rarely has the couple ever seen anyone watching the sidewalk cinema, despite the foot traffic on their street from dog walkers and joggers to pedestrians happening by.

"I turned it on one night last year and ran up to our front window to see if anyone would watch it. No one did," said Kravitz.

It was only in late May that Saravanja noticed a man had "finally stopped and saw it."

"We have enough traffic on our street we should have seen people watching it," added Kravitz. "Our neighbors have all noticed it. They just never talked to me about it before."

Another reason Kravitz decided to



Projected through a former utility meter window, Kravitz's sidewalk cinema would be easy to miss, were it not for the red velvet curtains. Photos by Beverly Tharp

come forward about his installation is to inspire other homeowners left with vacant utility meter windows to hook up their own sidewalk cinemas.

"I thought that there are so many houses in the neighborhood that have those windows and they are just being left unused," he said. "They are wonderful exhibition spaces."

Anyone interested in learning more about how to install their own sidewalk cinema is invited to email Kravitz at scottkravitz@gmail.com. ■

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Despite its location in the heart of the booming SF Peninsula, Brisbane has managed to retain its small-town feel. It has an eclectic mix of original blue-collar residents, artisans and techies, who at the end of the workday return to a tranquil lifestyle and enjoy some of the best views in the Bay Area. At weekends, the city’s population can hike the many trails across San Bruno Mountain, stroll around the beautiful Marina or relax at the wonderful community pool. In the evenings they eat at one of the growing number of local restaurants or cook at home with wonderful fresh produce from the weekly Farmers’ Market.

During the holiday season, Brisbane lives up to its nickname of “The City of Stars”. Many residents and business owners place large, illuminated stars, some as big as 10 feet in diameter, on the downhill sides of homes and offices, giving the city a unique, festive feel.

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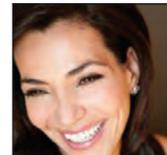
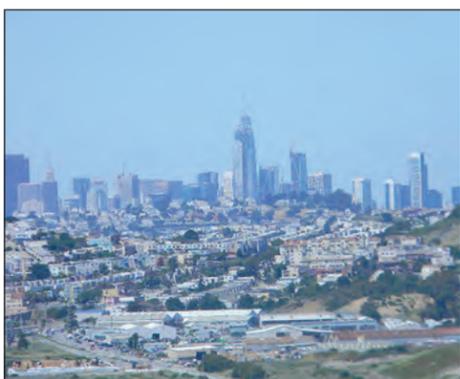
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Kuo Herr of Herr Family Farms sells Persian and Japanese cucumbers, Chinese broccoli and bok choy, and Italian basil and parsley. In July, he'll also have mounds of zebra tomatoes.



"Our strawberries are bred for flavor," says Forrest Cook, who along with interns Mikaela and Kianna represents Swanton Berry Farm, among the first organic berry farms in the country.

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The Bounty of the Farmers Market

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here, Egoian depends on his family to help make it happen. That includes two daughters, a son, and various nieces and nephews. And it means rising in the wee hours of the morning for the long drive that gets them to Noe Valley at 6 a.m.

Depending on the weather, the market draws 1,200 to 2,000 people on any given Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Its home is the new Noe Valley Town Square, on 24th Street between Sanchez and Vicksburg. The plaza has become a weekly meeting place to not only buy fresh fruits and vegetables, but greet neighbors, see friends, and hear music.

Farming Is Life

"We're about to bring a ton of tomatoes, and four kinds of eggplants," said Kuo Herr, who runs Herr Family Farms in Sanger, east of Fresno. When he talks about the harvest of heirlooms, beefsteak, and cherry tomatoes, Herr's already wide smile gets wider.

His brilliant yellow squash, dark green zucchini, and purple eggplant resemble a classic painting. Herr comes from a Hmong family that always worked the land.

"My mother and father started the farm," he said. They still help, but so do his three brothers and three sisters. The heavy planting, cultivating, and tractor work goes to Herr. In his world, farming is life. "Many Hmong people feel if you don't farm, you don't eat," he said. Herr's parents came to the Central Valley in 1989 with a big wave of Hmong farmers.

Herr, 33, works a long stretch of land in Sanger that's dedicated to the Noe Valley Farmers Market.

He's been worried his well would run dry, but the rains helped. His well is fuller, and the water pressure is up so it's easier to irrigate. "If the well goes dry, all my crops would dry up in three or four days," he said. "I have less worry now."

From his market perch, Herr gently urges people to try his herbs: basil, cilantro, green onions, mint, and Chinese broccoli. He doesn't spray his crops with chemicals, which earns him kudos from Noe Valley customers.

Rain Both Good and Bad

The winter rains weren't so good to everyone. After rainstorms flooded fields outside Hollister and other plots of land it cultivates in that area, Happy Boy Farms lost more than \$150,000. The harvest between mid-February and June was more than three-quarters wiped out.

"We're working hard to plant new crops," said Jennifer Lynne, a manager at the farm's base near Watsonville. "We're starting to feel stronger again." So strong that Lynne can't control her enthusiasm

over a special variety of heirloom tomatoes due at the market soon. She also crowed over a new crop of cucumbers, multi-colored corn, green beans, and eggplant.

One thing the farmers all have in common is pride in showing off their crops. They also love the people and coziness of the Noe Valley market.

"We look forward to coming here because it's so romantic, and like another home to us," said Twin Girls' Egoian.

No wonder Egoian sees the market as another home. He lost his 17-year-old son Blake to an auto accident in 2008, and market volunteers and friends helped run his slot for months after his son's death.

"They held our hand," he said. "They helped unload the truck and sell fruit. It's a great community."

Egoian grew up farming in Reedley. Now he works farmers' markets for Ignacio and Casamira Sanchez, who own certified organic Twin Girls Farms. The Sanchez family works many plots of land in the fields of Selma, Dinuba, Sultana, Kingsburg, and Parlier. With the summer heat kicking in, Egoian foresees a new harvest of colorful pomegranates, grapes, guava, peaches, plums, and nectarines.

A Social Mission

The market was founded in 2003, and its mission is more than providing healthy food to local residents. "We're a farmers market with a social justice, progressive vision of society," said Peter Gabel, one of the market's co-founders.

One of the shining stars of that progressive vision is Swanton Berry Farm of Davenport. It was among the first organic strawberry farms in the country, and is the first to have a union labor force.

"We wanted Swanton," said Gabel.

Swanton owner Jim Cochran has a consciousness for fair and reasonable conditions for field workers. His crew has health insurance and can earn a stake in the company through the employee stock-option program. Swanton also offers housing for workers, and injured field workers can get workers' compensation.

"Our strawberries are bred for flavor," said Forrest Cook, who sells crops at the Noe Valley market for Swanton, and loves the local community.

Besides mouth-watering strawberries, Cook will soon bring broccoli and cauliflower known for their flavor from the salt spray of the ocean just north of Santa Cruz on Highway 1.

Another example of the market's social justice bent is Curry Without Worry, one of the food concessions.

Shrawan Nepali founded Curry Without Worry, which offers a plate of vegetarian Indian food for a donation of \$5 to \$10. Nepali takes the donations and prepares 250 Indian meals for the homeless each week. The meals are cooked at a Noe Valley church and served from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Civic Center at Hyde and Market streets. A typical meal

at the market includes basmati rice, mixed vegetable curry, dal soup, and kale.

"Our mission is to bring pleasing, delicious food to our homeless brothers and sisters," said the humble Nepali. The market provides his space for free.

Next door is El Buen Comer, which offers tacos, tamales, and some special dishes. It's a business owned by Isabel Caudillo and Juan-Carlos Caudillo Gutierrez and family. They have been selling at the Noe Valley market for nine years.

Summer Brings Tomatoes

Among the vendors, many specialize in certified organic fruit and produce.

Adriana Silva and Chris Tuohig started Tomatero Organic Farms in 2005 in Pajaro Valley, east of Watsonville. They too expect a big harvest of special tomatoes in July and August, as well as beets, carrots, and greens. They've come to the market for 11 years, and love its passion and feeling of community.

The farm is certified organic and leases half a dozen small plots of land to grow its crops. "There are micro-climates down here," said Silva. "We're kind of spread out." Silva started the farm with her partner when she was 21, and received a lot of help and support from the Pajaro Valley community to get it going.

There's always the sound of music at the market, too. Richard Hildreth books the bands, and presents a range of genres, from Americana, country, bluegrass, and blues to classical and international music.

"We try to present a variety and give more people an opportunity to play," Hildreth said.

To see the latest news on the Noe Valley Farmers Market, visit its Facebook page. Also, the Noe Valley Library will host a presentation for children (and adults) on Thursday, July 29, 2 to 3 p.m. The free event will feature vendor stories, samples of fruits and vegetables, and inside tips on the local market. ■

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Time-Travel By Foot

SF City Guides Show You How

By Richard May

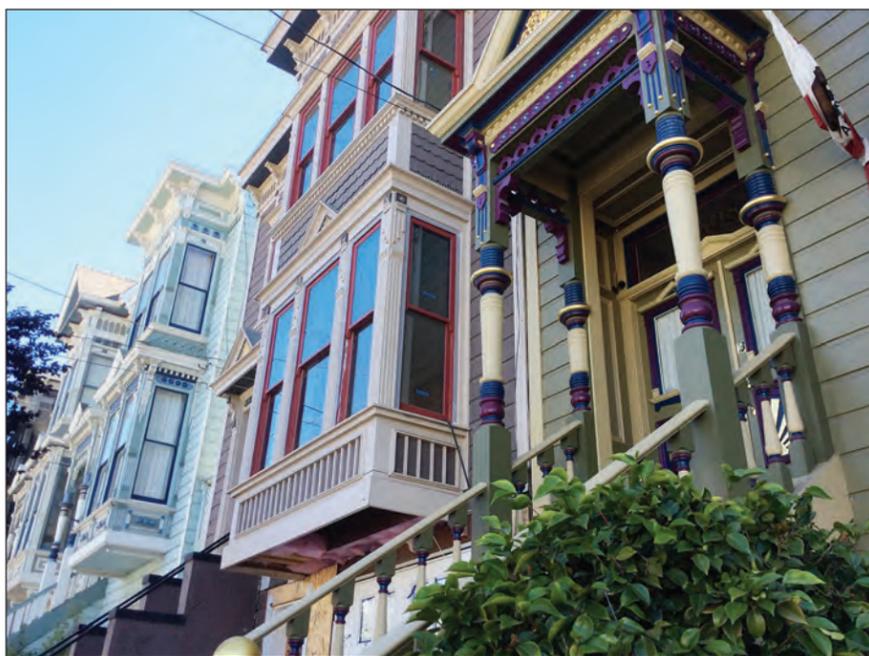
You can time-travel through Noe Valley, thanks to the San Francisco City Guides. The guides conduct free walking tours of the neighborhood twice a month, and on the way, walkers visit decades from the 1840s to the 1930s.

Each two-hour walk begins outside the Noe Valley Library on Jersey Street.

Judy Stevens conducted the tour on Sunday, June 18. In 88-degree heat, she stopped under shade trees and offered historical tidbits to her five tourists. One was that San Francisco city government at first refused 19th-century steel magnate Andrew Carnegie's offer of money for libraries, because Carnegie was anti-union and San Francisco was a big union town in 1901. After much shillyshallying, the politicians put it to a vote of the people. The people said take the money; hence we have the Beaux Arts library at 451 Jersey.

Fifty-five years before that vote, the land we live on was given to Mexican founding father Jose de Jesus Noe, the last alcalde (mayor) of Yerba Buena (San Francisco). Noe named his property Rancho San Miguel, after his son. Unlike many other Mexican citizens, Noe saw his land grant validated after statehood. He sold his rancho to John Meirs Horner in 1853, and we became Horner's Addition—maybe not the best of names for resale value. In 1916, the good people of Horner's Addition voted to become Noe Valley.

In the late 19th century, farmland in the valley was gradually changed to residential housing by "cluster builders," developers who built houses in one of three Victorian styles—Italianate, Stick/East-



Several houses in the 1600 block of Castro Street, built from 1890 to 1900 by Fernando Nelson & Sons, still bear the wood adornments that gave them the name "Stick" Victorians.

Photo by Sally Smith

lake, and Queen Anne—in rows of three, five, or seven houses. One of the most prolific developers was Fernando Nelson. According to our guide Stevens, Nelson "felt very strongly that every working man should have a home," and he let the buyers pay in monthly installments, sort of like rent-to-own.

Corner lots were more expensive, so the middles of blocks were developed first, Stevens said. By the time corner buildings were built, Queen Victoria was dead (1901) and Edward VII was on the throne, so we have corner Edwardians, not Victorians. The Edwardians had more domes and parapets, and were mainly apartment houses, Stevens informed us, because of changes in San Francisco economics and demographics.

The tour meandered from the library up Jersey Street to Diamond, then down 24th, stopping at the former residence of

John Albert Meyer, who built the first car in California in a machine shop next to his house on 24th Street. His descendants still live in the house, and the Meyer car sits in the Oakland Museum.

Around the corner on Castro Street, we passed by the former car barn for the Castro Street cable car, now known as Walgreen's and its parking lot. The cable-car turnaround was up the street at 26th Street, near where the 24-Divisadero bus rolls by now. Stevens mentioned that the 24, running from the Bayview to Pacific Heights, traverses more neighborhoods than any other bus line in San Francisco.

We stopped further south on Castro to admire a Fernando Nelson house (1608 Castro), a Victorian with the developer's distinctive drips, donuts, and button boards. We also learned that the little metal plates with holes in them in people's driveways are sewer vents. The first vendor on a building site usually got their name on the vent cover, sometimes with their profession noted.

We turned east on Clipper, heading for

James Lick Middle School. James Lick, we learned, had nothing to do with education, but he is the reason we don't have to import Ghirardelli chocolate from Peru. He came to San Francisco from Lima in 1848 and brought along 600 pounds of his neighbor's chocolate. It sold really well, so Lick advised his neighbor, an Italian immigrant named Ghirardelli, to hotfoot it north.

At the northeast corner of the middle school site, Stevens asked us to look at the sidewalk. Ever wonder why street names are pressed into wet sidewalk cement at San Francisco intersections? It's because most of the street signs burned in the Great Fire after the 1906 Earthquake, and the Fire Department had trouble finding the addresses of burning buildings. Thereafter, the sidewalks were marked. Spelling was a little shaky in the early days, but Stevens says DPW gets it right most of the time now.

We hiked up Noe Street in the home stretch of the tour, with Stevens noting there used to be a pond and a bridge at Jersey and Noe. There still sort of is, if you count the cistern at Noe and 24th, which Stevens used to discuss how San Francisco has prepared for a repeat of 1906 with fire hydrants, cisterns across the city, three reservoirs, and fireboats.

Stevens wrapped up with a two-question quiz at Elizabeth Street (which, incidentally, was named after John Meirs Horner's wife). Not all of us won a prize, but we had learned a lot of interesting, enlightening, and just plain weird stuff about local history.

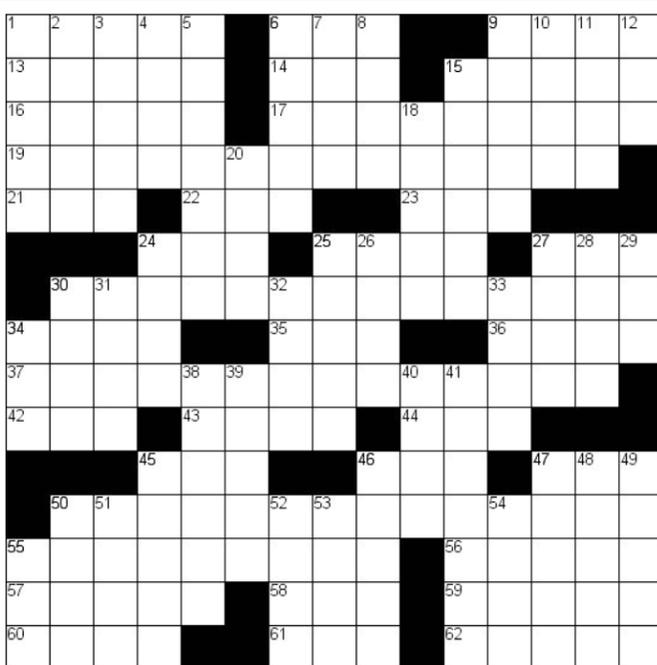
There were too many tidbits to tell all here, but you can take a City Guides tour and hear the stories yourself. Go to sfcityguides.org to see the year-round schedule for the walk "Noe Valley—A Village Within the City" and for dozens of other tours, including a new Fairmont Hotel tour. Upcoming dates for Noe Valley are Sundays, July 2 and 16 and Aug. 6 and 20, at 1:30 p.m. There's also a special tour focusing on Noe's working-class roots on Saturday, July 8, 2 to 4 p.m. ■

THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

One from Col. A,
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1. Shoulder-raising move
6. Yalie
9. Big rig
13. "Common Sense" author
14. Boy-child
15. What one uses to scribble doodles?
16. ___ Pinel Realtors
17. Anthropologists' focuses
19. The sag in wires strung between poles?
21. Pt. of CBS
22. Stuff that might hide a needle?
23. Nimes negative
24. "Ich bin ___ Berliner"
25. Matches, as a poker bet
27. Caesar's eggs
30. Sound made by a Muscovite bird?
34. Convenience at Whole Foods
35. Capt. Jean-___ Picard of the USS Enterprise
36. Elevator inventor Elisha
37. Shoulder insignia for a freedom fighter?
42. Low-ranking U.S.N. officer
43. Pig sound
44. Dubai's land: Abbr.
45. ___ Republic Title Co.
46. Pt. of ETA
47. Not many
50. 24th Street real estate agency, or the structure, using SF names, of 19-, 30-, and 37-across
55. Brilliant scarlet color
56. Asia Minor area



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| known for its columns | 12. 1040 reviewer, briefly | 38. Arrive like fog |
| 57. Heavenly hunter | 15. SF's congressperson | 39. Like the water basin at Crissy Field |
| 58. 7-7, for example | 18. "So, what else ___?" | 40. Franc replacer |
| 59. "___ this time" ("maybe later") | 20. Rajah's mate | 41. Target for Elly Mae's rifle |
| 60. Red-ink item | 24. 90 degrees from norte | 45. "Stand and Deliver" actor Edward James ___ |
| 61. Finish | 25. ___ up on (moved stealthily toward) | 46. Blemished, in a way |
| 62. Bible-snippet handout | 26. Carve into, as a plaque | 47. Orange soda brand |
| DOWN | 27. "Beetle Bailey" barker | 48. Early computer that weighed 30 tons |
| 1. Dustups | 28. Blood carrier | 49. Lawman Earp |
| 2. "Roots" writer Alex | 29. Beginning of MGM's Latin motto | 50. Sandwich eaten two-handed |
| 3. Iranian currency units | 30. Big part of the winter of '16, but not '15 or '14 | 51. Flower painted by van Gogh |
| 4. Together as one, in Tours | 31. Cities, slangily | 52. TV's Nick at ___ |
| 5. Khan man | 32. Kirk ___, first actor to play Superman on screen, 1948 | 53. Whack |
| 6. Time piece? | 33. Ripped | 54. Far from flush |
| 7. Downtown Chicago, with "The" | 34. MLB's Indians, on scoreboards | 55. TV control: Abbr. |
| 8. 2.54 centimeters | | |
| 9. Beelzebub | | |
| 10. ___ fail (big boo-boo) | | |
| 11. Docile | | |

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

Church Street Launderette Changes Hands

Eva Skoufis Retires From the Clothes-Washing Business

By Olivia Boler

After 29 years in Upper Noe, Peter Skoufis Launderette is under new ownership. Run by Peter's wife, Eva Skoufis—he's a retired professional waiter—the coin-op laundry at 1732 Church St. now belongs to Leanne Yu and An Truong. "My last day was May 31," said Eva Skoufis. "The new owners took over the next day."

The Skoufises live in Daly City, but have been a part of the Noe Valley community since 1988, when Eva Skoufis opened the laundry. Before becoming a small business owner, Skoufis worked as an accounting clerk for a defense contractor. The office politics caused her much "psychological stress," however. The native of Greece, who came to the United States in 1968, joked, "I had left a military dictatorship for a capitalistic dictatorship."

As for leaving the laundry business, Skoufis said, "I need to retire. Everyone was telling me to keep it open, so I stayed until I found a buyer. Having a laundry—it's a service to the community."

Between water bills and rent payments, Skoufis found running a laundromat "a hard business lately." She made the point that keeping clothes clean is a necessity. "It's not like going to a fancy restaurant like Kokkari. That's a choice. Dirty clothes can cause sickness."

Occasionally her customers would overload their washing machines and Skoufis said she saw that the water hadn't reached high enough to cover all the

clothes and distribute the laundry soap.

"Some people wash their clothes but cannot afford it," she said. "Some are washing baby clothes or kids' clothes. If they only do one rinse, not all the soap comes out and they end up with itching. It breaks my heart."

Sometimes Skoufis would offer these customers the use of a second washer free of charge. "Maybe the city can provide a public wash for those who can't afford to do their laundry."

In July, Skoufis and her husband will visit Greece with their grandchildren for a two-month vacation. "For the first time, they will see where Yiayia—that's what we call Grandma in Greece—where she comes from."

After she returns home in September, Skoufis will devote time to the Hellenistic women's organization Daughters of Penelope, where she has served as president. "It's time to give back to the community."

Skoufis will miss her customers, and hopes to throw a party at the laundromat when she returns. "I think [the new owners] will let me. If I can, I'll put up a sign there to let everyone know when it will take place." She'll also miss her neighbors.

"I will miss the kindness," she said, recalling several times her customers and neighbors came through with acts of selflessness, like the time she left her wallet and keys at the laundry.

"I remembered them when I was in my car and went right back," she said. "These two young girls with a baby were there with my wallet. You don't find people like that every day. I feel the neighborhood has been really good to me." ■

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The Cost of Living in Noe

Former Firehouse Among May Sales

By Corrie M. Anders

The spring home-buying season continued to roll along in Noe Valley as buyers in May purchased 13 single-family detached homes.

The robust residential activity followed the 16 sales recorded in April, according to data supplied to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. (There were 10 sales in May of last year.)

This year's May transactions included the \$5.3 million sale of the renovated Engine No. 44 firehouse on 22nd Street, once the residence of noted artists Mark Adams and Beth Van Hoesen.

Condominium buyers also were active in May. Zephyr reported 15 condo sales during the month, compared to eight in April and four in May of last year.

Small apartment buildings also were popular. There were five such deals in May, a relatively high number, compared



A former firehouse on 22nd Street, the one-time home of artists Mark Adams and Beth Van Hoesen, sold in May for \$5,325,000. Though the interior has been updated, the façade still retains features of the Mission Revival style popular in the early 1900s.

to two each in April and in May 2016.

Zephyr President Randall Kostick noted that buyers appeared to keep their wits about them while bargaining for homes. Successful shoppers on average paid just 3 percent more than the asking price, unlike last year, when overbids hit 10 percent.

Kostick said one reason for the calmer atmosphere might have been that there were more homes for sale, taking pressure off buyers to boost offers.

Fears of higher mortgage interest rates, which can limit the pool of potential buyers, may have prompted some homeowners to list their properties for sale, Kostick said.

The Zephyr executive said he noted an interesting tidbit in Noe Valley's May sales: there was a correlation between prices and the number of bedrooms in a residential property.

Two detached homes sold for under \$2 million and both had two bedrooms, he said. Five sold for under \$3 million and all had three bedrooms. The properties that sold above \$3 million all contained four bedrooms.

The most expensive house sold in May was the converted fire station, located in the 3800 block of 22nd Street between Noe and Castro streets. The property sold for \$5,325,000, 7.4 percent below the list price (\$5,750,000).

Built in 1909, the Mission Revival-style fire station was remodeled in 2007 to showcase four bedrooms (and five bathrooms) within its 6,045 square feet of living space. The makeover included a gourmet kitchen, a fourth-floor terrace, and a media room and wine cellar.

Adams and Van Hoesen purchased the firehouse from the city in 1959 and lived there for nearly five decades. After Adams died in 2006, Van Hoesen sold the property that same year. The building also changed hands in 2011 and 2013.

The most expensive "attached" home sold in May was a tenancy in common (TIC) located in the 600 block of Alvarado Street between Castro and Diamond streets.

Buyers paid \$2,445,000, 6.9 percent above the asking price, for the two-level unit in the renovated building, originally constructed in 1914. The four-bedroom, three-bath dwelling, with 2,139 square feet of living space, featured radiant heat, a luxury kitchen, and panoramic city views.

While condos were popular, buyers also snapped up less expensive small apartment buildings. The five buildings sold in May were all two-unit ones. Those are often the preferred choices for buyers of TIC properties, in which a resident owns shares in the entire project but occupies their own unit.

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
May 2017	13	\$1,550,000	\$5,325,000	\$3,134,080	38	103%
April 2017	16	\$1,450,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,445,375	28	104%
May 2016	10	\$1,470,000	\$4,100,000	\$2,104,000	25	110%
Condominiums/TICs						
May 2017	15	\$535,000	\$2,445,000	\$1,364,467	30	108%
April 2017	8	\$930,000	\$2,160,000	\$1,484,750	17	116%
May 2016	4	\$820,000	\$2,100,000	\$1,487,500	25	106%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
May 2017	5	\$1,650,000	\$4,420,000	\$2,395,000	34	106%
April 2017	2	\$2,300,000	\$2,695,000	\$2,497,500	23	103%
May 2016	2	\$2,250,000	\$3,025,000	\$2,637,500	17	114%
5+-unit buildings						
May 2017	1	\$3,040,000	\$3,040,000	\$3,040,000	21	95%
April 2017	0	—	—	—	—	—
May 2016	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. NVV7/2017

Google House Sets Record Price

An eye-popping price paid for a Noe Valley home has put the neighborhood on par with housing costs in the city's well-heeled Pacific Heights and Sea Cliff districts.

Perched atop a hill with stunning views of downtown and the East Bay, the home at 526 Duncan St. sold in June for \$12 million, according to city records. It is now the most expensive home ever sold in Noe Valley, far surpassing the previous record of \$7 million set in 2014.

The Duncan Street property first set a neighborhood record in 2005 when it sold for \$5.3 million. The brand new dwelling was variously known as the Google House—due to its purchase by a retired engineer for the tech giant—and as the T-House because of its unusual architectural lines, created by Ogrydziak Prillinger Architects.

The secluded 5,371-square-foot residence is at the end of a cul-de-sac and sits on a precipice that offers panoramic views. The house has four bedrooms, four full bathrooms, two half baths, three terraces, a three-car garage, an elevator, 12-foot ceilings, and floor-to-ceiling glass walls in many of the rooms.

The first owner gave numerous political and fundraising parties in the home. He sold it in 2011 for \$6.1 million.

The new homeowner is a mystery, however.

Two limited-liability corporations shrouded the identities of the buyer and seller. The deed listed the seller as 526 LLC and the buyer as Zembla LLC. The registered agent for Zembla is Kim Schoknecht, a Palo Alto attorney and estate planner who represents ultra-high-net-worth clients in Silicon Valley.

The actual sales price of the property also was not disclosed. However, the price was determined based on the \$330,000 transfer tax listed on city records.

—Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range June 2017	Average June 2017	Average May 2017	Average June 2016
Studio	6	\$2,100 - \$2,850	\$2,367 / mo.	\$2,475 / mo.	\$2,409 / mo.
1-bdrm	32	\$2,240 - \$4,900	\$3,166 / mo.	\$3,113 / mo.	\$3,143 / mo.
2-bdrm	36	\$2,875 - \$7,500	\$4,443 / mo.	\$4,057 / mo.	\$4,464 / mo.
3-bdrm	19	\$3,695 - \$10,500	\$6,531 / mo.	\$6,750 / mo.	\$6,502 / mo.
4+-bdrm	3	\$9,500 - \$22,000	\$16,333 / mo.	\$10,138 / mo.	\$9,753 / mo.

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On 24th Street

What are your plans for summer?

Asked on Monday, May 22, 2017, at the Noe Valley Town Square at 24th and Vicksburg streets

Interviews and photos by Olivia Starr and Nick Kaliss

Editor's Note: The last two respondents are the very same reporters (and Lowell High School seniors) who have been conducting our On 24th Street surveys for the past year, beginning with the November 2016 issue. As you can see from their answers at right, Nick Kaliss and Olivia Starr are heading off to college at the end of the summer. We're sorry they're leaving the sidewalks of Noe Valley—and the pages of the Voice—but wish them great success in their future careers. Thank you, Nick and Olivia, for being such awesome Voice ambassadors. We'll eagerly await your dispatches from the East Coast.



Kibwe, Seward Street: No real summer plans. This is San Francisco! Depends on the weather. Maybe go to the beach, go to Santa Cruz.



Heidi Anderson, Duncan Street: I'm getting away for the month of June. I'm going to Brooklyn and Houston. Sometimes you just have to get out of this place.



Will Fithian, 25th Street: Hopefully I'll get some research done.



Rosie Hallett, 24th Street: I'm going to enjoy the parks, see a lot of theater, see some outside theater, and go to the beach.



Emanuel Yekutieli (right), Castro Street: We're going hiking up Mt. Whitney, and then to New York for a week and I'm going to do some fundraising for a business I'm starting. Then I'll be speaking at a conference in Paris in June, and then I'm going with my boyfriend to see his family in Canada, then the Pitchfork Music Festival [in Chicago] in mid-July. My birthday is in early August and I'll be having a barbecue in Golden Gate Park and going to Outside Lands.



Greg, Vicksburg Street: I don't really have too many plans. I'll probably just stick around home right here. I'd like to get up to the Sierras for a month or two, but that probably won't happen.



Izzy Ascione, Monterey Boulevard: I'm getting a major surgery and I should be in recovery for about a month of my summer. After that, I'm working at the Legion of Honor museum cafe. At the end of the summer, I'll be moving into college at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo

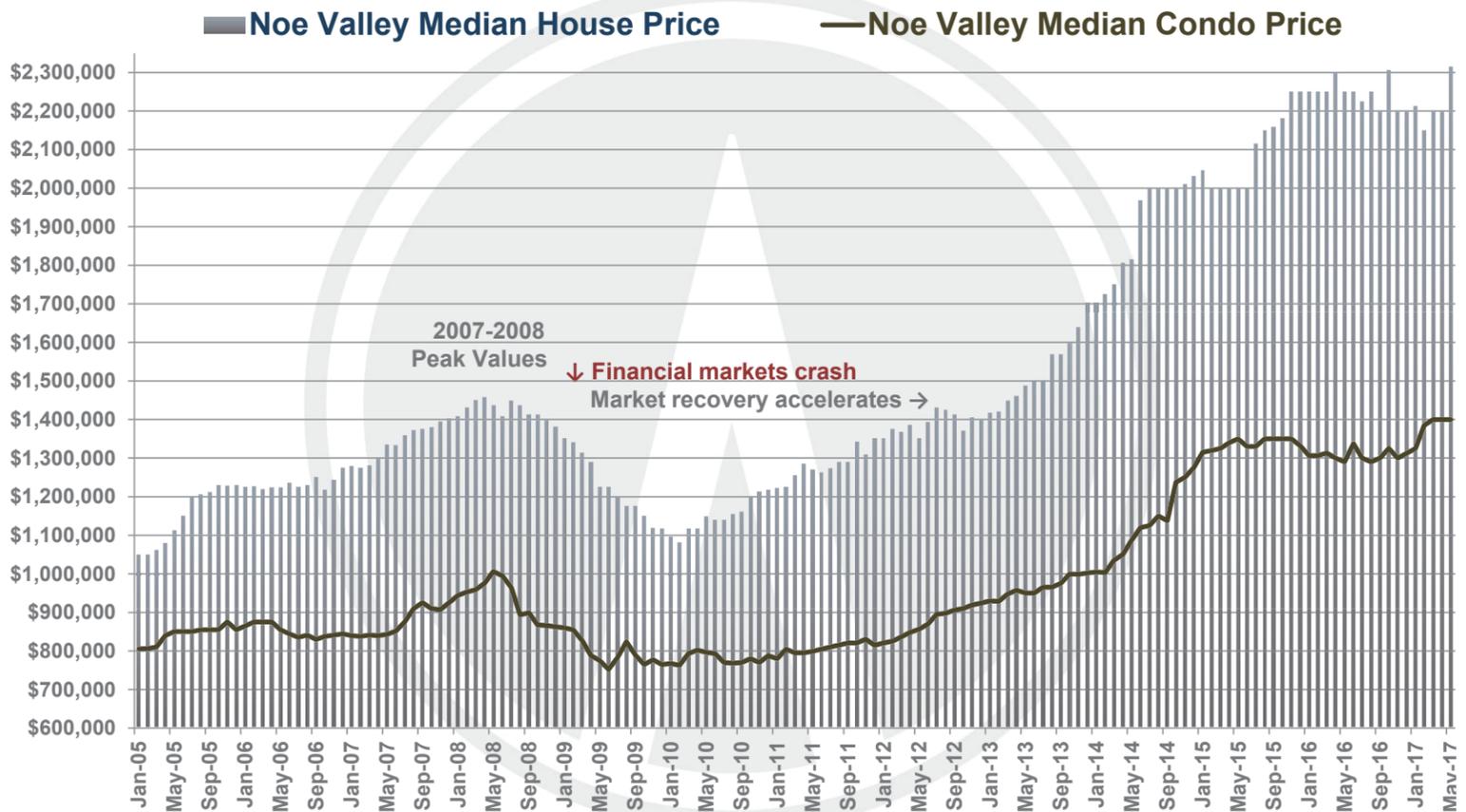


Nick Kaliss, Hazelwood Avenue and Olivia Starr, Elizabeth Street: **Nick:** I'll be in Europe for two weeks. London, Amsterdam and Berlin. Then I'll be working at a Rec and Park camp. That should be a lot of fun. I'll be starting school at Georgetown University in the fall. **Olivia:** I'm going to Italy and working at a summer camp for preschoolers at Children's Day School, my old school. Then I'll be at Wake Forest University starting in August.

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SHORT TAKES

Barbecue and Bingo

The Noe Valley Town Square on 24th Street near Vicksburg has been busy coming up with events to keep everyone—adults and children—busy this summer.

First up is “Shakespeare or Space Wars” Sunday, July 9, 1 p.m. This one-hour free show by Samuel Peaches’ Peripatetic Players is a mashup of *Romeo and Juliet* and *Star Wars*, full of “feats of theatricality, marvelous moralities, and catchy sing-songs.” Bring your own blanket, snacks, sun protection, and sense of humor.

“Get your bingo on,” the Town Square folks say, for Sunday, July 16, 4 to 7 p.m. A suggested donation of 25 cents per bingo card (cheap!) will be used toward improvements to our newest open space. Bring a picnic dinner, your own seating, and a loud voice to yell “Bingo!”

Sunday, July 23, also 4 to 7 p.m., is “Blankets & BBQ.” There will be free barbecue cooked up by Baron’s Meats on Church and free ice cream (while they both last). Bring your own beverages and a blanket to lie on while you listen to live music from the string band Skillet Licorice. Little Artistas, the bilingual art school on Church Street, will supervise kids’ art projects.

In August, there’s just one event (so far), the second Town Square Dance, with music by the versatile Skillet Licorice ensemble. The first square dance, held last November, was a big success, according to event coordinator Leslie Crawford. Just as popular was the pie-eating contest, which will also be reprised, for tasty munching. Pies will be coconut crème and chocolate crème, the messy kinds. Dance and gorge from 4 to 7 p.m.

Say bye (or is it hello?) to summer at the first-ever Noe Valley County Fair 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17. Promised activities include a baby-stroller relay race, kale toss, and quinoa-eating and pie-baking contests. “It’s about games, music, and food,” says Crawford.

For more information on Town Square



The Peripatetic Players, shown here at the Berkeley Marina, will perform their romp *Shakespeare or Space Wars* in the Noe Valley Town Square July 9 at 1 p.m. Photo by Rebecca Longworth

events, go to noevalleytownsquare.com. If you’d like to help out, contact Leslie Crawford at info@noevalleytownsquare.com.

Comedy at the Valley Tavern

You’ll hear guffaws and chuckles at least once a month in Noe Valley, thanks to Comedy Gold at the Valley Tavern. Local comedians and special guests tell jokes and stories the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 p.m. There is no cover for the show.

The regular performers are Ruby Gill, Drew Harmon, Yuri Kagan, and Liz Stone. Stone, neighborhood funny person, attorney, and shoe fashionista, says the “Valley Tavern has been a great venue.” The series started back in February.

You can follow Comedy Gold on Facebook (facebook.com/comedygoldsf) or Stone at lizstonecomedy.com. Stroll over to the Valley Tavern at 4054 24th St., or search online at valleytavern.com.

For People Big and Small

Folio Books at 3957 24th St. offers something for everyone this month.

Younger kids will enjoy the Pajama Party Storytime with Elizabeth Crane Thursday, July 6, at 6 p.m., and tweens have the Book-

worms book club event with Kristen Henry Friday, July 21, at 7 p.m. There will be pizza!

For adults, the quarterly reading series Queer Words offers “In Conversation With Ajuan Mance,” Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m. Series curator Wayne Goodman interviews Prof. Mance about her scholarly studies of 19th-century African-American literature, her zine works *Gender Studies*, and her portrait series *1,001 Black Men*. Mance’s zines and her in-depth study *Before Harlem* will be available for sale and signing.

Goodman also emcees the July rendition of Folio Live!, the bookstore’s open mic, on Tuesday, July 25. Neighborhood journalist and author Mary Jo McConahay is the featured reader. McConahay’s *Maya Roads* won the Northern California Book Award for Creative Nonfiction in 2012. Her books will be available for purchase and signing.

Sign-up to read during the open mic begins at 6:30 p.m. on the day. The event starts at 7 p.m. If you have a book to read from, bring copies to consign, sell, and sign.

Goodman also appears with his partner Rick May for the launch of his new novel *Better Angels* and the paperback edition of May’s short-story collection *Inhuman Beings: Monsters, Myths, and Science Fiction* Monday, July 17, 7 p.m. Champagne, chocolates, and party favors provided.

Odd Mondays is off in July. For more info on all events at Folio, see foliosf.com.

A Summons to Juri Commons

Juri Commons is a neighborhood park just outside Noe Valley. It follows the old San Francisco–San Jose Railroad right-of-way diagonally between San Jose Avenue and Guerrero Street. After the 1906 Earthquake, the tracks were re-routed. The resulting 25-foot-wide, 120-foot-long open space became a city park in 1986. Today, it’s full of trees, plants, grassy areas, and a playground.

The park is maintained by the volunteer group Juri Commoners the last Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to noon. Work can range from vigorous to easy, so everyone is welcome, says Dave Schweisguth, organizer of the work party. All work is supervised by a Recreation and Park crew. They bring the tools, equipment, and work gloves. Coffee and pastries are provided by the volunteers.

Schweisguth reports, happily, that the park will receive a \$650,000 renovation, thanks to neighbor Mary Szczepanik, who wrote a Community Opportunity Grant for \$324,000 to improve the park, and to Rec and Park, which came up with a similar amount to rehabilitate the playground.

The playground design process should begin this summer with community meetings. The COG grant included a community-approved design, so it is ready to go. However, work won’t begin until the playground design is done. For more information or to sign up to work, go to meetup.com/Juri-Commoners. Look for scheduling and how to RSVP.

Lieder and Chamber Music in July

Live classical music continues in July in Noe Valley, although August will be quiet. Lieder Alive concludes its 2016–17 Liederabend (evening of songs) season July 9, and San Francisco Civic Music presents its final Afternoon of Music for the season July 22.

Bass Anthony Reed and pianist John Parr will perform Schubert’s *Schwanengesang* (swan song) Sunday, July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. The piece is a collection of lieder composed by Schubert near the end of his life. The songs were published after his death. Tickets at Eventbrite.com are \$75 reserved, \$35 open seating, and \$15 for students.

The Afternoon of Chamber Music performance is Saturday, July 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m. The program is Beethoven’s String Quartet No. 9,

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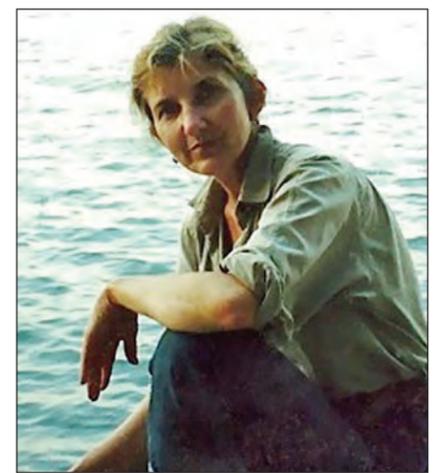
If you’re a girl going into the eighth grade or below this fall and you’re into filmmaking, then the Second Annual Noe Valley Girls Film Festival might just be your *Toy Story 5*. But you’ll have to hurry. Submissions of five-minute, G-rated films are due Aug. 1.

They can be about any topic, as long as they are “interesting,” according to the NVGFF producers. There is no fee to enter. Professional filmmakers will judge the films, and the top contenders will be screened at the festival itself. The three best in two age-group categories—sixth to eighth grade, and fifth grade and below—will win cash prizes of \$50, \$150, and \$250.

The festival will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. In addition to the screenings, there will be a raffle, souvenir T-shirt sales, and refreshments to buy. Admission is free, but RSVP’ing via Eventbrite is highly recommended, since last year’s inaugural event was packed.

For more information on submitting a film or attending the festival, or to become a film fest sponsor, visit nvgff.com.

—Olivia Boler



Mary Jo McConahay, author of *Maya Roads*, visits the Folio Live! reading series July 25.

Mendelssohn’s Piano Trio No. 2, and Klughardt’s Wind Quintet in C Major. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Both events will be held at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

‘Food for People, Not for Profit’

The Summer of Love was just a memory by the 1970s but good things did follow, like the rise of the San Francisco People’s Food System, a social movement that challenged agribusiness and supermarket control over what we ate and what we paid for it. The People’s Food System’s motto was “Food for People, Not for Profit,” a radical idea 40 years ago and now. An enduring outgrowth was food co-ops like Rainbow Grocery in the Mission and Other Avenues in the Outer Sunset.

San Francisco author and co-op member Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff is the author of *Other Avenues Are Possible: Legacy of the People’s Food System of the San Francisco Bay Area*, part history, part memoir. She works at Other Avenues. Nimbark Sacharoff appears at Omnivore Books on Food Sunday, July 30, at 3 p.m. to discuss her book. The event is free.

For more Omnivore Books events this summer, go to omnivorebooks.com. The bookshop is located at 3885A Cesar Chavez St.

More Trees on Church Street

Upper Noe Neighbors will host a representative from the Friends of the Urban Forest at its next meeting, Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day St. Madalyn Farquhar, FUF’s sidewalk landscape planting manager, will present a proposal for streetscape plantings along Church Street between 28th and 30th streets this November. Farquhar will also review how the city and FUF okay projects, so “anyone who wants to consider a sidewalk garden can apply to have one,” says UNN President Olga Milan-Howells.

City funding is available for this planting, according to Milan-Howells. She says UNN is hosting the talk to get feedback and to discuss how to publicize the idea. Everyone is invited.

UNN is also sponsoring a mural painting at the rec center. If you’d like to help (kids too), gather at the Day Street outer wall Saturday, July 22, anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All materials will be provided. The mural painting will be supervised by staff from Little Artistas. For more info, see uppernoeneighbors.com or littleartistas.com.



Left to right: Alec Bash of Democracy Action, Paul Silverman of Stand Up San Francisco, Melisa Kaye of Action SF, and Beatrice von Schulthess of Swing Left talked about their political activities at a May 23 panel hosted by the Noe Valley Democratic Club. Photo courtesy Haney Armstrong

Political Action in First Person

Local resident Haney Armstrong emailed this dispatch from the political front:

Four residents of Noe Valley and leaders of grassroots groups in opposition to the Trump agenda were on a panel hosted by the Noe Valley Democratic Club May 23 at the Noe Valley Ministry. Each group offered a unique way to participate in their activities. Here’s how they describe themselves:

• **Action SF** is a grassroots organization focused on resistance to the Trump government. We empower community members to take direct action to address both current and longer-range concerns. Our work includes letter and phone campaigns, fundraising, live protest, community education, coalition with other organizations, supporting our members to engage in sustainable resistance and ethical financial decision-making, and efforts to impact the politics of swing districts and states. Join us the second and fourth Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Noe Valley Library. Everyone is welcome. Email actionsolidarity@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at [actionsolidarity](https://actionsolidarity.com).

• **Democracy Action** is a group of volunteers dedicated to combating the dangerous Republican agenda and advancing Democrats nationally through local action. Since the 2016 election, we have held weekly phone banks throughout San Francisco and the Bay Area to save the Affordable Care Act, as well as for special elections in Louisiana, Virginia, Delaware, Iowa, and more. Visit our website at demaction.us to find events and sign up for our newsletter,

and help us prepare for 2018!

• **Stand Up San Francisco** is a group of neighbors with a mission to block Trump’s agenda, which we believe is taking America backwards. We do this with coordinated actions that pressure our Members of Congress to represent us as we wish to be represented. Following the IndivisibleGuide strategy, we meet regularly with our Members of Congress and their staff—Senators Feinstein and Harris, and Congresswoman Pelosi—to demand that they block Trump’s policies, consistently and loudly. We also provide scripts for our members to call their Members of Congress. We meet monthly at the Noe Valley Library. Join us! www.standupsf.net. If you have angst about Trump’s agenda, the best cure is to take action!

• **Swing Left** is a national organization that started with a simple idea: take back the House in 2018 by channeling the energy of volunteers into targeted, competitive local races. Swing Left Bay Area is a group of over 2,000 volunteers focused on our closest swing district, the 10th Congressional District, where Jeff Denham (R) is currently in office. The most effective way to win this race is to talk to the folks who live in CA 10. We are involved with voter registration and canvassing, both in high traffic areas and in door-to-door conversations. Email us at bvonschulthess@gmail.com or Judith at jbolker2@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at [swingleftsanfrancisco](https://swingleftsanfrancisco.com) (CA-10). ■

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Your first chore in July is to find a good blackberry patch and see how many berries you'll get come August. Look for Himalayan blackberries (*Rubus armeniacus*). They have white or pinkish flowers, with three to five leaflets per leaf and nasty thorns. Our native blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*) has white flowers, three leaflets per leaf, and very small thorns. It produces fewer and smaller berries than the non-native Himalayan blackberry. This should be a

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July—Tough Yet Lovely

By Joe O'Connor

good year for picking. An hour or two should yield enough for jam or jelly.

My featured flowers for July are the coast tarweed (*Madia sativa*) and the seaside daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*).

Coast madia, or coast tarweed, is a tall slender annual that grows in fields and meadows in Glen Canyon and McLaren Park, on the north slope of Bernal Heights, and on the east slope of Mt. Davidson. Tarweed is dark green in color, with lance-shaped leaves that point upward. The leaves are larger at the plant base and smaller at the top.

Coast tarweed produces yellow, daisy-like flowers on the upper third of the stem. Each flower is about an inch across. They appear in clusters, with the

larger clusters (up to 20 flowers) at the top of the 1- to 6-foot-long stem. The whole plant is covered with glands that exude a sticky, tar-like resin. The resin may function as an insect repellent, an insect trap, or to reduce water loss. Touch one. You'll understand how easily it could trap an insect—permanently!

Seaside daisy is a hardy, drought-resistant perennial abundant on Twin Peaks and in smaller numbers on Bernal Heights and Tank Hill. You'll see low-lying (1 to 4 inches) clusters of dark green leaves alongside the trail from which emerge numerous fine-petalled daisy-like flowers, up to 2 inches across. The flowers have light purple



The seaside daisy is a perennial resident of dry, wind-blown terrain, such as that on Twin Peaks. Photos by Joe O'Connor

petals and yellow or brown centers.

It's easy to remember this plant's Latin name, *Erigeron glaucus*, because it translates directly as "daisy, purple." Seaside daisy can be found either as two or three plants together, or as large patches. This delicate-looking daisy often covers wind-blown, dry, rocky soil where conditions seem just awful for any flowers. Yet ... there they are.

Enjoy your July flowers. Watch out for poison oak. Leaves of three (and smooth stems), let it be! Want to join me on a flower walk?

Want help with an ID? Email me at drdifiori@gmail.com.



Coast Tarweed (*Madia sativa*).



Seaside Daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*).

Joe O'Connor is a retired professor of ecology with an avid interest in local plants, mushrooms, and natural history. He's also a docent at the California Academy of Sciences. A long-time resident of 26th Street, O'Connor is working on a guide to San Francisco wildflowers.



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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular feature of the Noe Valley Voice, introducing new stores and businesses in the neighborhood. This month, we profile a shop on 24th Street named after a movie star.

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Taking full advantage of her clothing boutique's petite floor plan, Shop Monroe owner Joanne Kim has curated a unique fashion collection at affordable prices.

The layout resembles an extended walk-in closet, with a dressing room in the back tucked under the staircase to the apartments above the storefront. The shop's wood floor has a warm tone, while the walls are painted a dark sky blue.

Kim opened the business last August following the shuttering of bath products purveyor Common Scents. Its name pays homage to one of her favorite movie stars.

"I really adore Marilyn Monroe, and she was a big fashion icon back in the '60s. I was inspired by her and her fashion sense, and that's why my store was named after her," Kim explained.

The *Voice* caught up with Kim via Facebook in mid-June while she was visiting family in Canada's Niagara region, where she grew up. She moved to San Francisco about 10 years ago and lived in the Castro but now resides in Noe Valley on Elizabeth Street not far from her store. The owner of Top Dog Boutique & Grooming on Geary Street, Kim felt Noe Valley was the right location to open a women's clothing store as her second business.

"I fell in love with the attraction of this little town. It is a friendly neighborhood where the people are very genuine," wrote Kim, adding of the environs in Noe Valley and the Castro, "it's so amazing to see the differences between the two, even though they are right beside each other."

She has found that her clothing store's best-selling items are jewelry, scarves,



Employee Min Park shows off some of the summery styles at Shop Monroe, 24th Street's new clothing addition.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

and lingerie, "as well as chic clothing." She carries a variety of rings (\$10-\$13) and bracelets (\$9) as well as a smaller selection of bras and underwear (most priced \$18).

The majority of the items she carries are priced less than \$60. Jackets range in styles from a trench coat (\$42) to a leather bomber jacket (\$46). There are a variety of cocktail dresses (\$32-\$36) and sweaters (\$26 and under).

"The clothing that we sell is not the typical thing in style, but a selection of clothing that is basic that fits everyone's needs," wrote Kim, who is in her mid-40s.

Shop Monroe offers a range of headwear, from straw sunhats (\$22) to baseball caps (\$22). Also among the items are different brands of denim jeans, including Monkey Ride (\$45) and Sneak Peek (\$39), or ripped jean shorts from Special

A Los Angeles (\$34).

A line of comical tank tops by Bear Dance (\$18) features cats seen playing beer pong and small dog breeds like pugs and Chihuahuas doing yoga poses or warning others not to mess with them.

The store often runs special promotions and sales. In June, most of the clothing was 40 percent off. Business is particularly brisk on weekends, wrote Kim.

"On weekdays, the flow of customers is pretty average," she noted, "but on weekends, it can be very busy and have many walkers due to the [Saturday farmers] market."

The store is open Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. It is closed on Tuesday.

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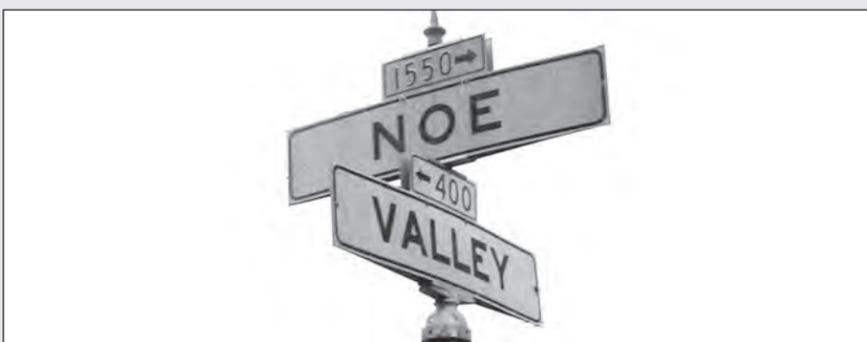


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Sun Worship: Families beat the heat on the cool grass, filling the field with activity on a Sunday morning in June. *Photo by Chris Faust*

Kids, Help Paint a Mural at the Rec Center

Upper Noe Recreation Center is bustling with activity this summer. Expanded hours means the park is open Monday through Sunday and visitors can play outdoors or in the auditorium or gym every afternoon of the week. Basketball day camps rule the courts on weekday mornings. Tot classes take a break during summer, but kids still have a lot to do.

For one thing, they're invited to help paint a mural at the center on Saturday, July 22. The event, which is co-sponsored by Upper Noe Neighbors and Little Artistas, will run all day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Upcoming projects for Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center include efforts to repave the tennis and basketball courts next year and a movie night this fall. To check out the FNVRC newsletter and get updates on the schedule of classes and events, visit www.noevalleyrecenter.com. If you'd like to get involved in landscaping or other projects, call 415-970-8061 or drop by the rec center office at 295 Day St. Ladybug Gardeners hold work parties on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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

Open Gym 1:30-4:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

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

Open Gym 3:30-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register 10-11 a.m.
Pickleball (all ages) 1:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
QuickStart Tennis (age 8-13) 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tennis Intermediate/Advanced (18+) 6-7 p.m.
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Open Gym 1:30-5 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play 3-4 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates all levels (18+) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Qi Gong for Seniors (55+) 1-3 p.m.
Little Kickers (ages 4-7) 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Karate Kids (ages 6-12) 5:30-6:30 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 4-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*
Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Pickleball (all ages) 1:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+) 1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE
Zumba (family) 5:30-6:30 p.m. — Drop-in only. FREE
Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+) 6:45-7:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym 1:30-5 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play 1-4 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates all levels (18+) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jiu-Jitsu (formerly Combat Athletics) (age 8-16) 4:30-6 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 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play 12-4:30 p.m.*
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels) 9:15-10:15 a.m.
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July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26: 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.

July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 7:30 to 10 pm; refreshments available. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

July 1-30 & Aug. 1-29: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

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

July 1-31 & Aug. 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.

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

July 2 & 16; Aug. 6 & 20: 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.

July 2-30 & Aug. 6-27: 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.

July 3-31 & Aug. 1-31: CJ Blackman of Precision Fitness leads BOOTCAMP on the Square, Tuesdays and Thursdays

at 4:30 pm. Noe Valley Town Square, 24th & Vicksburg.

July 4-Aug. 5: SF WOMEN ARTISTS present "Abstracted," a juried all-media exhibit. Reception July 6, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

July 4 & Sept. 3 & 4: The SF MIME TROUPE opens its 58th season with the musical "Walls." 1:30 pm. Dolores Park. sfmt.org.

July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: John McClean Wolf leads SACRED YOGA at Holy Innocents. 7-8:15 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. holyinsf.org.

July 5 & 19: Children 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 6:30-7:30 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

July 5 & Aug. 2: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBTHistory.org.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: 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.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesdays, 4 to 7 pm, through November. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: 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.



Look for the chicken, and something to read, on Cesar Chavez Street.

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July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: History group Shaping San Francisco offers free PUBLIC TALKS on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. 518 Valencia. foundsf.org.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

July 6: Folio Books hosts a PAJAMA PARTY and story time with Elizabeth Crane. 6 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

July 6 & Aug. 3: Liz Stone, Drew Harmon, Ruby Gill, and Yuri Kagan perform COMEDY GOLD on the first Thursday of the month. 9:30 pm. Valley Tavern, 4054 24th. 285-0674; lizziestone@gmail.com.

July 6, 13 & 20; Aug. 3, 10, 17 & 31: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 6-27 & Aug. 3-31: Bring your storehouse of knowledge to TRIVIA NIGHT on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

July 7 & Aug. 4: Ian Stallings Design GALLERY features a new artist opening on the first Friday of the month, with a 6 to 8 pm reception. 3848 24th. ianstallings.com.

July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett bookstore. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25: Chris Sequeira leads a free Friday KARAOKE for adults gathering at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061.

July 8: City Guides offers a WALK focusing on Noe Valley's working-class roots. 2-4 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 8: James Lee Stanley and Wishing & Bone perform at 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. noevalleymusicseries.com.

July 8 & Aug. 12: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on second Saturdays. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

July 8 & Aug. 12: 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.

July 8 & Aug. 12: Natural Resources offers an ongoing opportunity to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

July 9: Samuel Peaches' Perapatetic Players performs "SHAKESPEARE, or Space Wars," at the Noe Valley Town Square; bring your own seating and snacks. 1-3 pm. 3862 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

July 9: LIEDER ALIVE! hosts a concert by Anthony Reed and John Parr, in their Liederabend Series. 5 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. liederalive.org.

July 9 & 23; Aug. 13 & 27: Noe Valley political action group ACTION SF meets from 3 to 5 pm at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. actionsfsolidarity@gmail.com.

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

July 11: CHARITY KAHN leads songs and dance for all ages at the Noe Valley Library. 2-3 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 11: The Noe Valley Library hosts a workshop by Rachel Fleischman, "SELF-HEALING through Creativity, Mindfulness, and Motion." 6:30-8 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 11 & Aug. 8: PFLAG meets at the Women's Building, 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsf.org.

July 11-25 & Aug. 1-29: The Eureka Valley Library tells TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

July 13: Kirsten Shockey discusses Fiery Ferments: 70 Stimulating Recipes for HOT SAUCES.... 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 13 & Aug. 10: The GLBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

July 14: The Noe Valley Library screens the 1949 FILM Heiress. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 15: The Garden for the Environment offers a workshop, "The EDIBLE GARDEN." 10 am-noon. 7th at Lawton. Register at bit.ly/GFEediblejuly. 558-8246; gardenfortheenvironment.org.

July 15 2017 FILM NIGHT in the Park shows Beauty and the Beast (1991). Dusk, Union Square. sfntf.squarespace.com.

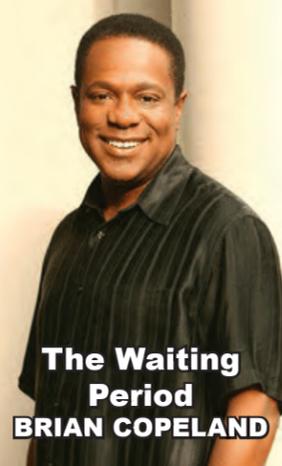
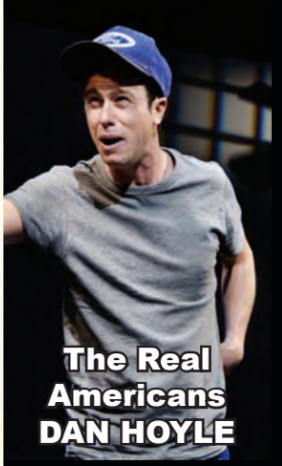
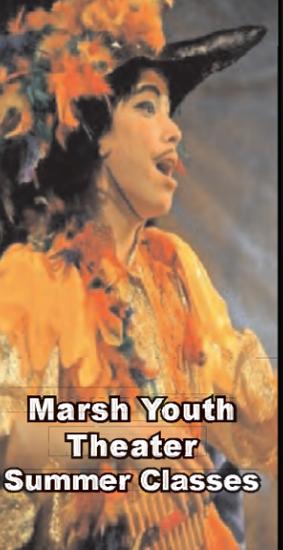
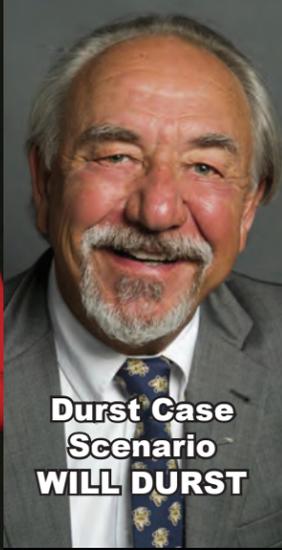
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July 16: Charlie's Corner Bookstore hosts an all-day Brain Freeze ICE CREAM LAB with stories and science experiments. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

July 16: BINGO games at the Noe Valley Town Square run from 4 to 7 pm; bring your own seating and snacks. 3862 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

July 17: RICHARD MAY introduces Inhuman Beings, and Wayne Goodman discusses Better Angels at a launch party at Folio Books. 7 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

July 18: Celebrate International Mandela Day at Folio Books with a conversation with Mills College Professor Ajuan Mance. 7 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

July 19: The Flying Angels perform CHINESE DANCE at the Noe Valley Library. 11 am-noon. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 19: Miss Catherine leads a BUTTON-MAKING workshop for ages 5 and up. 3-4 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 19: Julia Sherman introduces SALAD for President: A Cookbook Inspired by Artists. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 19: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads The Humbling by Philip Roth. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 19: The group Upper Noe Neighbors hosts reps from Friends of the Urban Forest at their 7 pm meeting. Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. 756-4455; uppernoeneighbors.com.

July 20 & Aug. 17: Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 5 pm. SF Police Academy Community Room, 350 Amber. 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

July 21: Community Music Center hosts a Summer of Love 50th Anniversary SING-ALONG at the SF Botanical Garden. 4 pm. 1199 9th Ave. 647-6015; sfcmc.org.

July 21: Kristin Henry, founder of GalaxyGoo, brings the Cell Project to the BOOKWORMS Club. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477, eventbrite.com/e/bookworms-club-tickets-25485102628.

July 21 & Aug. 18: The Randall Museum offers a walk around Corona Heights Park, "BIRDING the Hill." 8 am. Meet in the parking lot, 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

July 22: The Older Women's League (OWL) hosts a Summer of Love GARDEN PARTY; bring a dish to share and a story from the 1960s. 11 am. 555 Ellis Street Family Apartments garden. 712-1695; owl.org.

July 22: The SF Civic Music Association performs "An Afternoon of CHAMBER MUSIC" at the Noe Valley Ministry. 3-4:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. sfmusic.org.

July 22: Merle "Ian Shoals" Kessler hosts An Evening of Song on the topic "The Recent Unpleasantness." 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

July 23: The Noe Valley Town Square offers free barbeque and ice cream, plus music by Skillet Licorice. 4-7 pm. 3862 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

July 24-28: HARRY POTTER WEEK at Charlie's Corner includes activities, stories, and snacks. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

July 25: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of every other month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

July 25: Lynn Downey discusses "Levi Strauss: The Man Who Gave Blue Jeans to the World" at the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 24th & Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

July 25 & Aug. 22: Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Social hour 6 pm; program 6:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. ToddsDavid@gmail.com



The San Francisco Mime Troupe presents performances of WALLS on July 4th at 2:00 p.m. in Dolores Park and August 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Glen Park.

July 26 & Aug. 23: 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.

July 27: Patricia Tanumihardja discusses Farm to Table ASIAN SECRETS, featuring vegan and vegetarian recipes. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 27 & Aug. 24: 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.

July 28 & Aug. 25: HERCHURCH offers a Women's Drumming Circle the fourth Friday of the month. 6-7:30 pm. 678 Portola. 731-2953; herchurch.org.

July 29: Children 4 to 8 can build a fort using BIG BUILDER sets at the Noe Valley Library. 10-11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 29: A rep from the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET discusses vendors and produce. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 29: Brittany Wood Nickerson introduces Recipes from the HERBALIST's Kitchen. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 29 & Aug. 26: Volunteer at JURI COMMONS 9 am to noon, with coffee and pastries. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th. RSVP to meetup.com/juri-commoners.

July 30: Historian Evelyn Rose leads a walk, "Cowbells in the Spring, a HISTORY of Fairmount Heights." 10 am-12:30 pm. Meet at the Walter Haas Playground, Addison Street. Reserve at glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

July 30: The Main Library hosts a free screening of the documentary HEALTHCARE for Everyone, prior to a panel discussion. 1-4 pm. Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin. 557-4460; sfpl.org.

Aug. 1: Alison Faith Levy's Big Time TOT ROCK performs at the Noe Valley Library. 2-3 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 2: The Noe Valley Library hosts a CRAFT WORKSHOP for adults to make a notebook from vintage postcards. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

Aug. 3: CREATIVITY EXPLORED hosts an six-person exhibit, "Exposed." Reception Aug. 3, 7-9 pm; Mon.-Fri., 10 am-6 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Aug. 5: 2017 FILM NIGHT in the Park shows Footloose (1984). Dusk, Dolores Park. sfntf.squarespace.com.

Aug. 8: The Noe Valley Library hosts a workshop to craft and launch PAPER AIRPLANES, for ages 5 and up. 3-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 11: The Noe Valley Library screens the 2008 FILM Iron Man. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 12: The SF MIME TROUPE performs "Walls" at 1:30 pm. Glen Park, Elk & Chenery. sfmt.org.

Aug. 12: The Noe Valley Library hosts an introduction to LEARNING EXPRESS, a resource offering online classes. 2:30-3:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 16: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads God's Hotel by Victoria Sweet. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 17: The Noe Valley WINE WALK runs from 4 to 8 pm along 24th from Church to Diamond. For tickets and info: sresproductions.com.

Aug. 19: Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff discusses early FOOD CO-OPs in her book Other Avenues Are Possible. 2:30-4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 26: ASF Tenants Union Attorney J. Scott Weaver leads an EVICTION WORKSHOP. 1-2 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 26: A NEON WALKING TOUR, "Market-Mission-Castro," runs from 5 to 7 pm; start location is given with reservation at neonbook.xyz.

Aug. 27: The second annual SQUARE DANCE and pie-eating contest at the Noe Valley Town Square runs from 4 to 7 pm. 3862 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Aug. 29: Paul Drexler discusses "Con Artists of San Francisco" at the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 24th & Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

September Remember

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **September 2017** issue, distributed the first week of September. The deadline for items is August 15. Email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com.



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ADULTS AND TEENS

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Learn how to knit or crochet or bring your latest project on the first Saturday of every month; the library has supplies to practice on. Saturdays, July 1 and Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AAC Conversation Club: Users of Alternative and Augmentative Communication devices, such as Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, and Talk Bar, as well as smartphone and tablet applications, meet to practice on Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

City Guides Noe Valley Walking Tour: In this "Summer Stride Special Edition" walking tour, find out about the valley's working-class roots and historic secrets. Saturday, July 8, 2 to 4 p.m.

eReader and Online Resource "Drop-In": Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN, and any passwords you might need for downloading apps, to an informal workshop on using the SFPL's digital resources, including the library catalog and databases, Flipster and Zinio for magazines, OverDrive and Axis360 for eBooks, and hoopla for movies, music, and audiobooks. Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Self-Healing Through Creativity, Mindfulness, and Motion: Rachel Fleischman leads an experiential workshop to help you reduce stress and promote calm, joy, and balance. Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco, meets to talk about outstanding works of writing. For information, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesdays, July 12 and Aug. 9, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The library screens the 1949 film *Heiress*, about a wealthy girl (Olivia de Havilland) who falls in love with a penniless man (Montgomery Clift). Friday, July 14, 2-4 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month's selection is *The Humbling* by Philip Roth. Find copies of the book at the library's circulation desk. Wednesday, July 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Farmers Market Presentation: A rep from the popular Saturday morning market discusses its vendors, gives shopping suggestions, and tells what's in season. There will also be samples of seasonal fruits and vegetables for you to try. Saturday, July 29, 2 to 3 p.m.

Adult Craft Night: Make a notebook from the library's collection of vintage postcards; all materials will be supplied. Sign up by calling 415-355-5707 or ask at the information desk. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday Matinee: A wealthy industrialist is held captive in enemy territory and escapes by building a high-tech suit of armor. When he returns home, he decides to save the world, in the 2008 film *Iron Man*. Friday, Aug. 11, 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn New Skills with Learning Express: This free resource offers online classes and practice tests that can help you learn skills such as Excel, Adobe Illustrator, resume writing, math, reading, citizenship, and GRE, GED, and Civil Service tests. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: The August selection is *God's Hotel* by Victoria Sweet. Copies of the book are held at the circulation desk for checkout. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Legacy of the People's Food System: Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff screens a DVD showing footage of early co-op days in San Francisco, and discusses her book *Other Avenues Are Possible*. Saturday, Aug. 19, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Eviction Workshop: San Francisco Tenants Union attorney J. Scott Weaver answers questions about tenants' rights at a free workshop. Saturday, Aug. 26, 1 to 2 p.m.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

Plenty of Summer

Our neighborhood librarians would like to remind you it's not too late to sign up for the SFPL's all-ages Summer Reading event, which runs through Aug. 20. Using the library's nifty tracking guide, you can record how much you read (20 hours total—for children, teens, or adults). Once you've reached your goal, come into the branch to pick up a book bag designed by Vermont-based artist/author Lizi Boyd. To sign up, or to get more details including news about the weekly raffle, go to sfpl.org/summerread. Pop by any branch, up to one time per day per location, to enter the raffle.

Meanwhile, take a look at the summer reading selections below, offered by Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children's Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library. Highlights include a novel about a present-day neurosurgeon sent back in time to medieval Italy, a guide to Europe's national parks, and a storybook about a princess who made friends with an alligator.

To check on their availability—or on the library's collection of CDs, DVDs, and garden bounty—call 415-355-5707 or stroll over to the Noe Valley branch, at 451 Jersey St. Also, don't forget: the library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Adult Fiction

- A narcissistic matriarch pits her children against one another in the "darkly hilarious" *Mother Land*, by Paul Theroux.
- In *What My Body Remembers*, a thriller by Danish writer Agnete Friis, a woman confronts her troubled past.
- A modern neurosurgeon is mysteriously transported to medieval Italy in *The Scribe of Siena* by Melodie Winawer.
- In *Every Wild Heart* by Meg Donohue, a mother and daughter search for harmony and understanding in the face of danger.

Adult Nonfiction

- *Hugh Johnson on Wine: Good Bits From 55 Years of Scribbling* includes selections from the author's books and articles.
- Lonely Planet's *National Parks of Europe* by Abigail Blasi gives the essentials for visits to 60 parks.
- Judith Miller describes the design styles of the 1920s and '30s and includes biographies of the most popular makers, in *Miller's Art Deco: Living With the Art Deco Style*.
- *Where on Earth: A Guide to Specialty Nurseries and Gardens in California*, by Nancy Conner, is organized by 12 geographic regions, each with its own distinctive climate.

eBooks

- Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Refugees*, a collection of short stories about immigrants, follows up his 2016 Pulitzer Prize novel *The Sympathizer*.
- In the thriller *I See You*, by Clare Mackintosh, a woman searches for her stalker.
- Stephan Talty explains the origins of the Mafia in America in *The Black Hand: The Epic War Between a Brilliant Detective and the Deadliest Secret Society in American History*.
- In *France, Inspiration Du Jour*, Rae Dunn includes watercolors, photographs, and notes from her travels.

Audio / eAudio Books

- Stella Grey examines the perils of looking for love in *Mid-Life Ex-Wife: A Diary of Divorce, Online Dating, and Second Chances*.
- In the true story *The Lost City of the Monkey God*, Douglas J. Preston and a team of scientists search the Honduran rain forest for the sacred city.
- Beth Underdown's novel *The Witchfinder's Sister* was inspired by Matthew Hopkins, the notorious "Witchfinder General" in 17th-century England.

- In *Miss Burma*, a novel based on stories passed down from her mother and grandparents, Charmaine Craig reveals the history of Burma.

Children's Fiction

- Each neighbor in a tall city building wonders what's going on in the apartment above, in *Noisy Night*, written by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Brian Biggs. Ages 2 to 6.
- If Jameson wants to be in his cousin's wedding, he won't be able to wear his favorite green pants, in *Green Pants*, written and illustrated by Kenneth Kraegel. Ages 4 to 7.
- *Fantastic Flowers*, written in rhyme by Susan Stockdale, includes the author's paintings of the things certain flowers resemble, next to their photos. Ages 4 to 8.
- A new Wilcox and Griswold mystery, *The Case of the Poached Egg*, was written by Robin Newman and illustrated by Deborah Zemke. Ages 4 to 8.
- A castle-bound princess goes on outdoor adventures with an amphibian in *Princess Cora and the Crocodile*, written by Newbery medalist Laura Amy Schlitz and illustrated by Caldecott medalist Brian Floca. Ages 6 to 9.
- In *Ms. Bixby's Last Day*, by John David Anderson, students show their appreciation for a special teacher. Ages 8 to 12.
- Peregrine tries to heal her broken country in *The Lost Kingdom of Bamarre*, a fantasy by Gail Carson Levine, author of *Ella Enchanted*. Ages 8 to 14.
- In Melanie Crowder's *Three Pennies*, a girl in foster care tries to find her birth mother. Ages 9 to 12.
- A 12-year-old girl who has no idea how she turned up alone at sea in a rowboat is on a mission in *The Voyage to Magical North*, Claire Fayers' debut book in the Accidental Pirates series. Ages 11 to 13.

Annotations by Noe Valley Voice bookworm Karol Barske

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
Mission Branch Library 300 Bartlett St., 355-2800						
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Glen Park Branch Library 2825 Diamond St., 355-2858						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Eureka Valley-Harvey Milk Branch Library 1 José Sarria Ct. (3555 16th St.), 355-5616						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Miss Catherine presents **Toddler Tales** with books, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 16 months through 2 years and their caregivers. Thursdays, July 6, 13 & 20 and Aug. 3, 10, 17 & 31, at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Join **Charity Kahn** of the award-winning family music group Charity and the JAMband for an afternoon of song and dance with themes of peace, celebration of all life, mindfulness, and care for the earth. Tuesday, July 11, 2 to 3 p.m. All ages welcome.

Flying Angels Chinese Dance: Enjoy a performance of traditional and contemporary Chinese dance by the Flying Angels Dance Company. Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. to noon. For all ages.

Join Miss Catherine for **Button-Making** using the library's button machine; cut out images from magazines or draw your own picture. Wednesday, July 19, 3 to 4 p.m. For ages 5 and up.

Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films is a showing of short vintage films for children 3 to 5 years. Thursdays, July 27 and Aug. 24, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 4 to 8 can **Build a Fort** using cool Big Builder sets. No construction experience needed, just your imagination. Saturday, July 29, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Playing guitar and accordion, **Alison Faith Levy's Big Time Tot Rock** engages audiences in all kinds of dancing, spinning, singing, and silliness. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2 to 3 p.m. All ages.

Paper Airplane Crafting and Launching: Make different types of planes, test them outdoors, and learn about the laws of aerodynamics. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 3 to 4 p.m. Ages 5 and up.

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.



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By Michael Blake

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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

Quacking Up

By Mazook

WHAT THE DUCK? Noe Valley may have joined an international protest in the early morning of Friday, June 23, when hundreds of rubber ducks, bathtub size, appeared on the steps of the very steep 22nd Street hill between Church and Vicksburg.

That morning, my path to coffee and work took me down 22nd Street, one of the 10 steepest streets in San Francisco (with a 31.5 percent grade). As I crossed Vicksburg and drove slowly down the hill, I could not believe what I saw: a little rubber ducky sitting on each of the 149 steps on the south side, looking out at the fantastic view. As I descended, I saw the ducks were also on each step of the north side of 22nd Street, and more ducks turned the corner at Church to surround Mona Caron's *Botanical Mural*.

After reaching Church Street, I immediately parked my car and checked to see that I was okay to get coffee, rather than go to my doctor and tell him about my hallucinatory visions.

Things got even more interesting when I crossed the street and looked down the hill to Chattanooga Street. There was another brood of ducks all the way down the hill.

What was amazing, when I revisited the hill that night, was that very few of the fowl had flown (or been stolen), and when I came back the following morning, the ducks that had been missing seemed to have returned to their place on the sidewalk.

In an email to the *Voice* that arrived just after press time, Church Street resident Daniel C Murphy described the scene from his and others' perspective.

"On June 23, early risers in Noe Valley were amused to see hundreds of yellow rubber ducks stretched out in long orderly lines near the intersection of 22nd and Church streets," Murphy wrote. "J-car riders could look up the steep 22nd Street hill to see the parade of ducks extend into infinity, or at least to Vicksburg Street...." His daughter, Georgia Murphy, supplied some great photos. Thank you.

So, who did this and why? I wish I could tell you. Neither Murphy nor I had a clue as to who crafted this conceptual art piece.

However, Murphy offered a very plausible why: "Perhaps the answer could be found in a recent article in the *Bloomberg News*, which pointed out that rubber ducks have become a symbol of protest in Russia (*Bloomberg News*, March 28, 2017, 'The Yellow Rubber Duck Is a Potent Protest Symbol')."

The article, by *Bloomberg* columnist Leonid Bershidsky, describes how the yellow duck has appeared "in diverse countries, for diverse reasons," over the last two years.

Bershidsky writes that "Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic was in Moscow [in March] when protesters carrying images of a yellow rubber duck marched against top-level corruption."

Also, according to Bershidsky, residents of Belgrade in 2015 opposed a "\$3.8 billion riverfront development that would block some of the city's best views. The protesters, carrying yellow rubber ducks, said they didn't want the riverfront taken over by the rich and the river turned into their private pond."

In addition, last year the yellow duck became a symbol of protest against the allegedly corrupt administration of President Dilma Rousseff in Brazil.

However, there seems to be a bit of dissonance, Bershidsky points out. "This use of the image enraged Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman, who has floated giant rubber ducks in harbors and rivers around the world as a message of goodwill, turning bodies of water into giant baths with a toy for everyone."

So, the Noe Valley duck demonstration remains a mystery. Was it a protest or a message of goodwill?



PLUG IN, TURN ON, POWER OUT: We now have a vacancy at 4049 24th St., where

Radio Shack was ensconced for over 30 years. Before that, a five and dime store called Meyer's Variety sat in that location (1965-84).

As for Radio Shack, "I thought they were finished back in 2015, and then they went through their first bankruptcy and seemed to be really struggling," says building owner Diane Connell. "But they hung on until Sprint closed. Then the second bankruptcy came earlier this year [and Radio Shack opted out of the lease]." By the end of May, the Shack was shuttered, so to speak.

Connell says she has seen a lot of interest in the space. "I was a bit surprised that so many want a long-term lease," she said. The possible uses include restaurants, juice bars, beauty salons (yes, several), a clothing store, and a ceramics gallery. "I have told those who might be interested to go down to City Hall and see what they will require for their [respective] businesses, and then give me their proposals." If you drop by the store, you will see her telephone number on the For Lease sign.

The store is about 2,000 square feet, and the rent will run "about \$9,000 a month," according to Connell. She said she'd wait until the end of the summer to evaluate the proposals. Hopefully, a lease will be signed sometime in the fall.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Item One: there has been a change in management and a new name for Savor Open Kitchen, 3913 24th St. The restaurant has kept many of the old dishes and added some new items to the menu. New hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekends they're open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

According to manager Charlie Sirhed, "We had a soft opening on Thursday, June 22, and many people have come by and welcomed us and were happy that they saw their favorites on the new menu."

Since some of you have been going to Savor since the mid-1990s, you will be happy to know that the omelets and scrambles, sandwiches, salads, and pastas are still the same. New to the menu are variations of "two eggs any style" dishes, burgers, and pizza. By the way, Savor continues to be one of the only, if not the only, eateries in Downtown Noe Valley that still serves Peer-



Duck Mystery: Neighbors awoke Friday, June 23, to discover a row of rubber ducks filling the west side of Church Street between 22nd and Hill streets. Ducks also marched up 22nd Street from Chattanooga to Vicksburg. Some witnesses reported the bath toys began to disappear as the day went on. Others said reinforcements soon arrived. Still, no one revealed the creator of this design, nor of a similar duck display at 21st and Castro on May 21. Whoever it is, we love you. Come forward and we'll start digging the pond.

Photo by Georgia Murphy



Over the Hill: Here's a look at Castro Cable car no. 7, as it spun on the turntable at Castro and 26th streets. The only passengers on this day in 1940 were a couple of newsboys delivering the *San Francisco News*. The Castro Cable line, which ran up and over Castro between 18th and 26th streets starting in the 1880s, was powered from a car house at Castro and Jersey. Sadly, its last day was April 5, 1941.

Photo courtesy David Gallagher and OpenSFHistory.org

less Coffee.

Item Two: At the other end of the culinary spectrum and at the end of last month, Le Cupboard, with neither fanfare nor sandwich board, opened its doors to the hungry public. This organic food dispensary at 1298 Church St. at 25th, with seating for about 20, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The building is historic, and housed a bar serving Irish whiskey and house beer from the 1890s till Prohibition.

Le Cupboard took over the space earlier this year and expanded the already expansive kitchen area as a catering kitchen, according to founder and president of this non-profit corporation Lamiaa Bounahmidi. "We are finding that many companies are bringing our foods instead of having a cafeteria," she says. "We are currently preparing over a thousand meals a day. [Our menu is] now available for people in the neighborhood to order ahead of time and pick up their meal. We like to think that we are preparing preventative healthcare food.

"We were very happy to open our doors to the public, and things are going very well. We are seeing a lot of people in the neighborhood are into what is happening here," Bounahmidi says.

On the breakfast and snack menu, there

are six items—things like Le Santorini, a 276-calorie "vanilla-infused chia sprouted barley pudding with strawberries, roasted pistachios, and a drizzle of maple syrup." Or for a snack, Le Versailles, a 341-calorie "plant-based chocolate mousse sprinkled with sea salt, roasted pistachios, and fresh raspberries."

There are also four entrees, including Le Bondi Beach, 484 on the caloric intake scale. It's "cumin-infused Beluga lentils with cherry tomatoes, pickled onions, cashew cheese, Persian cucumber, baby spinach, and pumpkin seeds." The coffee is Andytown Pour Over and the tea is Numi.

"We are going to have events twice a week and will start culinary classes to give people understanding about the food we prepare," says Bounahmidi.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The For Rent sign on the window of Good News, 3920 24th St., has come down, but the building owners won't confirm whether it has been rented. . . . La PanotiQ, which closed its café at 4018 24th St. May 3, is rumored to be looking for someone to sublet the restaurant. . . . The For Rent sign at what used to be See Jane Run at 3910 24th St. is gone, so something might be happening soon. . . . And a For Rent sign has finally been posted on the door of Bom Dia, the prepared foods café and grocery at Sanchez and 29th, which has been closed for about two years. . . . Another For Rent sign has appeared up the hill at 29th and Noe streets, where a dry cleaners existed for years.

The most popular item these days in Just for Fun, according to co-owner David Eiland, are fidget spinners, which he says "are flying out the door." . . . The top three most popular movies at Video Wave, according to owner Colin Hutton, are *Get Out*, *Logan*, and *Hidden Figures*, and the most popular snack is the free popcorn. Favorite ice cream flavor? Caramel Cookie Crunch.

I enjoy a stroll through the newly renovated Noe Courts, but there is no recycling bin for me to use in the park, except in the children's playground. Why? . . . The people who live in that large apartment complex on Clipper Street just above Douglass were shocked last month when their massive juniper tree was cut down, allegedly by the property owner. . . . And then there's the rumor that as a result of the pending sale of Nutraceutical, the Real Food Company space at 3935-39 24th St. will be sold and redeveloped as affordable housing (over retail), this after almost 14 years of that space sitting idle. All I can say is I'll believe it when I see it.



LASTLY, BUT NOT LEASTLY: A big thanks to juice and veggie bar Urban Remedy, across from the Noe Valley Town Square at 3870 24th St., for giving their June 24 opening day sales to our Town Square. They rounded off the number to an even \$2,000.

Also, thanks go out to David Gallagher and OpenSFHistory for the wonderful images of Noe Valley they contribute to the *Voice*. This month, we travel back to the days when a cable car went over the Castro Street hill, connecting the people of Noe and Eureka valleys.

Have a great summer vacation, and we'll see you here for the next issue of the *Voice* in September. Ciao.

MORE GROUPS TO JOIN

Al-Anon Noe Valley
 Contact: 834-9940
 Website: www.al-anonsf.org
 Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.
 St. Philip Church, 725 Diamond St. (park on Elizabeth Street side; enter on 24th Street through parking lot)

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

Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association
 Website: www.evna.org
 Address: P.O. Box 14137, SF, CA 94114
 Meetings: See website calendar. Castro Meeting Room, 501 Castro St., 7 p.m.

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

Diamond Heights Community Association
 Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774
 Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131
 Website: www.dhcasf.org
 Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

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

Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)
 Contacts: Deanna Mooney, 821-4045;
 Diane McCarney, 824-0303; or Sally Chew, 821-6235
 Address: 560 Duncan St., SF, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

Fair Oaks Neighbors
 Email: hello@fairoaksneighbors.org
 Address: 200 Fair Oaks St., SF, CA 94110
 Street fair is the day before Mother's Day.

Fairmount Heights Association
 Contact: Kathy Keller, 912-9365
 Email: Kathy.Keller44@gmail.com
 http://fairmount-heights.org
 Meetings: Monthly social mixer and discussion, 350 Amber Drive

Friends of Billy Goat Hill
 Contact: Lisa and Mo Ghotbi, 821-0122
 Website: www.billygoathill.net

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

Friends of Glen Canyon Park
 Contact: Richard Craib, 648-0862, or Jean Connor, 584-8576
 Address: 140 Turquoise Way, SF, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

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

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

Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center (Upper Noe Rec Center)
 Contact: Chris Faust
 Email: info@noevalleyrecenter.com
 Website: www.noevalleyrecenter.com
 Meetings: Email or check website.

Friends of 30th Street Senior Center
 Contact: Marianne Hampton, 601-7845
 Address: 225 30th St., SF, CA 94131
 Meetings: Occasional. Call for details.

Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUNDOG)
 Contacts: Chris Faust, David Emanuel
 Email: info@fundogsf.org
 Website: www.fundogsf.org

Glen Park Association
 Contact: info@glenparkassociation.org
 Website: glenparkassociation.org
 Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131

Juri Commoners
 Contact: Dave Schweisguth, M17-6290
 Email: dave@schweisguth.org
 Website: www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners
 Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noon. Check website.

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association
 Contact: Dr. Lisa Fromer, president
 Email: efromer3@gmail.com
 Meetings: Quarterly. Email for details.

Merchants of Upper Market and Castro
 Contact: 835-8720
 Email: info@castromerchants.com
 Address: 584 Castro St. #333, SF, CA 94114
 Meetings: Call for details.

Noe Neighborhood Council
 Contact: Ozzie Rohm or Matt McCabe, Co-founders
 Email: info@noeneighborhoodcouncil.com
 http://www.noeneighborhoodcouncil.com
 Meetings: Quarterly at Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St., with date published on website and Nextdoor.com.

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

Noe Valley Democratic Club
 Contact: Hunter Stern, 282-9042;
 hls5@ibew1245.com
 Website: noevalleydems.com
 Meetings: Fourth Tuesdays, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., 6:30 p.m.

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

Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)
 Contact: Rachel Swann, 225-7743

Meetings: Last Thursdays, Old Republic, 4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.
 Website: www.NoEvalleyMerchants.com

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

Noe Valley Parents, San Francisco
 Listserv contact: noevalleyparent-owner@yahoogroups.com. Subscribe: noevalleyparentssubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Outer Noe Valley Merchants
 Contact: Jim Appenrodt, 641-1500
 Address: 294 29th St., SF, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

Progress Noe Valley
 Contact: progressnoe@gmail.com
 Website: progressnoe.com
 Meetings announced via Facebook group. See website for details.

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

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

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)
 Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-coordinators Maxine Fasulis, mfasulis@yahoo.com; Carole Roberts, carole_roberts@faludi.com
 http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879
 Meetings: See website for training schedules.

San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets
 Contact: Don Oshiro, 285-8188
 Email: contact@sanjoseguerrero.com
 Website: www.sanjoseguerrero.com
 Meetings: See website.

Upper Noe Neighbors
 Contact: Olga Milan-Howells, 756-4455
 Email: President@UpperNoeNeighbors.com
 Meetings: Bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day St. Next meeting July 19, 7 p.m.

*All phone numbers are in the 415 area code.

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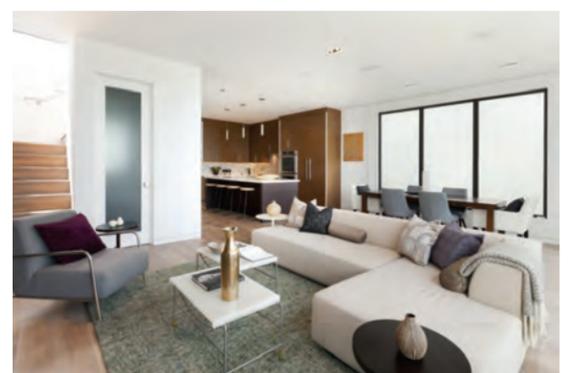
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