New Sand Poured, Gravel for Dog Run Coming Next
Friends Groups Lobby for Repairs to Upper Noe Rec
By Matthew S. Bajko

Ten years ago this September, dog owners and their canine companions christened an upgraded dog run area at the Upper Noe Recreation Center. Known as Joby’s Run, the play space for neighborhood pooches sported better entrance-ways, new foliage, and a special surface material that didn’t leave paws dirty.

Barbara Amato regularly brings her 6-year-old mini-Australian shepherd, Annie Oakley, to the dog run. She told the Voice that the dog run “has been a wonderful park” since its restoration in 2008.

A core group of volunteers, she added, has watched over the run.

“It is a gathering place, like a little village here,” said Amato.

But the dog park is now showing its age due to a decade of use and of weathering the elements. The irrigation system needs repairs, and most significantly, the granite scattered around the dog run has worn away and needs to be replaced.

The Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUNDOG) estimates the work will cost roughly $10,000. It has been lobbying the city’s Recreation and Park Department to allocate funding for the repairs so the upgrades can be in place prior to the 10th anniversary of the rec center’s rebirth this fall.

“We get off people’s radar is keeping up this park,” said Chris Faust, who has his father’s last name, was not as talkative as other children his age or name, they may feel bad about themselves,” said Katz. “In making their decision if they should come in, we want it “easy” to learn.

It is not uncommon for children as young as 2 to have difficulty pronouncing their name, Katz feels may be embarrassed or upset with their inability to say certain letters, Katz feels it often makes sense for them to start speech therapy at an earlier age.

When a kid is asked how old they are and what their name is, if they can’t say their age or name, they may feel bad about themselves,” said Katz. “In making that decision if they should come in, we have several questions we go through with the parents. Even if our gut decision is to wait and the parent is concerned, that itself is important. We want to give that

Jennifer Katz’s Talking Points
Speech Therapist Helps Children Learn Their ABCs
By Matthew S. Bajko

For Kai Diamond, it was a frustration he encountered nearly every day. When asked what his name was, the 4-year-old would stumble over the first letter of his first name.

So, rather than saying Kai, he would pronounce his name as Tai.

“It is kind of hard when your name is Kai and you can’t do the K sound,” said his mother, Melissa Barger.

At age 2, Kai, who has his father’s last name, was not as talkative as other children. He had only eight words, recalled Barger, so the couple took Kai to speech language pathologist Jennifer Katz’s practice in Noe Valley on the recommendation of the family’s pediatrician.

Outside of the therapy sessions, Kai would be given homework to do to help him improve his vocabulary.

“When we would be playing, I would prompt him with certain words,” recalled Barger. “If we were playing with train tracks, I would try to say the word ‘track’ and wait until he said ‘track.’ He graduated out of that pretty quickly. He got a burst of language, so we stopped going.”

Since the earlier sessions were successful, Barger brought Kai back last fall when she noticed he was having difficulty pronouncing his name. Kai also would struggle with the letter G when talking.

Within weeks of working again with his speech therapist, Kai had mastered both letters.

In February, when a reporter asked him to name his favorite word, Kai said his first name, “Kai.” As for whether he liked seeing his speech therapist, he smiled and nodded yes, though he didn’t like the voice on his parents’ cellphones. When it came to sounding out the alphabet and practicing his speech, Kai said he found it “easy” to learn.

It is not uncommon for children as young as 3 to have difficulty pronouncing certain letters, Katz, 46, who has been advising Noe Valley families for a dozen years.

Many struggle to properly pronounce the letters R and S, even as old as 5 or 6 years of age, she said. Eventually, they will master the consonants without the need of seeing a speech therapist.

“The general rule of thumb,” said Katz, “is a child at age 3 should be 75 percent intelligible with their speech to people they don’t know. By age 4, 90 percent of what they say should be easy to understand. If they aren’t meeting those thresholds, they may need to see a speech therapist, said Katz.

“So, if you are at the park and are still playing translator, that is a reason to call,” she said. “Any loss of language is a reason to call. For me, so much of it is maintaining a child’s self-confidence.”

In instances like Kai’s, when a child may be embarrassed or upset with their inability to say certain letters, Katz feels it often makes sense for them to start speech therapy at an earlier age.

“When a kid is asked how old they are and what their name is, if they can’t say their age or name, they may feel bad about themselves,” said Katz. “In making that decision if they should come in, we have several questions we go through with the parents. Even if our gut decision is to wait and the parent is concerned, that itself is important. We want to give that

Preschool Owner Loses Home to Wildfires
Outpouring of Support From Noe Community
By Heidi Anderson

Last year, the staff at Moldovan Academy celebrated 10 years by giving back to the community. Each month for 10 months, the school worked to create awareness and encourage support for a deserving Bay Area organization.

Unfortunately, the owner of the preschool would wind up needing a great deal of support too, once the campaign ended.

“I’m here to tell you,” says Kathleen Moldovan, the school’s founder. “I’ve learned first-hand that life is about love.”

Tucked quietly into the Bethany United Methodist Church building on Sanchez Street, Moldovan Academy serves children ages 2 to 5 from Noe Valley and surrounding neighborhoods. The site was established five years ago.

The school’s brightly lit rooms currently

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A Noe Tradition: Kids and Pets. Could it have been Bring a Pet to School Day when this photo was snapped circa 1920 on Elizabeth Street near Douglass, across from then Noe Valley School, now Noe Courts Park? More likely it was Take a Pet Home, Can We Please?

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LETTERS

Politically Energized
Editor:

As a member of ActionSF, our own Noe Valley political action group, I was pleased to see Tim Simmons’ letter on the front page of your March issue (“Activists Take to the Road”). In addition to pursuing specific action items we agree on at every meeting, contacting our Congresspeople (Fenstein, Harris, Pelosi), and meeting our neighbors at the Saturday Farmers Market, we group as a wide array of groups and demonstrations. This group has lots of energy and keeps us from feeling depressed or helpless. The resistance is IN!

Kristin Annunis

Word Week Turns a Page
Editor:

As chair of Noe Valley Word Week, I’d like to thank everyone who came to our eight events March 4-10, the authors and speakers at these events, and the committee which worked since September to make the 2018 festival happen. Kim Shuck, San Francisco Poet Laureate, organized the children’s poetry event, Susan Kroll the Obi-Wan Kanon appearance and Therapy Animals Change Lives, Wayne Goodman Queer Words and International Literary Cuisine, Maxine Einhorn Language & Power: Celebrating International Women’s Day, Mary Jo McDonough and Dani Sheenan-Meyer Memor & Prosecco, and Marylee McNally and Dani Sheenan-Meyer, who worked with me on the Authors Festival, as well as Susan Dambruff, Cara Black, and Brandon Brown, who each provided good ideas and worked to realize them.

Word Week is a project of Friends of Noe Valley. Most of us on the committee are authors who live in the neighborhood. Others work at bookstores. Still others are avid readers.

If you’re interested in helping create the 2019 festival, we begin work this September with brainstorming event ideas. Everyone is welcome. Please contact me at wordweek@noevalleyvoice.com.

All the best,
Rick May

Shooting the Messenger

I am a long-time 21st Street resident who has been having a problem with one of my neighbors. This person, whom I will call “Mark,” is constantly asking me questions about personal things, like where I went to high school or what my favorite kind of turtle is. He claims he wants to “update my profile,” but I have already stood there and turned sideways for him to see for himself. “Mark” insists I must know certain people he mentions and wants me to contact them and ask to be friends with them. When I ignore him, he just keeps on asking, every single day, about the same people.

He wants me to take quizzes that will tell what breed of dog represents my personality, and he asks me for photos of what I had for dinner last night. Then, out of the blue, he suggests I shop for candles at World Market or that I have to stop everything I’m doing and go look at a video of a moose. I never know how to respond, and frankly, I have been avoiding him. Can you help me get “Mark” out of my face?

Sharon Post
Developers Pull, Delay Projects
79 28th and 505 Grand View

By Matthew S. Bajko

Two development projects that have caused consternation in the neighborhood are facing uncertain fates.

The owner of 79 28th St. pulled his permit request to add a backyard extension that was opposed by his neighbors and the current tenants of the house. As the Voice reported in February, Gene Kristul had bought the property with plans to move his family into the house and was in the process of evicting the longtime occupants, Michael and Connie Juarez. But Kristul, president of Saxe Mortgage Company, withdrew his plans in late February. He did not respond to questions on what he now plans to do with the property.

Michael Juarez told the Voice in mid-March that he was unsure of his landlord’s plans and that they were still fighting their eviction notice. Ken Hoegger, the owner of an adjacent property who had contested Kristul’s proposed remodel, also said it was unclear what would now happen with the property.

“I am feeling, whichever way Kristul goes, we are going to fight it,” said Hoegger.

Meanwhile, the owner of 505 Grand View Ave. is seeking more time before returning to the city’s planning commission for approval of his remodel plans. In the fall, the oversight body rejected Otto Miller’s request to add a fourth floor for an owner’s townhouse. It also told his representatives to return March 1 with revised designs for a quartet of new rental units in the apartment building’s lower levels.

The current tenants, as well as the San Francisco Tenants Union, had fought the proposal because it would displace the tenants for a year or more. The planning commissioners shared their concerns and requested that Miller’s architect find a way to seismically upgrade the six-unit, rent-controlled apartment building, constructed in 1961, and build the four additional dwelling units with as little impact on the existing tenants as possible.

The planning commission is expected to revisit the project in June.
We have poor, mentally unstable, addicted human beings living on our streets, it costs our city hundreds of millions a year, and we are still failing to fix the problem. All of us have had enough.

Homelessness is the biggest concern in this upcoming Mayoral election, and it should be. The homeless crisis diverts money and resources away from their primary purposes, while shifting spending and staffing priorities from where they should be.

Police Officers spend their day acting as social workers, when they should be policing. Department of Public Works serves as a disposal company, when its employees should spend their days beautifying the City and maintaining it.

I fixed homelessness before and I will do it again as your next Mayor, because we need to end this crisis now. As Heather Knight's recent SF Chronicle article explained—My Ten-Year Plan moved 11,362 homeless adults into permanent supportive housing.

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"...the city’s “Ten Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness," an initiative begun by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom in 2004 and crafted by a council headed by Alioto.

“By 2014, the city had moved 11,362 homeless single adults into permanent supportive housing. Another 8,806 were given bus tickets home to receptive family members or friends through the city’s Homeward Bound program.

(Hey, any real politician would have taken credit for those, too. Come on, Angela!)

“Obviously, all that effort was great, but it made little dent in the city’s stubborn, increasingly in-your-face homeless population. Alioto says that’s exactly why she wants votes to send her to Room 200 in June.

“She thinks the city’s much-hyped Navigation Centers — more relaxed, service-rich homeless shelters — are OK, but the city needs to focus far more on permanent housing solutions so people don’t wind up back on the streets.

“Or you might as well just throw the money away,” Alioto said, adding she would focus her first 100 days as mayor on cleaning the streets and moving those in tents inside.

“It would be me actually doing the hard work, and it is hard work,” she said.

“Now that would make a good billboard.”

Angela’s experience, drive, and passion to improve the lives of all San Franciscans is unmatched in this race. She will rise above the petty, divisive politics in City Hall and find solutions to the issues that affect all of us.

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Dog Run Needs Spiffing Up, Say Friends

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chairs the stewardship committee for the group Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center (FNVRC). “It is part of the critical first impression for people looking to move here.”

The booster group for the rec center raises funds for the park and assists with its upkeep. It recently raised $1,000 to pay for 11 tons of play sand to refresh the tot lot in the children’s play area in the Sanchez Street side of the property.

Over the years, the Friends and dog owners groups have also raised money to improve Joby’s Run. Two years ago, for instance, they installed a gate to make it easier to keep the dogs in certain sections of the dog park.

The main section is at the end of the recreation center property closest to Church Street. But another, smaller section of the dog run wraps around the athletic field and over to the middle section of the rec center property, which has its main entrance at 295 Day St.

Near the dog park’s internal gate is a shaded sitting area at the end of a wrap-around concrete pathway adjacent to an L-shaped dog play area. Like the larger dog run space, it too is in need of additional granitic material. Without it, puddles of standing water form when it rains and the turf no longer has a protective cover. What’s left is yellow adobe clay, which tends to cling to dogs’ feet.

Extra-Fine Gravel Preferred

While the dog run surface appears to be dirt or sand, it is actually decomposed granite. The Friends group has told rec and park officials that about three inches of a high-quality version of the material, called Ginger Path Fines, is needed to spread around the entire dog run surface area.

“[If we had decomposed granite here, the puddles would be under it, so you could walk over it],” said Faust, as he showed off the conditions of the dog run in the morning of Sunday, March 4, accompanied by his 12-year-old mini-border collie, Grover. “It should be flush with the concrete walkway.”

Dog owners have dubbed the main dog run area “the pig lot” because of the mud puddles that now form there when it rains.

“We are down to the last inch or half-inch of decomposed granite until we get down to the clay,” said Faust.

She said the current conditions are “filthy and slippery. It is not a pleasant atmosphere for anybody. Anybody who goes here gets dirty, both the dogs and the dog owners.”

The Friends group does not want to see rec and park install synthetic turf at Joby’s Run as it is being done at the nearby Walter Haas Dog Play Area up the hill off Diamond Heights Boulevard. They also do not want to see rec and park gardeners apply the red infield mix that is used for baseball bases.

“That red stuff has a lot of clay; it is messy, too light to be stable for our use, and is not a hygienic solution,” Faust explained.

The dog owners prefer the fine granitic material to artificial grass or other types of gravel because they contend it is more sanitary and doesn’t adhere to the paws of the dogs. But for the material to work properly, it needs to be watered on a regular basis.

That became an issue during the recent drought years, although Faust argued it doesn’t require that much water to ensure the decomposed granite is clean and kept in place. The six sprinkler heads in the dog run, however, do not function properly due to an electrical connection issue, he said.

“Twenty minutes, four times a week, would be enough,” Faust said of the watering needs.

A Local Fur Favorite

District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy supports the dogs owners’ fundraising request and brought it up during a meeting March 19 with Recreation and Park general manager Phil Ginsburg. Sheehy told the Voice he is “hopeful” the work can be done by September.

“We are looking specifically to make that happen,” said Sheehy, who lives not that far from the recreation center in Glen Park. “It is a great dog park. There is a community of people and their dogs that make heavy use of that park, so we should keep it in the best position as possible.”

Sheehy said Ginsburg didn’t seem to have heard about the condition of the dog run when he brought it up during their meeting. He added that Ginsburg didn’t raise any objections to the funding request.

Connie Chan, rec and park’s deputy director of communications and public relations, told the Voice a week later the work was scheduled to begin in the spring and should be completed by the fall.

“The Department has been working closely with the Friends of Upper Noe Valley to improve the Dog Play Area,” Chan wrote in an email.

According to Faust, in early March city gardeners did inspect the irrigation system. He also said that Carol Stomkowski, the park services manager who was recently given oversight of the area that includes the Noe Valley rec center, had informed the Friends she was working on getting more decomposed granite for the dog park but wanted to make sure the watering system was working before it was applied.

“We are pleased that she is listening to our input and that she is considering our experience,” Faust said.
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As our rainy season comes to a close, we find we didn’t get the normal amount of precipitation. But though clouds make for dramatic and colorful skies, it’s nice to see a rainbow.

Photo by John Peters
shelter 45 children during the day. Moldovan says she is proud of what she has grown in the neighborhood, and proud of her staff. “Over here is our tiger,” she says, pointing to teacher Wanda Lee. “She gets things done.”

“There’s Summer [Manqueros]. Don’t tell anyone, but I think she’s their favorite,” Moldovan says in a dramatic whisper as she winks at giggling kids. She then points to Haydee Caliboso. “My director. I absolutely could not do this without her.”

“Gone. Completely Gone.”

The night of Oct. 21, 2017, unfolded for Moldovan and her family as it did for thousands of other Sonoma Valley residents. “At 11:30 p.m., my husband Jason and I smelled smoke. We looked online, there was a fire in Napa Valley, and went back to bed.”

Jason woke her up a few hours later. “Honey, come look,” he said. By that time, says Moldovan, they both could see police cars coming up the long hill where they and 14 other families lived.

“The cops said, ‘You guys gotta get out of here.’”

Moldovan, her husband, and her 14-year-old stepson, Dylan, grabbed clothes for the next day, plus a few other things for a night away from home. “Once we got down the hill and saw horse trailers evacuating, I realized much more was happening.”

Moldovan says that night she still figured life would get back to normal in a day or two. But as the firefighting continued for weeks, she realized how not normal things would become. “We have a friend who works for the County of Sonoma,” says Moldovan. “He was working up near our property. He sent us photos. Gone. Completely gone.” Her home of a year and seven months had been completely destroyed.

The family began moving from one hotel room to another to accommodate their dogs and the growing need for long-term housing.

In Survival Mode

Moldovan, who is typically on site at the Noe location three days a week, recalls how understanding her Academy staff were.

“I told them what was happening, and they were just like, ‘Stay up there. You do what you have to. We’ve got this.’”

Nevertheless, she drove down to the school’s open house a few days after her evacuation, stopping in Truckee to buy some clothes to wear for the evening.

“I was in survival mode, you know. I knew I just needed to show up and get it done.”

After that, she settled down enough to email her staff and students’ families to let them know what had happened. And the outpouring of love began.

People immediately started asking what we needed. I checked with my [Sonoma] neighbors to find out what they needed too, and then passed along a list.”

Editor’s Note: Preschool owner Kathleen Moldovan, whose home was destroyed in last fall’s wildfires in Sonoma, sent this letter of gratitude to her school community on Oct. 31, 2017.

Dear Moldovan Families & Teachers:

I am sending you a BIG thank you from all my neighbors and myself for all the donations…. We set up a “women’s and men’s department” with all your donations. Honestly, everyone was completely surprised by how much there was to choose from. They all left with big bags full of clothes, towels, jackets, shoes and other useful things. You guys are all greatly appreciated by everyone here in Santa Rosa!!! THANK YOU!!!

The gathering we had was both healing and helpful. We all came together to help each other with issues regarding the cleanup process, rebuilding and restoring water to our 14-house community. There are about three to four neighbors who are choosing not to rebuild, including our 92-year-old home owned by one of her students’ families—a haven for our frayed nerves,” she calls it—Moldovan set up a “store” for other displaced Sonoma residents.

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Lessons From the Wildfires: Love And Community

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Moldovan Academy owner Kathleen Moldovan takes a quick break in the school’s main room at Bethany Church. She says, thanks to her wonderful staff, the school ran smoothly while she moved her family from hotels to rentals and more, after her Sonoma home was destroyed in the October 2017 Northern California wildfires.

Photo by Heather Anderson

When she got to the school a few days later, the lobby was “a mountain of things. So many things. Socks, towels, suitcases, dishes, sheets, pillows, blankets. Even dental floss.”

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Speech Therapist Jennifer Katz

In her 12 years that Jennifer Katz has been in Noe Valley, she has expanded her practice to include 16 therapists. A new face on the staff is Dorothy the puppy.

In the years that she has been practicing, Katz has had the opportunity to work with children of all ages and abilities. She is known for her ability to connect with children and help them overcome their speech difficulties. Katz has worked with children with a wide range of speech disorders, from mild to severe. She has helped children develop their language skills, improve their pronunciation, and learn to communicate more effectively.

Katz has a passion for helping children and their families. She is committed to providing the best possible care and support to each individual. Katz is always looking for new ways to improve her practice and provide the best possible care for her clients. She is constantly learning and growing as a speech therapist.

Katz is a true expert in her field. She has a deep understanding of the latest research and best practices in speech therapy. She is always up-to-date on the latest developments in the field and is able to tailor her approach to each individual client's needs.

Katz is a true advocate for her clients. She is always looking for ways to empower parents and families to be active partners in their child's speech therapy. She believes that families are an important part of the treatment team and should be involved in all aspects of their child's care.

Katz is a true leader in her field. She is always looking for ways to improve the quality of care and the overall experience for her clients. She is committed to providing the best possible care for each individual and is always looking for ways to improve the care she provides.

Katz is a true role model for other speech therapists. She is always willing to share her knowledge and experience with other therapists. She is always looking for ways to improve the field and is always willing to take on new challenges.

Katz is a true inspiration to others. She is always looking for ways to give back to the community and to help others. She is always looking for ways to improve the care she provides and is always willing to take on new challenges.
The face of home. This 28th Street house was weathered some storms, but remains the shelter and place of hope we all look for.

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Four Super-Luxury Home Sales in February

By Corrie M. Anders

Residential shoppers in Noe Valley, especially those favoring the posh and palatial, purchased 12 single-family detached homes in February.

That number was three times the number sold in January and February a year ago, according to sales data provided to the Noe Valley Voice by Zephyr Real Estate.

There also were more condominium customers this go-round. Six condos changed hands in February this year, compared to three in January and four during February of last year.

Zephyr president Randall Kostick noted there was strong demand this year compared to three in January and four during February of last year.

Kostick said the four big sales came as something of a surprise, because the market for high-end homes—brand-new or lavishly renovated—had seemed to evaporate in recent months. The last $5 million-plus sale in Noe Valley occurred almost a year ago, in May 2017.

“I kind of got the feeling they couldn’t sell those houses at those prices, and things were going down,” Kostick said. “But there are still a few of those buyers out there.”

Most of them got a lot of house for their money, even by Noe Valley standards.

There was only one two-bedroom home among the 12 that sold in February, Kostick said. “Everything else was three, four, and five bedrooms.”

The largest house offered 4,785 square feet of living space. The top seller, a hillside home in the 4300 block of Cesar Chavez Street— with five bedrooms, five baths, and 4,200 square feet of living space—sold for $100,000 above its $5.4 million asking price, after only 10 days on the market.

Located between Diamond and Douglass streets, the house boasted a modern rectangular design that featured light pouring through glass walls, a “great room” leading to a terraced garden, a gourmet kitchen with marble countertops and copious cabinetry, radiant floor heating, two laundry rooms, and decks with bay and downtown views. It had only enough parking for one car, however.

The four luxury home sales pushed the average of Noe Valley home sales in February to $3.6 million, nearly double the $1.9 million average price last year ($1.9 million). But that didn’t necessarily signal a trend—there were only four house sales in the 2017 sample, so be wary of its statistical significance.

Meanwhile, condominium values remained high, with an average sales price in February of $1.6 million. (The average price last year was $2.2 million, but that statistic is even less reliable—one condo in the group of four sold for more than $4 million.)

The most expensive condo in February was a three-bedroom, 2.5-bath unit in the first block of Jersey Street, between Church and Chattanooga streets. Buyers paid the $2.12 million asking price.

The residence was one of two units in a two-story Spanish-Mediterranean building constructed in 1933. The unit had been remodeled, though the entry design and many of the vintage interior features were retained. Highlights of the 2,000-square-foot space were a large living room with period details, high ceilings, handcrafted arched doors and windows, a shared garden, and one-car parking.

The Noe Valley Home Sales*

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The Neve Valley Garden Tour is looking for volunteer garden greeters to work a two-hour shift at one of the eight gardens that will be on beautiful display Saturday, May 19. Volunteers will receive a free ticket to the tour, which runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Greeters will also be invited to a fan orientation on Wednesday, May 16, where food and drink will be provided by Umpqua Bank. Contact Linda Lockyer at Lindalockyer3@gmail.com if you’d like to participate.

A project of the residents group Friends of Noe Valley, the garden tour each year donates proceeds from the event to a green project in the neighborhood. If you know of a deserving project, send a brief description to Lockyer’s email as well. “All green ideas are welcome!” says Friends member Peggy Cling.

**Love and Curry Without Worry**

The soup kitchen Curry Without Worry is celebrating its 10th anniversary in the Noe Valley Town Square with a party on Saturday, April 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. It’s free and open to all.

Shrawan Nepali, who founded the organization in 2006, says the event will feature 3,000-year-old traditional dances performed by local members of the Tamang community from Nepal. Nepali explains that there are 115 different ethnic groups in his native country. He identifies as Newar, the group that comes from the Kathmandu Valley. He plans to feature 3,000-year-old traditional dances performed by local members of the Tamang community from Nepal. Nepali explains that there are 115 different ethnic groups in his native country. He identifies as Newar, the group that comes from the Kathmandu Valley. He plans to celebrate his non-profit’s anniversary each year, featuring a different Nepali ethnic group, he says.

At this year’s party, the Tamang dancers will dance, then instruct the willing in some of the traditional movements. Nepali himself will perform the Newari Laughing Dance, which is merely 1,000 years old. Accompanying the festivities will be Nepali folk music, played on the tabala drum and the harmonium. The dining menu will include Curry Without Worry’s famous nine-sprouted-bean soup, vegetable curry, rice, bread, and achar, a kind of Nepali salsa made with tomatoes and hot peppers.

Nepali says his dream is to feed people every day at a Curry Without Worry healing center, open to all. “The main ingredient in Curry Without Worry is love, with generous doses of spices!” he says.

**Come Hear the Candidates**

Contenders for San Francisco Mayor and District 8 Supervisor on the June 5 ballot will appear at a candidates forum sponsored by the Diamond Heights Community Association on Saturday, April 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive.

Seven of the eight candidates for mayor have confirmed they will appear, including the three leading hopefuls: London Breed, Jane Kim, and Mark Leno. Also confirming are Angela Alioto, Michelle Bravo, Richie Greenberg, and Ellen Lee Zhou.

Both District 8 challenger Rafael Mandelman and appointed incumbent Jeff Sheehy will also appear at the forum. The District 8 supervisorial district encompasses Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Glen Park, and the Castro.

DHCA president Betsy Eddy says you do not have to be a DHCA member to attend the meeting, since DHCA is a 501(C)4 organization and endorsed candidates will be voted on at the meeting, as DHCA is a 501(C)4 organization and prohibited from political recommendations.

**Authors Crowd the Calendar**

Author appearances abound in April, but four stand out this month. Local activist and parent Leslie Crawford will debut her first children’s book, Environ-mentalist Paula Ginsburg will help us celebrate Earth Day. Chef Edward Lee will share America’s new blend of cooking flavors. And Judy Behelara and Ron Cabral will talk about their just-published book on the Jonestown massacre.

Crawford, whom you may know from her roles as a founder of the Noe Valley Farmers Market and the events coordinator at the Noe Valley Town Square, will read from Sprig the Rescue Pig on Saturday, April 28, 4:30 p.m., as part of Folio Books’ celebration of Independent Bookstore Day.

Four-time James Beard award nominee Edward Lee will discuss his two years on the road uncovering stories for Butterwick Graffiti: A Chef’s Journey to Discover America’s New Melting-Pot Cuisine, on Thursday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., at Omnivore Books on Food, 3858A Cesar Chavez St. Omnivore will also be celebrating Independent Bookstore Day with wine, sake, and snacks at a reading April 28 of Japan: The Cookbook by Nancy Hachisumon from 3 to 4 p.m. at the...
The Legacy of Composer Henry Cowell

Henry Dixon Cowell (1897-1965) was a California-born composer, musician, and teacher. He was the instructor of John Cage and George Gershwin, two composers who have had a monumental effect on 20th and 21st century music. He promoted the work of Charles Ives and Aaron Copland. He collaborated with Martha Graham. He was an early advocate of world music. But you’ve probably never heard of Cowell himself.

Allegra Chapman, director and co-founder of Bard Music West, says that is probably “because he was such a promoter of other people’s music. He didn’t promote his own.” Chapman and Bard Music West want to change that.

Now in its second year, Bard Music West, an extension of the long-running Bard Music Festival at Bard College in upstate New York, is spotlighting Cowell’s life, work, and influence at a two-day festival April 6-7 at the Noe Valley Ministry.

“We’re exploring how the string quartet can sound like our favorite animals,” according to violist Clio Tilton. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com for $20 for adults ($10 for students) are available at www.eventbrite.com or through the Lick Parent-Teacher-Student Association website www.jameslickpta.org.

Net proceeds go to support the JLMS visual and performing arts program.

A Parade of Classical Concerts in April

In addition to the Bard Music West festival (see first column this page), music lovers can attend three individual concerts in the neighborhood this month.

The Chamber Music Society of San Francisco holds another of its family concerts at Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks St., on Saturday, April 14, 4 p.m. The CMS String Quartet will play “A Day at the Zoo,” an interactive program for children. Using the music of Haydn, Saint Saens, and other composers, the group “will explore how the string quartet can sound like our favorite animals,” according to violist Clio Tilton. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.com for $20 for adults and $5 for children 6 to 18. The concert is free for children under six years of age.

On Sunday, April 15, the Ensemble for Classical Kids, Saturday, April 28, Thursday through Saturday, April 12-14, at 7 p.m., and a Saturday matinee at 1:30 p.m., in the school auditorium at 1220 Noe St. $20 adult tickets ($10 for students) are available at www.eventbrite.com or through the Lick Parent-Teacher-Student Association website www.jameslickpta.org.

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Short Takes are compiled and written by Richard May.
After a year of exploring local wildflowers, the Noe Valley Voice editors and I thought this column might branch out in a new direction. Off the Beaten Path will highlight outdoor spots in San Francisco that some might not know about—say, the wave organ in the Marina, the estuary at Crissy Field, or the bird habitat at Seal Rock. This month it is about Heron’s Head Park, a nature refuge located on the Bay at the foot of Cargo Way at Jennings Street. (From Noe Valley, take Cesar Chavez east, turn right on Third Street, then left on Cargo Way until you reach the end.)

Heron’s Head is a little park (just 22 acres), but it’s free, and it features 0.75 miles of walking path, numerous community activities, an ecological center, a dog park, picnic sites, barbecues, and a restored bay coastline. The Port of San Francisco created this land in the 1970s as part of a project that went nowhere. The little peninsula stood abandoned until, after extensive rehabilitation, it opened as a fish population, too.

April is the right time to visit Heron’s Head. You’ll see marshes made of pickledew and sea heath. Pickleweed “stems” are well, pickle-shaped, but those aren’t really stems. They’re actually the plants’ leaves, tightly rolled up as part of their salt-tolerant lifestyle. Pickleweed at Heron’s Head has been expanding its coverage gradually. This expansion will serve to make more salt-marsh habitat by trapping sediment, building soil, and allowing the growth of plants like sea heath, marsh rosemary, and gumweed.

The park’s tidal pools and channels support invertebrates that feed migratory shorebirds like the American avocet (Recurvirostra americana) that are down-curved. Avocets nest at Heron’s Head during April. In May, cute fuzzball avocets can be seen poking in the mud. Along the rocky, armored shore, small crabs, snails, and shrimp provide food for willets, whimbrels, and various sandpipers. Willets are a lovely gray-brown in color and have medium-sized straight beaks. They show a bright white wing patch as they fly. Shoreline structures are encrusted with the quarter-sized shells of native oyster. There are enough oyster shells on and between the rocks and on driftwood. Did you know that native oyster populations are rare in the Bay? Very few people know that native oysters persist at Heron’s Head Park. That’s a quick look at Heron’s Head. It’s truly a wonderful place. And I haven’t even mentioned the wading birds and ducks you’ll find there in April, or the killdeer or the greese.

Check out the Heron’s Head website or visit iNaturalist.org for information on biodiversity at Heron’s Head. The EcoCenter has great information onsite and online. It hosts bird walks and tours of the center’s tertiary treatment project, and has pamphlets covering the history of the restoration and all the birds and plants at the park.

Joe O’Connor is a retired professor of ecology with an avid interest in local plants, wildlife, and natural history. He’s also a docent at the California Academy of Sciences. A longtime resident of 26th Street, O’Connor will publish a guide to San Francisco wildflowers in 2018.
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**4010 24th Street at Noe Street**

**Store Trek is a regular feature of the Noe Valley Voice, profiling new stores and businesses in Noe Valley. This month we show off a jewelry boutique that sits in one of 24th Street’s smallest storefronts.**

During her junior year of high school, Liza Anongchanya’s best friend taught her how to make jewelry. It led the Los Angeles native to launch her first business, selling her designs to her fellow classmates. She then went to Cal Poly Pomona and earned a degree in business administration. Wanting to create her own company, Anongchanya decided it would be easier to do so in San Francisco and moved to the city 10 years ago.

She christened her jewelry line Ofina, which is in her middle name and her mother’s maiden name. Her mother is from the Philippines, while her father is from Taiwan.

“It couldn’t be my last name, it is too long,” joked Anongchanya, 39, who now lives in Mill Valley.

Anongchanya reached out to her childhood friend, who had also gone into the jewelry business, and asked her to teach her more techniques. She started off selling her designs at outdoor festivals, farmer's markets, and to other stores before opening her own shop in Hayes Valley with another designer.

After three years, they went their separate ways, but Anongchanya kept the storefront and rebranded it as Azil Boutique. The store’s name is Anongchanya’s first name spelled backwards.

Azil’s jewelry aesthetic can be summed up with two words: dainty and classic.

“We don’t follow the trends,” explained Anongchanya. “A lot of the pieces I have had from the beginning because they are timeless and don’t go out of style.”

The business is a family affair. Her niece, Shamani Anongchanya, assists in running the Noe Valley store and makes jewelry on-site when she is not attending San Jose State University, where she is majoring in hospitality and event management.

They also work with a metalsmith in Texas who works out of her home. The company employs eight people, including Tatiana Taylor, who not only helps manage the stores but is also featured in its marketing posters.

“Liza gives me a lot of opportunity and creative freedom,” said Taylor, who joined Azil a year ago.

The Noe Valley location opened in October 2016 in the 150-square-foot storefront where the Walkershaw Man clothing store had been, at 4010 24th St. Azil first went into the space as a month-long pop-up in May of 2016, and its success led Anongchanya to sign a five-year lease.

The boutique now only has two locations in San Francisco, having closed its Russian Hill store last year. The 24th Street store draws a broad clientele, from teenagers and adults.

Two of its more popular necklace designs feature thin chains with either a metallic tube ($60) or three attached circles ($52).

“Anything with circles people like,” said Anongchanya.

Azil sells rings in various designs ($30-$60) that are also top sellers. Made with 14-karat gold and sterling silver, they can be worn in the shower or when swimming without turning green. The same is true of the chains the store sells. The cost depends on the length, with shorter necklaces $45 and longer ones running $100 to $150.

The store also carries a line of wallets and billfolds ($32-$42) created by Shara Porter. Made with genuine leather, they come in various colors and sport whimsical designs, ranging from dogs and dinosaurs to trees and other flora.

Azil recently began featuring the work of local designer Sam Chen, who for five years had worked at the Hayes Valley location. His brand, called Thesis of Alexandria, or TOA for short, includes jewelry as well as wallets and handbags.

While the Hayes Valley store draws more tourists, locals account for the bulk of sales at the Noe Valley location. Due to its small size, the retail space is financially viable, said Anongchanya.

Still, she is mindful of how e-commerce is changing the way people shop. Anongchanya has been putting more focus on Azil’s website in order to boost sales and draw more foot traffic to her stores. The company also has been using social media to showcase its jewelry.

“We definitely feel the trend is toward online, even online sales for people who live in San Francisco,” said Anongchanya.

Through Azil’s website, customers can sign up for the store’s email and receive 15 percent off their first online order. The store also offers Uber rush same-day delivery within San Francisco for a charge of $5 to $10.

“It is mostly men,” noted Anongchanya, summing them up as needing in a last-minute gift or peace offering. “Guys will also come in to the store because they have seen something online and ask if we have this necklace or ring.”

Azil will also customize jewelry for customers who need a necklace shortened or want a certain gem used, and repair the jewelry they already own. The store also makes custom engagement and wedding rings.

“We can work around any budget,” said Anongchanya.

—Matthew S. bajko

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April 24-30: APRIL-Anon meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip’s Church at 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

April 25: 50 WOMEN ARTISTS exhibit “The World of Abstraction,” a juried alumni show Reception April 5, 5:30-8 pm; Tues - Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun, noon-4 pm. 467 Seward 546-8560.

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**APRIL EVENTS AT OMNIVORE BOOKS**

**APRIL 18**
Andrew Friedman • Chef, Drugs and Rock & Roll: How Food, Love, Free Spirits, Drugs, and Rock & Roll Made a New American Profession 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE

Jacques Pepin • A Grandfather’s Lessons. In the Kitchen with Shorey 6:00-7:30 p.m. FREE Jacques’s gives his grandson a charismatic, puerile school on preparing food that is plain, but elegant, and more than anything, fun. **APRIL 19**
Edward Lee • Buttermilk Graffiti: A Chef’s Journey to Discover America’s New Melting-Pot Cuisine 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE A food writer and chef who has spent two years researching the cuisine of the United States, Lee employs an examination of America’s diversity through the lens of the diverse cuisines of its cities and states.

**APRIL 21**
Nigella Lawson • At My Table: A Celebration of Home Cooking 6:00-7:00 p.m. FREE As Nigella writes, “Life is complicated, cooking doesn’t have to be.”

Sonia & Alex Overhiser • A Couple Cooks—Pretty Simple Cooking 100 Delicious Vegetarian Recipes to Make You Fall in Love with Real Food 3:00-4:00 p.m. FREE A stand-born stoic, Sonia has hit the road and spent two years uncovering fascinating narratives from every corner of the country.

Adam Federman • Fastest and Feasting: The Life of Visionary Food Writer Patience Gray 6:30-7:30 p.m. P.FREE Patience Gray, an American culinary icon, was a foundational figure in the 20th century’s culinary revolution. She was a writer, a teacher, and an activist who inspired generations of chefs and food writers.

Sommer Sivergård Nilsson • Anatomy: Adventures in Turkish Cooking 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE Anatolian is beautifully illustrated and explores the rich culinary culture and cuisine, adapted for modern life.

**APRIL 22**
Hannah Chisom Singleton • Japan: The Cookbook 10:00-12:00 p.m. FREE The 100+ dishes and 30+ brands featured in this Japanese cookbook are organized by course and contain insightful notes alongside the recipes.

Shanta Nickmarsh Sarkaroff • Cooking Together: A Vegetarian Co-op Cookbook 3:00-4:00 p.m. FREE An intimate conversation from her native India, local author, Sarkaroff details the basics of cooking, planning well-balanced, vegetarian meals and the importance of cooking and eating together with friends and family.

**APRIL 25**
Adrianne Calvo • The History of Hospitality 6:00-7:00 p.m. FREE A talk on the warning signs and District 8 Supervisor. 2-4 pm. St. A Grandfather’s Lessons: In the A Grandfather’s Lessons: In the...
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Even with needed rains forming puddles, activity is everywhere at Upper Noe Rec Center. As children revel in the replenished sandbox, others take to the field. Baseball season has started. Youth teams up to age 12 are rounding the bases again. Stop by and cheer them on.

To read the rec center’s newsletter, find out more information and updates to the schedule of classes and events, visit www.noevalleyreccenter.com, call 415-970-8061, or just drop in to the rec center office at 295 Day St., open Monday through Saturday.

To register for Spring Activities visit sfrecpark.org.

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

UPPER NOE REC CENTER SPRING SESSION MARCH 6 – MAY 31, 2018

Check www.noevalleyreccenter.com for updates.

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<td>Zumba (Family) Drop-in only</td>
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Adult Fiction

Editor Leslie K. Slinger’s anthology In the Shadow of Agatha Christie: Classic Crime Fiction by Forgotten Female Writers, 1850–1917, features women who influenced later crime authors.

Five worlds and three centuries are woven together in Gregory Blake Smith’s tale The Maze at Windermere.

In Dead Man’s Blues by Ray Celestin, Pinkerton detectives try to solve a mystery in 1928 Chicago.

After a perilous ocean voyage, Sri Lankan refugees face threats of deporta- tion in The Room People by Sharon Bala.

Adult Nonfiction

The photos and stories of 800 puppies are featured in The Dogist Puppies by Elias Weiss Friedman.


Women’s roles in the Middle Ages are examined in Illuminating Women in the Medieval World by Christine Sciacca.

Adult eBooks

Simon Garfield considers how we are simulating travel today, in the essay How the World Became Obsessed With Time.

No Way but This: In Search of Paul Robeson, by Jeff Sparrow, tells the story of the athlete, actor, and activist.

In The Winter Station by Jody Shields, a Russian doctor races to contain a deadly infection.

Children’s Fiction

A young girl leaves a trail of damage in Every Eye So Her Name: written and illustrated by Sophy Henn. Ages 3 to 6.

In The Pink Umbrella, by Amelie Calliot with illustrations by Genevieve Godbout, friendship and fun turn rainy days into happy days for a young cafe owner. Ages 4 to 8.

Seven classic fairy tales are retold in Bound, Red, Smart Frog: A New Book of Old Tales, by artist and illustrator Rohan Daniel Eason. Ages 5 to 10.

Stanley Will Probably Be Fine, written by Sally J. Pla and illustrated by Steve Wolford, features a safety superhero and a trivia scavenger hunt around San Diego. Ages 8 to 12.

The Last Rainforester: Men’s Magic is an animal fantasy adventure written by Elise Schrefer with illustrations by Emily Synnott.

Flavors of Spain Cooking Workshop

Shop featuring tapas, appetizers popu- lar in Spain. Learn about ingredients and make an open-topped, and share move- ment activities. For children 6 months to 2 years, with parent or caregiver. Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Join Miss Catherine for Toddler Tales, and you will listen to stories, learn making songs, and share move- ment activities. For children 6 months to 2 years, with parent or caretaker. Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:15 to 10:45, and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Cross Toon

For every story a word, for every word a picture, for every picture a world, for every world a thought, for every thought a dream, for every dream a reality. Stories are our dreams that have come true.
This Is A Test
By Mazook

W E’VE GOT NOE QUIZ QUES- TIONS: If you can answer all of these questions, consider yourself a true Noe Valleyon.
1. What Noe Valley cartoonist and Voice contributor (“Rumors” shared a page with him) created a character who first appeared in the end of the column.
2. Can you name the first automobile you would have encountered Denny Giovan- ni? 
3. Have you ever walked into the Noe Valley Mall? Where is it? 
4. Where was the Gifts of the Magi noli and Andy Gomez? 
5. Herb and Margaret Gaines opened a print shop with a huge printing press. It is now, and has been for almost 90 years, always asked, “Are we having fun yet?”
6. When and where did J.K. Rowling appear in Noe to read from her children’s novel Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban?
7. Where in Downtown Noe Valley would you encounter Denny Giovann- 
8. Who was Lost in the Fog and in what sport did he become famous?
9. What was located on the corner of Castro and Jersey before it became a Safeway grocery, circa 1945?
10. What Noe Valley duo became the first same-sex couple to be married in California? You will find the answers to the quiz at the end of the column.

ROUND THE SQUARE: About 200 showed up at sundown at the Noe Valley Town Square on Saturday, March 10, for the square’s first-ever movie night. The film playing was The Princess Bride, a 1987 fantasy adventure. It was truly a cozy, family-oriented scene. The Town Square went first-class, hiring an outdoor exhibitor with a “blow- up” silver screen and movie projector. It cost $750 for the equipment, and $250 to rent the movie, according to Town Square director Leslie Crawford. She says the next movie night has been set for Saturday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. Showing then will be My Neighbor Totoro, a 1988 Ja- panese animated fantasy film directed by Hayao Miyazaki. The film, which won the Animage Anime Grand Prix in 1988, is about two young girls living in postwar Japan.

Coming up Saturday, April 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., Curry Without Worry will cele- brate the group’s 10th anniversary with an evening of Nepalese food, music, and traditional dance, to thank supporters and the local community. Drumming and dancing are now scheduled on the second and fourth Sun- days each month from 3 to 5 p.m., with Noe Valleon Bongo (Alph Omar Sulibe) leading group drumming and dancing. Some drums will be provided, but you should feel free to bring your own drums or other percussion instruments. All ages are welcome, it is free and open to the public.

And if you want to tai one out, Craw- ford also reports that there are now free one-hour tai chi classes every Wednes- day, starting at 7:15 a.m.

WORLDLY GOODS: Moving into the space recently vacated by Clych Ne (4175 24th St. near Diamond) is the world headquarters of Globe In (known online as Globeln.com), which despite its name, CEO Vladimir Ermakov describes as a small start-up. Founded in 2013, it is a subscription service that sends four or five handcrafted products curated around a theme each month to subscribers, and each monthly shipment includes a hand- made basket. Ermakov and co-founder Liza Moiseeva travel around the world to find artisanal products. Their selection of goods created by, and that will support, those artisans around the world, “is about two young girls living in postwar Japan.

Belgian couple Julie Vandermeersch and Arnaud Goethals co-founded the bus- iness in 2011, selling their tarts from a cream-and-orange VW Westfalia van before expanding to a bakery-café at Sev- enth and Howard streets in 2015. Then last year they opened a café in the Ferry Building. Besides the tarts and other sweets, they will have breakfast and lunch bites, like their chicken-avocado or pulled-pork “taco,” a cross between a croissant and a taco.

Don’t look for the grand opening for several months, though, because the inte- rior of the space must now be built out to accommodate the bakery. Why didn’t they rent the empty space next door that once was La Panotico? “Too small,” said the realtor.

Down the street to 3915 24th St., Mediterranean grill Lazeerz, known for its chicken gyros, closed its doors at the end of February. But the space reopened on St. Patrick’s Day as a new Mediter- ranean café, Sultan’s Kebab. Restaurateur Faith Ulas has two other locations in the East Bay, in Pleasanton and Danville. “The name is my dad’s, and we come from Turkey,” says Ulas, “and we are very excited to bring our menu to San Francisco, and very happy to be in this wonderful neighborhood.”

“Sultan’s Kebab is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., “and we are planning to stay open until midnight on Fridays and Sat- urdays this summer,” Ulas says. The most popular dishes are the combo shawarma and the chicken shawarma plates, $11.99 each, or $9 a la carte. The best bargain on the menu is the House Falafel Wrap for nine bucks.

Interestingly, Ulas says that almost 70 percent of his food orders are pick-ups by patrons. Still, he is also arranging deliv- eries through DoorDash and UberEats. After more than three years standing closed, the space formerly known as Bon Dia, a bakery-café at Sanchez and 29th streets, has found new owners: Michael Molesky, his longtime partner Maggie Spicer, and his father, Jim Molesky, who is moving here from Berkeley to run the store. The business, also a bakery/café, will be called Douglas Fir.

“Some of you might know Michael M., who currently oversees Placemaker, an app that turns your photos into a travel guide. He was COO of LiveRail, a cyber- ad platform that was acquired a couple years ago for Facebook for a half billion dollars. Spicer is an event designer and a contributor to the foodie website Edible SF.

According to Michael, the store will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, except on Fridays, when they will stay open until 9 p.m. On Sun- days they’ll open later, at 8 a.m.) Light breakfasts and lunches will be their forte, and a wine bar starting at 3:00 in the af- ternoon. There will also be “quality everyday grocery items on the shelves.”

Michael says they hope to open the doors “soon,” possibly by the end of this month.

The store’s name is derived from the Douglas fir used in the building, and, says Michael, “because when my dad’s house in Oakland burned to the ground, he chose to rebuild it himself, with the wood frame being all Douglas fir, so the name is quite symbolic to our family.”

CLOSING CALL: Pete’s Laundry and Cleaners closed at the end of March after more than 60 years on 24th Street near the Noe Valley Voice • April 2018

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**More Groups to Join**

**Friends of Dolores Park Playground**
Contact: Nancy Gonzalez Madriny, 826-5772
Email: friendsofdolorespark@gmail.com
Website: www.friendsofdolorespark.org
Meetings: Occasional. Call for details.

**Friends of Glen Canyon Park**
Contact: Richard Crab, 648-0862, or Jean Conner, 584-8576
Address: 140 Torquise Way SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

**Friends of Noe Courts Playground**
Contact: Laura Norman
Email: lauraranor@yahoo.com
Address: P.O. Box 460935, SF, CA 94146
Meetings: Email for dates and times.

**Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)**
Contact: Todd David, 401-0623
Email: info@friendsavenovalley.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@noevalleyreccenter.com
Website: www.noevalleyreccenter.com
Meetings: Email or check website.

**Friends of 30th Street Senior Center**
Contact: Mariane Horton
Address: 225 30th St, SF, CA 94110
Meetings: Occasional. Call for details.

**Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUNDOG)**
Contact: Chris Faust, David Emanuel
Email: info@fundogsf.org
Website: www.fundogsf.org
Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9 a.m. Call to confirm.

**Glen Park Association**
Contact: info@glenparkassociation.org
Website: glenparkassociation.org
Address: P.O. Box 31929, SF, CA 94131
Juri Commoners
Contact: Dave Schwiguidt, 667-6290
Email: dave@schwilgudt.org
Website: www.meetup.com/juri-commoners
Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9 a.m.

**Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association**
Contact: Dr. Lisa Fromer, president
Email: drfromer3@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
Website: www.noeneighborhoodcouncil.com
Meetings: Quarterly at Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St, with date publicized on website and Nextdoor.com.

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

**Noe Valley Democratic Club**
Contact: Hunter Stern, 282-9042
Website: www.noevalleydemocrats.com
Meeting: Fourth Tuesdays, Noe Valley Library, 1021 Sanchez St, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)**
Contact: Rachel Swan, 225-7743
Meetings: Last Thursdays, Old Republic, 4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.

**Noe Valley Parent Network**
An e-mail resource network for parents
Contact: Tina Kevin
Email: mnanan@gmail.com

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**Noe Valley Parents, San Francisco**
Lisa’s: contact info@noevalleyparents.com. Subscribe: noevalleyparents@yahoogroups.com

**Noe Valley Volunteers**
Contact: Jim Appenroth, 641-1300
Address: 294 29th St., SF, CA 94110
Meetings: Call for details.

**Progress Noe Valley**
Facebook: facebook.com/ProgressNoeValley
Email: progressive@gmail.com
Website: progressnoe.com
Meetings: Check Facebook page for current meeting and event schedule.

**Residents for Noe Valley Town Square**
Contact: David David, 601-7845
Email: noevalleytownsquare@gmail.com
Website: www.noevalleytownsquare.com
Meetings: Call for details.

**San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)**
Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-directors Maxine Fausil, mfausil@ypno.com, Carole Roberts, carole.roberts@fakal.w.com
Website: www.sffire.org/index.aspx?page=879
Meetings: See website for training schedule.

**San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets**
Contact: Dan Oshino, 285-8188
Email: contact@sanjosenguerrero.com
Website: www.sanjosenguerrero.com
Meetings: See website.

**Stand Up San Francisco**
Contact: Laura Shapiro, Phyllis Bell, Paul Silverman
Email: info@standupsf.net
Website: www.standupsf.net
Meetings: At offices of members of Congress, weekly, All-group meetings at Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St, once a month.

**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.

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*All phone numbers are in the 415 area code.*
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Kwong still operates another shop, Breeze Cleaners, located at 1918 Hyde, between California and Pine. I will follow up with Kwong on the fate of the antique between California and Pine. I will follow up with Kwong on the fate of the antique between California and Pine.

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CLOTHING CALL: The city-owned Harry Aloe public parking lot on 24th near Castro—which currently has a mini park and benches at the sidewalk—has been chosen to be one of the three spots in San Francisco to get a collection box for the recycling of shoes, clothes, bedding, and other textiles. The San Francisco Department of the Environment gave a grant to the non-profit Recycle for Change, which services more than 100 recycling spots in the city on private property, according to SFDE spokesperson Peter Gallotta. Recycle for Change will pick up items left in the tall green donation box in Noe Valley, in the Mission Bartlett garage, and in a lot at California and Steiner streets. The SF Municipal Transportation Agency gave its approval in early March for the spaces to be used, as part of a pilot program.

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WE’VE GOT NOE QUIZ ANSWERS: Be honest, now. How many correct answers did you have for the Noe Valley History Test?

2. Let us forget, the car was the Pioneer, and it was built by J.A. Meyer in 1896 in the building at 4175 24th St., where Chiché Noe was and where Globe In soon will be.
3. The Noe Valley Mall is in back of Savor restaurant, on 24th near Sanchez Street.
4. Gifts of the Magi opened in 1978 in a storefront on the corner of the El Vira building (also known as Elvia), where Starbucks currently sits (3995 24th St.). It moved up and across the street to where Easy Breezy is now and became Star Magic in 1979. 5. Herb’s Fine Foods, of course. It also was located in the El Vira building, where Toast is now. The lunch counter was originally a soda fountain, opened in 1943 by Cyril Saunders and later named X-From-Noe (referring to the Noe Theater across the street). Herb and Margaret Gaines took over in 1945 and eight years later renamed it Herb’s Hamburger House. “Herb’s later settled on calling it Herb’s Fine Foods,” wrote Bill Yenne in his book “San Francisco’s Noe Valley: Fine Foods,” wrote Bill Yenne in his book

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