



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Haystack Nails The Recipe for Longevity

The Oldest Restaurant in Noe Valley Keeps Rolling

By Stephen N. Anderson

When Haystack Restaurant opened in the early 1970s, it was the only pizza restaurant on upper 24th Street. This August, the popular Greek-Italian-American restaurant with the wagon-wheel marquee will celebrate 46 years of serving customers in Noe Valley.

"We have three generations coming in here," says manager Kostas Hurdakis, who has been with Haystack eight years.

"I can tell you, they come in here for the food—fresh and made from scratch—and they love the ambience," he says.

"Our secret is simple," Hurdakis says. "That is, we make sure everything from the meats for our flame-broiled lamb chops, steaks, and chicken cordon bleu or veal parmigiana to our vegetables are the best quality and very fresh every day."

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A Good Start on Forever. Haystack manager Kostas Hurdakis (left) and owner George Kouloulis plan on riding the popular restaurant's menu far into the future. Photo by Pamela Gerard

Healthy Spot Rejected

Planning Commission Swayed By Neighborhood Protest

By Matthew S. Bajko

In response to overwhelming neighborhood opposition, the San Francisco Planning Commission in June denied a request to open on 24th Street from Healthy Spot, a pet store based in Los Angeles.

Because it had more than 11 locations, the company fell under San Francisco's "formula retail" rules and was required to seek a conditional-use permit in order to open in Noe Valley. Healthy Spot had sought to take over the vacant storefront at 4049 24th St., last occupied by Radio Shack.

But after hearing more than two hours of public testimony, the majority of which was against the Southern California chain, the planning commission voted 5-0 at its June 21 meeting to not grant the business a permit. Following the meeting, Healthy Spot announced it would not appeal the decision and instead would look to open its first Bay Area store elsewhere in the city.

"We only wish Noe Valley well and hope that the community will continue to evolve, progress, and prosper. It is this strong community spirit that Andrew and I came to love in the first place," wrote co-owners Mark Boonnark and Andrew Kim in an open letter to the neighborhood. "We know this is a representation of the greater San Francisco community spirit and hope we will be able to find a neighborhood here that will welcome Healthy Spot in the near future."

Since it announced its plans last fall,

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Neighborhood Journalists Depart the Scene, Thanking Their Enablers

By Jack Tipple and Sally Smith



Did We Close the Garage Door? The *Noe Valley Voice* has left town for a July break. We'll be back in August to tune up and present a September edition. Photo by Jack Tipple

When the editors of and many of the contributors to the *Noe Valley Voice* first arrived in the neighborhood that was to become their home and focus, there was of course Haystack Pizza, Finnegan's Wake, Martha & Bros. Coffee, Holey Bagel, and Bud's Ice Cream. It was nirvana for the hungry and thirsty, and the decision to stay was easy.

Though Finnegan's is now the Valley Tavern, it's still a friendly watering hole. And Bud's has become Subs, Inc., with tasty sandwiches in addition to ice cream. The other entities are still here and continuing to nourish us.

Those and many other small businesses and a few larger corporate outlets began and continue to support the *Voice* by putting their hard-earned dollars into

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While this edition is being distributed, we'll take a break for the month of July and return in August to work on the September edition. Your deadline for editorial submissions is Aug. 15. For display ads, you get a few more days. Call Pat Rose at 415-608-7634 to reserve a space.

And we'll have a small dry cappuccino and a cinnamon raisin bagel with plain cream cheese—not toasted. Thank you!

Take a Ride on the Historic Side

F-Cars Return to J-Car Route

By Matthew S. Bajko

Commuters in Noe Valley who take Muni's J-Church line to their jobs downtown will now have a chance to hop on a vintage streetcar in the early morning or late evening hours.

In mid-June, the city's "heritage" streetcars returned to the tracks and to picking up passengers on the J-Church line, which in Noe Valley runs along Church Street between 30th and 22nd streets before making its way to Mission Dolores Park, the Castro District, and beyond. The fleet includes "green torpedoes" built in San Francisco during the 1940s, Peter Witt trams from Milan, Italy, and even a couple of open-air "boat cars" from Blackpool, England.

In the fall of 2014, Muni rerouted the historic cars from the J-Church line due to

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What's Old is Rolling Again. A vintage "green torpedo" can be boarded again, during limited hours on Church Street. Photo by Najib Joe Hakim

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Mr. Mensing, Betty, Frances, Norma, Fan, Mr. and Mrs. Green and Barbara.

Backyard Bounty in Noe Valley. Circa 1940, a group assembled in the back yard of 4217 21st St. Houses on Eureka Street are visible in the background. Mr. Mensing, Betty, Frances, Norma, Fan, Mr. & Mrs. Green, Paul and Barbara enjoy the sun [Norma Ball Norwood Collection].

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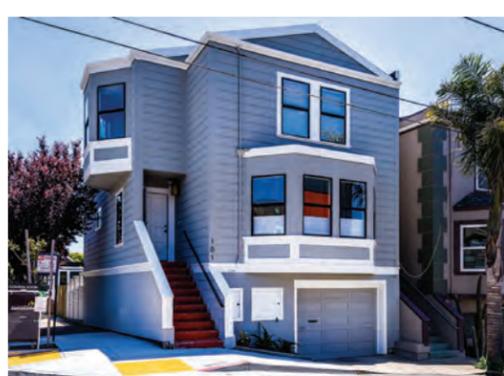
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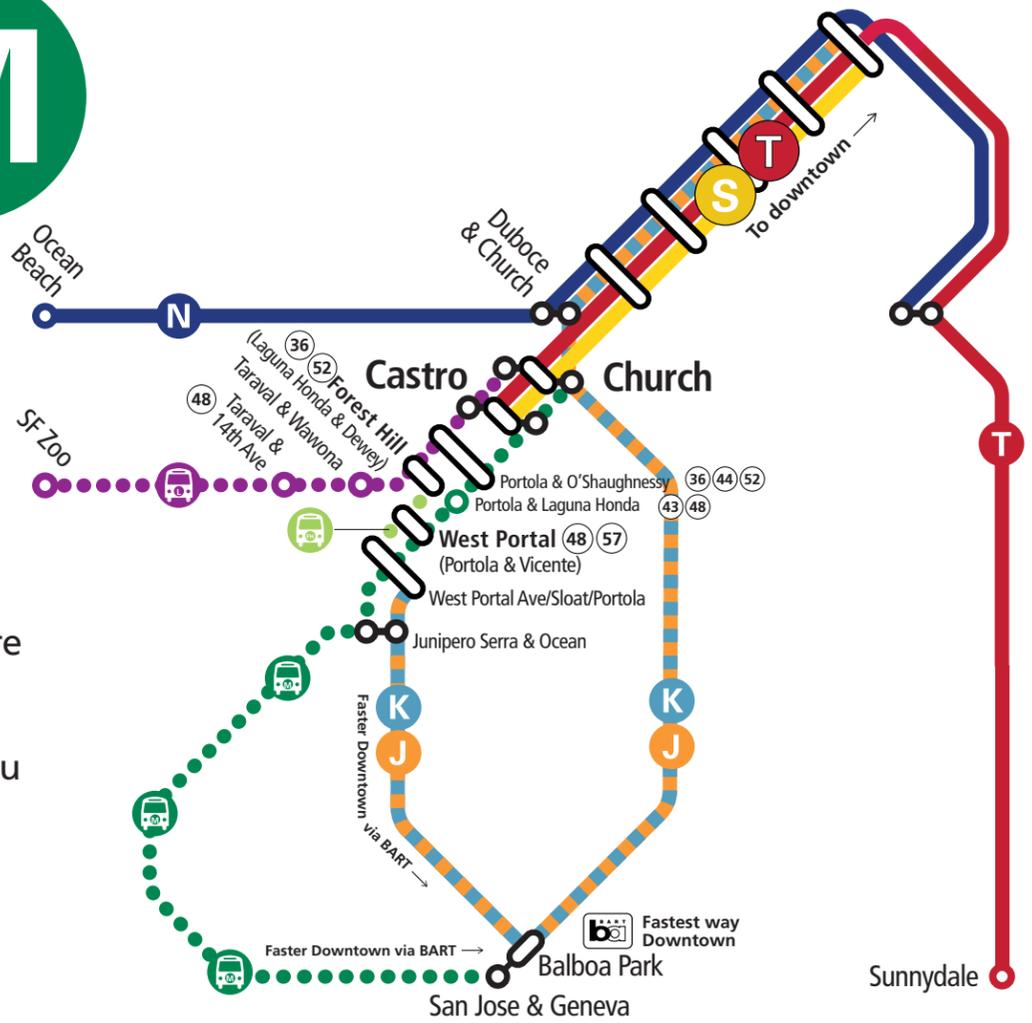


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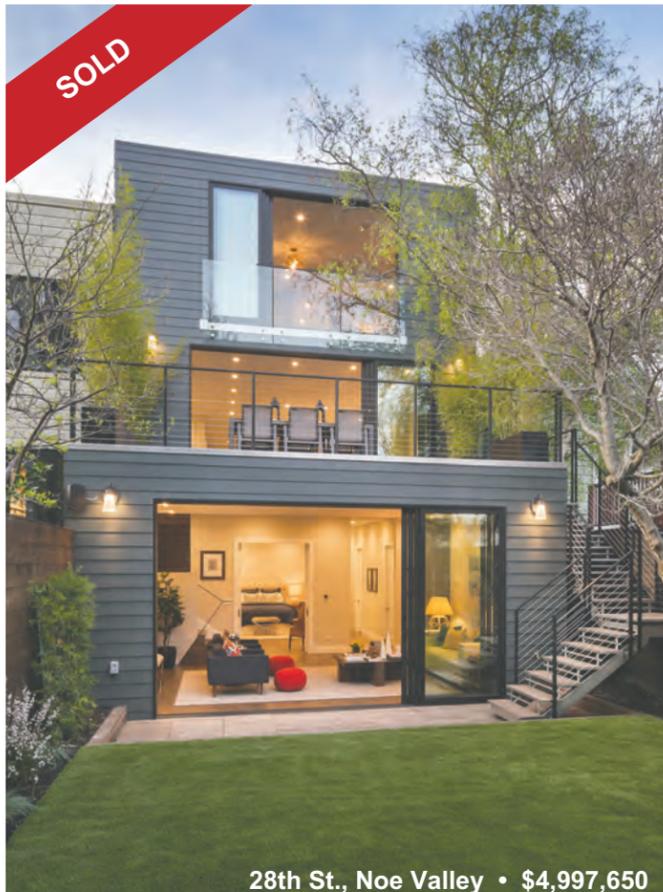
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This is Elizabeth Vicksburg for KNOE News.



It's a beautiful day in Noe Valley. The sun is out. The sky is blue, and the fog is at bay.



And thanks to the quick, bold, and decisive actions taken by the Board of Supervisors, the number one problem facing San Francisco has been dealt a serious blow! Those unsightly scooters are gone! Thank you, Board of Supervisors!

LETTERS

Spend Time on 24th Street

Editor's Note: This letter was reprinted with Paula Foley's permission from Folio Books' June email newsletter.

Dear Neighbors,

The first summer I worked at my grandparents' restaurant, my grandmother gave me strict instructions on how to respond when a customer asked, "How's business?" I was to smile broadly and say, "Business is wonderful. Thank you for asking!"

She might not approve of this, but I thought I should comment on the June article in the *Noe Valley Voice* entitled "Shoppers Retreat While Retail Sweats" (<http://noevalleyvoice.com/2018/June/index.html>). I believe it gives a mostly accurate picture of what's currently facing the merchants in our neighborhood, us included.

While our core business at Folio Books remains healthy and strong, the foot traffic on our block is noticeably down. Less foot traffic means fewer impromptu visits to the store, and yes, that does translate to lower sales. More importantly, it translates to less browsing, less discovery, fewer conversations, less connection.

You can have a positive impact on this situation and help bring the liveliness and bustle back to the neighborhood this summer. It's simple—just spend some additional hours in "downtown" Noe Valley strolling, window shopping, browsing, eating, drinking, shopping. Spending money is optional. Spending time matters more. Only people can make a neighborhood, after all.

Happy reading!

Paula Foley

Owner, Folio Books, 3957 24th St.

A Sign Someone Needs a Break

Editor:

While we all have to suffer through the incessant construction noise as the price we pay for living in one of the most desirable cities and neighborhoods around, I was nevertheless blown away when I noticed a sign [see right] on May 18 in front of a residential construction site on Jersey Street.

Does this sign mean that DPW now sanctions construction activities seven days a week and for longer than normal construction hours?

Parking issues aside, what happened to considering the impact on neighbors?

Adi Berglez

29th Street

SF Public Library a Winner

Editor:

Noe Valley and all of San Francisco have reason to celebrate. The San Francisco Public Library has been chosen the 2018 *Gale/Library Journal* Library of the Year!

As an avid library user (and former em-



A reader sent us this photo and an email wondering, must neighbors endure construction activities 11 hours a day, seven days a week?

ployee) who rejoices in the quality and popularity of our neighborhood branch on Jersey Street, I want to share the wonderful news of this prestigious honor with our community.

In the words of Library Commission President Mary Wardell Ghirarduzzi, "Our library embodies the spirit of San Francisco—inclusive, diverse, caring, and full of exuberance."

How fortunate we are to live in a city that supports and values this most democratic of institutions. Cheers to all the hard-working staff, the library commissioners, and the generous patrons of our beloved library system. San Francisco Public Library — officially the best!

Karen Strauss

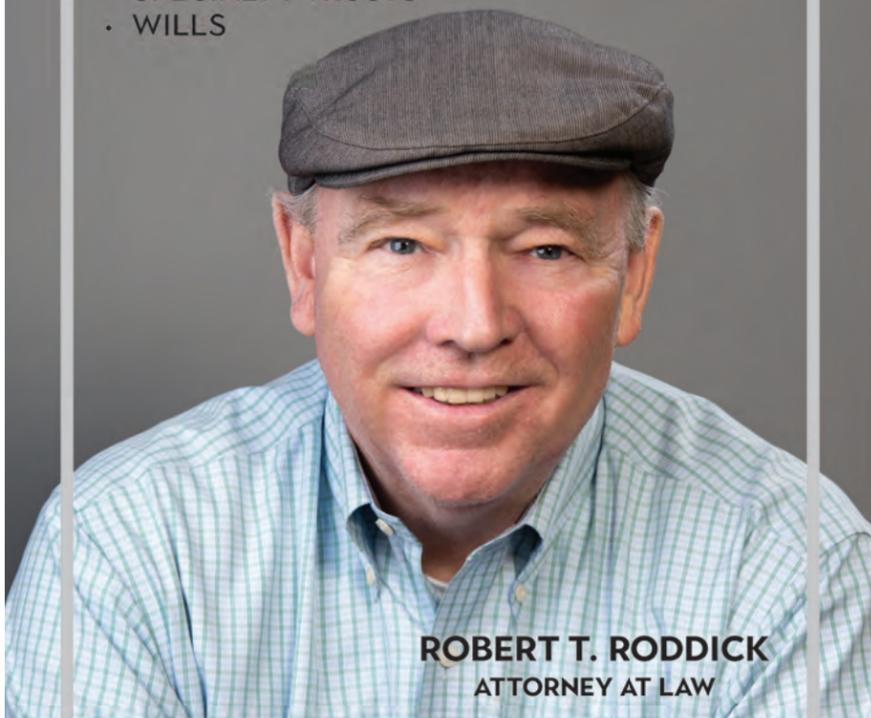
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Healthy Spot had been told by numerous local merchants and residents that there was no need for another pet store in Noe Valley and that it should look at other neighborhoods where it would be welcome. They were urged to scout locations in emerging areas like Mission Bay and Dogpatch, where there are numerous pet owners with few nearby pet store options.

'My Local Pet Shop'

A group of local pet store owners from around the city had banded together to oppose Healthy Spot in Noe Valley. Their "My Local Pet Shop" campaign rallied opposition to the chain and packed the commission hearing room to overflow status. Many wore red T-shirts bearing the word "DENY" or stickers demanding the oversight body "Keep NOE unique. Amid fighting Healthy Spot, two longtime pet shops in Noe Valley—the Animal Company on Castro Street and VIP Grooming on 24th Street—became legacy businesses under the city program aimed at preserving locally owned stores. The city's Small Business Commission also weighed in against Healthy Spot's permit request.

The combined efforts had a strong impact on the planning commissioners, as several noted the voluminous sentiment against Healthy Spot made their decision an easy one. They also suggested that there were neighborhoods in the city where the company would be welcome and likely granted a permit.

"This is not the right place for this type of business, and I think that is what we are hearing tonight," said Commissioner Dennis Richards, adding that he "would

love to hear you come back with a different location, and I would love to try and get behind it and support it with my fellow commissioners."

Decision Applauded

Sage Cotton, who co-owns VIP Scrub Club on Church Street with Lancy Woo, the owner of VIP Grooming, told the *Voice* she was "really excited" that Healthy Spot would not fight the planning commission's permit denial. It could have appealed the decision to the Board of Supervisors.

"I want to make it really clear that our businesses were not the core issue. The core issue really was about unneeded formula retail coming into our community and how dangerous and harmful that can be for that community," she said.

"That was the point we wanted to make, and I hope we made that. We are not against formula retail and chains overall. But if they come into a community already well served, all they can do is shift money from one business to another."

Merchants' President Resigns

The permit decision was a setback for the board of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. It had voted to back Healthy Spot's permit request after refusing to put the issue to a vote before its members, many of whom had signed a petition against Healthy Spot opening in the neighborhood.

The morning after the hearing, real estate agent Rachel Swann resigned as president of the business group. She did not respond to the *Voice's* request for comment by press time.

In a Facebook post shortly after the vote, Swann lashed out at the small business and planning commissions, as well as Healthy Spot detractors, for replicating what she called "a Donald Trump move," comparing the opposition to the

pet store to the national debate over immigration policies.

"Congrats, you've helped build a wall around Noe Valley. Your red shirts were appropriate considering your behavior

was very Trump-esque and timely," wrote Swann. "Cages around stores and walls around our neighborhood. Bravo. Now I understand why people never want to start a business in Noe Valley." ■

Recycling Box Not for Noe

Receptacle Might Become Spectacle

By Matthew S. Bajko

Recycle for Change nixed plans to install one of its green clothing collection boxes in the city-owned Harry Aleo public parking lot on 24th Street near Castro due to concerns from a neighborhood group.

As the *Voice* reported, first in the April Rumors column and again in a May story, the nonprofit agency based in Richmond had received a grant from the San Francisco Department of the Environment to expand its boxes to a trio of public sites around the city. It had worked with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to repair the asphalt in the back of the small lot in Noe Valley and had planned to place the collection box there in late May.

But a day after alerting the *Voice* about the installation, Recycle for Change spokeswoman Alexandra Bradley informed the paper it would no longer be putting a collection box there. She wrote in an email that the SFMTA had informed the nonprofit that it had received concerns from the community. "We can always revisit this location at a later date, should the community decide that they do want this amenity provided, but for now, we're going to honor the requests that SFMTA has received despite

having gone through the channels to get the boxes approved through the city of San Francisco," explained Bradley.

After publication of the *Voice's* May article, according to emails provided by the SFMTA, members of the Noe Valley Association—Community Benefit District raised objections to the agency and to the office of District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy about the collection box.

NVA Executive Director Debra Niemann wrote that garbage was already an issue at the lot and she was concerned the recycling bin would further exacerbate the problem.

"Really? Again? Have we not learned anything about what these drop-off clothing containers do to a district?" asked Niemann in a May 14 email. "They are an attractive nuisance where people will dump their unwanted items, not just clothing, and when it's full they will leave it next to the container, and then there are those who dumpster-dive for whatever they can find inside the container and who will leave messes all about the containers. For what purpose?"

Niemann told the *Voice* that no one with SFMTA or any other city agency had reached out to the NVA about placing the recycling box in the parking lot prior to approving it. She confirmed that the first she knew of the decision was reading about it in the *Voice*.

"We don't want it because it will be a public nuisance," she said.

In an emailed response to Niemann,

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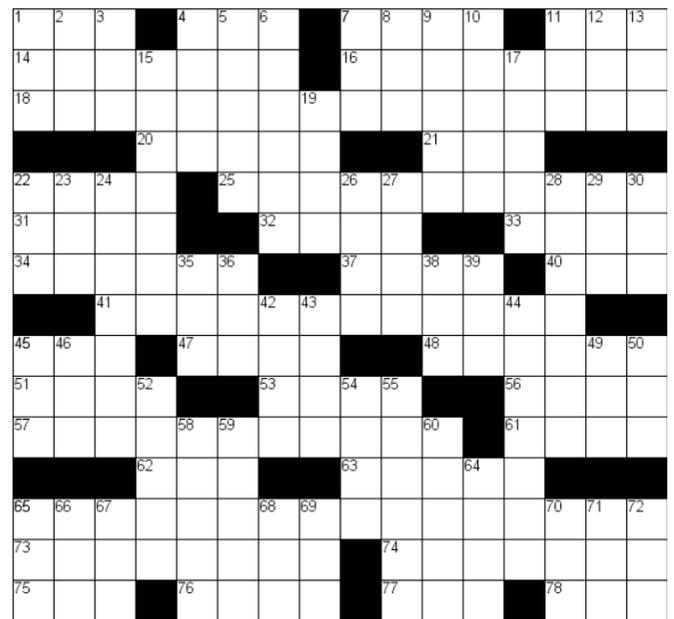
Natasha Opfell and **Seth Marinello** finally remembered to bring a copy of their hometown paper along on their engagement celebration trip to Spain. Here they pose before the Tibidabo Amusement Park in Barcelona with the Temple Expiatori del Sagrat Cor in the background.

THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

Menagerie

ACROSS

- Guitar attachment
- Superlative finish
- Toll, like a bell
- Street between 29th and 30th
- Ape or chimp
- Cause of frostbite or sunburn
- "Ferocious" company that sold 40 million Furbies
- Like a lot of Henry's Hunan food
- "___ tree falls in a forest..."
- Picnic spoilers
- Superstrong-sounding adhesive
- Mystery writer Paretsky
- Big truck
- Posted
- Saint who's honored with a church on Diamond Street
- "Take it like ___"
- Lovejoy's specialty
- Cuddly name in Chinese takeout
- Text giggle
- Serene
- Arizona city
- Once more
- "You hurt?" reply, one hopes
- Roll-call response
- "Savage" brokerage that went under in 2008
- Danish toy block maker
- Musician's asset
- Evangelist ___ Semple McPherson
- Pet store on Castro, or another title for this puzzle
- Dubliner offering
- Deity often depicted with blue skin
- "Old MacDonald" sound



- "Sad to say..."
- Solidify, as Jell-o
- "Yo!"

DOWN

- Expensive Noe rental: Abbr.
- CAT scan cousin
- Glutton
- Wyatt of the Old West
- "Shrek!" author William
- Phone-service providers, for short
- Chest muscle, briefly
- No. after a main telephone no.
- Tax deadline month
- Bath sponge (Var.)
- Imbiber's offense, briefly
- Softball pitch path
- "You bet!"
- Ben-Hur's chariot-race rival
- Gets caught up
- Fictional Jane
- Cleopatra's killer
- Slangy turndown
- Sacramento River Cats' minor-league level
- Big Metreon screen
- Betray a foot injury
- Ponderer's comment
- 46-Down, in France
- Pilot's onboard prediction, briefly
- "Monsters, ___" (2001 movie)
- BlackBerry or Palm Pilot, for short
- Part of SFMOMA
- Fresh, in Frankfurt
- "It's a sin to tell ___"
- Actress Thompson
- Lugs, as an awkward load
- Chemist's room
- Single
- "Com" relative, for a nonprofit
- Keanu's "Matrix" role
- Cause, as havoc
- Type of exam
- Madison Square Garden squad
- Nick name?
- Litigation
- Campfire goody
- Give off
- Cable station for film buffs
- "Yoo-___!"
- "The Name of the Rose" author Umberto
- Frank's wife after Ava
- ___ Place: Restaurant on Valencia with a Michelin star
- Massage reaction
- U-turn from SSW
- "___, team!"

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Haystack Pizza a Neighborhood Icon

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The menu is horizon to horizon—from bruschetta appetizers and special salads like horiatiki, to sandwiches and classic burgers, to heaping plates of ravioli, prawn linguini, or “Fettuccine a la Haystack” (with chicken, broccoli, and mushrooms).

And then there’s the pizza. Haystack offers 14 special pizzas, and even earned the “Best of the Bay” award from KRON-TV in 2008.

Takeout and delivery are the restaurant’s bread and butter. Still, many loyal patrons choose to dine in.

Warm Welcome

As you enter the restaurant, it’s easy to imagine the doors of a western movie saloon flapping closed behind you. The Old West theme is reprised all around via murals, spurs, antlers, and a life-size cowboy statue carved from a redwood tree. Cozy booths line the walls, and the back room echoes with the laughter of a local baseball team.

Guests are greeted by the warm, tantalizing perfume of the kitchen, and by hellos from the staff, pleased to offer a table or seat at the bar.

Manager Hurdakis provides a high-quality restaurant experience, drawing from 16 years at the Crown Plaza which included managing three restaurants.

Chef Tommy Pham joined the team seven years ago, having worked for 18 years in other Noe Valley restaurants. He holds a culinary degree from San Francisco City College.

Janice Gallonakis, the fourth daughter of owner George Kouloulis to work in

the family business, started as a waitress in her early teens. More than three decades later, she has the casual grace that makes her swift moves appear slow, like an Olympic skater.

Her sister Lavendar also worked at the restaurant for many years. She and her husband, Zack Kratsas, now run their own restaurant called Ikaros Greek Restaurant in Oakland.

Of course, their father, George Kouloulis, was the one who started it all.

A Strong Work Ethic

Kouloulis says Haystack reflects the values he brought from his childhood home on the Greek island of Ikaria.

Ikaria is a small island in the north Aegean Sea. Kouloulis says a CNN story a few years ago lauded Ikaria for the health of its citizens, attributing their longevity—90 years on average—to a healthy diet, hard work, and strong family ties. But his life did not start out easy.

“At age 6 I became an orphan,” says Kouloulis. “My uncle took me in.” His uncle also bought him a donkey to care for. Kouloulis says he used the gift to transport his uncle on errands, and soon the younger Kouloulis earned an income by hauling people and goods.

He left the island at 15 and gained more work skills as a laborer on fishing boats, on tourist ships, and finally in the Greek Merchant Marine.

At age 20 he stepped off his last Greek ship onto San Francisco’s docks and was hired by a Greek painting contractor. Later, he started his own painting company, Liberty Painting, which he says continues as his larger business, doing major industrial painting projects around the Bay Area.

He and former wife Colleen Bedrosian opened Haystack in 1972, in what was once a barn at 3881 24th St. They remod-



Haystack’s redwood cowboy is a familiar face at the bar. Photo by Pamela Gerard

eled and repainted more than once, adding scenes of ancient Greece to the gallery of murals.

Today, Kouloulis lives above the restaurant—he owns the building—and splits his time between Haystack and a

200-acre farm near Willits, Calif.

“I usually bring about 15 boxes of apples from the farm for trick-or-treaters on Halloween,” says Kouloulis. “One year I didn’t, and it seemed the whole neighborhood was saying, ‘Where are the apples?’”

It’s ‘Like Family’

Customers Hank Dunlop and Jim Hurst, who moved to Noe Valley in 1969, have been Haystack regulars since its founding.

“So many restaurants here, when you walk in you feel like a stranger,” says Hurst as he sits in one of the curved booths with built-in, shoulder-level cushions.

“These people are like family.”

While eating his meal, Hurst adds that although he has a health condition, he’s not concerned about anything on his plate when he dines at Haystack. He knows it will be good.

Fortunately for his customers, Kouloulis, 83, has no plans to sell the business. “I’m going to put it in my will,” he jokes, “Keep it open forever!”

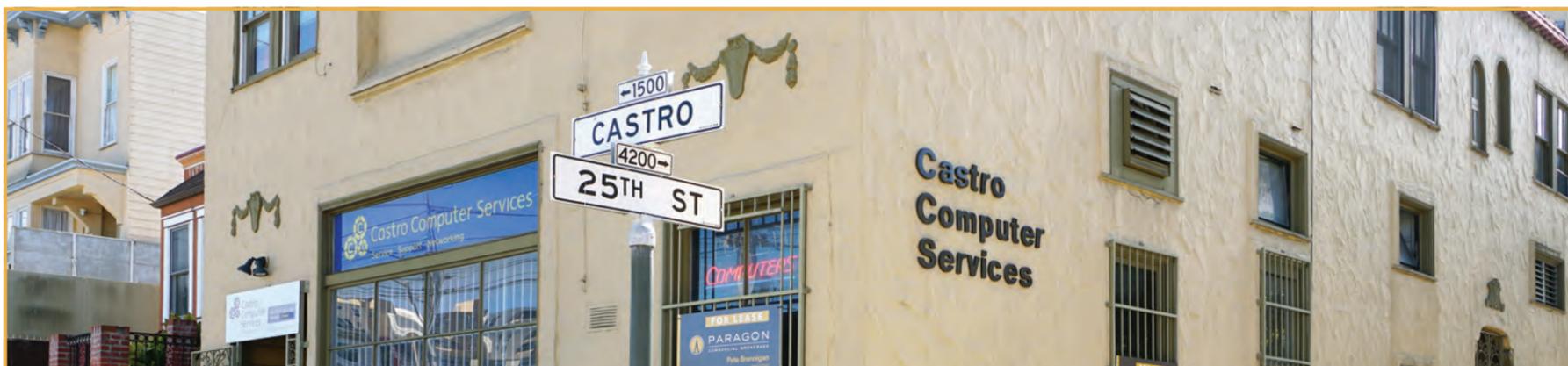
Recycling Box Nixed

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SFMTA parking management senior manager Rob Malone acknowledged his department had not had adequate communication with the NVA, and pledged to do better moving forward. He also told Niemann that she and anyone else with the NVA could report issues with the parking lot to him as soon as they arose. “My staff and I endeavor to routinely monitor the cleaning, maintenance, and landscaping services provided by Public Works at our unstaffed metered lots throughout the city,” wrote Malone. “However, resources are constrained,

and MTA staff only visit each lot once per month, give or take. At MTA lots that are within CBD boundaries, I have always found the CBD staff to be valuable partners.”

Recycle for Change is placing collection boxes accessible to the public in a parking lot at California and Steiner streets and in the Mission Bartlett garage. Otherwise, Noe Valley residents with clothing or additional items to donate are encouraged to drop them off at local thrift stores, such as Goodwill, Out of the Closet, or Community Thrift. ■



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Breed Wins Mayor's Race

Mandelman Takes District 8 Supervisor Seat

By Matthew S. Bajko

City Hall will welcome a new mayor, as well as see a shake-up in leadership at the Board of Supervisors, when Mayor-elect London Breed and District 8 Supervisor-elect Rafael Mandelman are sworn into office this month.

Breed is the first African American woman to be elected mayor of San Francisco. Mandelman, a gay lawyer who lost a 2010 bid for the supervisor seat, will ensure there continues to be LGBT representation on the board.

Both ran in special elections on the June 5 primary ballot. Breed, the District 5 supervisor, bested former state lawmaker and city supervisor Mark Leno in the mayor's race, while Mandelman ousted District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy from his seat. They will take their oaths of office Wednesday, July 11, as the board is set to certify the election results at its meeting the day before.

Breed and Mandelman both have pledged to address the city's lack of affordable housing and ongoing homelessness crisis as their top concerns. In a victory speech she gave June 14 in the auditorium of the elementary school she attended, Breed promised to take an eagle-eyed approach to the dual issue.

"We have to build more housing. We have to build more housing. We have to build more housing. And I will be relentless in my pursuit to get the job done," pledged Breed. "It is going to take a lot of work and creativity to get to a better place. We have got to get rid of the bureaucratic process that gets in the way of building housing production in San Francisco."

At his election night party, Mandelman sounded a similar theme when he addressed his supporters just as local media were calling the race for him. The issue

of homelessness is a personal one, as his mother ended up living on the streets due to mental illness.

"My top priorities as supervisor will be getting people off the street and into housing and care, remaining laser-focused on increased mental health services and cleaning up our filthy streets," said Mandelman.

Breed, 43, will serve out the term of the late mayor Ed Lee, who would have left office in January of 2020 but died suddenly in December. She will need to run in November of 2019 for a full four-year mayoral term.

Leno May Run Next Year

Speaking to reporters June 13, when he conceded the race to Breed, Leno did not rule out running for mayor again next year. A resident of Noe Valley, Leno came in a close second place just 2,546 votes behind Breed.

He had help from District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim, who teamed up with Leno to urge their supporters to vote for the other one as their number-two choice in the race. Under the city's instant runoff voting system, voters can mark their first, second, and third choices for mayor on their ballot.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes in the first round, then the candidates with the least number-one votes are eliminated and their voters' ranked choices are tabulated until a winner emerges with 50 percent plus one of the vote. Kim was knocked out in the eighth round, as she was in third place with 27.81 percent of the vote.

Nine-Round Bout

Breed ended up the winner with 50.55 percent of the vote after nine rounds. Leno took second with 49.45 percent of the vote.

For the time being, Leno has pledged to work with Breed as mayor. He noted during his concession press conference that "she is a remarkable young woman" who is going "to do a fine job. Her success is San Francisco's success."

Due to her position as board president,

"The relocation of streetcars back to Cameron Beach Yard means more service to riders along the J-Church route," noted the transit agency on its blog.

"As the streetcars travel to and from Cameron Beach to the start and end of their route, they will be running in revenue service. This means they will be picking up and dropping off passengers along the J-Church route between Balboa Park and Church and 17th Street in the early morning and evening."

In other transit news, work began in June on Muni's renovation of the Twin Peaks Tunnel, which connects Castro Station with West Portal and other neighborhoods to the south. The tunnel will be closed for three months, so crews can repair tracks, walls, and drainage systems in the 100-year-old underground system.

During the closure, buses will replace trains on the L-Taraval and M-Ocean View lines, and the K-Ingleside line will travel a shorter route. Forest Hill and West Portal stations will be closed, but trains will run as usual between Castro Station and downtown.

To get updates on service on the J, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/news-blog>. ■

Breed had become acting mayor upon Lee's death. But she was ousted from the position in January by a majority of the Board of Supervisors who voted to have Mark Farrell, then the District 2 supervisor, serve as mayor on an interim basis.

Breed will resign her seat on the board the day she is sworn in as mayor. She will then be able to name her successor as District 5 supervisor. It is likely Breed, considered a moderate, will wait on making the appointment so that the election to determine who will serve out the remainder of her term (through January of 2021) will fall on the November 2019 ballot.

Sheehy Thanks Supporters

Mandelman, 44, was elected to the supervisor seat that represents Noe Valley, as well as the Castro, Diamond Heights, and Glen Park, through the end of the year.

He is now running for a full four-year term in November.

Lee had appointed Sheehy, a gay married father and long-time AIDS activist, to the District 8 seat after gay former supervisor Scott Wiener resigned in late 2016 following his election to the state Senate. Sheehy is the first known HIV-positive person to have served on the board.

Sheehy declined to talk to the press at his

election night party. In a Facebook post later that night, he thanked his husband and daughter "for their love and support" and Lee for appointing him to the supervisor seat. "Thank you to all my friends and neighbors who supported me in both my job and in my campaign. I am proud to have served the residents of District 8 and all the people of the City and County of San Francisco," wrote Sheehy.

Having lost to Mandelman by nearly 23 percent of the vote, Sheehy opted not to run against him this fall. The only per-

son who filed to oppose Mandelman by the June 18 deadline to do so was theatrical technician Lawrence "Stark" Dagasse. He garnered just 1.74 percent of the vote in the primary race; thus, Mandelman is expected to easily win the Nov. 6 election.

A Swing to the Left?

Mandelman's victory last month means the progressives will once again have a 6-5 majority on the board, as Sheehy had aligned with the moderates since joining the board in early 2017, though he voted with the progressive supervisors in electing Farrell mayor.

However, moving to block the progressive supervisors from electing a new board president from their ranks in July, Breed resigned from the president position at the end of the supervisors' June 26 meeting. She then voted that night with

the 10 other supervisors to elect moderate District 10 Supervisor Malia Cohen as her successor through the end of the year. Cohen, who is termed out this year and seeking a seat on the state tax board in November, was the only person to be nominated for the powerful post.

With competitive races for the board's District 2, 4, 6, and 10 seats on the No-

vember ballot, control of the board could swing back to the moderates next year. A new board president will be elected in early January when the winners of the fall races are sworn into office. Mandelman pledged in his victory speech to build consensus on the board in order to tackle the myriad concerns of San Francisco residents.

"The voters of District 8 have shown today they believe, as I do, so much more unites San Franciscans than divides us," he said. ■



Rafael Mandelman handily won the June 5 special election for District 8 supervisor. He'll be sworn in July 11.

Historic Streetcars Back on J-Line

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a re-railing project at Cameron Beach Yard, the car yard located on San Jose Avenue at Geneva. With completion of the project last month, the streetcars that service the F-Market and E-Embarcadero lines are once again rolling through Noe Valley at the start and the end of the day.

The iconic vehicles run to the F-Market terminal on 17th Street before heading down Market Street toward Fisherman's Wharf or the Sixth and King streets stop in Mission Bay.

"Streetcars will make all J-Church, F-Market, and E-Embarcadero stops on the way to their destination," Erica Kato, deputy spokesperson for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, confirmed in early June.

According to a June 12 post on the SFMTA's blog, the streetcars had been housed overnight at the Muni Metro East facility in Dogpatch the last four years as work took place at Cameron Beach Yard.

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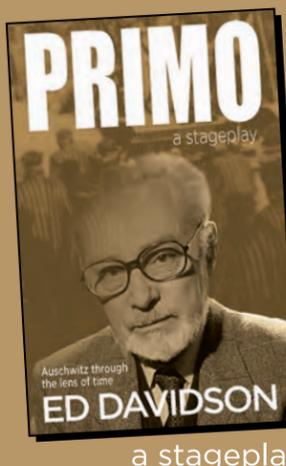


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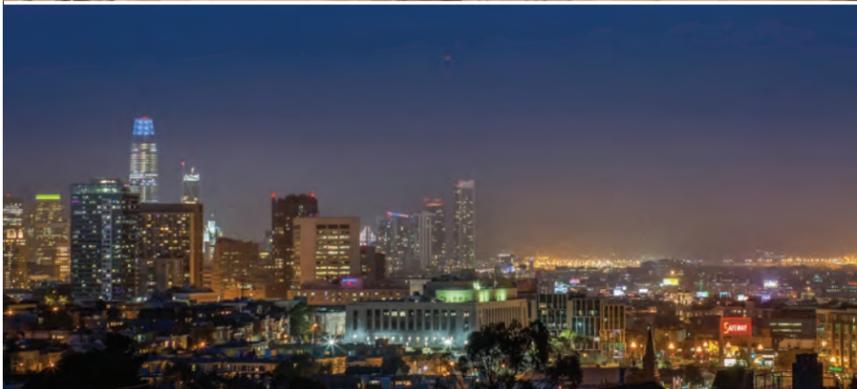
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Upper Douglass Dog Park May Be Shut Twice a Week

By Matthew S. Bajko

The city may close the heavily used Upper Douglass Dog Park twice a week starting later this summer in order to address neighborhood concerns and maintenance issues with the site's grass turf.

The off-leash dog play area, located at the corner of 27th and Douglass streets, is currently closed Wednesdays. The closure coincides with street cleaning in the area on that day of the week, when parking is restricted for several hours.

According to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the one-day closure was implemented several years ago not only for the safety of the public and pets, but also to allow "the grass to rest for turf recovery."

As of now, the dog park is open all other days of the week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park department is now considering closing the park on Tuesdays and Thursdays to allow for more recovery time of the grass. The move is also seen as a way to mitigate the noise complaints voiced by nearby residents.

"To mitigate concerns around maintenance for Upper Douglass Dog Play Area and quality of life related issues for the neighbors, we are working on the following possible plan: two-day park closure and make improvements to park fencing," said Connie Chan, the agency's deputy director of communications. "We are committed to facilitate regular and ongoing communications between the neighbors and Friends of Upper Douglass Dog Park."

Three Days, in Effect

The Friends group for dog owners who utilize the park is opposed to closing it an additional day. If the park department does move to shutter it on Tuesdays and Thursdays, they argue it will be a de facto three-day closure due to the parking restrictions on Wednesdays.

"It turns out it is not a turf issue. It is really more a giving the neighbors a respite issue," said Jeff Parker, a member of Friends who brings his dog Cleo, a nearly 2-year-old Labrador mix, to the dog park.

Parker and his partner, Jim Collins, live nearby and pushed to establish the dog play area 15 years ago. Upper Douglass Park had previously been used as a sports field, and the decision to no longer use it for recreational athletics was not without controversy, as the *Voice* reported at the time.

More recently, a handful of residents who live near the dog park have complained about the noise from dogs, the dog owners and caretakers, and the slamming of car doors parked nearby. They have formed their own group, Advocates for Upper Douglass Dog Park, and many of its 30-plus members are dog owners.

Safety an Issue

"Our goal is to continue to work with the city to maintain the park as a beautiful space that is both clean and safe and to promote the park as a community space where people can gather with their dogs," said Brendan Simon, a co-founder of the group.

He and his partner have a 9-year-old American dingo, Momo. Even though Momo weighs 60 pounds, they are careful about bringing him to the dog park. It is not uncommon, he said, to see cases of dogs fighting.

"Mostly, we go there when we don't feel it's unsafe for him to be there," said Simon.

The couple moved into the neighborhood two years ago and have seen the problems at the park increase over time. They and their neighbors reached out to city officials this spring to try to find ways to calm the situation.

Closing down the dog park is not one of their goals, said Simon, but they do take issue with how widely promoted it is on social media. And they are also adamant about protecting the park's tree canopy, which provides habitat for red-tailed hawks and barn owls.

"It isn't like we didn't know we were moving across the street from a dog park," he said. "We love that we live so close."

Mabel Jung, who lives directly across the street from the dog park entrance,

moved into her home with her husband over two decades ago. They didn't mind when the park was used as a sports field, said Jung, because there would be times when it was not utilized.

Dogs Have Long Hours

The dog park, however, draws people and pooches from when it opens at 6 a.m. until it closes at night, said Jung. The noise became so loud that the couple moved their bedroom to the back side of their house.

"We don't have the peace and quiet we could expect on the low times when it was a sports field," said Jung, who watches her friend's two senior rescue dogs, each about 5 pounds, but will not bring them

Police Still Seeking Clues to Attack on Mother With Baby on Sanchez Street

The Noe Valley community continues to help a neighborhood woman who is recovering from a brain injury she suffered in an assault on Sanchez Street Sunday, June 3. Meanwhile, the San Francisco Police Department is actively investigating the case and asking those with any information to please come forward.

The attack occurred at about 6 p.m. near the intersection of Sanchez and 28th streets as the 37-year-old woman, carrying her six-month-old baby in a front pack, was walking home after visiting friends.

Her screams attracted the attention of a nearby resident, who called 911. The victim was taken to a local hospital, where she underwent emergency surgery for a skull fracture. The baby was unharmed.

Police have increased patrols in the neighborhood and are analyzing a video from a security camera on a nearby building. They also are conducting forensic tests on a metal pipe found June 11 in the bag of a man apprehended seven blocks away at a Mission District Safeway.

As of press time, law enforcement authorities had not made an arrest in connection with the attack.

"I'm super frustrated," said Capt. Jack Hart, who heads Ingleside Police Station. "This is keeping me up at night."

Sounds on Security Cam

In the video, which has been posted on Nextdoor and other media, you can see the victim walking south on Sanchez Street from Duncan Street. After she crosses the 28th Street intersection, she disappears from view. Within a few seconds, you hear her loud screams, then the sound of her baby crying. The woman had apparently been hit from behind and fallen to the sidewalk.

Also captured in the video are people walking along Sanchez or up and down 28th Street, before and after the incident. However, the quality of the images is poor and most faces are obscured by shadows or trees.

Neighbors Rally Support

News of the attack brought immediate concern and support from the Noe Valley community. Residents posted flyers in cafes and on utility poles and went door to door trying to locate additional security videos. Others provided meals for the family of the injured woman, now facing months of recovery.

Authorities initially were uncertain whether a crime had occurred or whether the injury was the result of an

accidental fall. Neither the woman's phone nor anything else was stolen.

"We are trying to understand what happened," Hart said. "There were no eyewitnesses, and the victim doesn't have a memory of what happened."

But Hart said police detectives were "definitely operating under the assumption she was assaulted."

Serious Injury

That belief was strongly shared by two of the victim's closest friends, Jessica Farb, an immigration attorney, and Farb's husband Chris Roblee, a software engineer. The couple were the friends whose home the victim was visiting just prior to the attack.

"She was attacked with very likely a hard object on the back of her head," Farb said.

A cell phone conversation the victim was having with her sister in Washington, D.C., also lent credence to the assault theory, said Farb. "The sister said she heard her say, 'He hit me!'" during the assault.

Farb said the quick response of emergency personnel was crucial to saving her friend's life.

"The first responders were excellent," she said. "That's the reason she probably had such a successful outcome because they got her to San Francisco General Hospital right away."

The woman is now recuperating at home. "She's doing pretty well, considering," Farb said. "She is spending a lot of time recovering and trying to manage the pain."

She and her husband expressed gratitude for the community's response.

"The family is really grateful for everyone who has come out to support them, and to help find the person who did this," Farb said.

Farb and Roblee organized a meal train to help the family during their recovery. Anyone wishing to participate or donate funds for meals can send an email to jessicafarb@gmail.com or robleec@alum.dartmouth.org.

Approximately 50 people, including Capt. Hart, attended a public safety meeting at Upper Noe Recreation Center on June 21 hosted by outgoing District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy. Neighbors expressed their concerns about the case and voiced complaints about other recent incidents. Hart responded, saying police were "casting a wide net" in the investigation.

Anyone with information may call 415-553-0123 or the police department's tip line at 415-575-4444. The case number is #180413246.

—Corrie M. Anders

to the dog park because of their size.

Outgoing District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy's office had been talking with the two park advocate groups and park officials in the hope of coming up with a solution.

In May, Sheehy's office informed the Friends of the plan to close the park twice a week.

It cited drainage issues as the main reason. However, a follow-up note from the park department said that there were no problems with the park's irrigation.

"The park closure is not for drainage issues but [rather] park maintenance to allow the grass to rest and grow," wrote Beverly Ng, the department's senior manager of policy and community affairs. "Our department is currently considering an additional day, as the results of park maintenance and grass growing have benefitted. As we finalize the selected days, we are balancing the needs and impact on other surrounding DPAs."

Open a Second Entrance?

Parker told the *Voice* that the Friends immediately voiced objections to the two-day closure plan.

"When we got wind of that, we said, 'Hey, it is not really fair to the park users.' Because everybody relies on that park, it is really the heart of the community," he said.

One suggestion the group has is to construct an entrance into the dog park on Douglass Street, as now the only way in is from 27th Street. Old photos of the park show there once was an entrance near the intersection of Cesar Chavez and Douglass streets, said Parker.

"What we have is a funnel there on 27th, with all these users coming in and out of the park. If we had two entrances, it would cut that in half, if not more," he said.

The Friends group has been asking people to not slam their car doors and to keep their dogs quiet when entering and leaving the dog park.

"We do have to be nice to each other," he said. "We do have to work out ways to keep it quieter."

New Supe Expects

In June, District 8 Supervisor-elect Rafael Mandelman met with both of the neighborhood groups to hear their concerns. He also contacted the park department about what its plans were for the park.

"It is certainly the case there are some neighbors there who feel particularly aggrieved and have some legitimate complaints, I think, about noise," Mandelman told the *Voice*. "It is a very heavily used park and it is right in front of their homes."

But he also said the park officials needed to do a better job of communicating.

"I would hope they would do a little more process in explaining what they are doing to the users of that park and the rationale for it," said Mandelman, adding that there was no plan to completely shutter the dog play area.

He told the *Voice* that he expected the two-day closure to be implemented sometime after the July 1 reopening of the Walter Haas Dog Play Area. Located at the corner of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Addison Street, it has undergone a \$461,500 renovation to change its surface from dirt to synthetic turf.

Chan told the *Voice* that the decision to close Upper Douglass Dog Park twice a week would be finalized in early July.

"We will for sure post signage on site and alert the neighbors in advance of the two-day closure decision, and we should be ready to finalize the decision in the coming weeks," she wrote in an emailed reply in late June. ■



Prideful Dolores. June 23 – 24 saw thousands basking in the heat of Dolores Park following the annual Pride celebrations.

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Hunters Point Promenade: Walk from India Basin to Heron's Head and watch the grasses grow and the ships go by.

Photos by Art Bodner

Off the Beaten Path

Explore Hunters Point Shoreline

By Joe O'Connor

This month's featured spot is Hunters Point Shoreline Park. You might not know about it because Hunters Point Shoreline Park just opened in March of 2017. The site was previously occupied by the Hunters Point steam-electric station, a fossil-fuel-fired power plant that began operations in 1929. The power plant had a history of air, soil, and water pollution. The City of San Francisco reached an agreement with PG&E 20 years ago (1998) to shut down the plant when alternative power supplies became accessible. That shutdown finally occurred in 2006. Demolition of the plant was completed three years later.

Site cleanup and wetlands restoration have been done, and there now exists a shoreline trail complete with rest areas, wildlife overlooks, and historical information about the long and varied evolution of Hunters Point.

The Shoreline Park establishes a bridge between Heron's Head Park, operated by

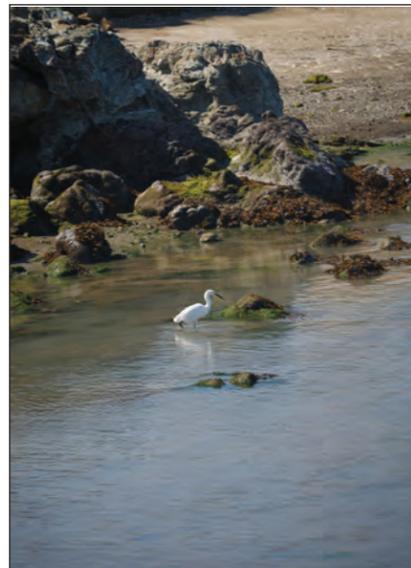
the Port of San Francisco, and India Basin Park, operated by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. It also provides an important link in the Bay Trail and the Blue Greenway, which extends south from Mission Creek to the county line. Further, the NOW Hunters Point project spearheads community events at the site that serve to bring together neighborhood residents.

You can get to the pathway via either of Heron's Head or India Basin. For Heron's Head access, go down Cesar Chavez Street to Third Street. Take a right on Third and then a diagonal left on Cargo Way and head to where it ends at Jennings Street. The trail is straight ahead.

For access from India Basin, go down Cesar Chavez until you reach Evans Avenue (seven blocks before Third). Take a right on Evans and follow it as it curves south and becomes Hunters Point Boulevard. Turn left when you see Hawes Street. Hawes leads into India Basin Park. (If you're traveling from Noe Valley by bus, take the 48-Quintara to 25th and Connecticut, and then the 19-Shipyard to Innes Avenue and Hunters Point Boulevard.)

Both access points have free parking and picnic/barbecue areas. There's an eco-center at Heron's Head and a children's play area with a slide and swing-set at India Basin Park.

Starting at Heron's Head, follow a dirt path south to the new Shoreline Park. The path is paved from the old cooling-water inlet channel all the way to India Basin.



Snowy egrets wade in shallow pools just off the trail along Hunters Point Shoreline.

and great overlooks for viewing waterfowl. With time, the beach there will begin to support native pickleweed.

The India Basin end of the shoreline park is very popular with Canada geese and wading birds, including the snowy egret, American avocet, and great blue heron. Here, too, you'll find storyboards about the fascinating history of Hunters Point. There are numerous places along the shoreline promenade where you can stop, gaze out at the bay, and forget you are in a city of more than 850,000 people.

The site affords a dose of harsh reality as well. From either access point, the promenade takes you past a very long chain-link fence that encloses a large area of bare concrete. This "forbidden territory" speaks of the cost of misuse of bay lands when we didn't know any better. It serves as a lesson: although the site has been "remediated" and "restored," chemically contaminated soil at the power plant site could not be removed entirely. That vast concrete slab is, in fact, lost land. The land will probably remain permanently buried under concrete. ■

As you walk along, you're treated to (new) plantings of native wildflowers and shrubs. The plantings will mature with time to a pleasant shoreline flora.

At various points along the promenade, there are storyboards providing insight into Hunters Point and Bayview from the days of "Butchertown" through the peak of naval activity in the 1940s and up to removal of the power plant.

The paved path access from India Basin Park is found easily, too. It's a path off to the left (facing north) about halfway down Hawes Street. Along the path are lots of wildflowers, plenty of benches,

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. *Off the Beaten Path* is a guide to some of his favorite "hidden" nature spots in San Francisco.



A children's playground with swings, a slide, and climbing structures is among the human-made attractions at India Basin Park.



Looking to the south, you can see a harbor with small boats that in dry years sit landlocked in mud.



Photos by Art Bodner

There Goes the Noeberhood

On May 12, the Noe Valley Town Square hosted the uniquely styled Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The Sisters called bingo, swept up some sequins and were gone. But not before dishing out free rainbow sherbet sponsored by The Agency Real Estate Company.

The event was part of the annual Shop Out Day benefitting the San Francisco LGBT Center.



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The Cost of Living in Noe

Nobody's Selling

By Corrie M. Anders

According to data supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate, there were just seven sales of “single-family” homes in Noe Valley in May, about half the number sold the same month last year (13).

Even fewer condominiums changed hands. Buyers bought four in May, in contrast to 15 last year.

Why so few? A lack of homes on the market, said Randall Kostick, president of the real estate firm.

With few properties to browse, shoppers acted aggressively and quickly when a preferred home became available, he said.

They made a point of offering sellers substantially more than what they were

asking.

“The overbidding was as high as it’s been in the last three years,” Kostick said.

Closing a deal took only two weeks on average—which “also suggests a lack of inventory,” he said.

Also noteworthy, Randall said, was that both the most expensive detached home and the costliest condo were sold before they were advertised to the general public.

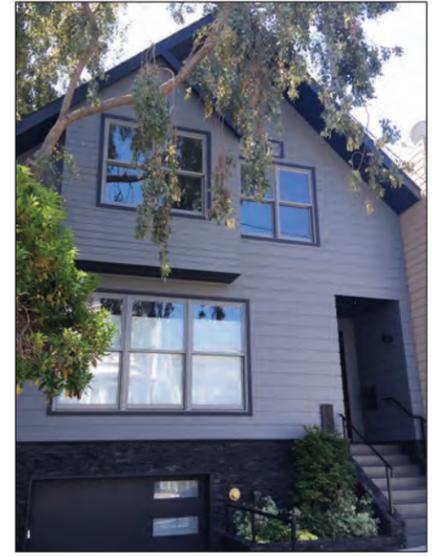
Buyers paid \$4,997,000—2.8 percent above the list price (\$4,859,000)—for a home in the 200 block of 28th Street between Church and Sanchez streets. The four-bedroom, 3.5-bath house afforded the new owners 4,053 square feet of living space on three levels. The building had undergone a contemporary remodel, and featured a rooftop deck with city views and a two-car garage.

The buyer of the most expensive condominium in May paid an even higher premium to preempt other potential bidders: \$2,550,000, or 16.2 percent more than the asking price (\$2,195,000).

The three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home with 2,073 square feet of living space was one of two units in a 1909 Edwardian in



A remodeled condominium in this two-unit Edwardian on Homestead Street sold in May for \$2,555,000—16.2 percent over the asking price. The three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home has a landscaped yard with a bocce ball court in addition to the usual amenities of a contemporary renovation.



A rooftop deck with city views, a two-car garage, and a modern makeover were among the features that drew buyers to this house on 28th Street. The four-bedroom, 3.5-bath dwelling, with 4,053 square feet of living space, sold in May for \$4,997,000. Photos by Corrie M. Anders

the first block of Homestead Street, between 24th and 25th streets. Features included a remodeled interior, tall ceilings,

a fireplace, deck, one-car garage, and a landscaped yard with a bocce ball court.

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 2018	7	\$1,510,000	\$4,997,650	\$2,619,664	14	114%
April 2018	11	\$1,650,000	\$4,900,000	\$2,541,818	27	105%
May 2017	13	\$1,550,000	\$5,325,000	\$3,134,080	38	103%
Condominiums/TICs						
May 2018	4	\$775,000	\$2,550,000	\$1,333,750	18	114%
April 2018	10	\$1,350,000	\$3,729,000	\$1,894,200	14	119%
May 2017	15	\$535,000	\$2,445,000	\$1,364,467	30	108%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
May 2018	4	\$1,438,000	\$4,750,000	\$2,522,000	17	103%
April 2018	0	—	—	—	—	—
May 2017	5	\$1,650,000	\$4,420,000	\$2,395,000	34	106%
5+-unit buildings						
May 2018	0	—	—	—	—	—
April 2018	2	\$2,200,000	\$4,995,000	\$3,597,500	46	98%
May 2017	1	\$3,040,000	\$3,040,000	\$3,040,000	21	95%

* 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. NVV7/2018

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range June 2018	Average June 2018	Average May 2018	Average June 2017
Studio	6	\$2,395 - \$2,700	\$2,487 / mo.	\$2,261 / mo.	\$2,367 / mo.
1-bdrm	29	\$2,290 - \$4,900	\$3,244 / mo.	\$3,296 / mo.	\$3,166 / mo.
2-bdrm	23	\$2,950 - \$6,500	\$4,485 / mo.	\$4,341 / mo.	\$4,443 / mo.
3-bdrm	15	\$4,695 - \$11,500	\$7,419 / mo.	\$7,622 / mo.	\$6,531 / mo.
4+-bdrm	3	\$9,100 - \$22,500	\$15,365 / mo.	\$11,824 / mo.	\$16,333 / mo.

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'Splash Dance' at Lola Gallery

The water drawings of Kim Pabilonia will be on display at Lola Gallery in an exhibition called "Splash Dance." The opening reception is set for Friday, July 6, 5 to 7 p.m. The show runs through July 31.

The artist's work is figurative. She starts with a splash of color, then draws "inquisitive" lines, she says. The drawings she's showing at Lola are her reactions to the "energy, emotion, and tension of the human figure in dynamic poses."

Pabilonia, a Potrero Hill resident, works in Noe Valley at the 23rd Street Studio, which provides models, music, good lighting, and "positive energy from other artists."

Gallery owner Lola Herrera, an artist in her own right, says she selected Pabilonia



The energy of the human figure will be on display at Sanchez Street's Lola Gallery in July in the watercolor art of Kim Pabilonia.

nia because she "has a unique personal style," which she feels will be well received by the neighborhood.

Pabilonia studied studio art and computer science at American University. She lived in Paris for two years, where she continued her art studies at L'Académie de la Grand Chaumière in Montparnasse.

Lola Gallery, open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 6 p.m., is located at the corner of Sanchez and Clipper streets.

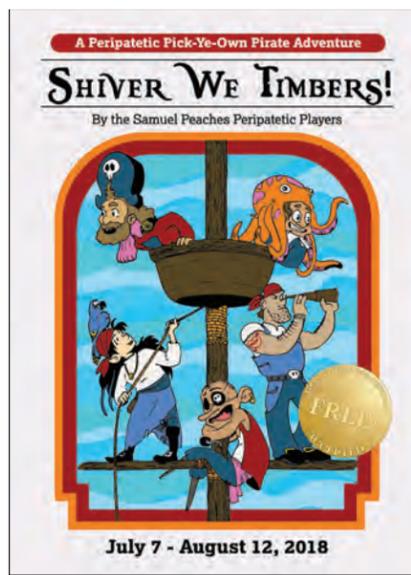
The Square Hosts Pirates and Animals

Samuel Peaches' Peripatetic Players are back in Noe Valley with a new play and more silly fun. The new show is "Shiver We Timbers!: A Peripatetic Pick-Ye-Own Adventure." The group appeared here last summer in "Shakespeare or Space Wars," a truly wacky dramatic experience.

This summer's production is inspired by pirate myths, legends, and very tall tales. The crew invites you to sail with them to pirate hangouts, search for buried treasure, and sing swashbuckling sea chanteys. The course will be set by the audience. Danger will lurk, however.

"Shiver We Timbers!" is scheduled for one performance at the Noe Valley Town Square, at 3861 24th St., Sunday, July 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free but donations will be cheerfully accepted, with an argh or two.

Meanwhile, Leslie Crawford, the Town Square events manager, says plans are being laid for a Noe Valley Animal Fair at the square on Aug. 12, with cats, dogs, pigs, goats, chickens, and pigeons available for adoption. The event will also have contests, for both kids and animals. Check noevalleytownsquare.com for details. You'll also find a list of continuing events, such as Sunday morning yoga and Wednesday a.m. t'ai chi.



Samuel Peaches' Peripatetic Players perform as preposterous pirates in "Shiver We Timbers!," playing Sunday, July 8, at the Noe Valley Town Square on 24th Street.

Karaoke at the Rec Center

The professional music scene in Noe Valley is quiet in July and August but never fear! Chris Sequeira is hosting free karaoke nights every Friday through Aug. 17 at Upper Noe Recreation Center.

Sequeira's Karaoke for Adults is a long-running class at the rec center. Normally, it costs \$72 a session or \$10 for a one-night gig but this summer it's free! Chanteuses, crooners, and singers of all description 18 years of age or older are invited onstage from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The karaoke machine is provided. It takes about four minutes to pull up your song selection and for you to sing it.

The atmosphere is convivial. No rotten eggs or heads of lettuce will be thrown. Refreshments are not sold or provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Upper Noe Rec Center is located at Day and Sanchez streets.

Playground to Be Transformed

The George Christopher Playground in Diamond Heights is moving from concept to approval to bid to construction. If the Park Commission okays the final concept at its June meeting, the project will go out to bid in mid-July, according to Peter Moore at the city's Recreation and Park Department. Construction is planned to start in December of this year and be finished in October 2019.

What's on the drawing board is a complete makeover of the children's playground, located behind the Diamond Heights Shopping Center and next to the Noe Valley Nursery School building. Renovations include replacing the existing play structures, upgrading the rest-

Coffee Company Wants to Roast

The Noe Valley Coffee Company is seeking approval to operate its own coffee roaster in the neighborhood. So far so good, says the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

The agency's engineering staff has recommended that NVCC owners Christian and Zoe Ritter (Noe Valley residents for 18 years) be allowed to install a roaster inside Spin City Launderette & Coffee Bar at 1299 Sanchez St. at 26th Street.

The smell of roasting coffee beans is a bit different from the aroma of your morning cup of Joe. Some might even say it's acrid. But the Ritters contend—and the agency's engineers agree—that a special filter on the roaster they plan to install will abate smoke and odor generated by the roasting process.

The air-quality agency is required to notify the public whenever a new business operation that might be a source of air pollution sets up within 1,000 feet of a school. In this case, the school is James Lick Middle School at 25th and Noe streets.

The public can weigh in on Noe Valley Coffee Company's request from now until July 13, via email at asohn@baaqmd.gov or by leaving a one-minute message at 415-749-5155. The application file number is 29148.

—Corrie M. Anders

room and path to ADA standards, replacing or renovating benches, picnic tables, and signs, and freshening up the landscaping. Among the new additions will be an imagination garden, a bridge, and an embankment slide with fake grass. (No work is planned on the larger green space, the baseball field, or tennis courts near the nursery school.)

The estimated cost, \$2.8 million, will be funded through the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond, which voters passed in 2012. (\$99 million was allotted for 15 projects at neighborhood parks.)

Once construction begins, Rec and Park plans to hold monthly community meetings at the site. Meeting dates and times will be posted online at sfrecpark.org.

—Richard May

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Summerfest Is an Adventure

Pet an Alpaca, a Pig, or a Miniature Donkey

If it's foggy in the morning, it's summer in San Francisco. Get ready to celebrate the change of seasons at Summerfest, Noe Valley's annual welcome to freezing mornings and lovely afternoons. This year, Summerfest is on Sunday, July 29, with free activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Perhaps the most popular event will be the Merchants' Hayride, sponsored each year by Zephyr Real Estate. Take a free roll along 24th Street in a horse-drawn wagon anytime from 1 to 4 p.m. Passengers can board at the Walgreen's parking lot at Castro and Jersey streets. No seatbelts required.

Most other Summerfest activities will be at the Noe Valley Town Square, on 24th between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets. A petting zoo will offer a chance to get up close and personal with a pig, goats, sheep, a miniature donkey, an alpaca, and a guanaco (which looks suspiciously like a llama but is not). The animals come from a rescue group called All About Animals, based in Tehachapi in southern California.

Artists young and not so young can enter the sidewalk chalk-drawing contest for fun and prizes donated by local stores and offices. First place, second place, and third place winners will be crowned in the 11 years old and under and 12 years old and up categories. The art appears be-



The irresistible petting-zoo family of All About Animals will return to the Noe Valley Town Square again this year to celebrate Summerfest on Sunday, July 29. Photo by Art Bodner

tween 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the sidewalks between Sanchez and Vicksburg.

Other activities will include a bouncy house for younger kids, face-painting, and games in the square. Skillet Licorice and other bands will perform.

Mitchell's Ice Cream will be provided by The Agency real estate, and Novy Restaurant will be dishing up homemade spanakopita on the house. Other merchants will offer Summerfest specials all along 24th Street.

Summerfest is a co-production of the Town Square, the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, and the Noe Valley Association, 24th Street's community benefit district. Other major sponsors not previously mentioned are Sterling Bank and Trust, First Republic Bank, and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

Bookstore Review

Staycationing in San Francisco? Pull up a chair. Noe Valley's three bookstores are hosting 40 events in July and August.

Charlie's Corner children's bookstore (24th and Castro) is offering kids and their caregivers all kinds of vacation-oriented readings, from the Great Outdoors Camping Adventure on July 8 to Summer Travels Week Aug. 13 to 20. And don't miss Princess Empowerment Week, July 2-7. Daily readings that week include *Not All Princesses Dress in Pink*, *Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?*, and the classic *The Princess and the Pea*. For story times and more events, go to charliescorner.com.

The parade of chefs and cookbook authors at **Omnivore Books on Food**,

3885A Cesar Chavez St., is not taking a vacation. Owner Celia Sack has booked two authors (among her eight guests this summer) who are experts in preserving food: Karen Solomon, who wrote *Cured Meat, Smoked Fish, and Pickled Eggs* (July 28), and Joyce Goldstein, author of the fruit-preserving guide *Jam Session* (Aug. 12). Sack has also invited a couple of San Francisco food lovers (aren't we all?). Meet Stephanie Rosenbaum, author of *A Little Taste of San Francisco*, on Aug. 4, and Laura Borrman, creator of *Iconic San Francisco: Dishes, Drinks, and Desserts* Aug. 18. All events are free and start at 3 p.m.

Oh, and perhaps the most important date is Saturday, July 14. **Omnivore** will hold its annual book sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All books in the store will be discounted 20 to 50 percent. For more information, see omnivorebooks.com.

August will be a busy month for **Folio Books**, at 3957 24th St. It's hosting two poets on Aug. 9, 7 p.m.: Susan Dambroff and Kendra Tenacea. Dambroff is the author of *Conversations With Trees*, and Tenacea *A Filament Burns in Blue Degrees* (a poem in itself). The store's Bookworms Club, for readers 8 to 12, will read *Once Upon a Time Machine* and visit with writer-editor Andrew Carl from 6 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 17 (RSVP 415-821-3477). Then, on Aug. 23, 7 p.m., Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff will present her book *Other Avenues Are Possible*, about Bay Area food co-ops launched in the 1970s.

Folio too is having a sale—by coupon. You'll find the coupon in the store's newsletter or in this issue of the *Voice* (page 25). The coupon is good for 20 percent off one purchase. To find out more, see foliosf.com.

Short Takes are compiled and written by Richard May.

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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular feature of the Noe Valley Voice, profiling new shops and businesses in the neighborhood. This month we highlight Moe's, the freshest face in barbershops in Noe Valley.

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Residents of their building for years, Marcellino Gioia and Duncan Wheeler decided to buy it four years ago when the property went up for sale. With it came a ground-floor retail space, which for decades had housed various hair salons.

When the two friends purchased the building, the owner of Mylene's Hair Salon told them she no longer was able to operate the business. Not wanting to see the stylists working at Mylene's become unemployed, Gioia and Wheeler opted to run the salon themselves.

Working off the design of a barbershop they liked in New York, they updated the interior look of the space. Gioia installed the white and black subway tiles on the walls, while Wheeler assisted with putting in a new wood floor.

"We wanted a vintage feel," explained Wheeler.

They opened in January of 2015 as Moe's Barbershop and Beauty Parlor. The business is named after their Jack



Barber Sarah Schaefer gives Jake Wolbert a trim at Moe's Barbershop. Photo by Pamela Gerard

Russell dog that died in April at the age of 17. His picture still graces the shop and can be found on a shelf above the cash register.

"I always wanted a barbershop," said Wheeler, who grew up in England and has called San Francisco home the last 30 years. "It has been a whole new learning experience. People who have worked in the business for a long time gave us some guidance."

Wheeler, however, does not cut hair, and instead, works as a real estate agent for Compass. Gioia, who moved to the city 25 years ago from New York, was inspired to enroll in barber school after becoming a co-owner of Moe's. He sees clients Tuesday through Saturday. Previously, he worked as a video editor and

prior to that in the IT field.

"This is my third and final career," said Gioia, who goes by Marc and attended the Paul Mitchell School run by the San Francisco Institute of Esthetics & Cosmetology, Inc.

There currently are four barbers and three cosmetologists working at Moe's. Each is an independent contractor, with some having worked at the location for decades.

Haircuts cost \$45, while a buzzcut runs \$30. Men can get a facial shave for \$45 or a beard trim for \$40, while a shave and a haircut costs \$80. Children are welcome; the price for their haircut varies, depending on the person they see.

"I say to people the haircut is free. It costs \$45 to sit in the chair," joked Sarah

Schaefer, a barber who has worked in the city for 15 years and joined Moe's last August.

The clientele at Moe's is mostly adults and skews more male. Yet their tagline for the business is "Cuts & Curls for Guys & Girls."

"We are predominantly a barbershop but do have a women's stylist side to it," explained Wheeler.

They carry a variety of grooming products for sale made by Layrite, Hanz de Fuko, and Australian brands Kevin.Murphy and Uppercut Deluxe.

Although taking over the business was a challenge, Wheeler and Gioia say it has been an enjoyable experience. It has also been a wise investment, as they are providing a service that continues to be in demand.

"A barbershop is a fairly standard thing to have in a neighborhood. It is something people are going to always gather at," said Wheeler.

Moe's is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. However, each barber and stylist sets their own schedule and what days of the week they work. Walk-ins are welcome, while appointments can be made online with two of the barbers and one of the stylists at Moe's via the website <http://www.moesbarber.com/>.

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July 1 & 15; Aug. 5 & 19: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26: Taylor Pangman and Lauren Cohen from Yoga Mayu offer a free YOGA CLASS at the Noe Valley Town Square; bring your own mat. Sundays, 10-11 am. 3861 24th.

July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26: 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 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. 4-28: 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 2: The INSECT Discovery Lab for ages 5 and up crawls over to the Noe Valley Library from 1 to 2 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 2-30 & Aug. 6-27: The ACC Conversation Club meets on Mondays, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. For details, email krismoser@aol.com.

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

July 2-31 & 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 2-31 & Aug. 2-31: BootCampSF conducts FITNESS training Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 am. SF Rec Center Basketball Court, 30th and Whitney. 567-9009; sfbootcamp.com.

July 3 & Aug. 7: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

July 3 & 17; Aug. 7 & 21: Bethany United Methodist Church offers free KNITTING lessons on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. 6:30-8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

July 3-31 & Aug. 2-30: Dylan Phillip leads BOOTCAMP on the Square, Tuesdays at 6 pm and Thursdays at 11 am. Noe Valley Town Square, 24th & Vicksburg.

July 3-31 & Aug. 7-28: The Eureka Valley Library tells TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

July 3-31 & Aug. 7-28: John McClean Wolf leads SACRED YOGA Tuesdays at Holy Innocents. 7-8:15 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142; holynsf.org.

July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: The Noe Valley Town Square hosts TAI CHI classes Wednesdays with Alex Medel. 7:15-8:15 am. 3861 24th.

July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: Folio Books offers STORYTIME for toddlers Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: 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 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesday, 4 to 7 pm, through November. Noe at Market.

July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church holds Candlesong, a TAIZE-style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

July 4-Sept. 9: Celebrating its 59th season, the SF MIME TROUPE performs "Seeing Red: A Time-Traveling Musical" throughout the Bay Area. 2 pm in Dolores Park, July 4 and Sept. 2 & 3. sfmt.org.

July 5: PEOPLEOLOGIE shows ages 5 and up how to make toys from recycled materials. 3-4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Limited to 25 participants; call to register: 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 5 & Aug. 2: Regulars Liz Stone, Ruby Gill, and Drew Harmon perform COMEDY GOLD on the first Thursday of the month. 9:30 pm. Valley Tavern, 4054 24th. 285-0674; lizziestone@gmail.com.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: Shrawan Nepali leads Thursday Morning MEDITATION, from 8 to 9 am, in the Noe Valley Town Square; bring a pillow. 3861 24th.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: 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 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: Newcomers welcome at the AL-ANON Literature Discussion, meeting Thursdays at Bethany UMC, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez.

July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30: Bring your storehouse of random knowledge to TRIVIA NIGHT on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

July 6-31: Kim Pabilonia exhibits WATERCOLORS in "Splash Dance" at Lola's Art Gallery. Reception July 6, 5-7 pm; Tue.-Sun., noon-6 pm. 1250 Sanchez. 642-4875; lolasanfrancisco.com.

July 6-27 & Aug. 3-31: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett bookstore. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

July 6-27 & Aug. 3-31: 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 7 & Aug. 4: Learn to knit or crochet at the Noe Valley Library's KNITTING CIRCLE. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 7 & Aug. 4: Bongo leads a free DRUMMING and dance class from 4 to 5 pm. Noe Valley Town Square, 3861 24th.

July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25: 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 7-28 & Aug. 4-25: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25: The Randall Museum offers a close-up of California wildlife in "Meet the ANIMALS," on Saturdays at 2 pm. 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 7:30 to 10 pm; refreshments available. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

July 8: Samuel Peaches' Peripatetic Players perform "Shiver We Timbers: A Peripatetic Pick-Ye-Own ADVENTURE" at the Noe Valley Town Square. 1-3 pm. 3861 24th.

July 9: Olive This Olive That offers a JAR SALAD-making workshop. 5-6 pm. 304 Vicksburg. RSVP by July 7 to 251-7520; olivethisolivethat.com.

July 10: Aleta George discusses California's first poet laureate in "Ina Coolbrith and San Francisco: Her City of Love and Desire" at the SF HISTORY Museum meeting. 7:30-9 pm. Roosevelt Middle School, 460 Arguello. Reserve a seat at 537-1105; sfhistory.org.

July 10-Aug. 4: SFWOMEN ARTISTS exhibit "Patterns," a juried all-media show. Reception July 12, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

July 10 & Aug. 14: LITQUAKE hosts free "Poetic Tuesdays," with readings by local writers. 12:30-1:30 pm. Esplanade, Yerba Buena Gardens, Mission between 3rd and 4th. 543-1718.

July 10 & Aug. 14: PFLAG meets at the Women's Building, 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsof.org.

July 11 & Aug. 8: The GREAT BOOKS discussion group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 11 & Aug. 8: Upper Noe Neighbors hosts their monthly meeting. 7 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. uppernoeneighbors.com.

July 11-25 & Aug. 1-29: The Eureka Valley Library hosts BABY RHYME and play time on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

July 12: Rare Device hosts a LETTER-WRITING Social to encourage hand-written communication; cards, pens, postage, and drinks provided. 5-7 pm. 4071 24th. 374-7412; raredevice.net.

July 12 & Aug. 9: The DIAMOND HEIGHTS Community Association meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 7 pm. Call 867-5774 for location; dhcasf.org.



JULY/AUGUST EVENTS AT OMNIVORE BOOKS

SAT JUL 14	ANNUAL BOOK SALE AT OMNIVORE! 11:00-6:00 • It's time for our annual clearance sale! All books in the store will be 20%-50% off, so come stock up on cookbooks by your favorite authors. And don't forget to bring bags!
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SAT JUL 21	TABITHA BLANKENBILLER. EATS OF EDEN. 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • These essays of tasty bites, writing, coming-of-age, family, sex, self-esteem—and above all, overcoming personal odds to live your best life—are complete with mouth-watering recipes and memories that will change your relationship with food forever.
SAT JULY 28	CURED MEAT, SMOKED FISH & PICKLED EGGS: RECIPES & TECHNIQUES FOR PRESERVING • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE. Food preservation teacher and cook Karen Solomon teaches you how to smoke, pickle, salt-cure, oil-cure, and dehydrate a variety of meats, dairy, fish, eggs, and other proteins economically and at home.
SAT AUG 4	STEPHANIE ROSENBAUM • A LITTLE TASTE OF SAN FRANCISCO • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • This exquisitely prepared guide through the numerous flavors of one of the most popular cities in America will take you on an unforgettable adventure with steep hills, exciting landmarks, and incredibly delicious foods.
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SAT AUG 18	LAURA BORRMAN. ICONIC SAN FRANCISCO DISHES, DRINKS AND DESSERTS. 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE. The roots of San Francisco's celebrated food and drink culture are as diverse as the city itself. Discover the disputed origins of local specialties like the Chicken Trazzini, chop suey and the classic martini, along with the legend behind the creation of Green Goddess Dressing.

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July 13: The Noe Valley Library screens the 2017 FILM *Spider-Man: Homecoming*. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 13 & 14: A trunk show of GUATEMALAN TEXTILES benefits the Progres Scholarship Fund for Mayan youth. Fri., 6-8 pm; Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Inclusions Gallery, 627 Cortland. 817-1493; inclusionsgallery.com.

July 14: The Glen Park Neighborhoods HISTORY PROJECT offers Evelyn Rose's walking tour "The Glen Park Suffrage Trail." 10 am-noon. Meet at the cow sign at 70 Elk. glenparkhistory.wixsite.com.

July 14: All cookbooks are 20 to 50 percent off at the annual BOOK SALE at Omnivore Books. 11 am-6 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 14: Kristine Poggioli and Carolyn Eidson discuss Walking SF's 49 Mile SCENIC DRIVE at the Noe Valley Library. 3-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 14: The SF Civic Music Association performs "An Afternoon of CHAMBER MUSIC" by Brahms and Mendelssohn at the Noe Valley Ministry. 3-4:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. sfmusic.org.

July 14 & Aug. 11: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on second Saturdays. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

July 14 & Aug. 12: Political group ACTION SF meets from 3 to 4:30 pm, to discuss local citizen resistance to the Trump agenda. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. actionsolidarity@gmail.com.

July 15: Charlie's Corner Bookstore hosts an all-day "Brain Freeze ICE CREAM LAB." 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

July 15: STAND UP San Francisco discusses current political issues at its monthly meeting, from 2 to 4 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. standupsf.net.

July 15: Carolyn Federman introduces *New Favorites for New Cooks: 50 Delicious RECIPES FOR KIDS to Make*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 17: CARA BLACK reads and signs *Murder on the Left Bank* at the Noe Valley Library. 7-8 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 17 & Aug. 14: Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. Community room, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane. Confirm meeting location at 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

July 18: 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 18: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group takes on *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 18 & Aug. 15: The Noe Valley Ministry offers a LABYRINTH WALK, on third Wednesdays, at 6 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

July 19: Leslie Jonath discusses *Feed Your People: Big-Batch, Big-Hearted COOKING*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 19: Olive This Olive That offers a CHOCOLATE-making workshop. 6:30-8 pm. 304 Vicksburg. RSVP by July 15 to 251-7520; olivethisolivethat.com.

July 21: CHEF Olivia Rick cooks Zoodles (zucchini noodles) and other recipes at Olive This Olive That. 11 am-1 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520; olivethisolivethat.com.

July 21: Tabitha Blankenbiller introduces her "foodoir," *EATS of Eden*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 21: Ages 8 and up are invited to a POLLINATOR GARDENS workshop. 3-4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Limited to 20 participants; call to register: 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 23-28: Charlie's Corner Bookstore celebrates HARRY POTTER week with story times. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

July 24: The Noe Valley Library hosts an introduction to the ROSETTA STONE language learning method. 2-3 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 24 & Aug. 28: 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.

July 25 & Aug. 29: 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 26 & Aug. 11: Therapy dog Stanley and trainer Rebecca bring "PUPPY DOG TALES" to the Noe Valley Library, especially for ages 5 to 8. 4-5 pm. 451 Jersey. Call to reserve a spot: 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 27 & Aug. 24: HERCHURCH offers a Women's Drumming Circle the fourth Friday of the month. 6-7:30 pm. 678 Portola. 731-2953; herchurch.org.

July 28: 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 28: Karen Solomon discusses techniques for *PRESERVING FOOD in Cured Meat, Smoked Fish & Pickled Eggs*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 29: SUMMERFEST at the Noe Valley Town Square features a hayride, a chalk drawing contest, a petting zoo, bingo, a bounce house, free Mitchell's ice cream, and music. 1-4 pm. 3861 24th.

July 31: The Noe Valley Library hosts a talk, "CANNABIS and Aging," by Laurie Vollen, M.D. 6-7 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 31 & Aug. 28: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Aug. 1: Make paper animals from recycled books at adult CRAFT NIGHT at the Noe Valley Library. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

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

Aug. 2: A Color Diffusion BUTTERFLY CRAFT workshop for ages 4 to 7 rung from 3 to 4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Limited to 12 participants; call to register: 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 4: Stephanie Rosenbaum introduces classic RECIPES in *A Little Taste of San Francisco*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Aug. 8: To celebrate International CAT DAY, Charlie's Corner Bookstore offers Cool Cat Story Times at 10 am, noon, and 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Aug. 9: POETS Susan Dambroff and Kendra Tenaces discuss and read their latest work at Folio Books. 7 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Aug. 10: The Noe Valley Library screens the 1951 Alfred Hitchcock FILM *Strangers on a Train*. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 12: The Noe Valley ANIMAL FAIR -- Fun for Animals in Rescue features costume contests, prizes, and pet adoption groups, from 1 to 4 pm. Noe Valley Town Square, 3861 24th. 794-5484.

Aug. 12: JOYCE GOLDSTEIN discusses *Jam Session: A Fruit-Preserving Handbook*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Aug. 15: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group considers *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 17: Ages 5 and up can build a temporary playhouse with Big Bilder kits, Giant Jengas, or Octoplay. 3:30-4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 17: Andrew Carl discusses *Once Upon a Time Machine* at the BOOKWORMS club (and pizza party) at Folio Books. 6-7 pm. 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477, tiny.cc/followworms.

Aug. 18: Laura Borrman introduces her COOKBOOK, *Iconic San Francisco Dishes, Drinks, and Desserts*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Aug. 23: Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff discusses *Other Avenues Are Possible: Legacy of the People's FOOD SYSTEM of the SF Bay Area* at Folio Books. 7 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

September Simmering

The next *Noe Valley Voice* Calendar will appear in the **September 2018** issue, distributed the first week of September. The deadline for items is August 15. Please email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com. Events in Noe Valley receive priority.

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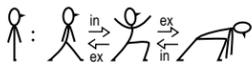
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Upper Noe Block Party Sept. 15

This fall marks 10 years since Rec & Park transformed Upper Noe Recreation Center into an attractive community hub. To celebrate, Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center is hosting a neighborhood-wide block party at the park. Everyone is invited to join in the fun on Saturday, Sept. 15, from noon to 4 p.m. Do you have some great ideas? Want to help? Would you like a table for your organization? Email info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

Until the party, take advantage of free activities this summer. **Karaoke for Adults** is now free every week. Serenade your sweetie, practice your *Pitch Perfect* act, or simply croon to the crowd on Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Upper Noe Rec Center. **Pickleball, volleyball, qi gong, and zumba** are all free as well. Just drop in. No charge.

To read the park's newsletter, find out more information, or get updates on the schedule of classes and events, visit www.noevalleyreccenter.com, call 415-970-8061, or just drop by the rec center office at 295 Day St. It's open Tuesday through Saturday year-round and also on Mondays during summer.

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

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Check www.noevalleyreccenter.com for updates.

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

Open Gym 3-4 p.m.*
 Auditorium Free Play 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
 Basketball Camp (8-12 yrs) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 3x3 Basketball Tournament Skills (6-17 yrs) 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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

Open Gym 4-8:30 p.m.*
 Auditorium Free Play 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 2:30-5:30 p.m.*
 Basketball Camp (8-12 yrs) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Petite Bakers (3-7 yrs, drop-in okay) 10-11 a.m.
 Feldenkrais (18+, drop-in) 1-2 p.m.
 Pickleball (all ages, free) 1:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
 Tennis (18+, intermediate/advanced) 6-7 p.m.
 Yoga-Vinyasa (18+, all levels) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Adult Boot Camp 7:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym 2-5:30 p.m.*
 Auditorium Free Play 3-4 p.m.*
 Basketball Camp (8-12 yrs) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Pilates (18+, intermediate) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Pilates (18+, beginning) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Qi Gong (55+, free) 1-2 p.m. FREE
 Little Kickers (4-8 yrs) 4:30-5:30 p.m.
 Karate Kids (6-13 yrs) 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Tennis (18+, beginning) 6-7 p.m.
 Drop-in Volleyball (18+, free) 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.-5 p.m.*
 Basketball Camp (8-12 yrs) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Petite Bakers (3-7 yrs, drop-in okay) 10-11 a.m.
 Argentine Tango,(55+, free, drop-in okay) 1-4 p.m.
 Pickleball (all ages, free) 1:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
 Zumba (all ages, drop-in only, free) 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE
 Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+) 6:45-7:45 p.m.

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

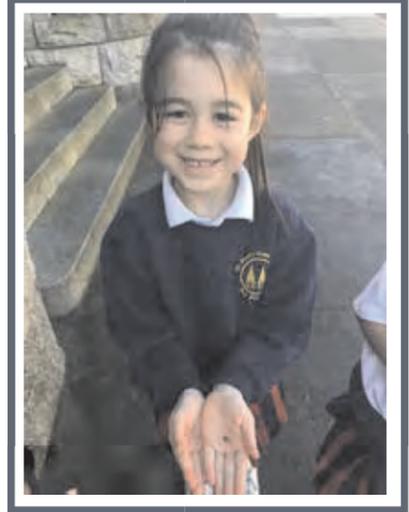
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 Basketball Camp (8-12 yrs) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Pilates (18+, intermediate) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Pilates (18+, all levels) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Karaoke (18+, drop-in okay) 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE
 Drop-in Volleyball (18+, free) 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym 9-4:30 p.m.*
 Auditorium Free Play 12-4:30 p.m.*
 Yoga-Hatha Traditional (18+ all levels) 9:15-10:15 a.m.
 Zumba (all ages, drop-in only, free) 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE

SUNDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

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ADULT/TEEN EVENTS

Cara Black Reading and Book-Signing: Cara Black, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Aimée Leduc series (and Noe Valley resident), reads from her latest mystery, *Murder on the Left Bank*. Tuesday, July 17, 7 to 8 p.m.

San Francisco's 49-Mile Scenic Drive: Kristine Poggioli and Carolyn Eidson, authors of *Walking San Francisco's 49-Mile Scenic Drive*, offer a virtual tour of the sites they uncovered on the drive, first mapped for the 1939-40 Golden Gate Expo. Saturday, July 14, 3 to 4 p.m.

Friday Matinees: The library screens the 2017 film *Spider-Man: Homecoming*, on Friday, July 13, 2 p.m., and Alfred Hitchcock's 1951 classic *Strangers on a Train* on Friday, Aug. 10, also at 2 p.m. Raymond Chandler co-wrote the script of *Strangers on a Train* from the Patricia Highsmith novel.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month's selection is *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble. Copies of the book are held at the circulation desk for checkout. Wednesday, July 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn About Rosetta Stone, an interactive language-learning method for 30 languages (including English as a second language), involving speech-recognition technology, colorful images, and sound. Tuesday, July 24, 2 to 3 p.m.

Cannabis and Aging: Laurie Vollen, M.D., will discuss the benefits of CBD oil, a cannabidiol from the marijuana plant, as they relate to the aging mind and body. Tuesday, July 31, 6 to 7 p.m.

Adult Craft Night—Paper Animals: Learn how to fold paper to look like a dog, cat, or cow, using recycled books. All materials provided. Call 355-5707 or ask at the desk. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month's discussion will center on *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Copies of the book are held at the circulation desk for checkout. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

AAC Conversation Club: Practice the use of Alternative and Augmentative Communication devices including Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, Talk Bar, smart phones, and tablet applications. For information, contact Kris Moser at krismoser@aol.com. Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Noe Valley Knitting Circle meets to knit or crochet on the first Saturday of the month. The library has supplies to practice on, but bring your own yarn and needles or hooks if you're working on a project. Saturdays, July 7 and Aug. 4; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Great Books Discussion Group: Discover, discuss, and learn from outstanding works of writing at a group sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco. For details, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesdays, July 11 and Aug. 8; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

More Tomes to Peruse

This month, cool off with books about the North and South poles, the Cuban-American underworld, and a woman who loved reptiles. They're all on the list of new arrivals at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, provided by Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children's Librarian Catherine Starr.

To check on their availability—or on the library's trove of DVDs—call 415-355-5707 or drop by the Noe Valley Branch at 451 Jersey St. Remember to ask about Kanopy, the library's new streaming service.

Meanwhile, the library is continuing its Summer Stride reading challenge through Aug. 19. You can still sign up at any branch. For information, visit sfpl.org/summerstride.

Also note: The library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. But you can visit the San Francisco Public Library virtually at sfpl.org.

Adult Fiction

• In Carol Goodman's novel *The Other Mother*, a woman is plagued by dark moods and odd events when she takes a job in a Catskills mansion.

• A cultural diplomat sent to the Congo gets caught up in violence from neighboring Rwanda in *The Uttermost Parts of the Earth* by Frederic Hunter.

• In *The Invisible Valley* by Su Wei, a young man sent to the countryside for agricultural re-education encounters a family whose members believe in a serpent-demon in the mountain.

• A dysfunctional family is at the center of Tom Matthew's first novel, *Raising the Dad*; this title is also available this month as an ebook.

Adult Nonfiction

• Jane Isay's *Unconditional Love: A Guide to Navigating the Joys and Challenges of Being a Grandparent Today* is a resource for all parents.

• Journeys to the Himalayas and the North and South poles are recounted in *To the Edges of the Earth: 1909, the Race for the Three Poles, and the Climax of the Age of Exploration* by Edward J. Larson.

• The female scientists, doctors, and engineers of the early 20th century are honored in *A Lab of One's Own: Science and Suffrage in the First World War* by Patricia Fara.

• *City Cycling USA: San Francisco* by Kelton Wright offers maps of bike-friendly neighborhoods in the city.

Children's Fiction

• A young girl learns about empowerment in *Franny's Father Is a Feminist*, written by Rhonda Leet and illustrated by Megan Walker. Ages 3 to 7.

• *Why Am I Me?* by Paige Britt, with illustrations by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko, imagines a world with connection, compassion, and love. Ages 4 to 7.

• A monster named Voolith is eating up everything in its path, in *King Flashypants and the Creature from Crong*, the latest in a series written and illustrated by Andy Riley. Ages 7 to 10.

• Shannon Hitchcock tells the story of the friendship of two middle school

girls in the 1970s in *One True Way*. Ages 8 to 12.

• The journeys of three children from different times and places, who each had to leave their homes, are described in *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. Ages 9 to 12.

• A girl from the Pakistan part of partitioned India in 1947 flees with her family in *The Night Diary*, by Veera Hiranandani. Ages 11 to adult.

• In Celia C. Perez's *The First Rule of Punk*, a girl faces her first day at a new school. Ages 9 to 13.

Children's Nonfiction

• *Drawn From Nature* is a journey through the seasons, written and illustrated using pressed plants by Helen Ahpornsir. Ages 5 to 9.

• *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles*, written by Patricia Valdez, illustrated by Felicita Sala, is a biography of a pioneering female scientist. Ages 6 to 8.

• Siblings including Princes William and Harry, Venus and Serena Williams, and conjoined twins Chang and Eng are the heroes in *Frenemies in the Family: Famous Brothers and Sisters Who Butted Heads and Had Each Other's Backs*, by Kathleen Krull, with illustrations by Maple Lam. Ages 8 to 12.

• The geological formation of our planet is explained in *Older Than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth*, a graphic novel written by Don Brown and Dr. Mike Perfit. Ages 8 to 12.

• Marley Dias, who started the #1000blackgirlbooks campaign, offers insights in *Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!* Ages 10 to 16.

Adult eBooks

• Frida Kahlo, Carrie Fisher, and Lena Dunham are included in Karen Karbo's *In Praise of Difficult Women: Life Lessons From 29 Heroines Who Dared to Break the Rules*.

• *The Corporation: An Epic Story of the Cuban American Underworld* is a multi-generational history of a community, by T. J. English.

• Katie Cortese's female narrators, many of them adolescents, explore the theme of desperate love in *Make Way for Her and Other Stories*.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Kids ages 5 and up can handle various insects while learning about their worlds at the **Insect Discovery Lab** on Monday, July 2, 1 to 2 p.m.

No Tech Toys—Float Your Boat With Peopleologie: Learn how to make a new toy for the tub, sink, pool, or puddle using household recyclable items. No batteries or electricity needed! Space is limited to 25 participants ages 5 and up. Call 355-5707 to register. Thursday, July 5, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a **Pollinator Gardens** workshop, where you will make seed bombs, get an introduction to native flowers, and learn how to support honey bees; materials provided. Space is limited to 20 participants ages 8 and up. Call 355-5707 to register. Saturday, July 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome **Stanley and Rebecca of Puppy Dog Tales**, a SPCA program pairing a trained dog-and-owner therapy team with children, to boost literacy and self-confidence. Recommended for ages 5 to 8. Call 355-5707 to reserve a session. Thursday, July 26, 4 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 11, 4 to 5 p.m.

Budding artists will like this class in making a **Color Diffusion Butterfly**. Space is limited to 12 participants, ages 4 to 7. Call 355-5707 to register. Thursday, Aug. 2, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Build-a-Thon: Ages 5 and up can build a temporary playhouse with Big Bilder kits, raise a mighty tower of Giant Jengas, or create exotic creatures with Octoplay. Friday, Aug. 17, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Join Miss Catherine for **Toddler Tales**, featuring books, rhymes, songs, and small movement activities. For ages 16 months through 2 years, with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., or 11 to 11:30 a.m.



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

Adult DVDs

• A blind musician investigates a murder in London in the 2018 thriller *In Darkness*.

• The 2018 eco-drama *Annihilation* stars Natalie Portman and Jennifer Jason Lee.

• The 2017 documentary *One October* offers a portrait of New York City in October 2008.

• *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story* (2017) is a biography of the actress and inventor.

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Mission Branch Library 300 Bartlett St., 355-2800						
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The Election,
Primarily

By Mazook

NOE VOTES YEA: Out of the 16,415 voters registered in Noe Valley, 10,508, or just over 64 percent, cast their ballots in the June 5 primary election, according to the “unofficial” compilation made by San Francisco Department of Elections (DOE) June 11.

Above us in voter turnout (as well as topographically) was Diamond Heights, where just over 65 percent of their 6,857 registered voters voted.

The top San Francisco neighborhood was our sister valley, Eureka/Castro/Upper Market, where there was a 65.3 percent turnout of the 18,424 registered voters.

The citywide voter turnout was a modest 52 percent of the 481,991 registered voters, and the statewide turnout was a paltry 34 percent. By the way, the DOE-certified results weren’t expected to arrive until after my deadline.

In the mayoral race, 3,601 Noe Valleons (my spelling) voted for our hometown favorite Mark Leno, almost in an actual tie with London Breed, who got just 11 votes fewer at 3,590. Jane Kim came in third with 2,432 votes, and Angela Alioto was a distant fourth with 495 votes.

As you all know, London Breed carried the city vote and will become our next mayor (see story on page 13).

Congrats to you, Mayor Breed. But don’t

look for longtime Clipper Street resident Leno to give up political life, as he has clearly shown he is interested in continuing in public service. Stay tuned for an update in September.

In the race for the District 8 seat on the Board of Supervisors, Rafael Mandelman will complete the term of Scott Wiener, who became a member of the California State Senate representing the 11th District encompassing San Francisco and parts of San Mateo County, in the 2016 general election. Mandelman beat Jeff Sheehy, who had been appointed by Mayor Ed Lee to fill the spot on the board vacated by Wiener, with 60 percent of the vote (Sheehy had 38 percent). What’s strange is, over 7 percent of those casting ballots didn’t vote for anyone for supervisor.

Sheehy has confirmed he will not run again in November, for the new four-year term that begins next January. The June election was just about who would fill out Wiener’s term as supervisor.

The “Local Measures” of interest to many were C (an additional tax on commercial rents for child care and education), which narrowly passed both in Noe Valley and the city by a little over 50 percent, and D (a tax on commercial rents to fund housing and homelessness services), which failed both in Noe and citywide by a 55 percent No vote. The controversial measure E, which barred tobacco retailers from selling flavored tobacco products (and created a flood of leaflets by the No on E campaign in your mailbox), passed in Noe Valley with 7,329 yes and 2,801 no votes, and 68 percent approving it citywide.

The Noe vote in the California race for governor tallied 6,561 for Gavin Newsom, with runners-up Delaine Eastin and Antonio Villaraigosa receiving only 1,428 and 965, respectively. The closest Republican in the gubernatorial race, and the party’s nominee for the Nov. 6 general election, John H. Cox, garnered 362 Noe votes.

Regional Measure 3, which contained a

“Bay Area Traffic Relief Plan” passed overwhelmingly in Noe Valley (70 percent) and citywide by just over 65 percent. It was approved regionally by a 55 to 45 percent margin.



OFF THE HOOK: In last month’s Rumors, we had a photo by Bill Yenne of one of the crocheted animals sitting in trees along Diamond Street between Alvarado and 23rd streets. We asked if anyone knew about this menagerie.

Twenty-third Street resident Cate Starr wrote us, saying, “My kids love these animals, and we’ve chatted with the neighbor who crochets them. This has been going on for quite a while (over a year, probably more), but new ones often get added.” Starr also noted that “my friend and neighbor Gail Cornwall wrote a story about him last year.”

Well, the “him” with the crochet hook is Huib Petersen, a world-class jewelry and crochet artist and teacher. And the delightful story by Gail Cornwall, “A Man and His Street Zoo,” can be found in the *Huffington Post* for Sept. 17, 2017.

Cornwall wrote, “To find Huib Petersen, look for the tall, smiling gentleman with the white goatee dyed hues of fuchsia and turquoise. If he’s riding a bike and sporting funky glasses, you’ll know for sure you have your man. The yellow home where Petersen and his husband live appears from the street to be a cozy cottage with a sun-warmed room or two, but the place actually unfolds down the back of the lot like a Jacob’s ladder. Leave it to a modern-day fairy tale to feature a dwelling that epitomizes its inhabitant, like the brick house built by the conscientious third little pig.” And she was just getting started.

When I caught up with Petersen last month, he told me he was headed off in July to give lectures in Holland. “I have been traveling all over the world, and the Holland trip will be my last for a while, as

I am trying to cut back my traveling these days and focus more on working from home with my website, Petersen Beadware.” (That’s www.petersenarts.com.)

He and his husband, Jeffrey Tumlin, moved to Diamond Street a couple of years ago.

Petersen says he was motivated to share his art in the trees in front of his house last summer in response to “the man in the White House” and “how much more creepy the world has become since he was elected.

“I wanted to make the world a lighter and happier place, so I put three little birds in the tree [in front] of the house. My neighbors really enjoyed them, so I have continued to add various animals like monkeys, a wolf, octopus, possum, cat, and a spider.”

Along the way, he’s met “lots of wonderful neighbors,” he says.

“I hope my creatures add a smile to the neighborhood.”

Absolutely they do.



IN THE BAG: Here’s another update from the June *Voice*. In a story about the Noe Valley Farmers Market’s new ban on plastic bags, 13-year-old Noe Valleon Isa Maeder offered to link up with the global initiative Boomerang Bags and sew bags from old clothing. Kudos go out to Isa, who last month appeared at the Saturday morning market to give away her free handmade cotton shopping bags. Yes, free.

Says her mom, Jennifer Maeder, “My sister lives in Manly Beach [Australia], and they all use them there, so [Isa] immediately wanted to bring the idea back to Noe Valley, but seventh grade happened and it never really went anywhere [until] we heard about the ban at the [Noe Valley Farmers] Market. It re-inspired her!”

“She loves to sew, so she and my mom will start working on that using T-shirts and

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excess fabric... She is also free many Saturdays throughout the summer to keep the energy alive.”



THE LEASE WE CAN DO: It looks like all five of the residential units in “noe” (yes, lowercase), the building just completed at 4171 24th near Diamond, have been sold, and now the commercial space on the ground floor is for rent.

According to the real estate agent, Suzanne Gregg, the space consists of about 720 square feet with 15-foot-high ceilings and includes a private office.

“We have had several inquiries regarding the space,” she says. “One party was looking to open a children’s bookstore, and another had interest in opening an insurance office.”

The monthly rent is listed at \$3,850. I will do the math for you: \$5.35 per square foot.

How about something that could use those high ceilings? Maybe a giraffe rescue?

A “For Lease” sign (by Cournale & Co.) has appeared on the front window of 4197 24th St. near Diamond, where Noe Valley Cyclery had been since 1979. (The shop originally opened in Noe Valley in 1976, at 1414 Castro.)

According to the owner’s agent, Erston Percy, there are almost 1,300 square feet in the space, which will be offered at a monthly rent of \$5,900 (a little over \$4.50 per square foot).

Percy has received an inquiry from a group that wants to open a medical office. Another proposed use was a gym, he says, and he also was contacted by a representative of a group wanting to open a marijuana

dispensary. Of course, the space is right across from St. Philip’s School, so applying for a permit would be futile.

Maybe those folks can open the dispensary at 3904 24th, next to St. Clair’s Liquors. There’s a “For Lease” sign posted there. The space is available for what is rumored to be in the five figures, with absolutely no permit problems.



VALLEY OF NO DOLLS: The Podolls women’s clothing store at 3985 24th is holding its last day on July 9. The shop will soon thereafter be occupied by Small Frys, the children’s clothing store. They are moving in temporarily, while their space up the street is being renovated.

The Podolls (Josh and Lauren) took an early exit from their lease, with Lauren telling the *Chronicle’s* Sophia Markoulakis (June 14) that “you need to be part of a larger shopping experience to thrive. If the only people that are walking by your store are out running errands, they have a different mentality than if someone is meeting a friend for lunch and shopping.” Josh said the decision to close came down to a choice. “We either had to change our business into something we weren’t interested in, or let it go.”

Another empty store emerged in late June when Sean, the only men’s haberdashery in Downtown Noe Valley, vacated its store at 4080 24th near Castro. A “For Rent” sign is likely to be on the window soon.

Down the street, the long-vacant See Jane Run store (3910 24th) has been demolished, and the building will go through a seismic retrofit. The construction project is right next to the nearly completed commercial store and apartments (close by St. Clair’s) and reportedly will be finished around September.

And finally, building permits have really been issued and work really started on creating three new commercial spaces in the old Real Food store space. Perhaps they

will be rented by the time the structural and interior work is completed. If not, there will be two more “For Lease” signs added to the one now posted on the building.

What’s even more curious? Despite the proliferation of “For Lease” signs on 24th Street, there are just as many, if not more, “Help Wanted” signs.



UM NOVO DIA: A new café and grocery store called Douglas opened its doors on the last day of May at 1598 Sanchez at 29th, where Bom Dia was, and before that St. Paul’s Market.

“Yes, we just opened the doors that morning and had some groceries stocked and started serving coffee and pastries, and since then we have been evolving day by day,” says manager and part-owner Michael Molesky. The coffee, by the way, is from Heart Roasters in Portland.

He says they also started selling wine by the glass and assembled a variety of wines for sale. The early favorite is the California rosé from Poe Vineyards near Oak Knoll in Sonoma County.

“We carry organic produce, local cheeses, and dairy,” Molesky says, “and have Nana Joe’s Granola made in Dogpatch, and walnuts from Old Dog Ranch on the Calaveras River in San Joaquin County, and tortilla chips, salsa, and tamales from Primavera, located in Sonoma County’s Agua Caliente.” Molesky emphasizes that the store is adding new products every day. They also are working on a menu for lunch (sandwiches and greens) and snacks, which may be available by the time you read this.



PAINTING THE TOWN: The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association has been working with Lisa Brewer, co-founder of mural company and gallery Mission 415, on “an exterior mural project featuring internationally recognized muralists, all from the Bay Area, to bring

tourism into Noe Valley, spotlighting the murals as well as local Noe Valley businesses.” You might know Brewer for her work with the widely acclaimed Lilac Alley Mural Project.

Brewer says there are many local artists who may be among those recruited to create murals on various walls in Downtown Noe Valley.

On board with the project so far is Sterling Bank, offering their Church Street wall for an mural. Merchants President Rachel Swann is planning to have a mural painted on the Vicksburg wall of her 24th Street Agency office. Honeycomb Spa in the Noe Valley Mall (behind Savor) plans to have a mural on their interior wall, and Philz Coffee at 24th and Douglass appears to have signed up. Novy Restaurant (24th and Noe) is also considering a mural on their building.

Says Brewer, “Each business or property owner can design the mural and we will select the best artist to execute the mural production.”

Also on the horizon, says Brewer, are structured mural tours around the Noe Valley Murals to promote Noe Valley businesses, which will be featured on Sidewalk Guide, Inc., a walking tour app on Google Play.

Funding for the project will come from participating merchants, with some being raised by sponsoring businesses. If you have any comments or interest in this project call Lisa Brewer at 505-7222.



THAT’S 30! Have a wonderful summer vacation. We will. See you in September and we can shoot some summer breeze. As we all know, summer arrives in Noe Valley around the autumnal equinox (Sept. 22). Ciao for now. ■



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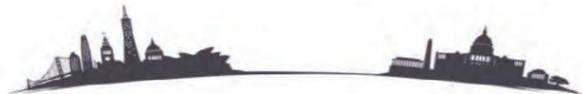
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Meetings: Second Sunday, 3-4:30 p.m., at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St.

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/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.

Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774
Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131
Website: www.dhcasf.org
Meetings: Second Thursday, 7 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: 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)
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Website: www.fundogsf.org

Glen Park Association
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Website: glenparkassociation.org
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Website: www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners
Meetings: Most last Saturdays 9-noon

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
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 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@jibew1245.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
Facebook: facebook.com/ProgressNoeValley
Email: progressnoe@gmail.com
Website: progressnoe.com
Meetings: Check Facebook page for current meeting and event schedule.

Residents for Noe Valley Town Square
Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
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-coordinators Maxine Fasulis, mfasulis@yahoo.com; Carole Roberts, carole_roberts@faludi.com
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
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Website: www.sanjoseguerrero.com
Meetings: See website.

Stand Up San Francisco
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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
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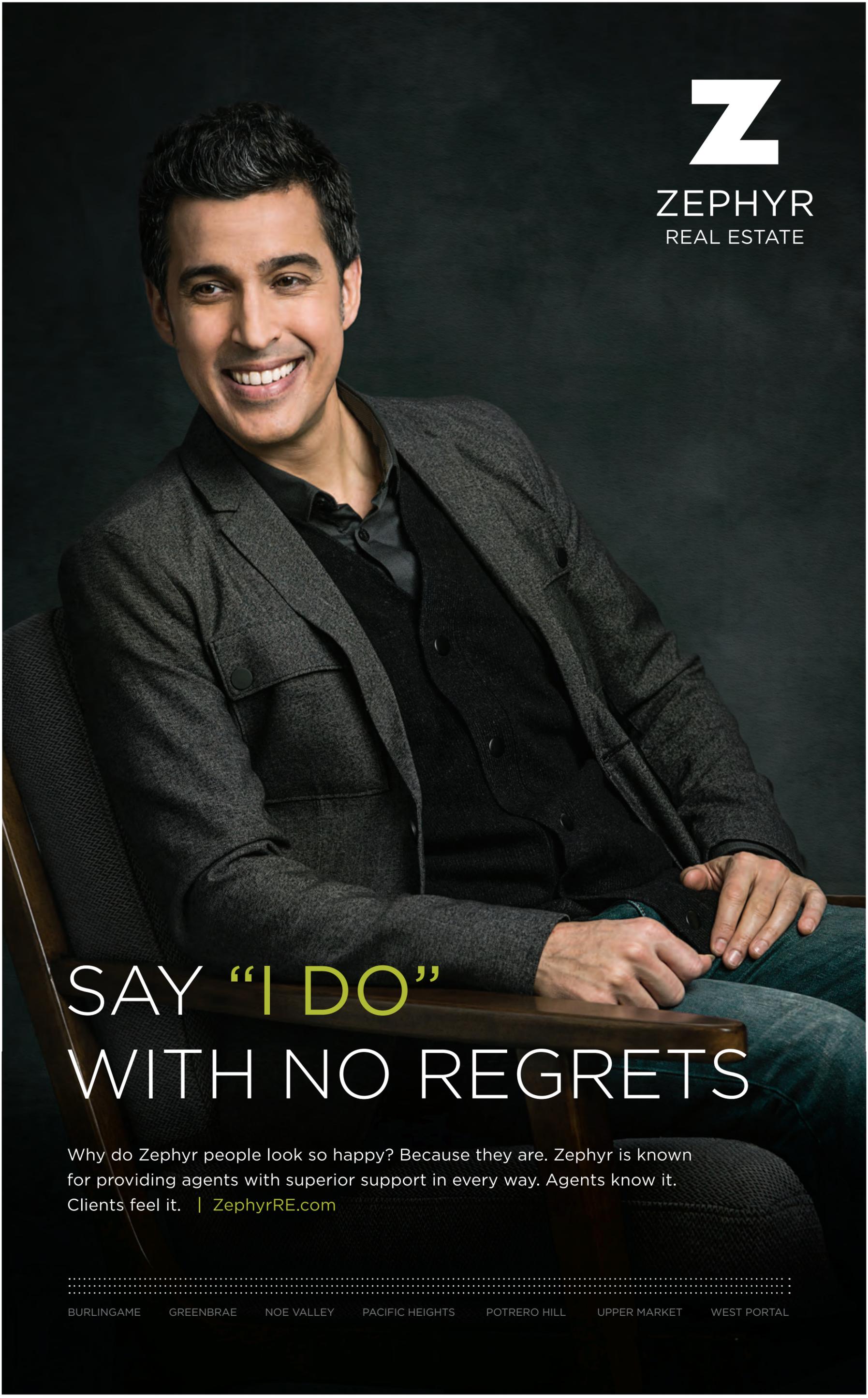
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