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Spirits of Halloween Past: A host of delightful goblins and fairy-tale characters crowded the Town Square for Noe Valley's Spooktacular in 2017. This year promises to see an equally decked-out carnival of thrills on Sunday, Oct. 28, from noon to 5 p.m. See our story on page 15.

Photo by Art Bodner

Winning at Both Ends of the Leash

Dog Trainers Share Their Methods and Experience

By Olivia Boler

Known as Stroller Valley for its high quotient of families with tykes, Noe Valley is also home to approximately a bazillion dogs (number not verified, although we at the *Voice* tried). If we Venn-diagrammed it, we'd also see that there is a mix of households that are keepers of both strollers and leashes.

With all of these dogs and kids coexisting in our neighborhood, we began to wonder just how important training is for both dogs and people.

We spoke to three neighborhood dog pros—Beverly Ulbrich (The Pooch Coach), Pali Boucher of Rocket Dog Rescue, and Paula Benton of Paula Benton Dog Training. Both Ulbrich and Benton are certified dog trainers. Boucher is the founder of Rocket Dog Rescue, which has saved the lives of more than 10,000 animals since it began in 2001.

All three agree that the amount of formal training a dog needs really depends on the dog and its person.

"I have met lovable, well-mannered, often small dogs who live quite successfully never learning any basic training at all," says Benton. "I've also met a whole lot more who have benefitted greatly with a little professional help."

Ulbrich has a similar opinion. "It's almost like asking the same question about



Intimacy and Trust. Beverly Ulbrich, also known as the Pooch Coach, mixes positive reinforcement with "tricks and techniques" to get the best out her canine charges.

Photo by Art Bodner

a kid. Some parents raise their children successfully without any books or interventions. Others need professional help. With dogs, some are easy-going and the owners know what they're doing. Others have that, but they still want a better-trained dog."

Boucher says, "There are many variables, of course. While every dog can benefit from some basic obedience train-

ing, I honestly believe that building a relationship in which you understand your dog's emotional needs, fears, and responses—whether they be protective, reactive to certain triggers, or fearful of noises, etc.—and building a trusting relationship in which they look to you for guidance—is hugely valuable. Good

Local Dems Aim To Flip the House In November

Battle Cry Is 'Turn Red to Blue'

By Matthew S. Bajko

Alec Bash's political activism was birthed in 2003 when then-President George W. Bush invaded Iraq. Retired from his job as a city planner, Bash had plenty of free time to assist in the effort to unseat the Republican former Texas governor the following year.

He became a volunteer on John Kerry's presidential campaign.

"I thought he was the strongest candidate because of his credentials on national defense," recalled Bash.

But Kerry, then the junior U.S. senator from Massachusetts, saw his ambitions for the White House derailed by misleading claims about his military service in Vietnam. Slow to counter the false attacks, Kerry went on to lose by a slim margin.

Bash, undaunted, cofounded the group Democracy Action with other local residents wishing to work on elections at the federal level rather than on city or state races. The founding members all were veterans of the Kerry campaign, and Bash served as president for the first five years.

"For six years, we were the only Democratic club in San Francisco focused on national politics and not on local politics," said Bash, 72, who has lived in Noe Valley since 1971. "I don't focus on local



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When the Car Was King: In the 1950s, Noe Valley was replete with gas stations. There were two on 24th Street, and Gene Paridy's Chevron Service sat on the southeast corner of Day and Church streets, at 1749 Church. It was replaced by a four-unit apartment building in 1961. *1951 photo courtesy OpenSFHistory.org / Western Neighborhoods Project*



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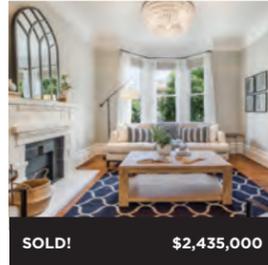
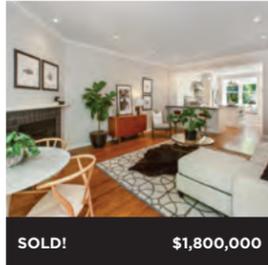
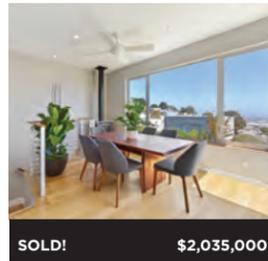
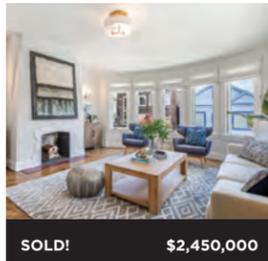
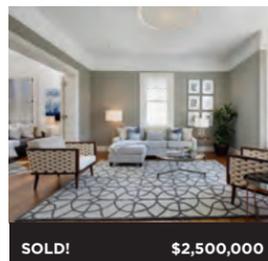
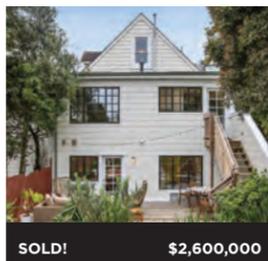
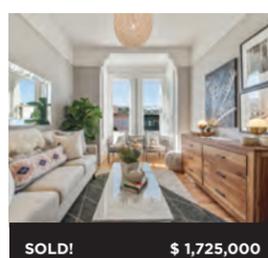
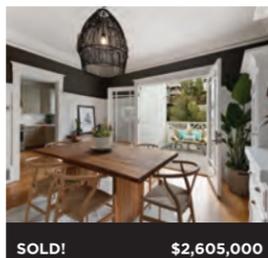
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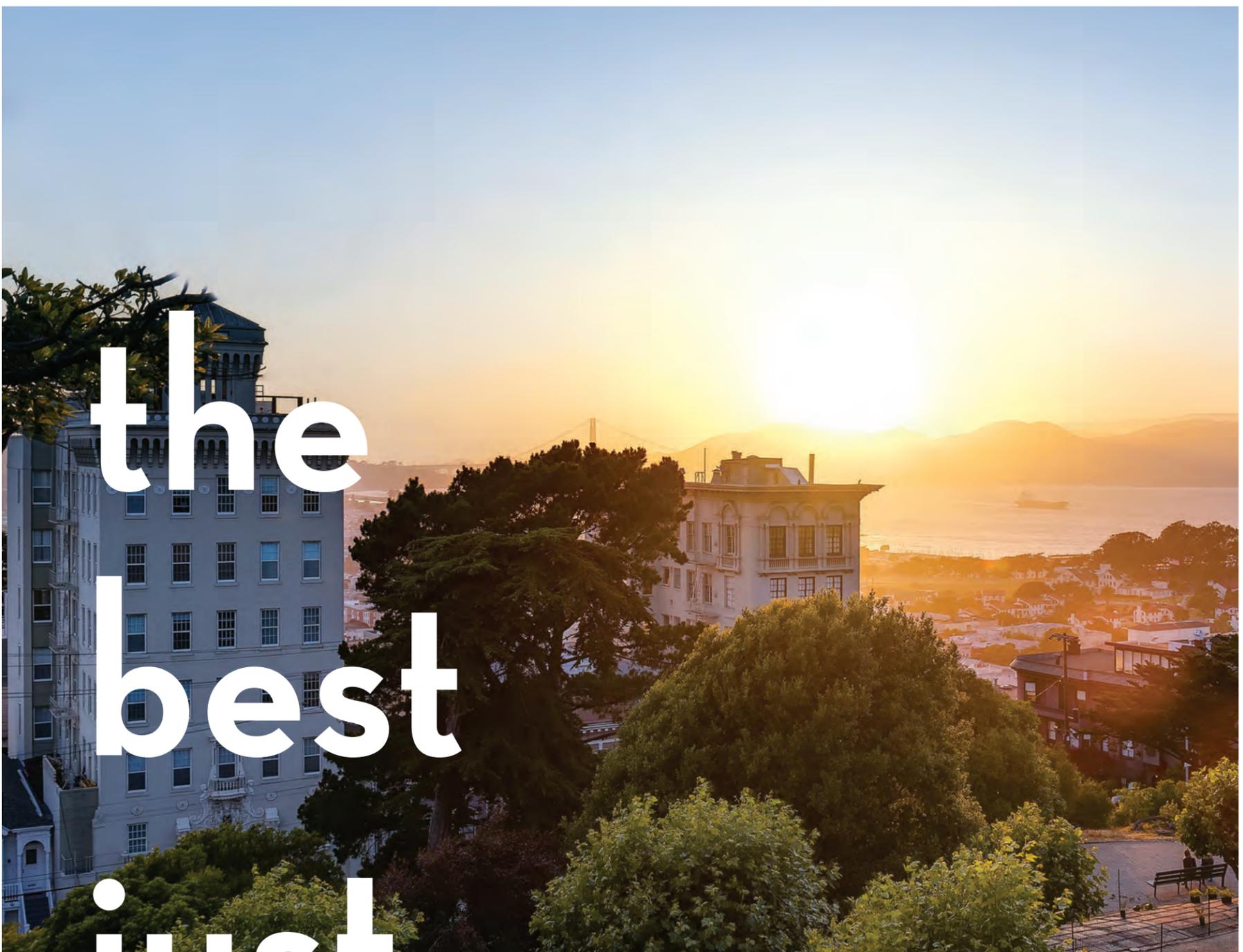
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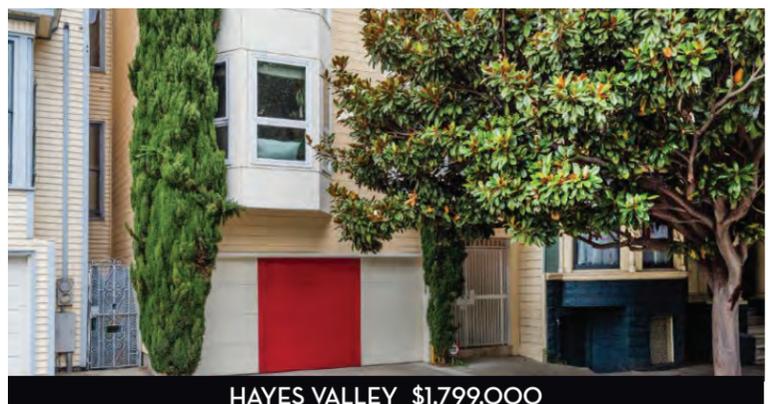
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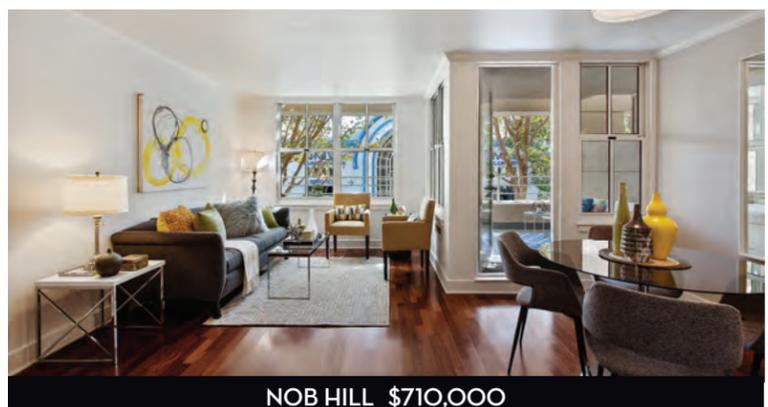
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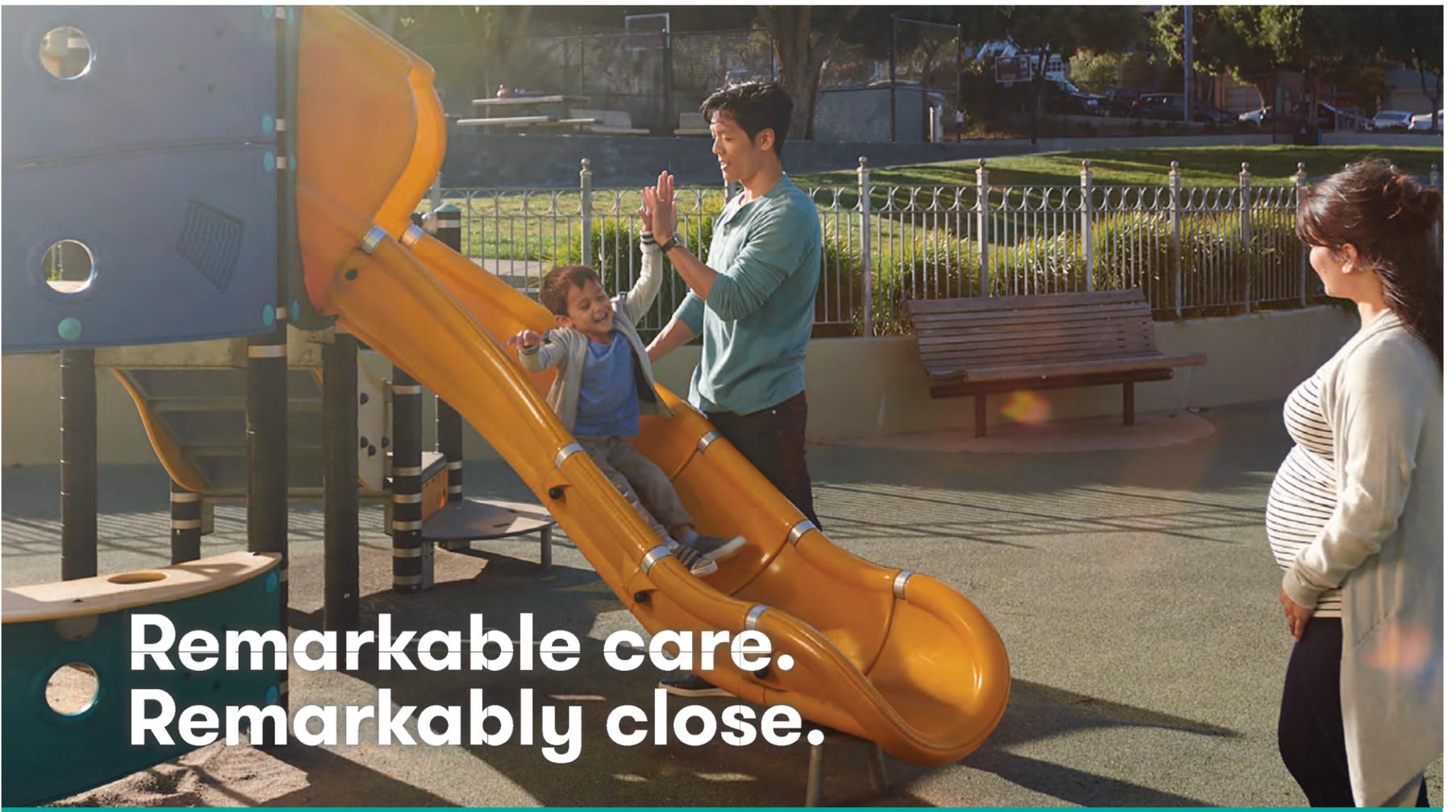
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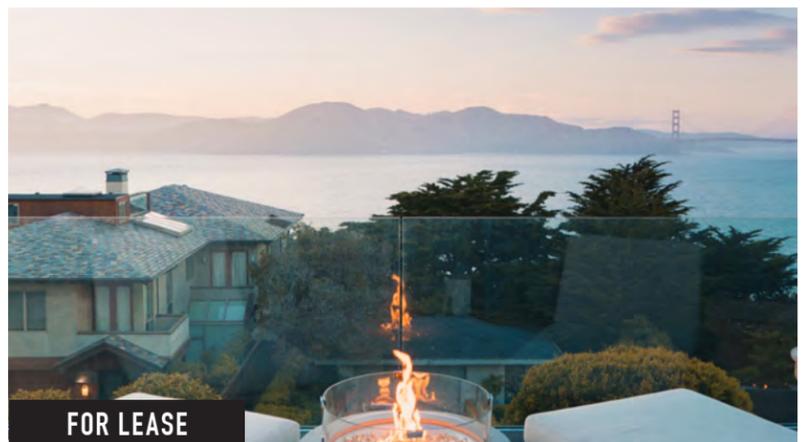
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AN OPINION

Fairmount Elementary Is Now Dolores Huerta Elementary School!

By Evelyn Rose

When I first heard of the proposed name change of Fairmount Elementary School to Dolores Huerta Elementary, I felt trepidation over the potential loss of the school's significance to a neighborhood that has been slowly losing its name recognition, in part because of shifting neighborhood boundaries in a city that has been undergoing rapid change. I was concerned that loss of the school name might help accelerate the process.

Fairmount Elementary, first established during the Civil War more than a century and a half ago, has been located at Chenery and Randall streets for nearly all that time. It is an institution known to generations of Fairmount Heights residents, many of whom attended the school themselves.

Yet, while attending a community meeting last April about the proposal organized by the principal of Fairmount School, Luis Rodriguez, I learned that the school had been serving as a pre-kindergarten through fifth grade Spanish dual immersion program for an ethnically diverse student body of 400 children from across San Francisco for nearly 20 years. As I learned more about the hardships many of the school's students face during these unsettling political times and saw the compassion for both the students and the program displayed by Mr. Rodriguez and his teaching staff, it became apparent that changing the school's name to Do-

lores Huerta Elementary might be the right thing to do.

As a nation of immigrants, America has traditionally offered promise and hope to citizens of the world. It is now becoming increasingly partisan, turning away an increasing number of new asylum-seekers, and deporting others to a country they barely, or never, knew. According to Mr. Rodriguez, many students are living under an ongoing fear of reprisal and family separation, even under the umbrella of a sanctuary city.

The name change to Dolores Huerta Elementary School is intended to offer inspiration to these students, and give them a hero they can look up to.

As cofounder of the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta to this day continues to be a tireless advocate for immigrants, workers, children, gender equality, and the environment. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2012. She is also the recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights, and is an inductee in the National Women's Hall of Fame, in addition to many other honors.

During the community gathering, I shared a brief overview of the district's important histories. Fairmount Heights was originally surveyed as the Pacific Railroad Homestead Association in 1862 by Richard Chenery, James Laidley, Charles C. Bemis, and others at a time when construction of the San Francisco-San Jose Railroad (that later became the Southern Pacific Railroad) had begun. The Civil War likely delayed the project, and it re-emerged as the Fairmount Homestead Association in 1864. The tract was bounded by Grove Street (today's 30th Street) on the north, Bemis Street to the west, and the railroad running through the Bernal Cut as it bends southeasterly from 30th around to the line of Castro Street along today's San Jose Avenue.

Home lots were platted along Chenery and Arlington streets, both of which emerged from what the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project (GPNHP) has determined to be the route of the Old Mission Road and likely the original El Camino Real. Some of the historic figures associated with the district include Mary Ellen Pleasant, the mother of California civil rights; aviation pioneer Daniel J. Maloney, the first to soar in a heavier-than-air, fixed-wing aircraft at high altitude; and Irene Noblitt, a Fairmount School student who grew up to become Irene Ryan, star of *The Beverly Hillbillies* TV show, and whose father had served as an agent in the early days of the U.S. immigration service under the federal Chinese Exclusion Act. In addition, there is the story of how Fairmount residents—amid the 1960s and '70s redevelopment of Fairmount, Red Rock, and Gold Mine hills—organized a grassroots effort that helped save Billy Goat Hill as open space.

Mr. Rodriguez, teachers, and residents in attendance were generally surprised by the number and importance of the neighborhoods' histories. They became excited about pursuing a collaboration to help preserve the histories for future generations of students and neighbors. While

Recycling Box Placed at Middle School

By Matthew S. Bajko

A receptacle for used clothing and other charitable items has found a location in Noe Valley after all.

The nonprofit Recycle for Change has put one of its green collection boxes on the grounds of James Lick Middle School. Over the summer, the Richmond-based organization installed its box on the sidewalk in front of the school near the intersection of Clipper and Noe streets.

It is accessible to the public, even when the school is not in session. However, due to maintenance access issues, the box will be relocated to a different side of the school.

Recycle for Change spokeswoman Alexandra Bradley told the *Voice* in mid-September that she was unsure of just when the box would be moved. She declined to say where it would be located



A box for recycling clothes, shoes, and small household items has been set up near James Lick Middle School. Photo by Sally Smith

next, as there was a chance the new location could change.

No matter where it is placed, it will remain accessible to the public at all times, said Bradley.

Earlier this year, city officials had granted the nonprofit permission to place three additional collection boxes in public sites around San Francisco. One was to go in the back of the city-owned Harry Aleo public parking lot on 24th Street near Castro.

But in May that plan was nixed due to objections raised by the Noe Valley Association. The group contacted the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to voice concerns that the collection box would exacerbate problems with garbage left at the parking lot.

Recycle for Change agreed to not place a box in the lot and look for a site elsewhere. The one placed outside the school is unrelated to the trio of boxes to be installed at SFMTA parking facilities, said Bradley. The recycling nonprofit has a separate Green Schools Textile Recycling Initiative to assist schools in their pursuit to become "fashionably" green.

Recycle for Change chose to put the box at James Lick because of working with the public school through the city's Shared Schoolyard Project. The initiative seeks to open school playgrounds and other facilities on weekends to be used by nearby residents.

The nonprofit has not fielded any complaints about people putting donations in front of the box or leaving clothes or garbage near it, said Bradley. She said the box was scheduled for frequent pickups in order to avoid such problems.

Acceptable items to donate include clothing, shoes, kitchenware, toys, books, bedding, towels, and small household items. To see a complete list or to learn more about Recycle for Change, visit www.recycleforchange.org. The website says to please call 510-932-3839 if you see one of its boxes in need of attention, "and we will have the issue resolved within 24 hours."

there is no direct link between Fairmount Heights and Ms. Huerta, the histories of the Fairmount can help teach about the importance of her life's work. The motto that Ms. Huerta coined for the United Farm Workers of America union, "Sí se puede," is also the perfect motto for students of all ethnicities and gender identity: "Yes, we can!"

During the meeting of the board of the San Francisco Unified School District on Aug. 28, the Chinese Education Center, a one-year program for recently arrived Chinese-speaking residents, was renamed in honor of the late mayor of San Francisco and his wife (whose residence is in Glen Park). The center's new name is the Edwin and Anita Lee Newcomer School. The school board voted unanimously for this name change, as well as to change Fairmount to Dolores Huerta Elementary. Board of Education President Hydra Mendoza-McDonnell noted that the renaming of these schools for such influential leaders was "a historic moment for the San Francisco Unified School District and for the city."

Over 20 years ago, Douglass Elementary in Eureka Valley, at that time about 120 years old, was renamed the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy. Few give second thought to the school's name now, but in 1996 it resulted in some very divided opinions. Thirty years before that, how many public schools across the nation changed their names to honor the memory of the late president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy? Therefore, it seems that changing the names of public schools may be a generational response to changing times. As one generation replaces the next, proposals to change the names of public schools for historic figures whom they deem relevant to their time will likely continue.

Mr. Rodriguez has organized a renaming transition committee, composed of teachers, administrators, and others. Part of the transition work will be to document and share the histories of the Fairmount District with faculty, students, and the community at large. The school will also design a plaque that commemorates the legacy and significance of the name Fairmount and its history for the community. The teaching of the important histories of Fairmount, along with the legacy of Dolores Huerta, will continue for generations to come.

Evelyn Rose, a resident of Glen Park (and before that Diamond Heights) for 30 years, is a historian and project director and founder of the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project. Her essay was originally published on the GPNHP website www.GlenParkHistory.org.

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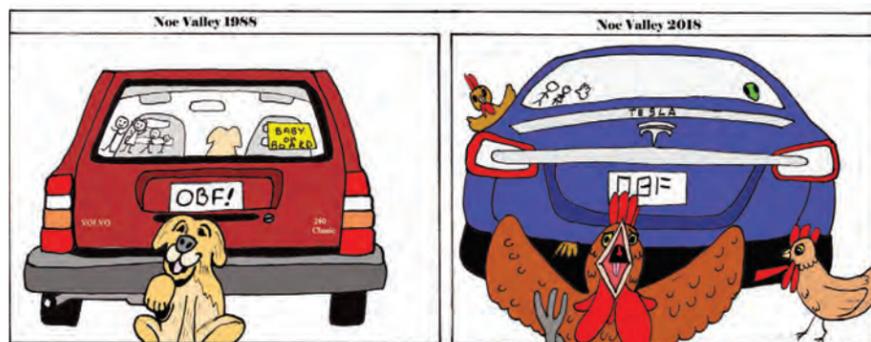
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Activists Working Harder for Harder

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“races because it pits friends against friends.”

Democracy Action “went dormant,” Bash said, following the election of President Barack Obama in 2008. When Obama ran for re-election in 2012, Bash served as the office manager of the local campaign headquarters.

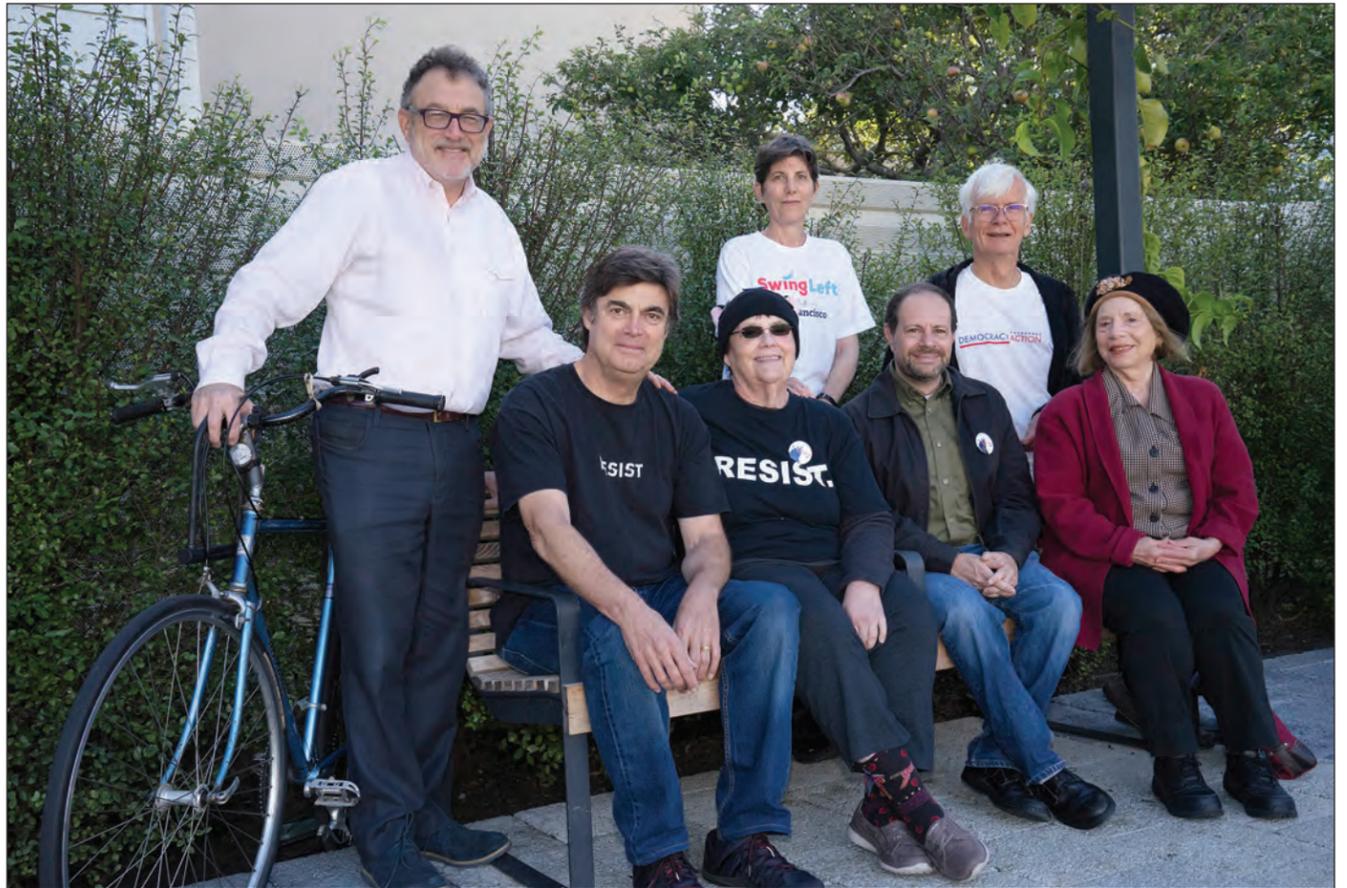
He served in the same role in 2016 for Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign, only to see Republican businessman and reality-TV-star-turned-politician Donald Trump win. Ever since, Bash has devoted his time and energy toward electing Democrats across the country.

He joined the Noe Valley-based group Action SF, which formed last year just days after Trump’s inauguration. Once a month, Bash helps staff the group’s table at the neighborhood’s Saturday farmers’ market.

He is also active with the revived Democracy Action club, which regrouped following Clinton’s defeat, and took part in its phone banks ahead of this year’s primary races to call voters on behalf of Democratic candidates around the country. The political group, whose members also worked the phones for Obama and Clinton, has been partnering with Swing Left San Francisco on the midterm elections.

As a *Voice* story in March noted, the two groups have been organizing carpools out to congressional districts in the Central Valley to knock on the doors of Democrats and independents. The drive is part of the Democratic Party’s effort to flip a number of House seats in California this November from red to blue.

“I think it looks good, at least from



On the front lines of the campaign to flip the House in next month’s midterm elections are (left to right) Charlie Spiegel, Tomas Tucker, Pamela Ketzell, Beatrice von Schulthess, Paul Silverman, Alec Bash, and Anastasia Yovanopoulos. Photo by Beverly Tharp

here,” said interior designer Callen Williams, 32, a Noe Valley resident for three years who belongs to Action SF. “We were all surprised by the last election, so we can’t take anything for granted. I am excited about the candidates we are supporting in the other districts.”

Eyes on Nov. 6

In early September, Bash and his wife, Sharry, held a fundraiser at their Church Street home for Josh Harder, the Democrat trying to unseat Republican U.S.

Rep. Jeff Denham from his Congressional District 10 seat. Denham is in his fourth House term, representing all of Stanislaus County and part of San Joaquin County. The San Francisco event netted Harder nearly \$17,000 for his campaign account.

Bash, unlike in previous presidential election years, is taking more of a background role in the various efforts focused on this year’s midterm elections.

“I am trying to avoid leadership positions. I have been 24/7 in the past; I get

sucked in too easily,” Bash said during an interview at the farmers’ market the day prior to hosting the fundraiser for Harder. (The event itself was closed to the press.)

Besides, said Bash, many other local residents have been inspired to step up and get involved politically since Trump won the presidency. There is an energy this year that Bash said feels different from past election cycles.

“The big difference came on Novem-

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Democrats on the Road Again

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ber 10, 2016, when everyone woke up and realized we had elected an albatross around the U.S.'s neck. The resistance, the number of people in San Francisco who knew they needed to be active has never been greater than that day," said Bash.

Writing and Calling

Anastasia Yovanopoulos, a Noe Valley resident since 1976, is a member of Action SF. The retired preschool teacher also teamed up with the California Alliance for Retired Americans and, from home, has been writing and calling senior citizens in Denham's congressional district to urge them to vote for Harder in order to protect their access to health care and Social Security.

"We need the big push to get people out to vote and to make a difference in our country," she said. "We all have some great resistance that unites us. For myself, I wanted to get involved more, even on the local level."

Tomas Tucker, a Noe Valley resident for 38 years who is near retirement from his job teaching at the San Francisco Art Institute, and his wife, Keija Kimura,



Buttons on jackets or hats represent the many groups that are joining efforts this fall to elect promising Democrats. For information on local groups, see Resistry.net. Photo by Beverly Tharp

have traveled out to Modesto to talk to voters about Harder. In Oakland, Tucker has also helped to register voters.

Since becoming a part of Action SF last year, Tucker said he has been surprised to see some dwindling in participation and lack of attention on the midterm elections among his neighbors.

"I am a little disappointed," Tucker said. "They don't seem to have time to really get involved."

Volunteer Center a First

The *Voice* spoke with Yovanopoulos and Tucker at the Sept. 15 opening of a volunteer center in the Castro District. Its aim is to make it easy for San Francisco residents to assist the Democratic Party in taking back control of Congress on Election Day, Nov. 6. Officially known as the "Red 2 Blue SF" headquarters, it is located at 2390 Market St., where former state Senator Mark Leno had his mayoral campaign headquarters earlier this year.

It is the first time the local Democratic

Party has opened such an office during a midterm election year. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is helping to fund it and was on hand at the opening to thank the VIPs, i.e., volunteers in politics, for donating their time. The volunteers are texting and calling voters in targeted congressional districts in California and other states.

"We must win this election," Pelosi said.

Democrats need to pick up 23 seats to reclaim the House of Representatives and one seat to take back control of the U.S. Senate. Trump's historically low approval rating, political pundits predict, means Democrats next month have a chance to ride a blue wave toward regaining the House and perhaps the Senate as well.

"We have tremendous candidates. They know why they are running," said Pelosi. "They know how to connect to the voters, and you are a means to that end as well."

Here in the Bay Area, Democrats are targeting two Central Valley House seats currently held by Republicans. In addition to flipping Denham's seat, they are also aiming to elect Andrew Janz to the 22nd Congressional District seat held by Devin Nunes.

Volunteers at the office in the Castro are calling residents of both districts to encourage them to support and vote for the two Democratic challengers. Car-pools are also being organized every weekend to take volunteers to knock on the doors of Democrats and independent voters in the Modesto and Fresno metro areas.

The personal stories the volunteers share with the voters they meet can have an impact, said Bash, particularly in changing people's minds about their incumbent Congress members, who "by and large" are liked by their constituents.

"I am even more hopeful than I was for Hillary, but you never know," said Bash about Democrats' chances this year. "Congressional District 10 is the closest to San Francisco that is a swingable district. We can flip it from red to blue."

Knocking on Doors

Attorney Charles Spiegel, 60, who has lived in Noe Valley since 2006, happened to be at the Noe Valley Library where Action SF was meeting in early 2017, and ended up joining the group. Twice now he has gone out to Modesto to campaign on behalf of Democrat Harder. He plans to travel to the district every weekend this month and will spend four nights there the weekend prior to the election.

"It is a blast, by the way," he told the *Voice*.

While involved in local politics, this is the first time Spiegel has gotten as engaged on behalf of a candidate as he has

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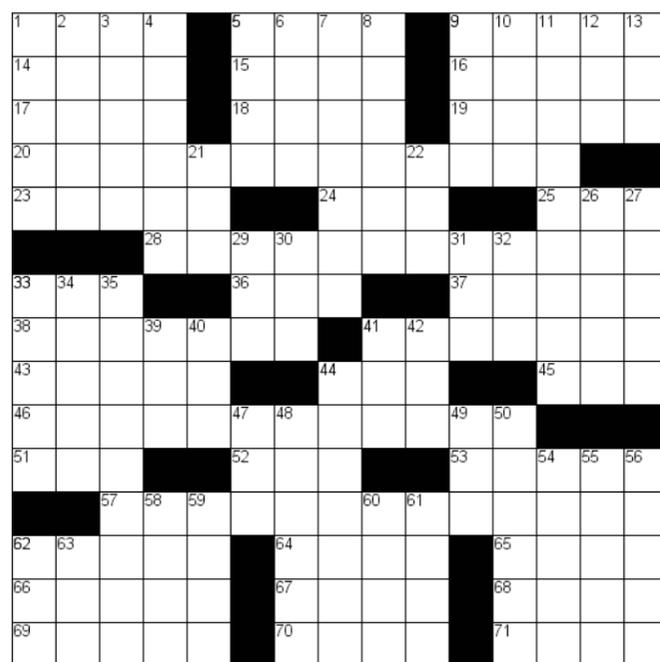
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Midterms Loom Large for Dems

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for Harder.

“Part of my feeling was local politics is a luxury I don’t think we can afford right now. For example, I supported Mark Leno for mayor and Rafael Mandelman for District 8 supervisor, but I didn’t walk precincts for them,” said Spiegel, referring to two of the local races on the primary ballot in June. “My life will go on with London Breed being mayor. But if Republicans keep control of the Congress, my life may not go on in the way I understand it.”

Not a fan of cold-calling people, Spiegel has discovered he enjoys knocking on people’s doors and engaging with them in person. Many of the voters in the Modesto congressional district are willing to hear him out.

“They are not sick of having people knock on their doors like people in San Francisco are,” he said. “It doesn’t mean everyone wants to talk to you or will talk to you. It is a learning exercise.”

‘We Need to Be Determined’

Bash, on the other hand, will be spending most of his time at the Castro headquarters. Although optimistic about Democrats’ chances this year, Bash cautioned, “We can’t just be hopeful. We need to be determined.”

The office on Market Street will be open from noon to 8 p.m. Sundays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays. Volunteers will work a two-hour shift and need to bring a fully charged cell phone and a laptop or tablet.

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Republicans Focus on Local Races

Central Valley Already Solid, They Say

By Matthew S. Bajko

While their Democratic counterparts focus on flipping House seats in the Central Valley and across the country, local Republicans are zeroed in on several Bay Area races this fall.

Officials with the San Francisco Republican Party are also coordinating with the gubernatorial campaign of Republican businessman John Cox to set up a location in the city where GOP members can assist with phone bank efforts on behalf of the party’s candidates.

They are dismissive of the efforts by San Francisco Democrats to unseat two longtime Republican House members from the Modesto and Fresno metro areas.

Swing Not Expected

Jason Clark, who chairs the Republican Party in San Francisco, predicts that the two Central Valley seats will remain red come Election Day, Nov. 6.

“The Central Valley is Trump country, according to the 2016 map,” Clark noted. “I think if they are pinning their hopes on flipping a lot of California seats, then they won’t reach their goal, as many of these seats will likely remain Republican.”

Noe Valley resident Barry Graynor, secretary of the local Republican Party since 2015, agreed with Clark’s assessment. He said the chances of seeing Democrats swing those districts are “very low” this November.

“I don’t think they will win the existing incumbents’ seats. I think people are loyal to their Congress members,” said Graynor, 65, an attorney who has lived on 23rd Street since 1991. “They are very Republican areas, and the voters there are very loyal to the party. I don’t think people are going to switch to the Democrats. I don’t see why they would do that.”

He was less sure about seeing Republicans maintain control of the House and U.S. Senate. But he does agree with the prediction made by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) that some of the more closely watched races in the so-called “swing districts” could be decided by 300 votes or less.

“I think it is going to be close,” said Graynor. “Obviously, it depends on local issues across many, many of these districts and the different candidates.”

Speaking to the *Voice* in mid-September, he noted, “There are another eight weeks to go and there could be a lot of movement back and forth. I think it is too close to call.”

Support for Pelosi’s Rival

The local Republican Party is working this fall to support Lisa Remmer, who is running against Pelosi for her Congressional District 12 seat, and John Dennis, a real estate developer and investor seeking the District 2 seat on the city’s Board of Supervisors.

Local GOP members are also helping to re-elect Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-Dublin) in the 16th Assembly District, which covers the Lamorinda and Tri-Valley areas of the East Bay. She is the lone GOP state legislator from the Bay Area.

“There is a lot of volunteering going on with those races,” said Graynor, who plans to walk precincts for Baker and make calls on behalf of other Republican candidates.

A Log Cabin Republican

Asked if the local GOP had been tabling at the weekly farmers’ market in Noe Valley like their political counterparts, Graynor admitted Republicans “had been a little remiss about” such organizing efforts.

He said he would suggest that the party do outreach at the event, though Graynor jokingly asked, “How many Republicans are there in Noe Valley? Three?”

He registered as a Republican six years ago, in order to join Log Cabin Republicans, the political group for LGBT members of the party. A gay widow, Graynor said he has had no problems with his neighbors due to his political views.

They are aware of his being a member of the GOP. Each election cycle, he puts campaign signs for GOP candidates in his windows. There is a practical reason he keeps the signs indoors, he said.

“It is not that I am afraid people will steal them but because the wind will blow them away,” said Graynor.

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Good Advice From Dog Trainers

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training goes a long way, but good common sense is just as important.”

‘Force-Free Training’

While not formally certified as a dog trainer, Boucher has gone into hundreds of different shelters to assess animal behavior and has often been called into court cases to speak as an expert witness on dog behavior.

Both Benton and Ulbrich work with dogs who have behavior issues like shyness and aggression as well as nuisance behaviors like jumping up, mouthing, and pawing.

Benton describes her professional style as “force-free training.”

“Consistent, pragmatic methods of

communication and allowing dogs to make mistakes without painful consequences create more trusting relationships between dogs and their guardians,” says Benton. “It’s a win-win on both ends of the leash.”

In Benton’s classes, which she holds in her Diamond Street home or in an owner’s home, dogs learn how to focus on their owners when around other dogs. She herself is the proud guardian of three dogs: Sugar, a 10-year-old pit bull/boxer mix; Dixie, a 6-year-old American fox; and Basil, a 3-year-old female Jack Russell terrier and beagle mix.

Benton and Ulbrich agree that trying to get a dog to behave through physical punishment and fear is a terrible idea. The trainers do not condone the use of prong collars, choke chains, shock collars, physical punishment, or intimidation.

“It’s like if you told a child, ‘Make your bed or else I’ll punch you,’” Ulbrich says.

Okay to Say No

Ulbrich calls her own training methodology “empathetic dog training,” and describes it as “in the middle” of the positive reinforcement camp and the strict discipline camp. She says that it’s okay to use the word “no” with a dog.

“No is not a bad word. I use it constantly with my dog,” Ulbrich says. “It just means, hey, that’s a decision you don’t want to be making. If your kid were running toward a hot stove with their hand out, you would say, ‘No!’ and then explain why it’s not okay to touch the stove—because they could get hurt. It’s the same with dogs.”

Ulbrich mixes positive reinforcement, such as dog treats, with “tricks and techniques” she’s used since she began training dogs as a young girl. “It’s not fear-based or physical. Dogs are pack animals, and it’s in their nature to respect their



Paula Benton relaxes with her family of dogs, including Basil, a Jack Russell terrier and beagle mix; Sugar, a 10-year-old pit bull/boxer mix; and Dixie, a 6-year-old American foxhound.



Beverly Ulbrich and her dog Musik smile for the camera. Photos by Art Bodner

leader, which should be their owner.”

She typically works one-on-one with clients and also runs workshops for them, sometimes in their homes, her 28th Street home, or at Christopher Park on Diamond Heights Boulevard. Her 1-year-old miniature schnauzer, Musik, is her teaching “assistant.” Musik is also a dog model and has appeared in a Vera Bradley catalog.

Ulbrich thinks owners should continue a dog’s training throughout its lifetime.

“Owners should keep challenging their dogs as they get older. My last dog passed away after twelve and a half years, perfectly trained—a great dog. When she got ill, she’d get out of practice, and I realized I hadn’t been asking her to do the things she normally would do. English is

a second language for a dog, and they need to practice to keep up with it.”

Street Etiquette

All dogs need exercise, whether it’s done at a park or along the city’s sidewalks. Not many in the city have the luxury of a private back yard or garden that can accommodate a dog’s desire to run, sniff new smells, or chase a ball. Plus, dogs are social creatures. Those living in isolation don’t necessarily know how to react when it comes to meeting a new dog or person.

“If your animal is visibly nervous or defensive while on a crowded city street, it’s best to not take them for a stroll down

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3rd Annual Church Street Pet Parade Sunday, October 28

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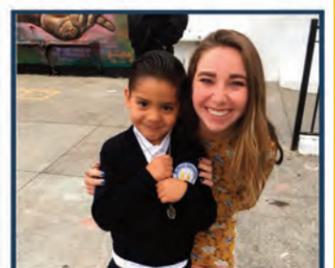
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Be Kind to Your Dog, Say Trainers

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24th Street,” says Boucher.

Benton agrees. “If you have a dog who is comfortable and behaves well on busy Noe sidewalks—bravo! If not, stick to the quiet side streets. There are many of us in what has been lovingly referred to as the midnight walkers’ club. We have dogs with complex social and environmental triggers. To behave well, we need a lot more space, and meeting your dog where they are at is an essential part in helping your dog become more relaxed and city-savvy.”

“I personally really dislike long extendable leads,” Boucher adds. “I find them to be dangerous on city streets. Dogs are not easily controlled and can often run out in the street or trip people walking by.”

Ulbrich notes that when meeting an unfamiliar dog on a sidewalk, people, especially children, should not act overly excited, whether they are feeling fearful or happy to see the dog.

“When kids see Musik, about 80 to 90 percent of them run and scream. If they keep up that behavior, a dog might think they are playing or, if aggressive, might think it’s prey. If a child just stands there, the dog will see them as boring.”

Ulbrich has done workshops at the Noe Valley Town Square and Charlie’s Corner for parents and children. “About half of the kids had never touched a dog, because they were so afraid. One of the main jobs of a parent is to get children over irrational fears. Being afraid of a dog is like being afraid of a swing set. I’ve seen children try to hit dogs, they were so afraid. I tell kids, ‘Be a tree. Hold still.’ Then the



Rocket Dog Rescue founder Pali Boucher poses with one of her longtime pals, Thelonious Monk. Rocket Dog’s Bummers Ball is Oct. 6 at Haight Street Art Center. Photo by Art Bodner

dog won’t sense their energy or get excited.”

To Tether or Not to Tether

When it comes to tying a dog to a pole by its leash on the street, Ulbrich and Benton are in agreement.

“First of all, let it be noted that it is illegal—you’re not allowed to tie up a dog and leave them by themselves,” says Ulbrich. However, the laws are fuzzy. According to California’s Health and Safety Code 122335 HS, a dog can be tethered “for no longer than is necessary for you to complete a task that requires him/her to be restrained for up to three hours in a 24-hour period.” An example would be doing a quick errand at the bank.

“Try to do everything practically,” Ulbrich advises. “If you have a friendly dog, it’s fine to run into Starbucks and pick up

a cup of coffee. If you have a scared dog, shivering or aggressive, it shouldn’t be tied up out there. A whole hour to eat dinner at a restaurant is especially uncomfortable. Your dog doesn’t want to be alone without you when it’s freezing cold or too hot. They’d prefer to be at home.”

“It’s a funny part of our culture, isn’t it?” Benton says. “If I said, ‘Please do not tie your child to a pole,’ you would think the idea [of tethering] was unconscionable. And yet, when I suggest it’s not safe to tie a dog to a pole, people think I’m overreacting. Dogs can be very anxious and stressed when tied to poles and left alone. Bites can and do occur when a dog feels they cannot escape, and being tied outside takes away their choice to make space when strangers are attempting to handle them. It’s tricky for many

[dogs] to navigate approaching dogs, people, small children, and strollers when tethered, unable to greet and behave in a dog fashion.”

Ulbrich also takes issue with people eating at outdoor restaurant seating with their dogs. “If I’m walking, a dog [at an outdoor table] should not lunge out on the sidewalk at my dog. People have to have better control or fix the problem.”

Working in the Behavior and Training Department at San Francisco Animal Care and Control has also given Benton another perspective about dogs tied to poles—she’s met owners who’ve come in looking for their missing furry friends. “There have been and sadly may continue to be occasions when dogs are stolen, and despite best efforts, some owners don’t get their dogs back, and it is heartbreaking.”

Emotional Support

When it comes to service and emotional support animals, all three experts agree that the animal in question should be well behaved in public.

“I like having service dogs with their companions visiting stores and cafes,” says Boucher, who besides steering Rocket Dog, works at Chocolate Covered on 24th Street. “The same common sense should apply to service dogs as it does to any other, though. If your dog is nervous or defensive in a crowded environment, it’s best that you don’t bring them in.”

“I highly encourage folks who require a support animal to get them trained for relaxed, calm interactions while out in public,” says Benton, who is certified to train service animals.

“By definition, service dogs are super solid. Nothing scares them!” says Ulbrich. “There is the issue of fake or pretend service animals. A service dog is per-

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forming a medical service—it's the equivalent of having a wheelchair. An emotional support dog is literally what its name says—it's to keep a person calm. Those are the dogs airlines are making stricter rules about, and some say passengers can't have their dogs on a flight. Either way, there is push-back on these dogs needing to be polite in public."

Finally, if you're planning to take your pet to the Spooktacular at the Town Square (Oct. 28) or to a Halloween event, make sure they are calm and cool in crowds. Says Ulbrich, "It can be scary for dogs to see people in costumes.... [The dogs] aren't going to be able to figure out what that is if they have not seen it before."

The same goes for pets in costume. "Some dogs actually like being dressed up!" Ulbrich says. "Others freeze once clothes are on them and refuse to move. It's once again a matter of training your dog to tolerate it, and hopefully like it. Usually people can tell whether their dog is enjoying themselves or if they're miserable. It's mostly a question of being kind and empathetic." ■

Two Haunted Houses at This Year's Spooktacular

By Richard May

Any day can be pretty scary in the big city, but things will be especially frightful in our neighborhood on Sunday, Oct. 28. Spooktacular II will provide Halloween thrills and chills from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in the Noe Valley Town Square on 24th Street between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets.

Rachel Swann, president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association and managing partner of The Agency real estate firm, promises "a carnival-like" atmosphere. The Agency is the sole sponsor of Spooktacular this year.

There will be not one but two haunted houses, one for children and one for adults. The kids' version will be "less scary," says Swann. There will also be a beer garden and carnival booths with food, drink, and activities like cotton candy and pumpkin tic-tac-toe. No hay-bale maze this year, however. Last year, it took three weeks to clean up, Swann remembers. "There was hay everywhere!"

The square will be dressed up in spooky Halloween decor, although the haunts should be a little less terrifying than last year. Swann reports that last year

at least two adults left in tears.

Humans and canines are encouraged to dress up like zombies, witches, or in their fright gear of choice. There will be costume contests for kids, dogs, and adults. Age- and species-appropriate prizes will be awarded for best in show, including wine, dog biscuits, and Halloween treats.

There will be plenty of music, too. For final details, go to noevalleyspooktacular.com. The event is being organized by IDK Events, which puts on the Noe Valley Wine Walks and the Castro Street Fair. If readers have any suggestions for fun Halloween activities at Spooktacular, Swann invites them to contact her at rachel.swann@theagencyre.com.

Donations will be requested, but not required, at entrances to the beer garden. In 2017, over \$3,300 was raised, to aid North Bay fire victims. This year, the recipient will be Muttville Senior Dog Rescue, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that rescues over 1,000 older dogs a year.

Swann is hoping this year's event will raise \$7,000. Donations made at noevalleyspooktacular.com can add to the sum.

Spooktacular will not replace traditional Halloween Day activities along 24th Street, Swann assures the public,

wearing her Merchants and Professionals hat. Store staff will still dress up in costume and hand out candy at the witching hour on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Other October events at the town square include a movie and music. The movie, appropriately enough, will be Disney/Pixar's *Coco*, the Academy Award-winning animated feature from 2017 about a 12-year-old boy who accidentally winds up in the land of the dead, and runs into his great-great-grandfather.

Showtime is 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. Bring your own food and beverages and a blanket or low-back lawn chairs. Popcorn will be provided. The movie runs one hour and 49 minutes, and it's free.

The third October event will be Jazz in the Square, Sunday, Oct. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. It will feature the band Djangology, playing hot jazz inspired by Romani-French guitarist Django Reinhardt. The group includes woodwinds, guitar, and dobro. Again, bring your own food and beverages.

For more information on all town square events—monthly, weekly, and otherwise—go to noevalleytownsquare/events. ■

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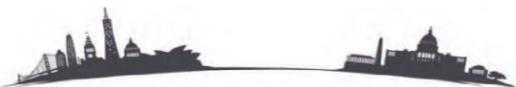
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What is the biggest house in Noe Valley?

—Asked by Ty Wagner Hogg, 6

In March, I met 6-year-old Ty Wagner Hogg inside Two Birds clothing store on Castro Street. He was shopping with his sister, 9-year-old Billie Wagner Hogg (8 at the time), and their mom, Tara Wagner. (I met dad Chris Hogg on another day.)

When I asked Ty whether he had a question about the neighborhood, he piped up, "What is the biggest house in Noe Valley?"

I had my marching orders. Over the next few months, I looked around the neighborhood, asked realtor friends, and searched real estate listings for Noe Valley's biggest house. I learned there is no list ranking all Noe Valley homes by square footage, and that curbside views can deceive, since houses that look small in front can be pretty big in back. The experts came up with some big houses, such as the firehouse-turned-residence at 3816 22nd St. (6,045 sq.ft.), but I was



Ty Wagner Hogg and sister Billie reach the top of a Noe Valley skyscraper and gaze at the scenic view of Twin Peaks and the Castro Street hill.

Photos by Katie Burke

hoping to find an empty house Ty and his family might explore.

Finally, on a Zillow search of Noe Valley listings, I came upon the four-story home at 645 Duncan St., near Newburg Street, listed (by Nina Hatvany at Pacific Union) for \$6,995,000.

I then reached out to Zephyr Real Estate agents Doug Carpenter and Eduardo Aguire, who enthusiastically agreed to give Ty, Billie, Tara, and me a guided tour in mid-September.

While not Noe Valley's biggest house—nor the kind of home most Noe Valley residents lived in—the four-bedroom, 4.5-bath wonder was the biggest house Ty had ever seen.

This 5,165-square-foot home featured two fireplaces, an outdoor fire pit, a living

garden wall (rows of plants fed nutrients hydroponically), an elevator, a wine room, two glass-enclosed balconies, a rooftop deck, a backyard deck with a sunken patio, a second back patio, and sweeping views from Twin Peaks to the downtown San Francisco skyline.

Carpenter and Aguire brought Brady, their 10-year-old dog, whom Ty and Billie immediately befriended.

"Is that in dog years?" Ty asked of Brady's age.

Carpenter said no, dog years would put Brady at about 70.

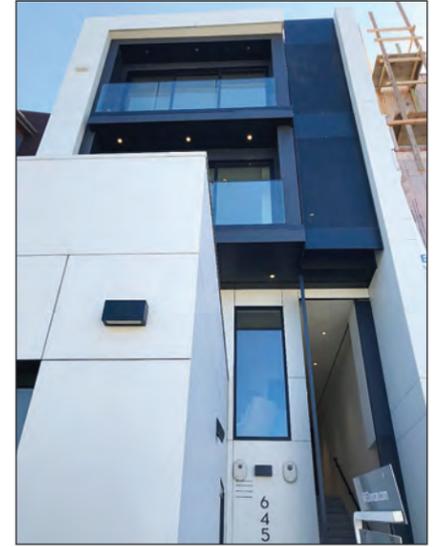
At the outset of the tour, Carpenter suggested that Ty and Billie choose the bedroom each would want if this were their home. Ty claimed the room closest to the outdoor garden wall, for its view through tall glass windows. Billie selected the master bedroom, featuring an interior barn door and exterior glass doors leading onto a balcony.

All present gasped upon seeing the kitchen's 16-foot-long center island. Then Ty set his sights on the backyard deck into which the kitchen spilled out. He reclined on an outdoor sofa in the deck's patio, looking right at home.

Ty stood in several areas, illustrating their scale: the master bath walk-in shower (approximately three "Tys" high and two Tys long) with marble bench, the wine room (at least two Tys high and 2.5 Tys long), and the home's dramatic front door (roughly three Tys high and one Ty wide).

After exiting the wine room, Ty declared, "This would also be a good room to keep snacks in."

Carpenter explained to Ty and Billie that the home was staged for sale—that all the furniture, artwork, and rugs they saw would be removed when someone bought the house and the new owners



The house at 645 Duncan may not be the biggest, but it's one of the tallest.



Ty demonstrates that the home's front door is more than three "Tys" high.

moved in. Asked how he would use the family/media room on the top floor, Ty said it would be a "party room." That was appropriate, given the room was outfitted with a wet bar and a wine fridge, and sat adjacent to the rooftop deck.

At the home's ground level, Aguire showed Ty and Billie the four-car garage. Billie pointed out that since her family owns just one car, there's plenty of room left over for bike storage and an extra playroom.

Asked what his favorite game to play in the house would be, Ty replied, "I'd want to play with a Slinky because there are so many stairs!"

Ty said he'd love to live in a house that big someday, and that "it would take 88 years to save enough money to buy it." I think he may be right.

What a fun tour, Ty. Thanks for prompting it with your question. And thank you to Doug Carpenter and Eduardo Aguire for leading us around.

See you in the neighborhood!

—Katie Burke



Sitting on a bench in the entryway, Ty Wagner Hogg, 6, and realtors Doug Carpenter and Eduardo Aguire (with Brady the dog) gear up for their tour of the house at 645 Duncan St.



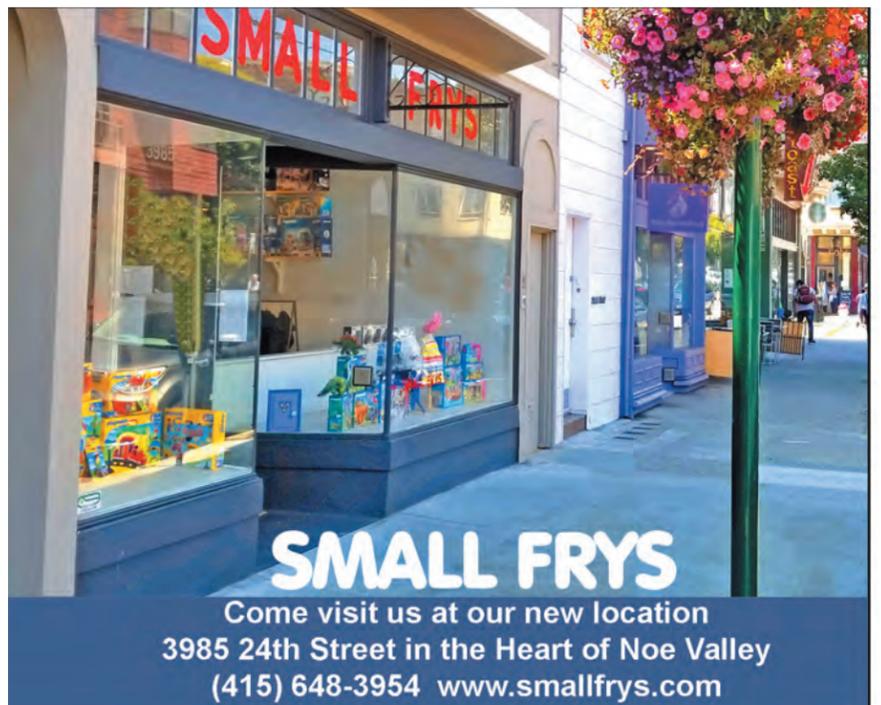
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Off the Beaten Path

The View From Tank Hill

By Joe O'Connor

Tank Hill is a little known spot. It's a small park (2.8 acres) located on North Twin Peaks Boulevard between Clarendon Avenue and Clayton Street. Driving by, you would have no clue that the hill played an important role in San Francisco history. It also is home to a wonderful geology, sports 60 species of native wildflowers, and provides unmatched views from its vista point, 650 feet above sea level.

Tank Hill is easy to get to, has free parking along Twin Peaks Boulevard, and offers explorers an easy stroll. (There is a set of stairs leading up the hill at Twin Peaks Boulevard near



At a 650-foot elevation, Tank Hill has a panoramic view that rivals that of Twin Peaks. The park also has benches and a swing. Photo by Art Bodner

Crown Terrace, and another on Belgrave Avenue.) If there is a drawback to Tank Hill, it's that it has poison oak and stinging *Phacelia*, also known as scorpion weed. When you visit, remember to wear long sleeves and long pants.

The Name: Tank Hill was named for the water storage tank that Spring Valley Water Company built on Clarendon Heights in 1894. That tank held 5,641,000 gallons of drinking water for city residents, most of which was pumped up from Laguna Honda. Tank Hill became city property in 1930, when the San Francisco Water Department acquired Spring Valley Water. The tank functioned until 1957. All that remains is the concrete base of the tank encircled by numerous blue gum eucalyptus trees. However, plant and animal life—garter snakes, lizards, butterflies, and hawks—abound.

Tank Hill Geology: Like many San Francisco hills, Tank Hill is primarily chert, a sedimentary rock formed in

deep ocean water far from land. Plate movement vaulted that chert to its current location, all the while mixing it with other types of rock. That's why the rock formations in our city are often called "Franciscan melange." It's all mixed up!

If you follow the sloping eastern meadow of Tank Hill down to the large chert blocks, you'll see rock polished as smooth as glass. That's a "fault mirror," or slickenside. It's just like the shining rock face at Peixotto Playground in Corona Heights, to the east. The Tank Hill slickenside may be a continuation of the fault mirror at Peixotto.

Wildflowers: Wildflowers cover Tank Hill in spring and fall. If you take the stairs running down the western side of the park, you'll find lupines, wally basket, and ruby chalice *Clarkia* on the left. To the right are California barberry, Douglas iris, and California golden violet. At the base of the steps, to the right, you may find the stinging phacelia (white flowers) as well as a stand of yellow-pigmented California bee plant. Several California buckeye trees at Tank Hill may be in flower.

Succulent powdery liveforever (*Dudleya*) grows in the rocks all over Tank Hill. The eastern slope is often covered in the white flowers of wavyleaf soap plants as well as in gumplant and—caution—poison oak. The north slope may support a carpet of ruby chalice *Clarkia*.

The Vista: Bring binoculars! The Tank Hill vista may be the best in the city. From east to west you can scan



The Douglas iris makes its home among other native plants on Tank Hill.

Photo by Joe O'Connor

from Bayview Hill to the Golden Gate Bridge and beyond to Point Bonita. On a clear day, you'll see Mt. Diablo to the east and Mt. Tamalpais and the Marin Headlands to the northwest.

If you scale Tank Hill in the late afternoon, you may see fog tendrils invading the Golden Gate and flowing eastward to hide the city in a blanket of mist. Enjoy your visit!

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.



You can enter the park at a staircase on Twin Peaks Boulevard at Crown Terrace, or via the eastern end of Belgrave Avenue.

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A slickenside "mirror" is visible on outcroppings at Tank Hill. The rock was polished by friction caused by powerful fault movement.

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Sara Segal, **Judy Leash** and **Barbara Rockman** trekked to South Africa and the recently renamed eSwatini.



Raymond Solis is well equipped for his travels. He always carries a copy of his hometown newspaper. Here he pauses for a read in Phuket, Thailand in June.

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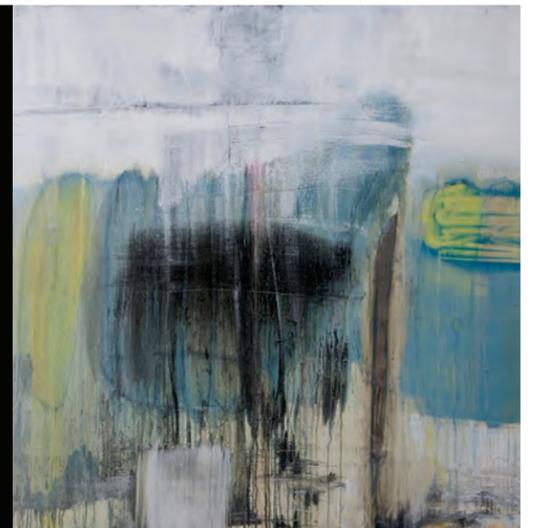
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The Cost of Living in Noe

Platinum Price for Fixer-Upper

By Corrie M. Anders

Home buyers closed out the summer by purchasing 11 single-family detached houses in Noe Valley, including a “fixer-upper” that sold for nearly \$1.7 million.

The number of sales was about the same as in August a year ago (12), according to data supplied to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. (There also were 12 sales in July of this year.)

Condominium shoppers picked up keys to eight properties in August—twice as many as last August but five fewer than in July 2018.

The real estate scene in Noe Valley remained spirited, as home buyers bid quickly on properties—in an average 19 days—and offered an average 9 percent above the sellers’ asking price.

Home values rose 1.8 percent year over year, averaging \$2,578,000 this August compared with \$2,533,000 in August 2017.

The most expensive home sold during the month was a lavishly appointed Edwardian in the 800 block of Elizabeth Street between Douglass Street and Hoff-



A 1906 Edwardian with modern details sold for \$3.5 million in August. The five-bedroom, five-bath dwelling featured a gourmet kitchen, high ceilings, four decks and broad views, a garden with a circulating pond, and garage parking for two cars.

man Avenue. The five-bedroom house, with 3,077 square feet of living space, sold 11 days after it hit the market, for \$3.5 million (9.4 percent above asking). For their money, buyers got an architecturally stylish home with an open floor plan, a chef’s kitchen, four decks, soaring views, a garden with a flowing pond, and a two-car garage.

A three-bedroom, two-bath condominium in the 100 block of San Jose Avenue, between 23rd and 24th streets, was the most expensive attached unit sold in August. Built in 2001, the home featured 1,280 square feet of space, a large living/dining/entertaining area, an updated kitchen with Carrara marble counters, and a one-car garage. The property sold for \$1.7 million, or 31.3 percent more than its asking price (\$1,295,000).

The eye-opener of the month was a house selling “as is” in the 300 block of 28th Street. Listed at \$1,450,000 and described as “a golden opportunity...for a home owner or contractor to remodel or redevelop,” the century-old home, with three bedrooms, two baths, and 2,187 square feet of living space, went for \$1,650,000, 13.8 percent more than asking. That was a steep payment for a property requiring major improvements.

Still, not every piece of real estate in Noe Valley required the buyer to first win at SuperLotto. The most affordable property sold in August was a studio condominium with 370 square feet of living space in the 1000 block of Guerrero Street between 22nd and 23rd streets. It sold for \$578,000.



Buyers paid \$1.7 million, 31 percent over the asking price, for a condominium in this building on San Jose Avenue. The full-floor unit had three bedrooms, two baths, an updated kitchen and a one-car garage.

Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
August 2018	11	\$1,650,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,578,000	19	109%
July 2018	12	\$1,267,500	\$4,500,000	\$2,178,042	16	111%
August 2017	12	\$1,550,000	\$3,995,000	\$2,533,225	35	112%
Condominiums						
August 2018	8	\$578,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,291,750	17	114%
July 2018	13	\$530,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,193,46	28	117%
August 2017	4	\$880,000	\$2,100,000	\$1,625,000	27	114%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
August 2018	2	\$1,900,000	\$4,900,000	\$3,400,000	13	108%
July 2018	2	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,012,500	14	103%
August 2017	4	\$1,651,000	\$2,478,200	\$2,134,800	38	106%
5+-unit buildings						
August 2018	1	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	70	98%
July 2018	1	\$1,870,000	\$1,870,000	\$1,870,000	26	94%
August 2017	1	\$1,420,000	\$1,420,000	\$1,420,000	38	133%

* 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. NVV10/2018

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range September 2018	Average September 2018	Average August 2018	Average September 2017
Studio	8	\$2,100 - \$2,895	\$2,398 / mo.	\$2,450 / mo.	\$2,081 / mo.
1-bdrm	27	\$2,550 - \$6,450	\$3,541 / mo.	\$3,223 / mo.	\$3,290 / mo.
2-bdrm	25	\$3,200 - \$5,900	\$4,291 / mo.	\$4,859 / mo.	\$4,393 / mo.
3-bdrm	22	\$4,700 - \$11,500	\$6,922 / mo.	\$6,189 / mo.	\$6,649 / mo.
4+-bdrm	7	\$6,950 - \$16,995	\$11,005 / mo.	\$11,811 / mo.	\$10,331 / mo.

** This survey is based on a sample of 89 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist.org from Sept. 3-10, 2018. NVV10/2018

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Senior Center a Model for Anti-Bullying

Empathy and Education the Key

By Heidi Anderson

A couple of years ago, Director Valorie Villela and her staff at 30th Street Senior Center noticed a disturbing trend.

“Put-downs, gossip, even outright slurs—we were seeing more” among the 300 or so seniors who attend the lunches, art classes, and health and exercise programs at the center, said Villela.

When she asked staff members how they’d been dealing with the incidents, most said they’d told the seniors to ignore the mean remarks.

But Villela knew better than to let the bullying continue.

She knew such behavior might cause program participants to stay away from the center, which for some was their main source of community and socializing.

“I also had read studies showing social isolation to be the health equivalent of smoking 15 cigarettes a day,” said Villela. “The outcomes are the same.”

So in the fall of 2016, she went to work. Teaming up with the San Francisco non-profit Institute on Aging—and armed with a \$25,000 two-year community grant provided by then San Francisco Supervisor Scott Wiener—Villela put together an educational campaign called Eliminate Bullying.

The program featured a nine-week course for staff and seniors, designed to show what bullying looked like, how people from different cultures might interpret put-downs and aggression, and how one



Staff and seniors peruse materials used in a successful Eliminate Bullying program at On Lok’s 30th Street Senior Center. Photos courtesy Judy Goddess

should address a bully to change the bullying behavior. Students were taught that reason and empathy were better tools than anger and distress. Meanwhile, the center posted anti-bullying messages on the walls and even on placemats in the third-floor lunchroom.

Did it work?

“The culture here shifted,” Villela said. Bullying incidents declined.

But since then, the center has experienced the usual staff turnover. And new seniors are always coming in the door.

So for the education to stick, said Villela, “I saw that we needed constant refreshers.”

Challenge the Behavior

To help the *Voice* picture the situation, Villela gave a few examples of what qualified as bullying at the center.

A senior tried to sit in an empty seat at lunch. A woman seated next to the empty chair yelled that the seat was taken, couldn’t she see the jacket laid across it? When the newcomer complained to staff,



Villela approached the cranky lunch eater, only to meet with resistance. “The woman actually said, ‘Yeah, can you believe how stupid she was?’” Villela said.

“I asked her how she herself would feel being talked to that way. And besides that, I reminded her that seating at lunchtime is always first come, first served—there’s no saving seats,” said Villela.

In another incident, a senior, in a conversation with a staff member, used a homophobic slur. When staff confronted her about the language, she in turn went to her peers at the center and told them they were “weak and needed to stand up to the staff.”

Villela said the center followed up, and made sure the senior understood why the behavior was unacceptable.

Both interventions were successful.

Patterns of Meanness

Bullies like to control others and tend to pick on those who appear to be more vulnerable. “It’s not just being rude. And it’s not on the other end of the spectrum, like elder abuse, which is harm for personal gain,” said Villela. “Bullying is done when someone just intends to harm.”

She added, “A lot of bullies have been doing it since they were young. And if the behavior isn’t challenged along the way, they just get better at it.”

Bullies also may target those they perceive to have mobility or memory problems. “They act out against that person because of fear it will happen to themselves,” said Villela.

Cultural Differences

Senior center social services case manager Julio Soriano took part in the anti-bullying program. He said it opened his eyes. “A lot of us on staff come from dif-

ferent backgrounds. We didn’t notice how things being said and done were hurting people.” Now, after the training, Soriano said he approaches the bullies.

“A lot of times a bully will say back to me, ‘Well, I always say that.’ So I let them know that the senior center is a safe place for people from all kinds of backgrounds, that we need to respect feelings, and some words are offensive to others.”

The center’s current population, ranging in age from 60 to 99, is 56 percent Latino, 22 percent Asian/Pacific Islander, 20 percent white, and 2 percent other. All activities are offered in both English and Spanish. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunches served at noon and 1 p.m. (a \$2 donation is encouraged).

Seniors a Quick Study

What about that old phrase, you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?

Villela was adamant. “Absolutely not true!”

Having worked at 30th Street Senior Center for the past 30 years, she has acquired an abiding respect and affection for seniors. Not only do older people have a lot of wisdom to share, they are curious and engaged at many different levels, she said.

“I’ve seen some amazing learning happen here.” She listed activities like dancing and vocal choir in which seniors excel.

As for the bullies, when they were asked how they would feel if someone spoke to them that way—and when they were told they might be suspended from the center if the behavior continued—they got the message in a heartbeat.

“So I know change can happen,” said Villela.

National Attention

Last March, when Villela presented her program at the American Society on Aging conference in San Francisco, the course was covered by the Associated Press, and stories ran in 40-plus news media.

“I got calls daily from other senior organizations asking for our help,” said Villela. “They wanted our curriculum, even the signs.”

But, with her own grant depleted, she had to turn them down. Now she is looking for new funding to improve the curriculum. She really hopes to include theater as part of the program. And a good video would go a long way in classes, too. “You’ve got to give people real-life examples of bullying.”

Because of the importance of the topic and the national interest generated by the program, Villela said On Lok (which operates the center) and the Institute on Aging will be seeking funds to both prepare a training package for other organizations and offer on-going trainings.

For now, though, she is focused on updating signage around the 30th Street Senior Center building, at 225 30th St. Signs up now say “Bully-free zone. Together we can stop bullying.”

“We’ve got to change up those signs!” said Villela. “Keep the idea fresh!” ■

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SHORT TAKES

Classical Music Weekends

Changes are coming to the venerable Noe Valley Chamber Music, a neighborhood cultural institution for 25 years. The original Sunday concerts, now renamed "Sundays at Four," and the Classical Kids programs will be joined by a third musical venture, "Snapshots."

The new series, according to NVCM artistic directors Meena Bhasin and Owen Dolby, will be musical "happy hours" held on Fridays in unconventional spaces around the city.

The first performance, by pianists Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe, will be Friday, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 647 Mission St. The duo will play music ranging from Johannes Brahms' Variations on a Theme by Haydn and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* to the Beatles' "Let It Be" and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

Two days later, on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 4 p.m., Anderson & Roe, who've been called the "rock stars of the classical music world," will appear again to launch the 2018-19 Sundays at Four series at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Other artists in Sunday series are the chamber ensemble Decoda (Dec. 2), the famed St. Lawrence String Quartet (Feb. 10), and violist Bhasin and violinist Dalby and friends (May 12).

The Classical Kids concerts are at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, also at the Noe Valley Ministry. Anderson & Roe will play Oct. 13, Decoda on Dec. 1, and the Omer Quartet on Feb. 16.

Tickets for all three series can be bought at nvc.org or brownpapertickets.com. Sundays at Four season tickets are \$135, a

25 percent savings over individual pricing. Classical Kids family passes are \$40 for a maximum of four people. Individual tickets can also be purchased at \$15 for Classical Kids and \$40 (\$35 seniors and \$15 students) for Sundays at Four. There is a suggested \$25 donation for the Snapshots events, and attendees must RSVP.

You can find more concert details at nvc.org.

Local Director at Mill Valley Film Festival

Coin Operated, an animated short film directed by Noe Valley resident Nick Arioli, is playing at the Mill Valley Film Festival three times this month. Arioli describes the film as "a five-minute animated short that spans 70 years in the life of a naïve explorer," a young boy who yearns to travel in space. A Q&A will follow each presentation.

The film took two years and 40 people to make, including 15 animators. The animation style is usually only used in large-budget animated features (which Arioli assures his film is not), because it's expensive and time-intensive, even with the aid of computers. He was fortunate to find big studio animators who were between projects.

Arioli's roles on the film were writer and director. During each showing, he says, he's been moved to see the audience reacting to the film with both laughter and tears.

Arioli confides that he "always wanted to make films since I saw *Jurassic Park* as a kid." After a degree in computer science at Oberlin, he moved west to work in tech. Finally, a few years ago, he decided to live his dream, so he cobbled together funding and began work on *Coin Operated*. Now, he's working on a live-action feature.

Mill Valley will be the last film festival showing for *Coin Operated*. It has played at dozens of major festivals, including San Francisco, Palm Springs, Chicago, Naples, and Santa Fe. It has won several awards, including audience favorite at Brooklyn and



Piano duo Elizabeth Joy Roe and Greg Anderson perform three concerts for Noe Valley Chamber Music the weekend of Oct. 12-14, including one in the Steinway Gallery at 647 Mission St. Photo by Lisa Marie Mazzucco

Palm Springs and grand prize at the Rhode Island Film Festival, which qualified it for Academy Award consideration.

Coin Operated plays in a collection of animated shorts on Saturday, Oct. 6, and Friday, Oct. 12, in Mill Valley and on Sunday, Oct. 14, in Larkspur. Go to mvff.com for times and tickets. "I'll be at the screenings," Arioli says, "and hope to see you there, too."

All You Need Is Love

Musician and songwriter Jim Bruno, with a little help from nine of his friends, is putting on a Beatles Night, an evening of Beatles music, on Saturday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry. The event, performed by voice and a variety of stringed instruments, including a ukulele, is a benefit for Josie's Place for Bereaved Youth and Families.

Josie's Place is a nonprofit organization, based on 14th Avenue, offering support to children and teens who have experienced a deep loss, such as the death of a parent.

You can buy tickets for Beatles Night at josiesplace.org or at the Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Tickets are \$35 online and \$40 at the door, but director Patricia Murphy recommends buying online. "We might sell out!" she says. Let's hope so. For more information, call 415-513-6343.

Dolores Heights' Fall Festival

District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman plans to help the residents of Dolores Heights celebrate autumn at the Dolores Heights Improvement Club's Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 13. The annual block party on Sanchez Street between 21st and Hill streets will run from noon to 3 p.m.

Festival activities will include eating yummy refreshments, trying to win something in the raffle (drawing at 2 p.m.), and viewing exhibits on Dolores Park and the club's Green Gardens Stairways initiative to keep the nine stairways in Dolores Heights clean and beautiful. There will also be a history corner, featuring photos of the area after the 1906 earthquake, of 1920s Mayor Sunny Jim Rolph's house at 21st and Sanchez streets, and of Sanchez Hill when only a ranch house perched upon it. There will be a bunch of activities for kids, too.

For more on the festival and DHIC, check out doloresheights.org.

Turning the Page

Our neighborhood bookstores are offering good food, a good cause, and a good scare this month.

Omnivore Books on Food makes a political-sounding suggestion on Wednesday, Oct. 17: *Let's Eat France!* Turns out it's a book about food by François-Régis Gaudry, who'll be there to read and discuss

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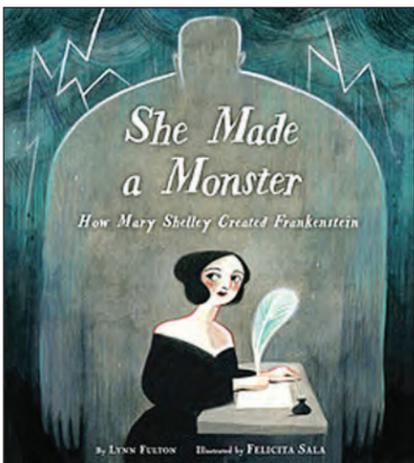
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it from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free, but may make you want to run to a nearby French restaurant. Get ready, Chez Marius!

Folio Books is hosting a good cause on Monday, Oct. 29, when Odd Mondays focuses on asylum-seekers from Central America. Journalist (and Chattanooga Street resident) Mary Jo McConahay, professor Susanne Jonas, and activist Trebor Healey will read from their work on Central America from 7 to 8 p.m. In addition, Healey will talk about his involvement with Scalabrinianas Mision Con Migrantes y Refugiados. The group houses Central American refugees in Mexico City for up to three months while helping them gain asylum from the Mexican government. Proceeds from the sale of Healey's books will go to support SMMR.



Local author Lynn Fulton will read from her Frankenstein picture book at Charlie's Corner on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

The good scare comes at Charlie's Corner bookstore on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m. This year is the publication bicentennial of Mary Shelley's novel *Frankenstein*. In honor of that event, local author Lynn Fulton reads from her new picture book *She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein*. The book is illustrated with elegant (and spooky) art from Felicitá Sala. Treats will be provided.

For all October events at our bookstores, go to omnivorebooks.com, foliosf.com, and charliescorner.com.

Party for Christopher Park

The second annual Christopher Park Festival in Diamond Heights will provide food, entertainment, and activities galore Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at—where else?—George Christopher Park. Free parking will be available across from the park at the San Francisco Police Academy, 350 Amber Drive, off Duncan Street.

The festival will open with a children's story time and music by Noe Valley's Charlie's Corner and Little Folkies. It will also feature a doggie fashion show, photography contests, a scavenger hunt, reptiles, bubble ball and bouncy houses, more live music, food carts, and a Glen Canyon history walking tour.

Friends of Christopher Park is organizing the event. Friends member Brynna McNulty says, "Many people are not aware of Christopher Park, so FOCP thought a festival would be a fun way to raise awareness for the park and build community."

McNulty also says the city's Recreation and Park Department is set to begin its renovation of the park this winter, with an expected finish next summer. For more information on the festival, go to friendsofchristopherpark.org. For updates about the park project, go to sfrecpark.org.

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

Deal Reached on Grand View Avenue Project

Tenants No Longer Facing 'Displacement'

By Matthew S. Bajko

The tenants of an apartment building on Grand View Avenue have reached an agreement with their landlord that will allow him to add more units without displacing them for an extended period of time.

As the *Voice* first reported last November, Otto Miller had initially sought to seismically upgrade the six-unit, rent-controlled apartment building he owns at 505 Grand View Ave. at Elizabeth Street and add a fourth floor for an owner's townhouse. He also aimed to construct four additional dwelling units in the 57-year-old structure's existing lower levels and garage.

Under that plan, the tenants would have had to move out for upwards of a year, and one would have returned to a smaller apartment reduced by a vertical addition to the rear of the building. Planning staff had granted permits for the work over the counter, but the Tenants Union of San Francisco requested a discretionary review of the project by the San Francisco Planning Commission.

At a hearing Nov. 2 last year, the oversight body denied Miller's request to add the fourth floor. They also asked his architect, Edward "Toby" Morris with Kerman Morris Architects, to rework the plans for the other units so there would be minimal impacts to the existing tenants.

They had requested that Morris return in March, but the hearing was delayed until Sept. 13 as he and the tenants group worked out a compromise. At its meeting that day, the planning commission voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the reworked plans.

Dana Mullaney, 63, who has lived in the building for 42 years, told the *Voice* she is "grateful and very appreciative of the many people that took on our cause. They worked tirelessly on our behalf. Without them I would most certainly be homeless."

In addition to preserving the layout of the existing six units on the second and third floors, the new plan reduced the number of proposed new units from four to three. The building's common areas will be reconfigured and its laundry room relocated.

According to an agreement with the tenants union, signed by Miller, the current renters in the building should not need to leave because of the planned construction. However, if a "temporary eviction" is required because their units are deemed uninhabitable for 20 days or longer, then Miller will notify them 60 days prior that they will need to relocate.

Should that happen, he has agreed to compensate each occupant \$6,627, with an additional \$4,419 for seniors (over the age of 60), disabled occupants, and households with at least one child. The tenants' rent will remain the same when they move back into their apartments, as per the agreement.

At the hearing last month, Morris said he had "worked closely with the tenants union to address their concerns, which they had many rightfully so."

Jennifer Fieber, the tenants union's political campaign director, said the group "had great dialogue with the architectural firm. They have been great."

Planning Commissioner Dennis Richards said the project had been a "great learning lesson" for planning officials and the public on how to best incorporate additional dwelling units (ADUs) into a building.

"We want to add ADUs but not at the expense of displacement," said Richards, "and not by adding vertical additions that don't create new units but displacement of existing tenants." ■

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Two years ago, Maggie Spicer and Michael Molesky began to seriously consider opening their own corner grocery in San Francisco. They are contributors to the food magazines *Ambrosia* and *Drift*, and Spicer writes for *Edible San Francisco*.

Together nearly eight years, the couple had long supported local farmers and producers of organic products. They also shared the yearning of most city dwellers to know where their food is grown and the methods used to cultivate it.

"I thought there were a lot of neighborhoods in San Francisco that could use a market that has really good-quality products but was also carrying practical produce and groceries," explained Molesky, 34, a Bay Area native. "I wanted a place where you could stand in the middle of the room, turn your head in any direction, and everything you need in your shopping basket would be in sight."

The opportunity to turn the concept into reality came when Bom Dia, the former micro-grocer that occupied the storefront at Sanchez and 29th streets, shuttered in 2016. Molesky and Spicer, 33, a transplant from Nashville, took over the space, gave it a light revamp, and opened their market-café on May 31.

Douglas is named after the Douglas fir beams that were used to frame the building. (The bathroom is stocked with a soap that evokes the smell of the evergreen conifer species.)

The tree also happens to supply the wood that Molesky's father, Jim, repurposed from a warehouse in the city to rebuild their house after it was destroyed in the 1991 Oakland Hills fire. Born in San Francisco, Molesky moved to the East Bay with his dad after his parents divorced.

In order to be closer to their market, Molesky and Spicer recently moved from Nob Hill to Noe Valley. In addition to coffee drinks and teas for purchase, they of-



Employees Basil Galloway, Cecelia Truong, and Michelle Winters (right) display some of the fresh breads and vegetables that arrive daily at Douglas cafe and grocery. Photo by Pamela Gerard

fer a breakfast and lunch menu that changes daily depending on the season. Chef Leo Batoyan oversees the on-site kitchen.

Last month, the morning menu included avocado toast (\$7.50) and an onsen (soft-cooked) egg toast with fresh herbs (\$7.25). The lunch menu, which begins at 11:30 a.m., featured a sandwich of ham, manchego cheese, and herb butter spread on kamut baguette (\$11) and a salad of little gems, parmesan, and anchovy vinaigrette (\$11.25). A popular staple is the green smoothie with kale and almond butter (\$9).

The food menu is available until 2:30 p.m., and anything on it can be made gluten-free, vegan, or vegetarian.

In the late afternoon, Douglas switches its focus to pouring wines by the glass

(\$10-\$15) and serving small plates to accompany the vino.

"We wanted to provide a nice space in the evening where people could hang out," said Molesky, the creator of travel app Marker.

Every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Douglas hosts wine tastings featuring different winemakers. The events are sometimes free or cost \$10-\$12 depending on the wine being showcased.

To the right of the entrance is a floor-to-ceiling wine rack stocked with organic wines ranging in price from \$15 to \$85 (for a bottle of champagne). They are all from organic wineries that do not add sulfur to their bottles.

"We've been able to increase the selection a lot," said Molesky. "We are really trying to find producers staying as true to

the grapes they are working with and the land they are working on."

The back of the store is stocked with various prepared foods in addition to an assortment of fresh fruits, produce, and other pantry items. In mid-September, the market had sweet golden cherry tomatoes (\$3.50 a basket), Asian pears (\$4.99 a pound), and French prunes (\$3 a pound) among the vegetables and fruits for sale.

In the cooler, you can find Broth Baby Vegan Broth (\$7.99 for a 16-ounce jar), Olympia Provisions bratwurst (\$8.49) or Italian sausage (\$11.75), and a selection of locally made cheeses.

The dry goods shelves feature such items as locally made jams from Inna Jam (\$13.99), cans of sustainable tuna (\$3.79-\$4.49), and Santa Cruz organic apple-sauce (\$4.99). At the suggestion of a customer, they now carry Pamela's Gluten-Free Sprouted Non-Dairy Pancake Mix (\$7.49). Another local favorite is Primavera brand tortilla chips (\$7 for a 7-ounce bag).

"We try to stock organic items but not exclusively, because we don't want to be dogmatic about it," said Spicer. "We are mindful of people's different dietary needs, so everything we put on our menu can be made dairy- or gluten-free."

For the upcoming holidays, they plan to stock special food items like cakes, panettone, and challah. They are also collaborating with the nearby Omnivore Books to produce meal kits based on the recipes in new cookbooks.

Nearly all the food items the couple stock are from the Bay Area or the West Coast. They do carry cinnamon and chocolate babka (\$14) made by Greens Bakery in Brooklyn. It was included in a gift basket that Molesky's mother and stepdad had ordered for them one Christmas from the gourmet food purveyor Dean & DeLuca.

"It is so good, we made an exception," explained Spicer, who has her own experience design agency called Whisk, which she opened in 2011.

They purposefully limit what they carry to only one or two choices per item.

"That way, you don't have to think too hard about what to buy," said Molesky. "It is our reply to the kind of digital world of limitless choice we now live in."

Counters line both windows up front and seat eight. There is also a communal table that seats another eight.

In September, Spicer and Molesky started opening on Mondays and could extend their hours further. They hope to have outdoor seating by the end of the year.

"It's been nice. We've gotten a lot of requests for more morning hours," said Molesky, adding that the market has "been well received, so we are pretty excited about that."

—Matthew S. Bajko



Douglas, currently open Wednesday through Monday, affords seating for 16, at tables or counters lining the windows. Photo by Pamela Gerard



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Oct. 1-29: 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.

Oct. 1-30: 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.

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

Oct. 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.

Oct. 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.

Oct. 2: The Noe Valley Library hosts an eReader and ONLINE RESOURCE "Drop In" from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 2 & 16: Bethany United Methodist Church offers free KNITTING lessons on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. 7-8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Oct. 2-30: The Eureka Valley Library tells TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 2-30: John McClean Wolf leads SACRED YOGA Tuesdays at Holy Innocents. 7-8 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142; holyinsf.org.

Oct. 3: P.K. Newby introduces Food & NUTRITION: *What Everyone Needs to Know*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712;

Oct. 3: Design a Halloween lantern at adult CRAFT NIGHT at the Noe Valley Library. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 3 & 17: 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.

Oct. 3-31: The Noe Valley Town Square hosts TAI CHI classes Wednesdays with Alex Medel. 7:15-8:15 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 3-31: Folio Books offers STORYTIME for toddlers Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 3-31: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com

Oct. 3-31: The Eureka Valley Library hosts BABY RHYME and play time on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 3-31: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesday, 4 to 7 pm, through November. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Oct. 3-31: 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.

Oct. 3-31: History group Shaping San Francisco offers free PUBLIC TALKS on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Eric Quezada Center, 518 Valencia. shapingsf.org.

Oct. 3-31: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Oct. 3-Nov. 4: Inclusions Gallery exhibits "Common Ground," new ARTWORK by Aaron Zube and

Derek Lynch. Reception Oct. 6, 5-7 pm; Wed.-Sat., 1-7 pm; Sun., 1-6 pm. 627 Cortland. 817-1493; inclusionsgallery.com.

Oct. 4: The monthly self-guided Castro ART WALK features exhibits by local artists in various neighborhood businesses. 6-9 pm. For a list of participants: castroartwalk.com.

Oct. 4: Journalist Chris Feliciano Arnold discusses *The Third Bank of the River: Power and Survival in the 21st-Century AMAZON*. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Oct. 4-25: Shrawan Nepali leads Thursday Morning MEDITATION, from 8 to 9 am, in the Noe Valley Town Square; bring a pillow. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 4-25: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 4-25: Newcomers welcome at the AL-ANON Literature Discussion, meeting Thursdays at Bethany UMC, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez.

Oct. 4-25: Bring your storehouse of random knowledge to TRIVIA NIGHT on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Oct. 5: Community Music Center's CONCERT with Conversation series features Cuban pianist and composer Alfredo Rodriguez. 6-7 pm. 544 Capp 221-4515; sfcmc.org.

Oct. 5: Rose Levy Beranbaum discusses *Rose's BAKING BASICS: 100 Essential Recipes*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 5-27: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett bookstore. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com. (Saturday-night JAZZ is 7:30 to 10 pm.)

Oct. 6 & Nov. 3: The Noe Valley Town Square hosts DRUMMING and dancing on first Saturdays. 4-5 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com

Oct. 7-28: A free T'AI CHI class at the Noe Valley Town Square is scheduled for Sundays, from 9 to 9:45 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 7-28: 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. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 7-28: 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.

Oct. 7 & 21: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Oct. 9: MUTTVILLE Senior Dog Rescue brings some mature canines to the Eureka Valley Library. 6-7 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

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

Oct. 10: The GREAT BOOKS discussion group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 10: Mary McNear launches her latest novel in the Butternut Lake series, *The Secrets We Carried*, at a BOOK PARTY at Folio Books. 7 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Oct. 11: Ages 10 to 17 can learn to make COLOMBIAN SNACKS at the Noe Valley Library. 3:45-5 pm. 451 Jersey. Limit 12 participants; pre-register at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 11: Charlie's Corner Bookstore hosts TEACHER'S NIGHT from 6 to 8 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.



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CALENDAR

Oct. 11: The DIAMOND HEIGHTS Community Association meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 7 pm. Call 867-5774 for location; dhcasf.org.

Oct. 12: The Noe Valley Library screens the 1931 FILM Dracula, starring Bela Lugosi. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 12: Victoria Sanchez introduces Pilar's Worries, at a 6:30 pm STORY HOUR. Folio Books, 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Oct. 12: Andrea Sloenecker and Dana Frank discuss their cookbook WINE FOOD. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 13: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on second Saturdays. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

Oct. 13: A free festival, "Where in the World Is CHRISTOPHER PARK?" features music, art, and fun for all ages. 10 am-2 pm. Between Diamond Heights Shopping Center and Glen Canyon; park at the Police Academy lot, 350 Amber. friendsofchristopherpark.org.

Oct. 13: Noe Valley Chamber Music's CLASSICAL KIDS hosts a concert by the Anderson & Roe piano duo 10:30 am. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcnm.org.

Oct. 13: Lynn Fulton introduces She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created FRANKENSTEIN at Charlie's Corner Bookstore. 10:30 am. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Oct. 13: A FALL FESTIVAL sponsored by the Dolores Heights Improvement Club features history and safety exhibits, guest speakers including Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, a raffle, and refreshments. Noon-3 pm. Sanchez between 21st and Hill. doloresheights.org.

Oct. 13: MOVIE NIGHT at the Noe Valley Town Square features the 2017 animation Coco; popcorn will be provided. 6-9 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 13: The Chamber Music Society of San Francisco performs "BEETHOVEN the Phoenix." 7:30 pm. Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks. chambermusicsocietyofsf.org.

Oct. 14: Political group ACTION SF meets from noon to 2 pm, on the second Sunday of the month. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. actionsolidarity@gmail.com; resistry.net.

Oct. 14: Kayleen Asbo, Ph.D. leads a discussion, "Mary Magdalene: Archetype of Every Woman," at HERCHURCH. 2-5 pm. 678 Portola. 731-2953; herchurch.org.

Oct. 14: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC hosts a concert by the Anderson & Roe piano duo. 4 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 648-5236; nvcnm.org.

Oct. 15: ODD MONDAYS features novelists Irene Nemirovsky, Barbara Ridley, and Hilary Zaid, and Dr. R. Ruth Linden. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. oddmondays.com.

Oct. 15: The Chronicle's Jill Tucker moderates a Board of Education CANDIDATE FORUM at Ruth Asawa SF School for the Arts. 6:30 pm. 555 Portola. 377-3514; sfsota.org.

Oct. 16: J.K. Dineen discusses his book about historical nightspots, High Spirits. 7-8 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 16: 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.

Oct. 17: The Noe Valley Ministry offers a LABYRINTH WALK, on third Wednesdays, at 6 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

Oct. 17: François-Regis Gaudry introduces Let's Eat FRANCE! 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 17: Upper Noe Neighbors hosts its monthly meeting, with Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and Ingleside Station's Captain Jack Hart. 7 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. uppernoeneighbors.com.

Oct. 17: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads The Vegetarian by Han King. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 19: Mae Respicio discusses The House That Lou Built at the BOOKWORMS club (and pizza party) at Folio Books. 6 pm. 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477, tiny.cc/followorms.

Oct. 20: Litquake's LIT CRAWL pub crawl in the Mission starts with a 12:30 pm book fair at The Chapel, 777 Valencia. For a full schedule: litcrawlsanfrancisco2018.sched.com.

Oct. 20: The Noe Valley Ministry hosts "BEATLES NIGHT," a benefit concert for Josie's Place for Bereaved Youth and Families. 7:30-10 pm. 1021 Sanchez. liederlive.org.

Oct. 21: The Victorian Alliance holds its annual HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR in the Lower Haight and Hayes Valley. 1-5 pm. victorianalliance.org/house-tour.

Oct. 21: STAND UP San Francisco discusses local citizen resistance to the Trump agenda at its monthly meeting. 2-4 pm. Bethany United Methodist Church, 1270 Sanchez. standupsf.net.

Oct. 21: JAZZ in the Noe Valley Town Square features the music of Django Reinhardt. 1-3 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 22: Music on the Hill sponsors a CONCERT by Black Cedar. 7 pm. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine. 820-1429; musiconthehill.org.

Oct. 23: 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.

Oct. 23: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC's Evenings with Kai Salon Lecture Series runs from 7 to 9 pm. Noe Valley address provided with ticket purchase. nvcnm.org.

Oct. 24: 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.

Oct. 27: Volunteer to weed and tidy up JURI COMMONS from 9 to 11 am. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th. RSVP to meetup.com/juri-commoners.

Oct. 27: The Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project offers a history walk in GLEN CANYON. 11 am-12:30 pm. Meet at the cow sign, Elk Street entrance to Glen Park. Sign up at glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

Oct. 27: Samin Nosrat discusses Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of GOOD COOKING. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 28: SPOOKTACULAR in the Noe Valley Town Square features two haunted houses and scary thrills for all ages. Wear your costume. Noon-5 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Oct. 29: ODD MONDAYS hosts "From Central America: The Surge in Asylum-Seekers," featuring journalist Mary Jo McConahay, professor Susanne Jonas, and refugee worker Trebor Healey. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. foliosf.com

Oct. 30: The Noe Valley Library offers an introduction to Mango LANGUAGE-LEARNING courses. 2-3 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 30: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400; missionpolicestation.org.

Oct. 30: Cathy Barrow introduces PIE Squared: Irresistibly Easy Sweet & Savory Slab Pies. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 30: John Law discusses "How Everything Started in SF While We All Thought We Were Just Fooling Around" at the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. Congregation Sherith Israel, Newman Hall, 2266 California. 881-7342; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Oct. 31: Charlie's Corner Bookstore hosts a HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA, "Room on the Broom." 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.



Some of the scary titles available to rent at Video Wave, 4027 24th Street.

November Will Fall

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



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Bethany Harvest Fest: Sunday, November 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church, corner of Sanchez and Clipper streets.

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San Francisco Mayor London Breed (left) and Upper Noe Neighbors President Olga Milan-Howells (center) get into the spirit and join the zumba dancing at a “Ten Together” celebration at Upper Noe Recreation Center Sept. 15. *Photo by Dave Emanuel*

Upper Noe Block Party Continues

The “Ten Together” 10th-anniversary party drew big crowds to Upper Noe Recreation Center on Sept. 15. Mayor London Breed and State Senator Scott Wiener were on hand to help Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg honor the service of Upper Noe Facility Coordinator Cheryl Woltjen, along with volunteers, donors, and Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center. The Friends group reactivated its Concerts in the Park free live music series on Saturdays at noon in the children’s playground.

Meanwhile, fall classes and activities breezed along, with a second session set to begin in mid-October. Register at sfrecpark.org. Many fun activities—like pickleball, zumba, and karaoke—are free and require no registration; others, like Petite Bakers, will accept drop-ins for a nominal fee.

To find out more about the stewardship committee or get updates on events or classes, visit www.noevalleyrecenter.com, call 415-970-8061, or drop by the rec center office at 295 Day St. It’s open Tuesday through Saturday year-round.

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

UPPER NOE REC CENTER FALL SESSION AUG. 20 – DEC. 29, 2018

Check www.noevalleyrecenter.com for updates.

MONDAY (Center closed; outside activities only.)

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

Open Gym	6:30-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	2:30-5 p.m.*
Petite Bakers (ages 3-6) Drop in or register	10-11 a.m. (begins Oct. 30)*
Rec-N-Tot Soccer	10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun for All	10-11:30 a.m.
Pickleball (all ages)	12:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
Feldenkrais	1-2 p.m.
Soccer	4-5 p.m.
QuickStart Tennis (ages 8-13)	5-6 p.m.
Soccer	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tennis Intermediate/Advanced (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult Boot Camp	7:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	3-4 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates all levels (18+)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Qi Gong for Seniors (55+)	1-3 p.m.
Coed Flag Football -- Pee-Wee Division (ages 8-10)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Volleyball -- Girls Beg. (ages 7-9)	4-5:30 p.m.
Coed Flag Football - Senior Division (ages 11-13)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Little Kickers (ages 4-7)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Karate Kids (ages 6-12)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tennis beg/intermediate (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	9:30-11 a.m.*
Petite Bakers (ages 3-6) Drop in or register	10-11 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (ages 2-4)	11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Pickleball (all ages)	12:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE
Theater-Mini Players (ages 5-6)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Zumba (family)	5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE
Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	1-4 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates all levels (18+)	11:30 -12:30 a.m.
Shred N Butter (ages 6-13)	3:45-4:45 p.m.
Volleyball League -- Girls Intermed. (ages 10-14)	4-5:30 p.m.
Karaoke for Adults (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym	None
Auditorium Free Play	12-4:30 p.m.*
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (ages 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE

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AAC Conversation Club: Practice the use of Alternative and Augmentative Communication devices. For more information, contact Kris Moser at krismoser@aol.com. Mondays, Oct. 1 to 29; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

eReader and Online Resource “Drop-In”: Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN (and any passwords you might need) to an informal workshop about the SFPL’s digital resources, including the library databases, Kanopy, Flipster, RBDigital, OverDrive, and Axis360. Tuesday, Oct. 2; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Craft Night: Design a Halloween lantern using tissue paper and Mod Podge; all materials provided. Sign up by calling 415-355-5707 or asking at the information desk. Wednesday, Oct. 3; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Knitting Circle meets to knit or crochet on the first Saturday of the month. Bring your own yarn and needles if you’re working on a project. Saturday, Oct. 6; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco, meets to discuss outstanding works of writing. For details, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, Oct. 10; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The library screens the 1931 film *Dracula*, starring Bela Lugosi. Friday, Oct. 12; 2 to 4 p.m.

The Legacy Bars of San Francisco: Join local author and reporter J.K. Dineen for a talk about his book *High Spirits*. Readers will be led on a pub crawl of the city’s most famous nightspots, all deemed sites of historic or cultural value by San Francisco Heritage. Tuesday, Oct. 16; 7 to 8 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month’s selection is *The Vegetarian* by Han Kang. Copies of the book are held at the circulation desk. Wednesday, Oct. 17; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Language Learning with Mango: Explore Mango Languages, a program that offers 70 different languages and 18 different ESL courses, featuring real-life situations and actual conversations. Tuesday, Oct. 30; 2 to 3 p.m.

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Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library 451 Jersey St., 355-5707						
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MORE BOOKS TO READ

Falling Leaves

This month’s new book list, offered by Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, is packed with adventure. You can read about the myths popular in Pre-Columbian Mexico, the vengeful goddess who was a central figure in Homer’s *Odyssey*, or the amazing 2012 journey of the Mars Rover spacecraft.

To check out books, CDs, DVDs, and other library materials, fly to www.sfpl.org, call 415-355-5707, or drop by the Noe Valley Branch, at 451 Jersey St. Remember to ask about Kanopy, the library’s streaming service.

Note: All San Francisco libraries will be closed on Monday, Oct. 8, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day. That can be your day to read!

Adult Fiction

• The son of a famous painter tries to create his own legacy in *The Italian Teacher* by Tom Rachman.

• In *The Great Darkness* by Jim Kelly, mysterious murders are committed across the town of Cambridge during the first blackout of World War II.

A Zimbabwean woman struggles to survive in downtown Harare and returns to her birthplace in *This Mournable Body* by Tsitsi Dangarembga.

• Madeline Miller’s novel *Circe* retells the story of the goddess who was banished to an island in Homer’s *Odyssey*.

Adult Nonfiction

• Amy Fusselman’s essays, *Idiophone*, meditate on art, motherhood, and addiction.

• *Gehrig and the Babe: The Friendship and the Feud*, by Tony Castro, explores the complicated relationship of baseball teammates Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth.

• *See What Can Be Done: Essays, Criticism, and Commentary* by Lorrie Moore includes 50 previously uncollected prose pieces from the past 30 years.

• Peter Mayle offers reminiscences in *My 25 Years in Provence: Reflections on Then and Now*.

Children’s Fiction

• Kids ages 2 to 5 can learn good behavior with humorous rhymes in *People Don’t Bite People*, written by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Molly Idle.

• *A Feel Better Book for Little Tempers* is a rhyming book by Holly Brochman and Leah Bowen, with illustrations by Shirley Ng-Benitez. Ages 3 to 6.

• A young Muslim girl tries on her

mother’s headscarves in *Mommy’s Khimar*, a picture book written by Jami-lah Thompkins-Bigelow, illustrated by Ebony Glenn. Ages 4 to 8.

• A boy dreams of being a basketball star in *On Point*, the second book in the “Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream” series by Hena Khan, with illustrations by Sally Wern Comport. Ages 7 to 10.

• A girl wants to join a baseball team, but it’s still the 1950s in *Out of Left Field (The Gordon Family Saga)*, written by Ellen Klages. Ages 8 to 12.

• *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes tells the story of a 12-year-old boy who was shot by a police officer. Ages 8 to 12.

• A girl who lives in public housing wants to be like the first black Miss America, in *Like Vanessa*, written by Tami Charles and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. Ages 10 and up.

Children’s Nonfiction

• Alan Schroeder’s off-beat guide to our nation’s capital, *Washington D.C. From A-Z*, includes cartoons by John O’Brien. Ages 6 to 10.

• *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover* by Markus Motum describes the mission of the robotic spacecraft that landed on the red planet in 2012. Ages 8 to 12.

• In *Back From the Brink: Saving Animals From Extinction*, Nancy F. Castaldo considers the threats to endangered animals. Ages 10 to 12.

• Kareem Abdul-Jabbar’s memoir *Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court*, co-written by Raymond Obstfeld, chronicles the basketball star’s life. Ages 10 to 16.

Adult eBooks

• In *Know Thyself: Western Identity From Classical Greece to the Renais-*

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

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sance, Ingrid Rossellini examines ideas of self and society through the ages.

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Halloween Costume Swap!

Has your child outgrown their Halloween costume but it still looks like new? Save the environment and your wallet at the Noe Valley Library’s **Halloween Costume Swap!**

What it is: The library, at 451 Jersey St., is accepting clean, gently used Halloween costumes for the Halloween Costume Swap on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m.

How it works: Bring those gently used costumes to the swap or drop them off at the library any time during open library hours between Monday, Oct. 1, and the swap at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6.

You are welcome to do any of the following: take a costume without donating one, donate a costume without taking one, or donate a costume AND take one!

—Children’s Librarian Catherine Small

and now for the
RUMORS
behind the news

Weeding Out the
Neighborhood

By Mazook

GRIST FOR THE RUMOR MILL: There has been no confirmation yet for a rumor spreading in Downtown Noe Valley that the storefront at 3751 24th St. at Chattanooga Street, recently vacated by The Mill women's clothing boutique, is (are you ready?) trying to open as a cannabis dispensary.

The landlord isn't returning calls, and the city planning department won't reveal whether an application has been filed. What do you think? Would you support or oppose a cannabis shop moving into Noe Valley? Write a letter to the editor or post your e-thoughts at facebook.com/noevalleyvoice.

Weirdly enough, 3751 24th has no street number on it, nor is it listed in city planning records.

What's true, and very big news, is the rumor that the space last occupied by bankrupt retail electronics store Radio Shack (and recently coveted by pet store Healthy Spot), will now be occupied by a yoga studio.

The building's owner reports that the storefront has been rented to Yoga Flow, a business with a studio on Union Street and one in the Ingleside Terrace neighborhood, at Ashton and Ocean.

According to Yoga Flow's website, those locations offer hot Vinyasa flow classes, where the practice rooms are heated to between 85 and 90 degrees. Hot off the press, this is.

The rumor mill also notes that a restaurant on Church Street is currently for sale, but its location is a well-kept secret. In the recent past, Church Street's "restaurant row," from Cesar Chavez south to 30th Street, was a magnet for foodies. Will it remain a dining "destination"?

Le Cupboard, the plant-based eatery on the corner of Church and 25th, is looking very closed these days. There was no answer to numerous calls to the business. But we shall see. It has opened and closed several times before....

Meanwhile, the only place Noe Valley night owls can go for something to eat after 10 p.m. is Happy Donuts, on the corner of Church and 24th. Fortunately, it never closes.

NO SMALL PLANS: The latest update I have regarding the status of Rachel Swann as president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA) is that she has decided to complete her term as president, "which continues until the end of 2019," she says.

"I was very encouraged by the support I have been getting from our board, especially Kristen Gianaras [of Novy Restaurant] and Renzo Lujan from First Republic Bank," she says.

Currently Swann reports she and Gianaras are "working on a partnership with the Cub Scouts to create a Noe Valley chapter."

She also says she is very excited about this year's Spooktacular Halloween party at the Noe Valley Town Square (Oct. 28, noon to 5 p.m.), and the NVMPA is already busy planning for December's 24 Holidays on 24th Street.

The Spooktacular, by the way, is getting spookier by the minute. Last word we had from ghosts on the street was there would be fog machines and a giant scary cat turning in the center of the square.



ARRIVEDERCI, ARTISANA: The art and gift store Artisana has left its storefront at 3927 24th (near Sanchez) after a two-year run. Artisana sold jewelry, ceramics, pottery, crafts, home decor, textiles, and other "functional art." Its main store, which opened in 1999, is in Sebastopol.

"We closed on Sept. 25, which is the end of our two-year lease," says owner/artist Tej Greenhill. "We decided not to renew because the sales at this store were less than we expected, and have been half of our sales in Sebastopol. While I am sad to leave Noe Valley—it's been a good experience for me—the sales don't justify [renewing the lease]."

Greenhill says now she can focus on her other store and spend more time being an artist.

Meanwhile, the store that Sean menswear left vacant on 24th Street next to Bank of America has been rented, according to the owner's broker, J.J. Panzer of Real Property Management.

Doctors of Optometry Victor Bautista and Katherine Stout are moving their Eyes on Twenty-Fourth Optometry business to the space, at 4080 24th St. They had been a block up the street at 4110 24th since 2009, when they took over for another optometry business, which had been there for 30 years before that. Eye see.

Around the corner, at 1500 Castro at 25th, Castro Computer is "in the process of vacating" its repair shop, says co-owner Susan Walia. The business is going from brick and mortar to online appointments for home or business computer services. "We go to them. They don't come to us," Walia noted. The commercial space is for lease, but Walia is not definite as to when it will be available.

As you can see, Supervisor Mandelman's campaign office on 24th Street near Noe, next to Just for Fun, has closed and the space is now empty. But it won't be for

long. Reliable sources say a new tenant will be moving in soon.



GOING FOR BROKERAGE: It was announced last month that local realtor Hill & Co. had been acquired by a much larger local realtor, Alain Pinel. This became physically evident at the end of September, when the "Hill" sign went down and the "Pinel" sign went up, at 3899 24th St.

That building is condo-fied so, ipso facto, Pinel has acquired ownership of the space. That would seem to obviate Pinel's need for its existing space at 3850 24th St., at the corner of Vicksburg.

When the Pinel-affiliated building owner (at 3850) and longtime Noe Valley realtor Sue Bowie was contacted about the prospect of Pinel leaving their original location, her only reply was: "I don't know."

There is also a rumor that Sotheby Realty will be opening an office in Noe Valley, but so far it's only a rumor. Soon we will have more real estate offices in Noe Valley than nail salons.



SHAKE A LEGACY: Kudos go out to Chloe's Café, which after 31 years of serving breakfast and lunch to adoring customers in Noe was approved for "Legacy" status and entry into the city's Legacy Business Registry. The café, at 1399 Church at 26th, was recognized as a "valuable cultural asset," along with six other businesses, by the SF Small Business Commission on Sept. 11. Among the others were the Balboa Café in Cow Hollow (which opened in 1913), the Hayes Street Grill (1979), and Pier 39 (1978).

Chloe's began in 1987 when Steve Baker and Melania Kang, who were caterers for Hollywood movie productions, decided they wanted to get off the road and discovered the small café called Bernhardt's was

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RUMORS

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for sale. They bought it and started serving egg scrambles, pancakes cooked on hot plates, and scrumptious salads.

There have been lines outside Chloe's on the weekends ever since. Says Baker, "We appreciate all the wonderful people we have met over the years. We think that the 'mom and pop' businesses in San Francisco neighborhoods are what give our city its flavor, and we are happy we have added to the character of Noe Valley."

You may not know that Baker and King lost their home in the Santa Rosa fire last year. "We were not as responsive to the [Legacy] nomination as we should have been, but we had our hands full with having lost our home. We were especially grateful to some graduate students from the Business School at San Francisco State who were interning for the SF Small Business Commission and helped us with filling out all the information needed by the commission."

Chloe's manager T.J. Jackovich is also approaching "legacy" status. He began working at the cafe in 1990. "He is entitled to much of the credit for keeping our customers coming back," says Baker.

By the way, legacy businesses are eligible for an annual grant of \$500 per employee, and property owners receive an annual \$4.50 per square foot grant if they extend a 10-year lease to a Legacy Business tenant.



READY FOR THEIR CLOSE-UP: For the third straight year, the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival was a huge success. On Sept. 8, a sold-out audience at the Noe Valley Ministry viewed the winning entries in each of two age categories—ages 11 to 15,

and ages 10 and under—submitted from around the world.

The NVGFF teen team of six girls, all Noe Valleons, are on a mission "to encourage young girls to direct and make their own films, with the goals of creating a new generation of female movie makers."

The program featured six finalists in each of the two groups, as well as some honorable mentions. Noe Valley filmmaker Atsuko Hirayanagi, known for her film *Oh Lucy!*, gave a great talk.

First place and the \$350 prize in the ages 11 to 15 category went to Jeanne (no last name), from France, for *A Too Small World*. It (and many of the other five-minute films) can be seen on YouTube. (Just Google "Jeanne" and the film title, or see youtube.com/watch?v=fgruh-fbKKw.)

The \$200 second prize went to *Single Player* by Isabella Masrouga from Los Angeles. Third place and \$100 went to *Lost Boy*, by Ella Fields, also from L.A. The film was directed and edited two years ago, when Ella was 12 years old.

In the 10-and-under group, first prize went to *Cats and Mice* by Zhou Kemi from China; watch this funny "animation" at youtube.com/watch?v=aFIU0STefmE.

Second prize went to *The Search*, created by 12 students living in the UK.

Congratulations to this year's producers: Hannah Tawadrous, Eleanor Mullen, Charlotte Kane, Caitlin Kane, Ella Marks, and Maggie Marks.



CALL ME FAMOUS: A milestone was reached at the Noe Valley Farmers Market Music Series on Saturday morning, Sept. 22, 2018, when a popular band, They Call Me Lucky, gave its 100th performance at the town square. There were at least two dozen strollers parked behind the stage, with loads of kids on the stage below the band. What a scene it was.

There is a snippet of the 100th performance on YouTube (Google the band's name



The band They Call Me Lucky won the jackpot last month, playing its 100th date at the Noe Valley Farmers Market. Cake was shared, and plans were made for the 101st gig, Oct. 20. Photo by Art Bodner

and farmers market).

The trio first performed at the NVFM, says group leader Dennis "Lucky" Cabral, on Saturday, June 5, 2004. Cabral (who lives in Laurel Heights) plays guitar, harmonica, and vocals, and is joined by Eric Craven on drums and Noe Valleon Peter Grinnell on bass. Their repertoire includes rock, folk, country, and blues. Cabral, who is a retired preschool teacher, also does some children's songs.

At the September party, there was celebratory cake for everyone.

"I think that the Farmers Market and the Town Square in Noe Valley is just a special music area," says Cabral, "and provides a great seating arrangement which also permits me to sing songs with all the kids who come to listen to us."

Richard Hildreth, who directs the market's music series, says, "A hundred appearances is truly amazing for any venue,

especially ours."

He notes there are several artists who started their careers with the Saturday morning gigs at the market: the Family Crest, Kif Bender, the Tumbleweed Wanderers, Rio Inyaku, and the She's, to name a few. (Hey, She's, I really liked your song "Converse Rubber Tracks San Francisco.") Hildreth also mentioned Blind Lemon Pledge, aka bluesman James Byfield, as another popular musician.

By the way, the next farmers' market date for They Call Me Lucky will be Oct. 20, second set. Bring the kids for the group's 101st performance.



THAT'S 30, BOYS AND GIRLS: Have a happy Halloween, and I hope to see you in Downtown Noe Valley watching the afternoon parade of costumed kiddies. It never gets old. Ciao for now. ■



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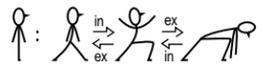
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Al-Anon Noe Valley Contact: 834-9940 Website: www.al-anonsf.org Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. St. Philip Church, 725 Diamond St. (park on Elizabeth Street side; enter on 24th Street through parking lot)

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) Contacts: Chris Faust, David Emanuel Email: info@fundogsf.org Website: www.fundogsf.org

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

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

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@jbevl245.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

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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 Email: contact@sanjoseguerrero.com Website: www.sanjoseguerrero.com Meetings: See website.

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

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

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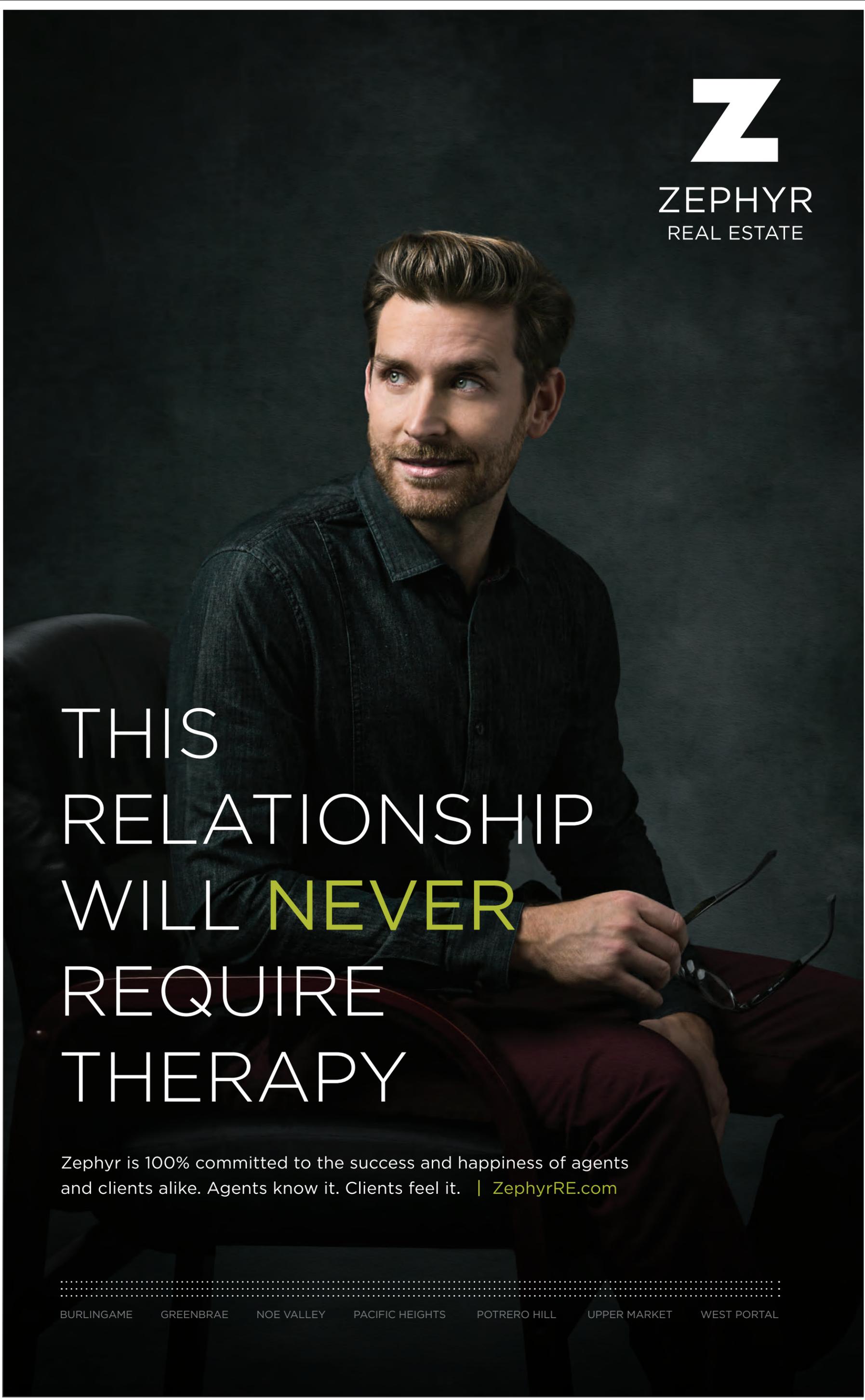
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