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Always Ready For Its Close-Up, Video Wave Serves Dreams

Unique Survivor Enlivens Neighborhood

Editors' Note: Noe Valley has many institutions, individuals, and enterprises that make it a unique neighborhood. This month, the Voice takes a look at one, the venerable movie rental emporium Video Wave.

A visit to Video Wave can be a transformative experience unlike that available at any other retailer in Noe Valley, or in San Francisco. What you can rent or purchase at Video Wave is a unique view of the world, an experience both new and familiar that stimulates the mind and the senses—in two words: movie magic.

With a carefully curated collection of nearly 20,000 titles that is continually expanding, Video Wave has literally something for every taste: documentary films, festival winners, current hit movies and TV series, an extensive foreign-language section, and films from the critically acclaimed Criterion Collection of modern classics. Other movie options, such as the internet-streaming service Netflix, have only around 7,000 titles.

Stepping into Video Wave, one enters a slightly funky library of movie history. Your tour guide, owner Colin Hutton, says, “Let me know if you have any questions.” He’s perfectly ready to expound

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Lighting the Way. Firefly has proven a draw to all those in search of healthy seasonal comfort cuisine.

Photo by Art Bodner

Firefly Captures Success with Flavor and Flair

Destination Restaurant Lights Up Western Noe Valley

By Pat Rose

Firefly, the popular Noe Valley restaurant, just celebrated its 25th anniversary. Originally started by current owner Brad Levy and his former business partner Veva Edelson in 1993, the space at 4288 24th St. near Douglass Street features a playful three-dimensional Firefly over the front door.

The 60-seat, two-room restaurant employs a staff of 30 in a comfortable, whimsical space. Small tables in the front room are flanked by a cozy wood bar that offers patrons additional seating to enjoy dinner under a giant “Heaven’s Scoop” sculpture created by San Francisco artist Lawrence LaBianca hanging from the ceiling. In fact, all of the art is created by locals—a painting of tricycles by Allison Gildersleeve (once a former server) hangs over the bar and a group of abstract paintings by local artist Jackie Farkus hangs in the upper dining room. Muslin-covered ceilings in both rooms give the spaces a comforting feel.

Levy says word of mouth from loyal customers has kept diners coming back—for the popular Mary’s Fried Chicken, Moqueca Baina (Brazilian fish stew), griddled daikon radish cakes, and Japanese sweet potato tostones. Recently, he reflected on the many changes the restaurant has seen, particularly in the past five years.

“A few different things came together to kind of shape our identity a bit, one being

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Who Knows Where the Time Flows

Noe Valley in 2018 Featured Many Moves and Some Drama

By Jack Tipple

Construction started in 2018 at the ill-famed site where for 15 years the building that had once housed the Real Food Company sat vacant.

After speculators had bought and sold the derelict property several times, a proposal put to the city planning commission was approved in October for three new retail spaces. No housing.

This was perhaps the biggest news in Noe Valley last year, but the quarrel that broke out over the attempted move-in of the pet store chain Healthy Spot into the vacant storefront that once housed a Radio Shack also caused quite a stir in the 'hood.

Where were you while all of this happened? Take a stroll back in time and remember as we reprise our coverage of 2018, starting on page 17.

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An Invasion of Pumpkins and Politicians. Noe Courts was transformed into a pumpkin patch on Oct. 27 of 2018, as State Senator Scott Wiener brought his Pumpkin Carving Contest back to the neighborhood.

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Back in the Day Protection: An updated version of San Francisco Fire Department's Engine No. 24 is housed in the same building at Hoffman and Alvarado streets.
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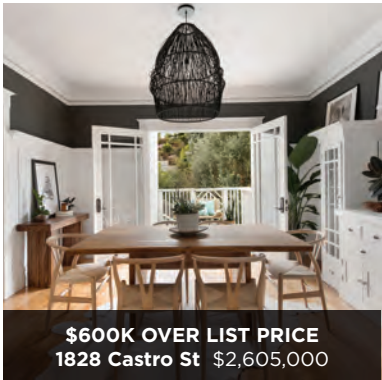
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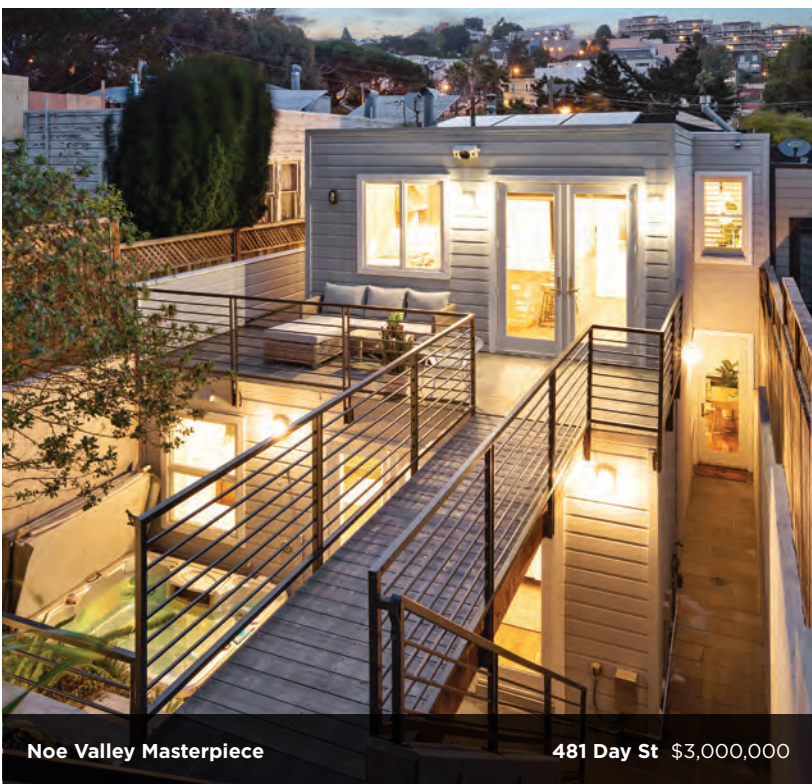
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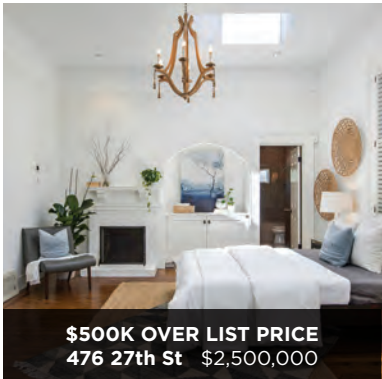
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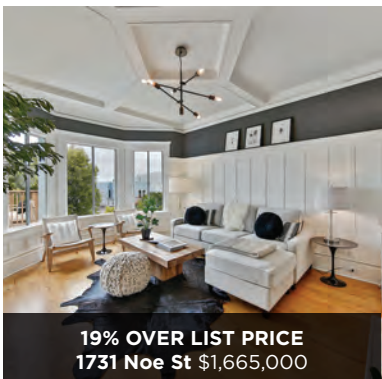
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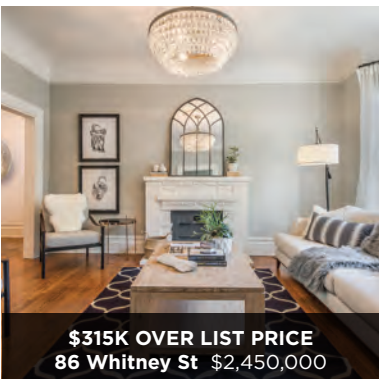
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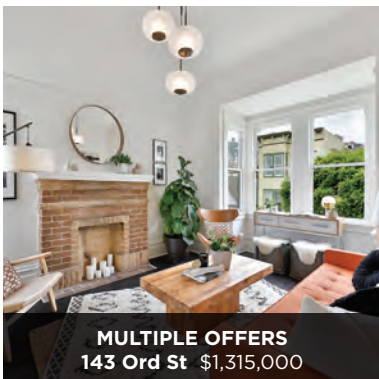
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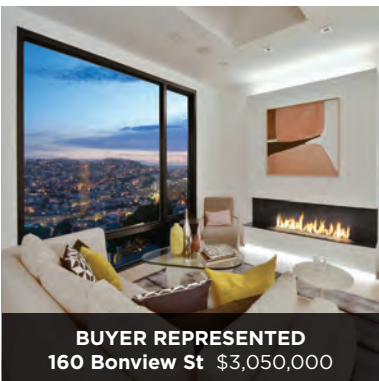
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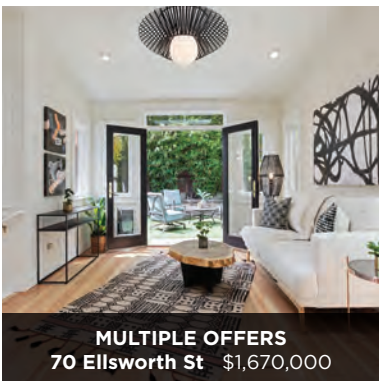
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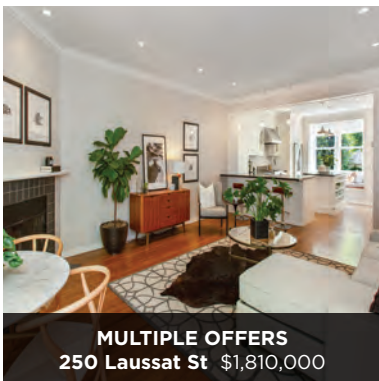
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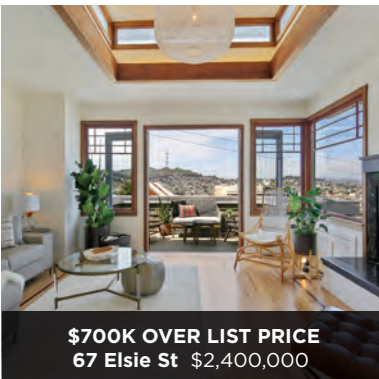
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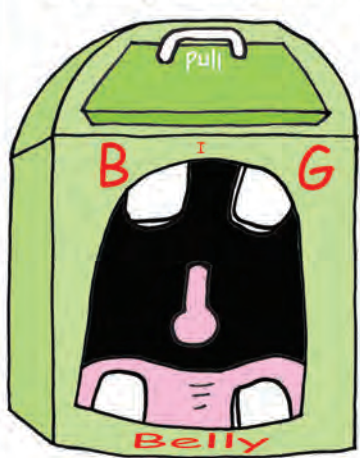
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Editors:

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Best,
James and Samantha
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Canine Senior Celebrates

Editors:

Congratulations to Spicy, who last month reached the young age of 16. Spicy's guardians, Steve and Paula Conrey-Steinberg, rescued this little tyke more than nine years ago from Alabama, where he had been taken after his original caregiver passed away in Ohio. The poor little guy was malnourished, filthy, and covered in fleas and mats. Steve and

Paula decided to take him back to San Francisco and find a "good home" for him. But as soon as they arrived, they realized they couldn't part with him. Thanks to good care, good food, and lots of love, Spicy has achieved this momentous milestone. Happy Birthday, Spicy!

Regards,
Steve and Paula,
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Video Wave Is a Local Gem

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on all that’s available in his store, and eager to hear your review if you’re turning a movie back in.

Hutton and Gwen Sanderson bought Video Wave in 2005, and they have been owners and sole proprietors ever since—the shop is a real-life independent mom-and-pop operation. Sanderson ran the store until 2013, and Hutton has been running it since then, although both have always shared ownership.

New film releases occupy one section, and a director’s area allows you to easily follow the development of a career like that of Clint Eastwood or the Coen brothers. Shelves are marked in such categories as Light Romance or Horror, and Hutton can steer a customer through a quick or lengthy exploration. DVD and Blu-ray (regular, 3D, and 4K UHD) formats are all stocked, as well as the venerable VHS.

Asked what his attraction to movies is, Hutton says, “I’ve always loved stories—our modern mythologies—literature, comics, TV shows, and movies. I’ve been into them since I was a kid, and I enjoy sharing them with people. Movies to me are this very dynamic, immersive way to be exposed to stories, not just from contemporary stuff but also because they go back 100 years now. You can look at how stories were told 100 years ago, or you can look at how a filmmaker from another country tells stories. As time goes on, we get this massive accumulation of storytelling and perspectives and changing social mores. It’s very engaging, and I like sharing that with people.”



Video Wave proprietor Colin Hutton with the new Comics rental section.



A labyrinth of movie viewing choices greets the visitor to Video Wave.

Photos by Jack Tipple

On a recent visit to Video Wave, an exploring toddler knocked over a low display of DVD cases. As the chagrined father began to put the cases back in order, Hutton said good-naturedly, “Just make a stack and I’ll put them in order later.”

Asked to recall some favorite moments from his near 20-year tenure, Hutton says, “A rainy day, holiday films are playing, and five or six families are in the store

talking and saying things like ‘I didn’t know you were still in the neighborhood!’ There aren’t many places where families can come and meet and find something for everyone. And I enjoy seeing the kids grow into adults and come back to the store with their own.”

Ice cream, sodas, chocolates, and other treats that go hand in hand with movies are for sale. And a small bag of popcorn is free to customers. New this year was the addition of Funko Mystery Mini collectible vinyl figures as gift items. And the store now features a comics rental section for fans of the graphic novel. The titles are from Hutton’s extensive private collection.

In addition to the film and comics rentals, Video Wave sells an always changing inventory of used DVDs and Blu-Ray movies.

Another plus for Video Wave is the care it takes with its discs, which are cleaned and tested regularly and repaired if necessary. Services like the public library haven’t been able to invest in the amount of care that is standard procedure at Video Wave.

In 2015, after store rent was doubled, Video Wave moved two blocks to a more affordable location at 4027 24th St., near Noe Street. But rent remains an issue.

“We like being a part of this community. The people of Noe Valley are very knowledgeable and supportive, but

our business future isn’t secure. For a retailer that does mostly five and ten dollar transactions, the cost for us to rent the store is a burden. Our rent is at times two-thirds of our income, and that’s not sustainable.”

The GoFundMe campaign for Video Wave that started in 2016 to help with relocation costs is still open and gratefully accepting donations. Hutton says the crowd-funding has recently helped to pay for vandalized windows, a new security system, and computer upgrades and diagnostics, as well as helped the store through the always slow summer months. However, more is needed to help the store continue its improvements, hire seasonal staff (hopefully not just for the busy season!), expand into online sales and social media services, and, unfortunately, to continue to pay rent that is too high for a mom-and-pop neighborhood institution. Follow the link [gf.me/u/mcn65r](https://www.gofundme.com/mcn65r) to help Video Wave.

—Jack Tipple

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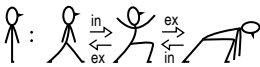
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Local Gem Firefly Turns 25

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me having kids and cooking at home for two girls with celiac disease. That led to more gluten-free options on the menu,” said Levy.

The biggest change came from a new team he brought together: Chef de Cuisine Haley Sausner and wine director/manager Jay Beaman. Sausner, a former sous chef at Greens, had a short stint as a line cook before becoming chef. Beaman, a one-time busser at Firefly, opened the Mission dive bar Dear Mom (now Darger Bar) and helped craft the bar program at Barrel Head Brewhouse.

“When he first made me chef [at Firefly], I didn’t know anything,” says Sausner. Levy was cooking at home for his kids and would come to the restaurant afterwards to help teach Sausner in the kitchen.

Eventually, the team homed in on what they do best and developed a menu that reflected the way they cook for themselves and their families.

“The restaurant used to be more seat-of-your-pants, improvisational. Ten years ago, we didn’t have recipes for anything. It was a lot more hit or miss,” said Levy. “At one point, we had a chef that changed the entire menu every week. That was a whole different style of working. Now we are really, really cautious about crafting a menu that we know we can execute with consistency.”

Today, they pay close attention to food costs and to perfecting recipes and pricing. They forgo small plates and sides in favor of putting together a complete plate for diners. The fried chicken is served with “mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, and a damn fine butternut biscuit or just as fine gluten-free cornbread for the intolerant,” according to the menu. “Haley, Jay, and I are all on the same page as to what kind of restaurant we want to have. We see things the same way and feed off each other, which is great,” said Levy.

The restaurant business has also changed dramatically, according to Levy. “We don’t see rising culinary stars coming through the kitchen wanting to learn to cook anymore.”

“Cooks can’t afford to live in San Francisco,” said Sausner. She pointed out there are many other opportunities besides restaurants for cooks now, such as Uber Eats or corporate jobs. “Those are much more predictable jobs with regular hours where you are paid more. When we put an ad in for a cook now, we might see only one person come through the door,” she said. “Luckily, we have found people that are part of our family who work here



Firefly owner Brad Levy and Chef de Cuisine Haley Sausner.

Photo by Art Bodner

now that are talented and do a really good job,” said Levy.

“We don’t attract the herds that move from one hot restaurant to another,” he said. “We’ve slowly amassed a loyal clientele and people who find us through word of mouth because we’re not changing with the breezes. And we still cook food that we hope people will like,

and we’re not trying to impress anybody.”

Although Sausner is now in charge of the kitchen, Levy still cooks on Jewish holidays. But he admits he spends most of his time running errands and “trying to make this 100-year-old building work without spending too much money.”

“This has always been a restaurant that reflects the way we cook for ourselves

and the people we love,” Levy said, “and we want to feed people food that they can eat and feel good about.”

Firefly, 4288 24th St., is open Sunday through Thursday, 5:30 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. To make a reservation, call 415-821-7652 or book at www.fireflysf.com.



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An early attempt at logo design – October, 1977.



Top: Our page 1 in December of 1978 after Supervisor (and Voice columnist) Harvey Milk, was assassinated..



Left: This spread from June, 1979 heralded the Noe Valley Street Fair.

Neighborhood Newspapers of San Francisco Events

The San Francisco Department of Memory, the group that came together to digitize community newspapers, will be speaking at the following public events to raise awareness about the growing collection of neighborhood newspapers:

Bernal History Project monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, 7 p.m., at the Bernal Heights Branch Library, 500 Cortland Ave.

San Francisco History Days at the Old U.S. Mint. Stop by the table featuring the Neighborhood Newspapers of San Francisco Collection, March 2 & 3, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Shaping San Francisco Free Public Talk on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:30 p.m., at 518 Valencia St.

San Francisco History Association monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at 2266 California St.

Currently, the collection includes (in addition to the *Noe Valley Voice*):
The Potrero View (1970 - 2009)
The Visitation Valley Grapevine (1996 - 2011)
Tenderloin Times (1977 - 1994)
Bernal Heights papers (1964 - 1999)
Richmond ReView (1992 - 1998)
Glen Park papers (1977 - 2008)
And editions of:
The New Fillmore
The Telegraph Hill Semaphore
Street Art News
El Tecolote



Our March 2001 front page told of the early political career of Noe Valley resident Mark Leno.

Bell Market, once occupied the space where Whole Foods is now, and was a major advertiser in the *Voice* in October 2001.

Preserving Neighborhood History Through Digitizing Community Newspapers

The Lives Right Around You

By LisaRuth Elliott

Editors' Note: If you've ever searched online for an older issue of the Noe Valley Voice, say one from 30 to 40 years ago, you might have seen it pop up on the Internet Archive. The Internet Archive (<https://archive.org>) is a digital library launched in 1996 with the aim of providing universal access to free books, newspapers, movies, and music. One of the Archive's liveliest collections is that of neighborhood newspapers in San Francisco. The collection was started by a group of history activists calling themselves the San Francisco Department of Memory. If it weren't for the "department's" many volunteer scanners, the crumbling early editions of the Voice might have been relegated to library shelves and editors' garages. In the following essay, LisaRuth Elliott, a co-founder of the SFDOM through the project she co-directs, Shaping San Francisco, shows how important to the history of our city this digital resource has become.

The Neighborhood Newspapers of San Francisco collection is a grassroots effort to digitally showcase community news. As of the end of December, there were close to 1,600 issues in the online collection, including almost 250 issues of the Noe Valley Voice, dating from 1977 to 2002.

A perusal of the newspapers in the San Francisco collection, some dating from the 1960s, drops you into a moment in history when neighborhoods began to understand themselves as having particular identities.

Many forces contributed to this idea, including suburbanization and redevelopment. In the mid-1970s, people were viewing neighborhoods as social centers and places where community organizing happened. They were facing eviction, they were protesting; there were vigils, and people talked about gaining long-neglected rights.

There was also federal money being directed toward neighborhood revitaliza-

tion. The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, passed by Congress in 1973, funded public work in environmental quality, health care education, public neighborhood improvements, and beautification, and even provided some of the support for these early community newspapers.

From Cabinets and Thumb Drives

In 2013, a group of neighborhood history groups, individual researchers, and historians came together to build on the San Francisco History Days at the Old U.S. Mint. Now calling ourselves the San Francisco Department of Memory, we promote more collaboration around local history, increase the collection and sharing of local history, amplify work done by local historians that is often isolated, and share resources.

As an example of collaborating and sharing resources, we identified several underutilized collections of San Francisco history in the form of neighborhood newspapers—some no longer in circulation. From filing cabinets, unopened banker's boxes in the basement of a community center, lonely pdfs on a thumb drive, and the back corner of a closet, we joined with their editors in assembling the following papers: the Noe Valley Voice, Bernal Journal, Potrero View, Richmond ReView, Tenderloin Times, and the Visitation Valley Grapevine. We subsequently brought in the Glen Park News, the North Mission News (later New Mission News), and the Telegraph Hill Semaphore. With the enthusiastic participation of the Internet Archive as our repository, and the excellent support of their books-scanning team, we began preserving these papers.

For tabloid-size papers like the Voice, preserving an issue means laying the pages of each issue under a piece of glass on a table in the Internet Archive book scanning center at 300 Funston Ave. Trained volunteers, including Jack Tipple of the Noe Valley Voice, then capture each page individually using a suspended digital camera.

The Loma Prieta Collection

Something that connected all of the papers was the 1989 earthquake. So, to start, we created the "1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake Collection," comprised of eight distinct newspapers published in the two months following the 6.9 earthquake. We included issues from El Tecolote and The New Fillmore.

If you think of the stories you know about the 1989 earthquake, they are largely the ones reported in the mainstream media: collapsing of freeways, the loss of a section of the Bay Bridge, the World Series baseball game it inter-



A volunteer prepares to scan a newspaper page. The page will be captured by triggering the suspended digital camera.. Photo by LisaRuth Elliott

rupted, etc. Our collection gives a unique perspective on the stories of the quake's aftermath on the ground at the neighborhood level.

Each Neighborhood Unique

Through citywide papers, we get a composed or "finished" idea of what is happening in the city. With neighborhood newspapers, you get a more personal perception of your town, with the experiences of daily life that you and your neighbors have lived through. Archiving these papers opens the gates to finding out about the events and lives right around you.

The papers all have their own personalities. It can be seen in the mastheads, so many of which feature the neighborhoods' unique landscapes, and which shift over time. It's fun seeing the April Fool's issues of the Noe Valley Voice or the spectacular photography included in the paper. You see the progression of street businesses in Noe Valley, learn about the local ecology, or follow community debates over time. You get a deeper sense of the changing neighborhood, which helps you understand the issues that galvanized the residents, workers, and shop owners over the years.

Through the papers, the city feels like

a bunch of little villages, each with its own issues, preferences, and politics. After reading just a few, it's a little hard to think of San Francisco as a homogenous culture, even if we might like to think of ourselves that way. The papers reveal the wide diversity of people who have lived in the city throughout the decades, and it's all very much on a personal level. They know each other and they're telling stories about each other.

LisaRuth Elliott is the project manager of the Neighborhood Newspapers of San Francisco, a collaborative effort of the San Francisco Department of Memory—with contributions from Acción Latina, Bernal History Project, Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project, the Noe Valley Voice, Potrero Hill Archives, Shaping San Francisco, Visitation Valley History Project, the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, and Western Neighborhoods Project, with assistance from the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco History Center, and the Prelinger Library. If you have a collection to add or would like to volunteer, contact Elliott by emailing shaping@foundsf.org.



At the Internet Archive office in San Francisco, LisaRuth Elliott (left) and Georgiana Hernandez, former Executive Director of Acción Latina which publishes El Tecolote, work on the final stages of digitization. Photo by David Gallagher



This postcard was distributed to promote the Neighborhood Newspapers of San Francisco collection.



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Susan Shaw kept her hometown newspaper dry at the Villa d'Este, near Rome.



Pete and Peggy Cling took time off from sitting at the parklet in front of Martha's on 24th St., to take in the sights in Egypt.



The Noe Valley Voice READER SURVEY

When we're out among you in downtown Noe Valley, we have our eyes and ears open, hoping to cover and report things of interest and what matters to you. We also encourage you to communicate with us by writing—either with pen and paper or via email. See the Letters to the Editor box below.

1 - How do you read the *Voice*?
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3 - How long have you been reading the *Voice*?

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5 - Do you have any favorite writers? (Please list)

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9 - Do you live in or near Noe Valley? _____

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Winter Storm Casualty: 24th Street becomes the course for a swift river during a December downpour.

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Town Square Shines, Editors
Reflect, Voice Preserved

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The Noe Valley Town Square came into its own with a stream of events highlighted by the Spooktacular in October.

A look back at each *Voice* edition published in 2018.

The *Voice* is preserved on the Internet Archive.

INSIDE

Eight-year-old Clair Kane wins our Kids Photo Contest.

Spooktacular photos by the brave Art Bodner.

A farewell letter from Cliché Noe boutique.

Alvarado School gets Giants grant.

FEBRUARY
2018

Barking at Radio Shack, D8
Supe and Mayor Election,
Rock Writer Remembers

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PAGE ONE

Existing pet store service operators raised a protest to the proposed establishment of Healthy Spot at the vacant Radio Shack location.

Ben Fong-Torres, of *Rolling Stone* and radio fame, expounds on a writer's journey.

Noe Valley seen as key district in coming election.

INSIDE

Mayor Ed Lee remembered.

Large turnout for NERT training.

Twenty-eighth Street house is focus for renter/developer fight.

Cliché Noe gift store closes after seven years. Noe Valley Cyclery pedals off after 42 summers.

Barbara Ann May remembered.

Ardiana restaurant on Church Street profiled in our Store Trek column.

Church Street photo essay by Art Bodner.

The Noe Valley Voice 2018 – aka Volume XLII (42)

All editions carried a photo from Noe Valley's past provided by *OpenSFHistory*, *Letters to the Editor*, a *Cartoon* by Owen Baker-Flynn, a *Crossword* puzzle by Michael Blake, and the *Cost of Living* column by Corrie M. Anders. *Short Takes* contains nearly a dozen shorter local items by Richard May and others. *Calendar* events culled by Karol Barske. Joe O'Connor's *Now Appearing* column took readers on a tour of seasonal flora. The *Upper Noe Rec Center* column lists its events and class information furnished by Chris Faust. *More Books to Read* is a full page of new acquisitions and featured events at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch of the San Francisco Public Library. *Rumors* tells our latest news, tracked down by Mazook. It is joined by *More Groups to Join*, a comprehensive listing of active neighborhood organizations. A selection of stories unique to each month is noted, starting at left.

—Jack Tipple, Sally Smith, Editors/Co-Publishers

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THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

**You Were There
For the Year of the
Square**

24th Street Space for All Things
Celebratory Flourished in 2017

By Jack Tipple

The Noe Valley Town Square was the venue of choice for the neighborhood in 2017.

Strollers were parked and toddlers and their handlers took over the ample play space during most weekdays, and after the Farmers Market packed it in on Saturdays, special events often took place.

Spooktacular a Monster Smash

A giant bale-of-hay maze took over the square at 3862 24th St. on Saturday, Oct. 28, and could be traversed until Friday, Nov. 3. On Sunday, Oct. 29, children's activities, including pumpkin painting and a costume contest for both kids and pets, ruled the venue from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event was sponsored by The Agency with help from Sterling Bank, Vanguard Properties, Just for Fun, and the Noe Valley Farmers Market.

Voice photographer Art Bodner braved the creepy and the cute and captured the scene in the picture at right and on pages 4 and 6 of this issue.

More Square to Come

Saturday, Jan. 13, will see the BYOP (picnic) bingo event at the Square from 3 to 5 p.m.

The first Movie Night at the Square will be on Saturday, Feb. 3, thanks to funding from the Noe Valley Gala.

Sunday, March 18, will feature the Noe Valley Animal Fair with adoption booths, contests, and animal trick performances.

**2017 According to
The Noe Valley Voice**

Hooray for Us Journalists and
All Things Noe Valleyesque

Confetti cascaded through the air over 24th Street as the Mission High School marching band made its thunderous way east toward the Noe Valley Town Square. The first of several vintage autos belonging to Dr. Barry Kinney carried *Voice* cartoonist Owen Baker-Flynn, who beamed and waved to the adoring crowd. State Senator Scott Wiener ducked as a flock of trained pigeons executed their aer-

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THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

**New Pet Store
Raises Hackles on
24th Street**

L.A.-Based Company Seeks to
Take Over Radio Shack Spot

By Matthew S. Bajko

A campaign is under way to prevent a chain of pet stores based in Los Angeles County from opening its first northern California outlet on 24th Street, where the former Radio Shack had been.

Healthy Spot announced last fall that it wanted to move into the vacant storefront at 4049 24th St. But at a community meeting it held in the space in late November, the company was largely met with howls of protest from the owners of local pet stores and their customers. The opposition mobilized 40 people within hours of learning about the meeting in order to raise a string of objections.

"The only people there in favor of it were from Healthy Spot," said Rick French, who with his wife co-owns the Animal Company on Castro Street not far from where Healthy Spot wants to open. Added Ellen French, "They were surprised at the response."

Since then, a petition opposing the chain store has netted more than 1,000 signatures, and businesses throughout Noe Valley have posted signs seeking help to keep Healthy Spot from securing the permits it needs to open its doors.

**Noe Valley May Be
Key for Successor
To Ed Lee**

District 8 Supervisor Race
Heats Up June Election

By Matthew S. Bajko

The fates of candidates running to be the city's District 8 supervisor and the next mayor could be decided by Noe Valley voters this June.

The neighborhood consistently has some of the highest voter turnout in the city and could play a spoiler role in the two special elections for the local offices on the June 5 primary ballot. The two high-profile supervisor candidates have been campaigning in Noe Valley for months, while a prominent resident is a leading contender for Room 200 at City Hall.

The sudden death in December of former Mayor Ed Lee triggered the special election to serve out the remainder of his term. Former District 8 Supervisor Mark Leno, who has also served in both the

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The Internet Archive is a terrific resource published starting with the first issue in May

**Rock Journalist
Rides the Radio
Waves**

From Shelling Shrimp to
Rolling Stone Stardom

By Tim Simmers

After a screening last month of the new Grateful Dead documentary Long Strange Trip, rock journalist and author Ben Fong-Torres kicked off a Q&A with filmmaker Amir Bar-Lev and Grateful Dead guitarist Bob Weir.

The impact of psychedelic drugs on the Dead's music and how the band reflected the zeitgeist of the 1960s became prime topics.

It was familiar territory for Noe Valley resident Fong-Torres, the longtime *Rolling Stone* magazine journalist and editor. He's frequently asked to moderate such panels, or deliver a keynote speech at happenings involving music.

As one of the first staff writers at the pioneering magazine, Fong-Torres penned some 400 articles about rock and its legends, and is revered around the '60s and '70s music scene. It was at the once-counterculture bible that his articles appeared alongside those of legendary writers such as Hunter S. Thompson and Tom Wolfe.

"I never had a hankering to be a rock journalist," said Fong-Torres, 73, who has lived near the top of Castro Street for 32 years. "There was no such thing as a rock journalist then," he laughed.

In a new film documentary on *Rolling Stone*, Fong-Torres appears as a young reporter banging on an ancient black typewriter, attending meetings, and talking on the phone at the office of the magazine launched in 1967 in San Francisco.

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We Have a Winner!

Congratulations to 8-year-old Clair Kane. She's the winner of our Kids Photo Contest for this holiday portrait of Finn, the family Golden Retriever. Clair is the

Clair Kane's winning photo.

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School's out in Noe Valley.

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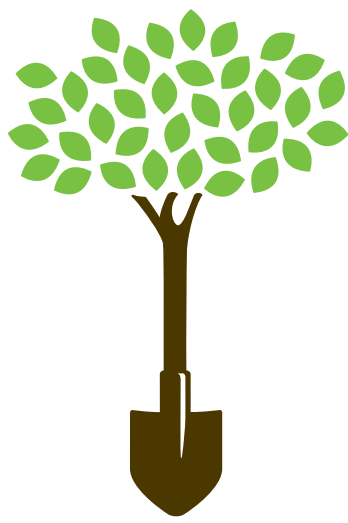


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Climate Action Now partners with
James Lick School to create a
“Dinosaur Garden.”

Local Democrats travel to Modesto to
battle Republican candidates.

Noe Valley film director Atsuko
Hirayanagi has written two full scripts
at the Sally Brunn Branch Library.

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Anna Van der Heide and her dog
Herbie post their pet and people
etiquette report.

Karen Heather retires as Noe Valley
Chamber Music director after 25 years.

Cub Scout Pack 88 tops the city in a
food drive.

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Noe Rec Pours and Plans
More, Wildfire Takes
Moldovan Home, Speech
Therapist Katz

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Outdoor maintenance at Upper Noe
Rec Center starts with new sand for the
play area. Dog run upgrade to come.

Kathleen Moldovan loses home in the
Napa fires, receives support from Noe
Valley.

Jennifer Katz teaches and inspires the
basics of speech communication.

Group drumming prompts dancing at
the Town Square.

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Developers pull and delay projects.

John Peters captures a photo of a
double rainbow over Noe Valley.

Store Trek introduces Azil Boutique
and its collection of fine jewelry.

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Gardens Grow at James Lick

Middle School's Take on Life Challenges and Mesozoic Era

By Heidi Anderson

On a sunny and unseasonably warm Saturday in February, James Lick Middle School opened its schoolyard gates to show off two new gardens.

One was an organic garden, the kind sprouting up in schools all over San Francisco (including Alvarado Elementary).

The other was a new twist on that theme: a garden full of vegetation that dinosaurs might have known.

Leading the three-year garden project, in partnership with the school, was Markos Major, founding director of Climate Action Now!

The Dinosaur Garden was "created to help students make a tangible connection to the earth's changing climate," said Major. "The changes our earth is going through aren't new, but the way greenhouse gases are entering the atmosphere is."

Located in the southwest corner of the upper schoolyard, at Clipper and Castro streets, the garden includes kauri pine, coastal redwood, and ginkgo biloba trees. Ferns are abundant as well.

"Like the other trees there, ginkgo can tolerate a high level of carbon dioxide," said Major. As the students helped plant the trees, they learned that the atmosphere

How Film Director Made *Oh Lucy!*

Noe Valley Branch Library Became Her Sanctuary

By Matthew S. Bajko

This month, the feature-length film *Oh Lucy!*, starring Shinobu Terajima and Josh Hartnett, will open in American theaters across the country. The film had its debut at the Cannes Film Festival last May. It also screened at the 2017 Toronto and Chicago international film festivals and is up for Best First Feature and Best Female Lead at the 2018 Independent Spirit Awards March 3.

The film's director and writer is Noe Valley resident Atsuko Hirayanagi, who wrote the script at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library. It is based on her award-winning short film of the same name.

"I actually wrote two scripts there. I love that library," said Hirayanagi.

She and her husband were renting an apartment a few blocks from the library four years ago, but with a baby boy at

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THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Activists Take to The Road

Focus on Elections and Replacing Republicans

By Tim Simmers

Grassroots political group Action SF's mantra to resist the Trump agenda hasn't changed. But the Noe Valley-based group knows the political stakes are getting higher, so it's focusing heavily on winning Democratic seats in the upcoming midterm elections.

Some members are heading to Modesto in the Central Valley, some 80 miles southeast of San Francisco. There they hope to turn a red seat in the House of Representatives blue.

They aim to unseat U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham, Republican, of District 10. Denham is in his fourth House term, representing all of Stanislaus County and part of San Joaquin County.

Action SF, which was founded after the Women's March in January 2017, is still full of enthusiasm, and optimistic about helping beat Denham.

"It's the second year of Trump," said Action SF member Charlie Spiegel. "The first year was about survival. Now it's about making electoral changes."

Action SF isn't going to Modesto alone. It's following the lead of another local political group, Swing Left San Francisco, to help in the effort to "flip the House in November."

A co-leader of Swing Left SF, Beatrice von Schulthess, spoke last month at an Action SF meeting in the Noe Valley Library. She urged all local resistance groups to work together to counter Trump and Republican policies.

"We speak at each other's meetings, so there is cross-pollination of volunteers

New Sand Poured, Gravel for Dog Run Coming Next

Friends Groups Lobby for Repairs to Upper Noe Rec

By Matthew S. Bajko

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

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

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

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

But the dog park is now showing its age due to a decade of use and of weathering the elements. The irrigation system needs repairs, and most significantly, the

Preschool Owner Loses Home to Wildfires

Outpouring of Support From Noe Community

By Heidi Anderson

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

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

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

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

The school's brightly lit rooms currently

Valley Views



A double rainbow in the March sky.

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Where's Rumors?

Mazook will return in the February edition of
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Kids Ask Katie, New Life for
Old Threads, Lick Kids Trash
24th Street, Sprig Takes
Flight

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New column focusing on the
questions kids have debuts. (It will later
be renamed “Noe Kids.”)

New recycling service, Recycle for
Change, sets up in Noe Valley.

Sprig the Rescue Pig is the first book
for kids by Leslie Crawford.

James Lick students reprimanded for
vandalism on 24th Street.

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Empty storefronts may get fined by
the city.

Center for Asian American Media
sponsors film festival.

The Off the Beaten Path column
examines the slickenside at Corona
Heights Natural Area.

Store Trek introduces Arte Bella, a
women’s clothing boutique.

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Noe and Glen Park Women
Activists, Retail Sales Suffer,
Healthy Spot Still Wants In,
No More Plastic Bags

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The women’s suffrage movement in
California got its start with the help of
Noe Valley and Glen Park women.

Venerable Noe Valley retailers
threaten closure.

Pet store chain Healthy Spot
continues to lobby for the Radio Shack
space.

The Noe Valley Farmers Market
eliminates use of plastic bags.

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Gene Hance dies at 91.

Repaired dog run reopens at Upper
Noe Rec Center.

Noe Valley Chamber Music chooses
new artistic directors.

Seokyo, a Korean-Japanese grill, is
featured in Store Trek.

New Voice
Column
Debuts

Kids Ask Katie is a column in which
neighborhood resident and writer Katie
Burke gives answers to Noe Valley kids’
questions about their neighborhood.
Children and teens ages 3 to 16 can
address their questions to Katie. See
page 15, for her first effort.

In the photo at right, 8-year-old Billie
Vogner Hogg joins a lineup of officers
at Mission Station. At Billie’s side is
Officer Alexandra Medina, who helped
to answer Billie’s question.

Photo by Art Bodner



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THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Recycling
Clothing Gets a
Second Look

Meanwhile, Plastic Bags
Cleared for the Blue Bin

By Matthew S. Bajko

In the past, San Francisco residents with
old clothing they wanted to clean out
of their closets had four options to dispose
of it. They could throw it into the trash,
resell it through a consignment shop, give
it to friends or family, or donate it to any
number of local thrift stores that benefit
nonprofits.

Now, they have a fifth option for
clothes recycling. The city is piloting a
new program where a Bay Area nonprofit
sets up collection boxes for people to drop
off their tired threads. The fabrics are then
sold wholesale to raise money for sus-
tainable development projects in southern
Africa or South and Central America.

As noted in the Rumors column in the
April issue of the *Voice*, Recycle for
Change will be setting up one of its green
clothing collection boxes in the city-
owned Harry Ales public parking lot on
24th Street near Castro. The Richmond-
based nonprofit received a \$50,000 grant
from the San Francisco Department of the
Environment to install three of its boxes
on public sites around the city.

Clothing recycling is now a part of San
Francisco’s plan to reach “Zero Waste by
2020.” Set back in 2003, the initiative
aims to see that everything tossed into the
garbage is either recycled or, if organic
matter like food waste or paper plates,
turned into compost to be sold to local
farmers and wineries.

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Home on the Range: When she’s not book
working with the Farmers Market, Leslie Craw-
ford’s chicken Alice B. Toklas. Crawford recently ad-

Local Author Breathes
Rescue Stories With *Sprig*

The true story of a piglet leaping off a
truck bound for a factory farm was the
inspiration for Leslie Crawford’s debut
picture book, *Sprig the Rescue Pig* (Stone
Pier Press). Crawford—freelance journal-
ist, Noe Valley Farmers Market co-
founder, and event coordinator for the Noe

Lick Students



Hand Sewn, Home Grown. The women’s suffrage movement in California got its start with the help of Noe Valleyan Jeanette Pinther and Glen Park resident Johanna Pinther. Johanna created the banner pictured above and presented it publicly prior to the first women’s march in the country in August 1908. See page 11 for our story. Image courtesy California Historical Society

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Shoppers Retreat
While Retail
Sweats

Two More Stores Closing Soon

By Tim Simmers

The ongoing saga of 24th Street mer-
chants struggling to attract customers
is entering a new chapter.

The changing demographics—and
tastes—in Noe Valley, combined with the
steady growth of online shopping, are
cutting deeper into foot traffic, and many
merchants can’t find a solution.

Two key women’s clothing stores—
Rabat Clothing and Shoes and The
Podolls—are shutting their doors this
summer, and the list of vacant shops is
growing. Cliché Noe, PastaGina, Noe
Valley Cyclery, and Hamlet have closed
recently, and the previously shuttered See
Jane Run, Caskhouse, and Good News re-
main empty as well.

“It’s a challenge keeping a business go-
ing,” said Susan Ciochetto, part owner of
Cotton Basics at the corner of Castro and
24th streets.

Ciochetto refers to Noe Valley as a “ro-
bust shopping area.” But business is
slower than last year. New residents are
browsing less in her store, and shopping
online.

Ciochetto believes she has an “edge”
because Cotton Basics designs and makes
its own unique clothing. But much of her
success since she opened in 1982 came
from “impulse buying,” and that’s on the
decline.

Throw in rising store rents and the high
cost of doing business, and many retail-
ers are anxious about their future. (Some



If It’s Not Compostable, you likely won’t find it at the Noe Valley Farmers Market, held
each Saturday at the Town Square. A bag donation station is now set up for shoppers to make
use of and contribute to, but vendors won’t be offering plastic bags. Photo by Pamela Gerard

Farmers Market Ditches Use of Plastic
Bags in Favor of ‘Bring Your Own’ Policy

By Heidi Anderson

Starting this month, shoppers at the
Noe Valley Farmers Market picking
up their strawberries, kale, and nectarines
will notice something missing: the plastic
bags hanging from the produce kiosks.

If you want a plastic bag, you’ll need
to bring it from home.

You can blame—or thank—the mar-
ket’s manager, Elizabeth Crane.

She had been toying with the idea of
eliminating plastic bags for a while, but
wasn’t sure how to make it work.

Then she took a trip to Australia.

“I was in Sydney a while back and
stumbled across a tiny farmers’ market,”
said Crane. “I bought some things and
asked for a small bag to put them in.”
The farmer shrugged and said no, but
gestured toward a “bag station” near the
produce stand that had a clothesline of
reusable cloth bags.

“It was like the clouds parted and the
angels started singing. ‘LAAAA!’”
Crane said.

She took photos of the bag station. And
when she got back to San Francisco, she

Healthy Spot Still
Seeks Noe Valley
Location

Permit Vote Slated for June 21

By Matthew S. Bajko

Mark Boonmark and Andrew Kim
met over a decade ago while they
were attending college at UC Berkeley.
After graduation, they both landed jobs in
San Francisco and remained friends as
they pursued their professional careers.

Then, in 2007, Kim adopted a shih tzu
terrier mix he named Maya Pyari and
stocked up on a certain brand of dog food
recommended by not only his friends and
coworkers, but also his veterinarian. Un-
beknownst to them all, the dog food had
been recalled due to contaminated veg-
etable proteins imported from China
which were found to be sickening cats
and dogs.

“I knew all these people who had rec-
ommended this dog food, passionate peo-
ple who cared about their pets. But there
was a lack of awareness about what was
going on in the pet food industry,” re-
called Kim, 38, who has a degree in legal
studies.

The experience sparked the idea that he
and Boonmark could do better for pet
owners by opening their own pet store
stocked with safer products. It struck a
chord with Boonmark, 38, as he had just
lost his own dog, a golden retriever he’d
had for 13 years.

“Even though I am a pretty health-
conscious person myself, I never looked
at the ingredients in my dog’s food. When
he got sick and had cancer, it opened my
eyes in terms of what was lacking in

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Michael Blake is working
on a great new puzzle for
the February edition.

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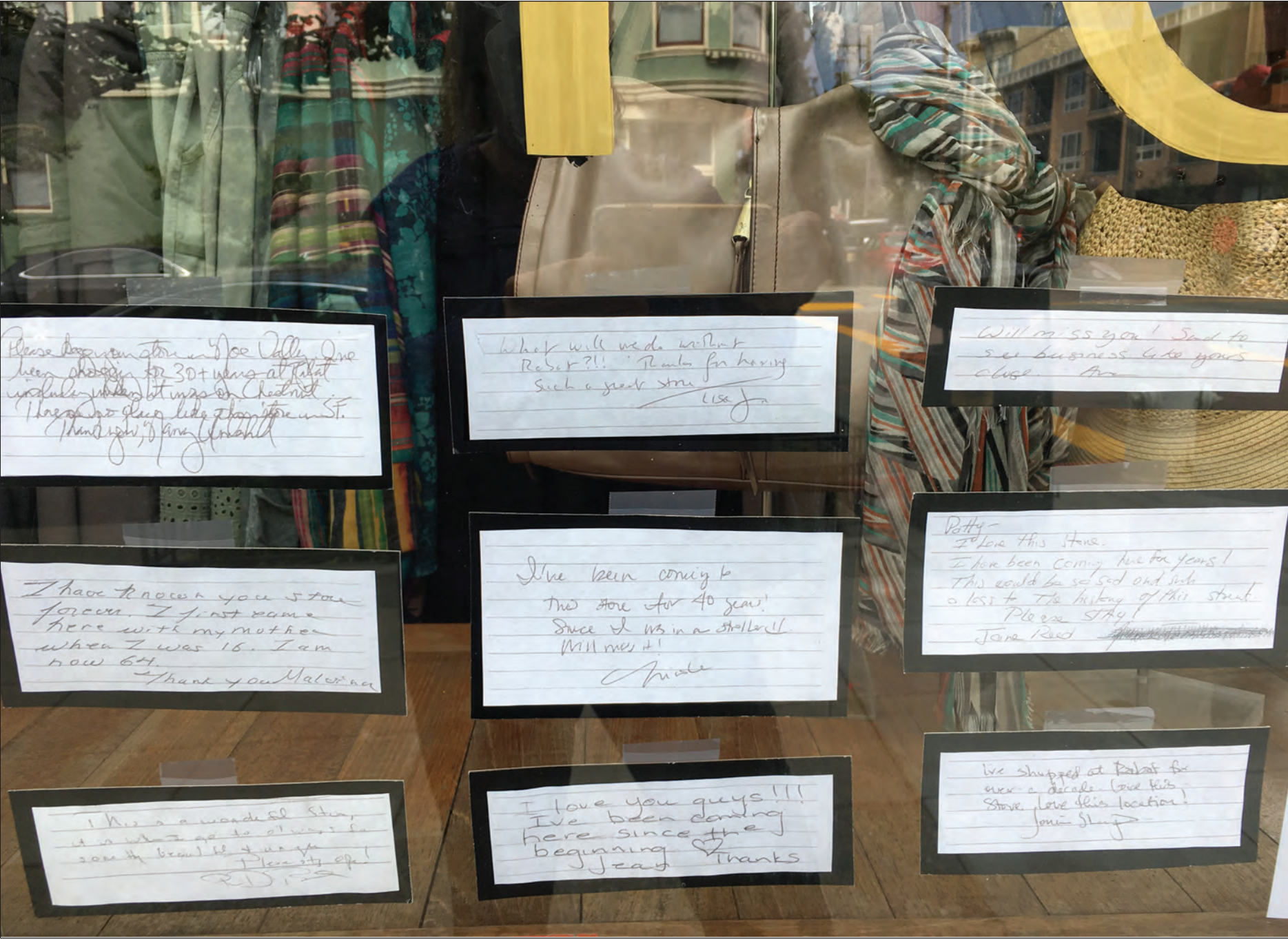
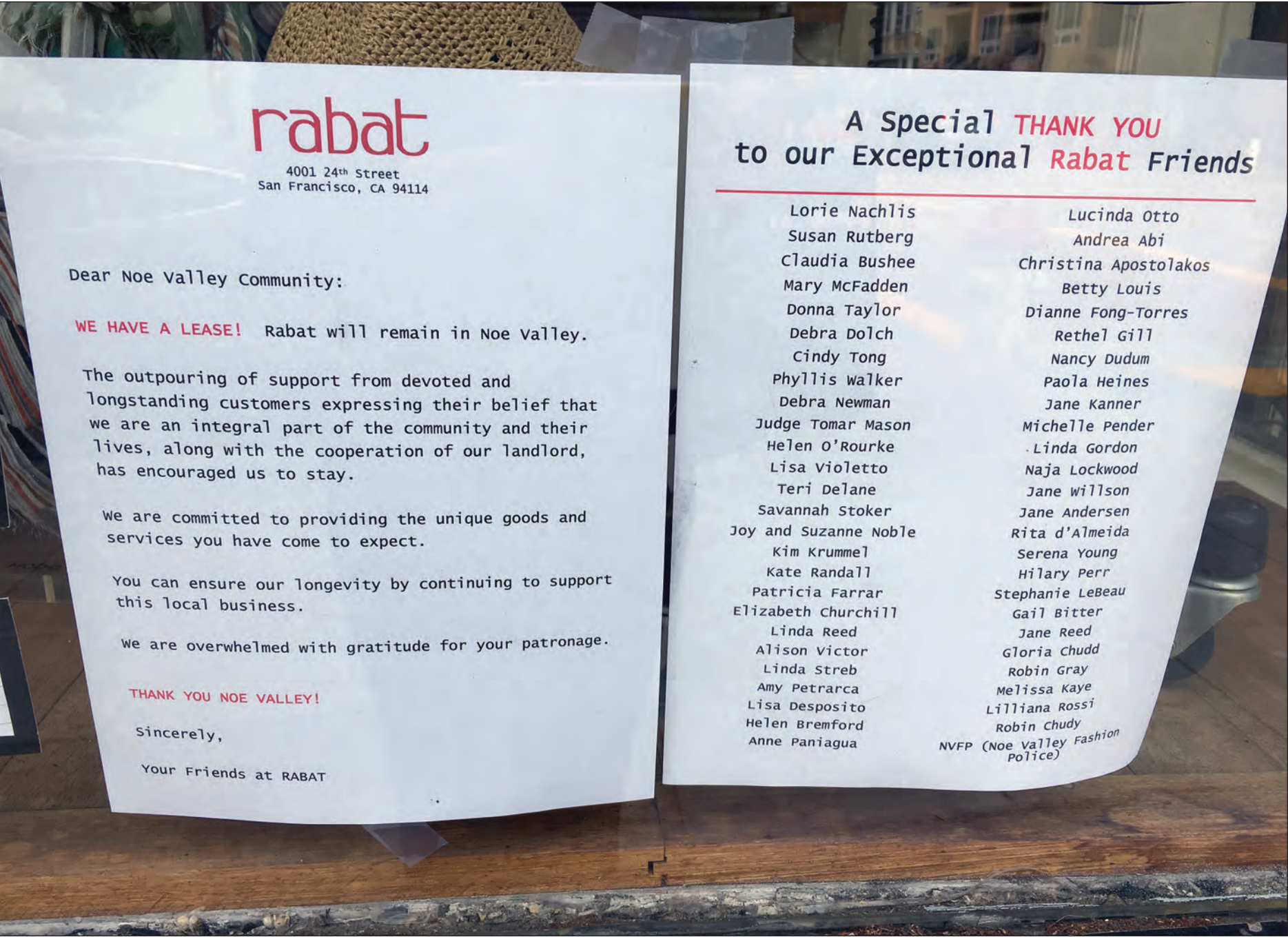
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A Happy Ending to the Story



An outpouring of customer support and a successful negotiation with the landlord in July of 2018 enabled the clothing emporium Rabat to stay at the corner of Noe and 24th streets..
Photos by Jack Tipple

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Like Finding a Pizza in a
Haystack, Neighborhood
Nixes Healthy Spot, Historic
Streetcars Ride Again,
Editors Vacate Valley

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Haystack Pizza makes Greek-Italian
comfort food a long-lasting formula.

Radio Shack site to remain empty as
planning commission favors denial of
permit to Healthy Spot.

Vintage streetcars return to SF Muni
service, including the J-line.

Voice editors announce summer
vacation.

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Recycling box rejected for Harry Aleo
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Rafael Mandelman wins District 8
Supervisor seat. Mayor's race goes to
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Upper Douglass Dog Park may close
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St. Luke's Transforms with
New Building, St. Philip
School Makes 80 Look Good,
Richard Lee Merritt Benefits

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CPMCs new Mission Bernal Campus
makes St. Luke's brand new.

St. Philip School celebrates major
anniversary at annual festival.

University of Montana gets huge
bequest from frugal Noe Valley
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Author Mary Jo McConahay brings
out *The Tango War*.

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Animal Fair takes over the Town
Square.

Kids Ask Katie wants to know about
chickens.

Other Voices features a poem by
Michael Immerman.

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Haystack Nails
The Recipe for
Longevity

The Oldest Restaurant in Noe
Valley Keeps Rolling

By Stephen N. Anderson

When Haystack Restaurant opened in the early 1970s, it was the only pizza restaurant on upper 24th Street. This August, the popular Greek-Italian-American restaurant with the wagon-wheel marquee will celebrate 46 years of serving customers in Noe Valley. "We have three generations coming in here," says manager Kostas Hurdakis, who has been with Haystack eight years. "I can tell you, they come in here for the food—fresh and made from scratch—and they love the ambience," he says. "Our secret is simple," Hurdakis says. "That is, we make sure everything from the meats for our flame-broiled lamb chops, steaks, and chicken cordon bleu or veal parmigiana to our vegetables are the best quality and very fresh every day."

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

Healthy Spot
Rejected

Planning Commission Swayed
By Neighborhood Protest

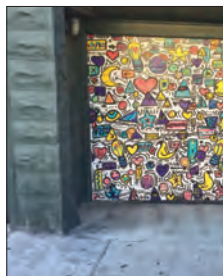
By Matthew S. Bajko

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

Because it had more than 11 locations, the company fell under San Francisco's "formula retail" rules and was required to seek a conditional-use permit in order to open in Noe Valley. Healthy Spot had sought to take over the vacant storefront at 4049 24th St., last occupied by Radio Shack. But after hearing more than two hours of public testimony, the majority of which was against the Southern California chain, the planning commission voted 5-0 at its June 21 meeting to not grant the business a permit. Following the meeting, Healthy Spot announced it would not appeal the decision and instead would look to open its first Bay Area store elsewhere in the city. "We only wish Noe Valley well and hope that the community will continue to evolve, progress, and prosper. It is this strong community spirit that Andrew and I came to love in the first place," wrote co-owners Mark Boomark and Andrew Kim in an open letter to the neighborhood. "We know this is a representation of the greater San Francisco community spirit and hope we will be able to find a neighborhood here that will welcome Healthy Spot in the near future." Since it announced its plans last fall,

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Neighborhood Journalists Depart the Scene,
Thanking Their Enablers



Did We Close the Garage Door? The Noe Valley Voice will be back in August to tune up and present a s

When the editors of and many of the contributors to the Noe Valley Voice first arrived in the neighborhood that was to become their home and focus, there was of course Haystack Pizza, Finnegan's Wake, Martha & Bros. Coffee, Haley Bagel, and Bud's Ice Cream. It was nirvana for the hungry and thirsty, and the decision to stay was easy. Though Finnegan's is now the Valley Tavern, it's still a friendly watering hole. And Bud's has become Subs, Inc., with tasty sandwiches in addition to ice cream. The other entities are still here and continuing to nourish us. Those and many other small businesses and a few larger corporate outlets began and continue to support the Voice by putting their hard-earned dollars into

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Shiny New Neighbor: On Aug. 25, Sutter Health California Pacific Medical Center officially opened its \$538 million Mission Bernal Campus on Cesar Chavez Street. The hospital features state-of-the-art technology and a specialization in birthing. Photo by Beverly Tharp

CPMC Delivers a New Hospital

Mission Bernal Campus to
Focus on Maternity, Elder Care

By Olivia Boler

Six months ahead of schedule, the Sutter Health California Pacific Medical Center Mission Bernal Campus—formerly known as CPMC St. Luke's—opened its doors for business on Aug. 25. Before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Noe Valley Voice got a sneak peek at the sparkling new tech-enhanced seven-floor hospital, located a few blocks from Noe Valley, on Cesar Chavez Street near Valencia. Features include 120 patient beds, expanded maternity care, sophisticated staff badges, a green design, and original artwork by local artists. "Eighty percent of the art in the build-

ing comes from the Bay Area," says Shannon Thomas, the Mission Bernal Campus's site administrator and nursing director. Most of the paintings on the seventh floor, which Thomas playfully calls "the penthouse suite," reflect its purpose as the hospital's labor and delivery unit. In the hallway outside the birthing suites hangs a series of calming blue panels by artist Sharron Bliss, titled "Let It Flow." Even with some original artwork on the walls, Dean Fryer, who is a Sutter Health public relations representative, notes that all of the hospital's surfaces—floors, doors, walls—are designed to be easily cleaned and wiped down. "If the doors get dingy up from moving beds

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Librarian Merritt
Loved Literature

A Lifetime of Frugality Benefits
Montana School

By Matthew S. Bajko

Richard Lee Merritt's love for literature was evident inside the confines of his Victorian home on 23rd Street. Roughly 4,000 books graced shelves throughout the house. A librarian, as was his late wife, Merritt over the years donated more than 1,300 books from his collection to his alma mater, the University of Montana. He also established at the school's Mike and Maureen Mansfield Library the Gertrude Merritt Memorial Fund in honor of his spouse and the Merritt Mnemosyne-Minerva Fund, which he purposefully gave an obscure name to encourage the curious to seek out its meaning. So it was no surprise that Merritt, who died Dec. 17, 2017, at the age of 95, bequeathed the bulk of his estate to the Mansfield Library. Following the sale of Merritt's Noe Valley house this spring, his estate donated \$2 million to the library. It is the largest single gift that the li-



Where a Legacy Grew: This modest house on 23rd Street contained an extensive library and provided the basis for \$2 million in donations to the owner's alma mater. Photo courtesy John Hayes Open Homes Photography

brary has ever received, according to its administrators. Over the course of his lifetime, Merritt donated close to \$3 million to the library, school officials said. "We were thrilled when we learned of this news," Shaili Zhang, Ph.D., dean of libraries and a professor at the University of Montana, told the Voice in a phone interview in early August. "For the past 30

St. Philip School Celebrates 80
Years of Education in Noe Valley

Annual Fall Festival Promotes
Special Anniversary

By Heidi Anderson

In mid-August, St. Philip the Apostle School is abuzz with new school year preparations. But Principal Mary McKeever is happy to take a few minutes to walk the halls and reflect on the school's history. "See here? This is the Class of 1971," McKeever points to a large framed class photograph, the young graduates' faces washed out by decades of sun exposure. Other class photos, some newer, some

much much older, have fared better and fill the hallway. The school, known informally as St. Philip, is celebrating 80 years in Noe Valley this year.

To kick off the milestone, parents and staff are busy planning the annual St. Philip Parish Festival, to be held Sept. 28-30 at the school at 665 Elizabeth St. The entire community is invited to attend. Joining McKeever in her office, school alumnus Steve Welch ('78) rattles off a list of carnival games he'd like to see

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Local Learning Support: St. Philip School parent and alum Steve Welch poses with Principal Mary McKeever in the old schoolyard on Elizabeth Street. Photo by Heidi Anderson

Latin Americans
Held Hostage in
The Tango War

Mary Jo McConahay Uncerthas
Little-Told WWII History

By Olivia Boler

Award-winning Noe Valley author Mary Jo McConahay celebrates the publication of her new book, *The Tango War: The Struggle for the Hearts, Minds, and Riches of Latin America During World War II* (St. Martin's Press), on Sept. 18. In a starred review, Kirkus says the book features "untold stories of politics, propaganda, spyecraft, and intrigue... Fast-paced and informative, this is essential reading for anyone who wants to better understand World War II and some of the forces that led to it."

In describing what inspired her to write the book, McConahay refers to her other books, including *Maya Road: One Woman's Journey Among the People of the Rainforest* (2011), which won the Northern California Book Award for Best

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Jan. 1 & 15: 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.

Jan. 1-29: Volunteer to make meals for the hungry at Civic Center Plaza at “Curry Without Worry.” 1:30-5 pm. Bethany UMC, 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Jan. 1-29: John McClean Wolf leads SACRED YOGA Tuesdays at Holy Innocents. 7-8 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142; holyinsf.org.

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

Jan. 1-31: BootCampSF conducts FITNESS training Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 am. SF Rec Center Basketball Court, 30th and Whitney. 567-9009; sfbootcamp.com.

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

Jan. 1-31: The 30th Street SENIOR CENTER’s Mission Nutrition program serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays, including holidays. Noon & 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2226.

Jan. 1 & Feb. 5: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

Jan. 2: Make an embroidered felt hot beverage cozy, and drink tea, at adult CRAFT NIGHT at the Noe Valley Library. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 2-30: The Noe Valley Town Square hosts group MEDITATION Wednesdays, from 8 to 9 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

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Jan. 2-30: Folio Books offers STORYTIME for toddlers Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

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

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

Jan. 2-30: 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.

Jan. 2-30: 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.

Jan. 2-30: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Jan. 2 & Feb. 6: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; glbthistory.org.

Jan. 3: The monthly self-guided Castro ART WALK features exhibits by local artists in various neighborhood businesses. 6-9 pm. For a map and list of participants: castroartwalk.com.

Jan. 3-31: Shrawan Nepali leads Thursday Morning MEDITATION, from 8 to 9 am, in the Noe Valley Town Square; bring a pillow. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Jan. 3-31: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement on Thursdays. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 3-31: Newcomers welcome at the AL-ANON Literature Discussion, meeting Thursdays at Bethany UMC, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez.

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

Jan. 4-25: 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.)

Jan. 4-25: Chris Sequeira leads a free Friday KARAOKE for Adults gathering at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061.

Jan. 5: Learn to knit or crochet at the Noe Valley Library’s KNITTING CIRCLE. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 5: The Noe Valley Town Square hosts DRUMMING and dancing on first Saturdays. 4-5 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Jan. 5: The Elevation BRASS ENSEMBLE performs a concert of original compositions. 7:30 pm. Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142; holyinsf.org.

Jan. 5-26: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live music from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

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

Jan. 5-26: The Randall Museum’s close-up of California wildlife, “Meet the ANIMAL KEEPER,” happens Saturdays at 2 pm. 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

Jan. 5-29: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Jan. 6 & 20: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Jan. 6-27: 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.

Jan. 6-27: 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.

Jan. 6-27: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Jan. 6 & Feb. 3: The Asian Art Museum offers FREE ADMISSION on the first Sunday of the month, courtesy of Target. 200 Larkin. 581-3500; asianart.org.

Jan. 7: ODD MONDAYS hosts novelist Lily Iona MacKenzie in conversation with short story writer Laurie Ann Doyle. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. oddmondays.com.

Jan. 7 & 21: Blondie’s Bar hosts “The Good, The Bad, and The Funny COMEDY SHOW. 8:30-9:30 pm. 540 Valencia. 864-2419; blondiesbarsf.com.

Jan. 7, 14 & 28: 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.

Jan. 8: 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.

Jan. 8: PFLAG meets at the Women’s Building, 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagssf.org.

Jan. 8-29: The Eureka Valley Library tells TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Jan. 8-Feb. 2: SF WOMEN ARTISTS exhibit “World of Abstraction,” a juried all-media show. Reception Jan. 10, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550; sfwomenartists.org.

Jan. 9: Sally Love Saunders reads her POETRY reading at Sacred Grounds Cafe. 7:30 pm. 2095 Hayes. 387-3859.

Jan. 10: The DIAMOND HEIGHTS Community Association meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 7 pm. Call 867-5774 for location; dhcasf.org.

Jan. 10-Feb. 14: SF NERT offers a six-part free class covering the basics of preparedness during emergencies. 6-9:30 pm. Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks. Enroll at sf-fire.org/training-schedule-registration.

Jan. 10-March 7: CREATIVITY EXPLORED hosts a solo art exhibit by Marilyn Wong, “Catching Spirit.” Reception Jan. 10, 7-9 pm. Mon.-Fri., 10 am-5 pm (Thurs. until 7 pm), Sat., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Jan. 11: The Noe Valley Library screens the 2017 FILM *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*, starring Guy Richie. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

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

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Jan. 12: Celebrity TV chef Carla Hall introduces *Carla Hall's SOUL FOOD: Everyday and Celebration*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 12: David Jacobs-Strain and Bob Beach perform a CONCERT at 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS (formerly Noe Valley Music Series) at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Jan. 15: 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.

Jan. 16: Jordan Michelman and Zachary Carlsen discuss *The New Rules of COFFEE*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 16: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads *Leaving Before the Rains Come* by Alexandra Fuller. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 17: The Noe Valley Library offers a class in INTERNET SAFETY Fundamentals. 3-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 17: Ellen King introduces *Heritage BAKING: Recipes for Rustic Breads and Pastries Baked with Artisanal Flour from Hewn Bakery*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 17-March 17: Local sections of the WPA San Francisco Model will be on display at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 18: Celebrate WINNIE THE POOH and Friends Day at Charlie's Corner Bookstore. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Jan. 18: SF Neon offers a NEON WALKING TOUR of downtown. 5:45-7:45 pm. Meet on the sidewalk in front of Harrington's Bar and Grill, 245 Front. sfneon.org.

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Jan. 19: Infants through age 5 will enjoy a BIG PLAYDATE with creative building materials. 10-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 19: Political group ACTION SF meets at the Noe Valley Town Square to travel to the Women's March. 10:15 am.

actionsfteam@gmail.com; resistry.net.
Jan. 19: Celebrate the Lunar New Year with LION DANCERS and a martial arts demonstration. 1:30-2 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.



Sign outside the Dubliner Bar on 24th Street in December.

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Jan. 19: The SF Chamber Orchestra performs a FAMILY CONCERT, "Music of the Americas" at the Noe Valley Ministry. 2-4 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2314; noevalleyministry.org.

Jan. 19: The GREAT BOOKS discussion group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 21: ODD MONDAYS hosts a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Prof. Ajuan Mance, Rev. David Brown, NV Chamber Music board member Charles McCullough, and poet Thea Matthews. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. oddmondays.com.

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

Jan. 23: The RESILIENT Diamond Heights work group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

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

Jan. 26: Bethany United Methodist Church holds a RUMMAGE SALE to benefit survivors of the Camp Fire in Paradise, Ca. 10 am-2 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Jan. 26: Singer/songwriter NOE VENABLE leads the Meadowlark Music class for all ages at the Noe Valley Library. 10:30-11:15 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 26: Catherine Fallis discusses *Ten Grapes to Know: The Ten and Done WINE GUIDE*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 26: Leslie Crawford reads from *Gwen the Rescue Hen*, and brings her own chicken, Alice B. Toklas, to Charlie's Corner Bookstore. 3:30 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Jan. 27: Siana Zheng introduces Jia! The Food of SWATOW and the Teochew Diaspora. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 27: Cellist Evan Kahn, pianist Ava Soifer, and the Ruth Asawa String Quartet perform at a benefit for MUSIC ON THE HILL. 7 pm. Held at a private home; for info and tickets, 820-1429 or musiconthehill.org.

Jan. 29: Children's After School Arts (CASA) hosts BEDTIME STORIES with drag queen/second grade teacher Persia; cookies and milk provided. 5-8 pm. Charlie's Corner Bookstore, 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Jan. 29: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400; missionpolicestation.org.

Jan. 30: Celebrate Lewis Carroll's birthday at a Mad Hatter TEA PARTY at Charlie's Corner Bookstore. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.



February Alive with Love Songs and Calendar

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JORDAN MICHELMAN & ZACHARY CARLSEN • THE NEW RULES OF COFFEE • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • This introduction to all things coffee written by the founders and editors of Sprudge, the premier website for coffee content, features a series of digestible rules accompanied by whimsical illustrations. Divided into three sections (At Home, At the Cafe, and Around the World), *The New Rules of Coffee* covers just about everything you want to know about the subject.

THURS
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ELLEN KING • HERITAGE BAKING: RECIPES FOR RUSTIC BREADS AND PASTRIES BAKED WITH ARTISANAL FLOUR FROM HEWN BAKERY • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • Here is a go-to resource for bakers of all skill levels who love new information and techniques that lead to better loaves and more flavor. These 45 foolproof recipes for delicious, nutritious, good-for-the-gut breads and pastries star a wide range of artisanal flours that are now readily available to home bakers. These flours add layers of flavor and texture, and combined with a natural starter and long fermentation, make these baked goods enjoyable even by those who have difficulty with gluten.

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CATHERINE FALLIS • TEN GRAPES TO KNOW: THE TEN AND DONE WINE GUIDE • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • It's easy (or easier) to become a wine expert when you narrow the field down to ten grapes. For the wine drinker who loves Pinot Noir but doesn't know what to try next, wants a French Chardonnay but isn't sure what to look for on the bottle, or needs a little support before they open the wine menu at lunch with a client, Master Sommelier Catherine Fallis's authoritative but inviting introduction to wine is an indispensable guide.

SUN
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27

DIANA ZHENG • JIA! THE FOOD OF SWATOW AND THE TEOCHW DIASPORA • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • Author Diana Zheng wrote her cookbook to bring Teoswa flavors into American kitchens via (mostly) easy recipes and (sometimes very) detailed explanations of core ingredients and the Teoswa philosophy of cooking and eating. She visited China & Southeast Asia to learn about this unique cuisine and worked hard at adapting, simplifying, and testing recipes to work even without access to a Teoswa wet market. The resulting work is magnificent.

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Spooks Take Over Square,
Dog Trainers Share Methods,
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The favorite holiday in San Francisco again finds a family-friendly venue in the Town Square.

Tips for canine care are shared by three local dog trainers.

Local activists have lengthy history in working for democratic causes.

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Fairmount Elementary renamed as Dolores Huerta Elementary School.

Recycling box placed at James Lick Middle School.

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Two haunted houses featured at this year's Spooktacular.

Kids Ask Katie what the biggest house in Noe Valley is.

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Getting by Giving Back,
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Does Town Square Cost?

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Volunteer opportunities make the season meaningful.

Apple Computer's promotional event at Town Square raises questions.

Panos Gianaras returns to 24th Street in spirit.

One of San Francisco's largest landlords brought to task.

Zoning requirement lifted. No new housing at site of former Real Food Company.

INSIDE

Upper Douglass Dog Park hours decision delayed.

Muralist Alexander Tadlock completes mural gracing the exterior of NOVY restaurant.

Group explores Mission Dolores 'green' benefit district.

Tree-lighting sparks 24 Holidays on 24th Street.



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.

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 reinforcement with "tricks and techniques" to get the

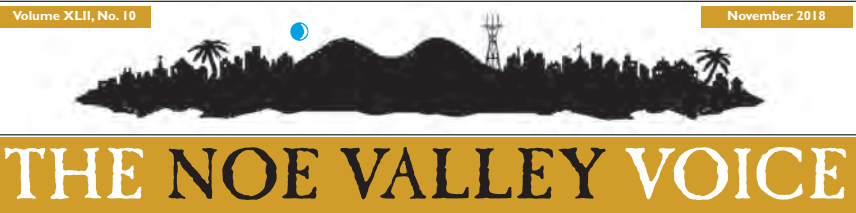
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a kid. Some parents raise their children successfully without any books or interventions. Others need professional help. With dogs, some are easy-going and the owners know what they're doing. Others have that, but they still want a better-trained dog."

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



Mural transforms NOVY restaurant exterior.
Photo by Jack Tipple



Nourishing the
Community by
Volunteering

Many Hosts Offer Chances
To Give Back

By Olivia Boler

November brings a nip in the air, shorter days, and Thanksgiving, a reminder to be thankful for all we have and all we are capable of passing along. In Noe Valley, volunteer opportunities abound. Some are focused on the holidays and winter season, while others are ongoing year-round.

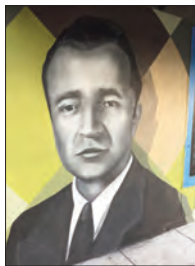
Many of the neighborhood's churches run programs that count on volunteers, and you don't have to be a member in order to participate. Other organizations from private and government sectors also welcome the volunteer spirit. Depending on your interests and availability, there are lots of ways to give back to the community or to those less fortunate. Here are just a few in Noe Valley.

Bethany United Methodist Church
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This neighborhood cornerstone offers several ways to give back. Coming up on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 12:30 p.m., volunteers will assemble 150 bag lunches, which will be distributed later in the day to the homeless in the Civic Center area. "Every second Sunday of odd-numbered months, we assemble bag lunches for the San Francisco Night Ministry," says Rev. Sadie Stone, Bethany's minister.

The Night Ministry provides many services to the city's homeless, from crisis phone lines to ministers who walk the streets at night talking with those living on the street and needing comfort. They also hold weekly outdoor services followed by distribution of the bag lunches. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to

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This image of Panos Gianaras anchors the new mural at NOVY restaurant on 24th Street. For more photos, see page 15. For more information, see our Rumors column starting on page 29.

Photo by Jack Tipple



Volunteering Beauty: Joan Lionberger and Markus Major, members of Ladybug Gardeners, pitch in to pull weeds, pick up trash, and maintain flower beds at Upper Noe Recreation Center. You too can join the crew on the second Saturday of each month. Photo by Chris Faust

Rents at the Town
Square Examined

Apple Pay Day Stirs Debate

By Matthew S. Bajko

Beginning around 8 a.m. the morning of Aug. 19, employees with the New York-based experiential marketing agency Factory 360 began setting up booths in the Noe Valley Town Square. The blue and red roofs of the temporary tents were emblazoned with the slogan "Pay Faster With Apple Pay."

It was part of what the firm, in its permit application for use of the public square to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department called the 2018 Lose Your Wallet Merchant Block Party.

"This is a promotional event for Apple Pay. Activities will include face painting and various art activities," explained John Anderson, an account director for the marketing firm, in the permit request. "This is a free and open to the general public event."

Yet it didn't take long for the global technology company's use of the park space at 3861 24th St. to generate a complaint. Nearby resident Michael Fasman fired off an email at 9:57 a.m. that Sunday to Mayor London Breed and District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, complaining about Apple's presence in the plaza.

"Apple is taking over the Noe Town Square today," wrote Fasman. "Are they sponsoring park maintenance for an ex-

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No Housing at Real Food Site, But
No Groceries Either

More Retail Planned for
Long-Vacant Store Space

By Corrie M. Anders

The San Francisco Planning Commission, despite criticism it was missing a golden opportunity to build new housing in Noe Valley, has given developers permission to convert the former Real

Food Company grocery store into retail space.

At its meeting Oct. 4, the commission approved the owners' request to lift a long-standing zoning requirement that the property at 3939 24th St. only be used for general grocery store operations.

By a 6-0 vote, the commission allowed

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Painted Plywood masks the preparations for a remodeling of the former Real Food building at 3939 24th St. The new space will house three retail businesses. Photo by Jack Tipple

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Dolores Street Palms

Irrigated by the rains of December, the grassy median on Dolores Street shines bright green, as the palm trees of various stature reach to the winter sky.

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San Francisco Public Press looks for
FM transmitter site in Noe Valley.

Vanessa Sabarese finds a place for
the expression of dreams and hopes.

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Radio Station
Eyes Rec Center
For Antenna

Transmitter Would Be on
Roof of Day Street Building

By Matthew S. Bajko

A new public radio station is eyeing
the Upper Noe Recreation Center as
the home for its antenna, which it hopes
would enable it to broadcast throughout
much of the city.

The San Francisco Public Press, a nine-
year-old nonprofit investigative news or-
ganization, won a license from the Fed-
eral Communications Commission for
the partial broadcasting rights to radio
station 102.5 FM. It hopes to launch its
low-power FM radio station, called
KSFP, by the end of June.

"We feel it is a natural extension of
what we do," said Michael Stoll, the news
organization's executive director and co-
founder. "It is nonprofit, non-commercial,
and about public affairs."

But first it must find a place to install
its broadcasting equipment, consisting of
a low-power FM radio transmitter and an-
tenna. Volunteer radio engineers working
on the station have proposed placing the
equipment on the roof of the city-owned
recreation building at 295 Day St., be-
tween Church and Sanchez.

It would produce 100 watts for the ter-
restrial FM radio transmission. The sig-
nal should be able to reach most of the
city, the engineers believe, apart from the
neighborhoods closest to Ocean Beach
and the Presidio.

The Public Press is petitioning the San
Francisco Recreation and Park Depart-
ment to allow it to test out placing an an-
tenna on the rooftop of the Noe facility
for one day in December to see if it will
work. If successful, then they will pursue
a formal agreement with the city agency

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The Kids Are All Right. Eleven-year-old
Ryker Fionn Rush shows off a school
engineering award. For more photos and
the story on what makes this youngster
special, see Katie Burke's Noe Kids column
on page 15. Photo by Art Bodner



Walking in a Noe Wonderland. A sunny stroll on 24th Street can yield an armful of great
gift ideas. Photo by Art Bodner

Gift Buying for Kids—on a Budget

Noe Valley Flush With Toys and
Books

By Olivia S. Boler

For many, the arrival of December
brings the joy and stresses of holiday
gift buying. Finding the perfect item to
match your niece or nephew's latest ob-
session can be daunting, especially when
trying to stay within a budget and shop lo-
cal. To help head off some of that stress—
and establish more of the joy—the *Voice*
asked a few Noe Valley merchants to rec-
ommend their favorite gift ideas for ba-
bies through tweens. The parameters: the

gift should be \$25 or under, and some-
thing that will last beyond the holidays—
no Grinch socks, please.

Charlie's Corner
4102 24th Street
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This bookstore caters to young folk,
from babies to teenagers. While they do
carry some stuffed animals, such as mon-
key finger puppets (\$14), really, it's all
about the written word here. Bookseller
Elise Filka recommends several titles
with the aim of lifting up girls.

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Awash in Blue: Election Results Lift
Democrats' Gloomy Spirits

By Matthew S. Bajko

It has been two years of despair for many Democrats in Noe Valley since Donald
Trump upended the political world with his election as president in 2016. Many
channeled their disappointment, outrage, and fears into marching for a number of
causes during the first year of the Trump era.

They also organized and laid out plans for how residents of deep blue San Fran-
cisco—a Republican has not held any elected office in the city for four years—
could exert influence in flipping control of Congress to Democrats in this year's
midterm elections. As the *Voice* reported earlier this year, various neighborhood
groups emerged to assist in the effort, such as Democracy Action and Action SF.

Members of the groups penned letters, sent texts, or made calls to voters in dis-
tricts around the state and country where Democratic candidates were seen as hav-
ing the best chance of defeating their GOP opponents. Some traveled out to House

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Where Your
Hopes Can Grow

The Wishing Tree Takes Root
On 23rd Street

By Katie Burke

When Vanessa Sabarese created her first
holiday Wishing Tree in 2011, lone-
liness was her muse.

"I started the tree out of desperation,"
Sabarese said. "Instead of [the holidays
being] the most wonderful time of year, I
was feeling disconnected."

At the time, Sabarese viewed the holi-
day season as purely materialistic. As a
single person, she felt more alone in the
winter months. The tree, initially outside
the Eureka Street apartment Sabarese
rented then, was her attempt to change her
perception, to lift her mood.

Sabarese also wanted to give the sur-
rounding community a place to reveal
their secret hopes, "to stop and be real with
ourselves," recognizing that need in herself.

A Victorian box tree stood outside
Sabarese's apartment. Her landlords
adorned it with a string of white lights, and
she added sequined ribbons for hanging
the tags on which people would write their
wishes. Then she set out jars holding blank
tags and pens, with a sign that read: "Make
a wish, any wish. Or leave words of grati-
tude." She also set out a seasonal bench
on the sidewalk, in front of the tree.

Seven years later, the Wishing Tree is
an annual Noe Valley tradition.

Every night of Wishing Tree season,
Sabarese laminates and punches a hole in

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Voice to Publish
Again in January

Many *Voice* readers are familiar
with the vacation schedule your
favorite editors have been
indulging in for the past 40 years
or so: the July and August editions
and the December and January
papers are combined giving the
Voice a summer and winter break.

We changed this up in the winter
of 2018, and owing to the positive
response, will do it again.

In 2019, a special January edition
will hit the streets and the
internet. It will feature many of
our regular columns, and a look
back at the highlights of 2018 as
reported in these pages.

To participate, get us your news
and notices by Dec. 15. For
display ads, contact Pat Rose
(415-608-7634), by Dec. 20.

See you in the new year!

Jack Tipple and Sally Smith
Editors and Co-Publishers

Here's what's cookin': *Playdough*
Recipe from: *Aunt Jill* Serves: _____
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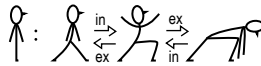
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Action SF—The National Movement in Your Neighborhood Website: www.facebook.com/actionsfsolidarity Email: actionsfsolidarity@gmail.com <http://www.resistry.net> Meetings: Second Sunday, 3-4:30 p.m., at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. Note: NO meeting January 2019.

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

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

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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@noevalleyreccenter.com Website: www.noevalleyreccenter.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 (FUNDG) 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

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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@ibew1245.com Website: noevalleydems.com Meetings: Fourth Tuesdays, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-coordinators Maxine Fasulis, mfasulis@yahoo.com; Carole Roberts, carole_roberts@faludi.com Note: Sign up now for NERT training Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks at <https://sf-fire.org/training-schedule-registration>.

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. Call to confirm.

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