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Community Advocate Closson Takes on Safety

New District 8 Position to Assist Neighbors and Officials

By Pat Rose

Whether it's a broken streetlight, overgrown trees, or a break-in at a home or a business, District 8 now has someone who can help you find help.

Last summer, Noe Valley resident Jessica Closson was appointed to the district's newly created civilian position of Community Liaison for Crime Prevention and Safety. She works closely with the San Francisco Police Department, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's office, and other city groups to address safety issues.

"As soon as I heard about the position, I threw my hat into the ring," Closson said. After a deep background check and interviews with Supervisor Mandelman and David Lazar of the SFPD, she was hired.

"I'd known of and appreciated all that the supervisor was doing for the district, and knew that I could contribute as a communications bridge between the supervisor's office, SFPD, and the numerous city departments that have a role to play in public safety," she said.

Closson, 48, has been involved in community advocacy for many years. She was president of her neighborhood association when her family lived overseas in New Zealand, and is a past board member of the Noe Valley Democratic Club. She also served as president of the PTA

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On-the-Spot Communication is the main tool Jessica Closson will use in her new role as the SFPD and District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's liaison for crime prevention and safety.

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Art You Can Walk On

Handcrafted Beauty Now Showing at Nomad Rugs

By Jack Tipple

Stepping into Nomad Rugs, one is presented with a rich forest of color and texture given off by the many rugs hanging from the walls and in orderly piles on the floor. The environment invites a lingering exploration of patterns both modern and antique and colors of every hue.

Located on the quiet shady side of 24th Street near Church Street, Nomad Rugs is owned and managed by Christopher Wahlgren. After getting a humanities degree at San Francisco State, Wahlgren considered further study of the decorative arts or interior design, but during a trip to Turkey he met an antique rug collector who introduced him to some Turkish dealers. Wahlgren's love of the artistry of oriental rugs started there.

From his apartment garage at 24th and Guerrero streets, Wahlgren sold his first hand-woven Oriental rugs in 1995. He called his sales Chris' Bazaar. He was waiting tables at the time, and his first client was the owner of the restaurant where he worked.

His current inventory numbers 1,000 rugs, all of handspun wool and most using natural plant and mineral dyes. Each knot of the rug is tied by hand, averaging 100 knots per inch. A small percentage of his rugs are made with silk or have silk highlights. The rugs come from cottage

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The Voice Is Not Afraid of 2020

Many Voice readers are familiar with the vacation schedule your favorite paper has 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, we've done it again.

This is a special edition that gives most of our contributors a month of rest. They'll return while you're reading this and begin fearlessly crafting our February edition.

To participate, get us your news and notices by Jan. 15. For display ads, contact Pat Rose (415-608-7634) by Jan. 25.

Don't worry. It's going to be fun. It's an election year!

Jack Tipple and Sally Smith
Editors and Co-Publishers



Night-Time Color in downtown Noe Valley will have continuous illumination after the holiday season, thanks to the efforts of neighborhood businesses and the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. The Noe Valley Community Benefit District partnered with the Merchants on the installation. See pages 7 and 18 for more.

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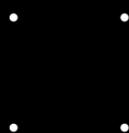
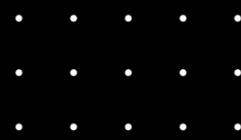
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Noe Valley Resident Jessica Closson Has a Bead on Crime And Safety

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at both of her sons' schools, Alvarado and Hoover. She and her family have lived in Noe Valley since 2010.

District 8 encompasses parts of three police districts—Ingleside, Park, and Mission—and Closson has built a good working relationship with all three district captains. She attends each of their monthly community meetings, occasionally joins officers on patrol as an observer, and coordinates with them as issues arise. Although her base is at Mission Station, she spends most days in Supervisor Man-

delman's office, where she also has a desk.

"A month ago, the Sunglass Hut in the Castro had a smash-and-grab in broad daylight—four or five people ran in, grabbed thousands of dollars worth of glasses, and ran out," said Closson. "I followed up by interviewing a victim who was running the store, and passing her report on to the police, who don't always have time to follow up with every incident," she said.

She also spends time out in the neighborhoods to identify and address critical cleanliness and safety issues.

Recently, she took part in the Castro Fix-It project, where she walked the streets with the Mayor's Fix-It Team. "We reported areas where streetlights were out or too dark to be safe because of overgrown trees and shrubs."

She said she often finds Muni poles

and city electrical boxes broken into by people trying to strip the insulation and pull out the wires in order to hotwire their phones or car batteries.

"They leave the boxes open and the wiring exposed, which causes a dangerous situation," Closson said. "I'm in constant contact with neighbors who alert me, and I contact the PUC or the MTA to figure out how to better secure the boxes."

Homeless encampments are another concern, particularly in areas around Dolores Park, Church and 19th streets, and Sanchez and 16th streets.

"I work with the police and homeless-outreach teams, including the Healthy Streets Operations Center staff, to share information about the blocks that need response and resources directed to them," she said.

Response teams visit and assess and offer services, such as an open shelter or a navigation center bed, she said. Still, a homeless person has the right to refuse such services.

"If there is illegal activity, like drug use, the police will cite," said Closson. "But we cannot kick the homeless off the streets. That's something I am constantly educating the neighbors about—the right to sleep outside." (Last month, the Supreme Court let stand the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal's decision not to punish homeless people for sleeping on the streets when they have no other option.)

Finding ways to reduce homelessness is an ongoing challenge, not only in District 8 but across the city. Closson pointed out that Supervisor Mandelman has been working with the mayor to get more resources to address the issue across the district.

"He was able to get a 24-hour toilet at Castro and Market, and he is working to open a day drop-in spot with showers and

charging stations," she said. He has also created a meth task force to explore creating a meth sobering center. "Fifty percent of the homeless have mental health and addiction issues. We need smaller community-based centers to treat them," said Closson.

While she receives a lower number of complaints from Noe Valley, she has been contacted by residents concerned about motorists running stop signs in the neighborhood.

"I was contacted by a resident concerned about drivers blowing through stop signs at Church and 29th streets and Sanchez and 29th streets," she said. "I was able to get help from the Ingleside Police Station, which promptly initiated a traffic enforcement operation that stationed officers at the intersections for several days ticketing drivers who didn't stop. We told the neighbors in advance about the operation, because the officers believed that GPS devices were directing drivers to these intersections as a shortcut."

Closson said she plans to hold public meetings after the first of the year to hear Noe Valley neighbor and merchant concerns. She encourages neighbors to report incidents to the 311 system, give it a couple of days, and then email her. For car break-ins she recommends calling the police non-emergency number, 415-553-0123. And for a free home security assessment, she says contact SFSAFE at sfsafe.org. Email Jessica Closson at jessica.closson@sfgov.org.



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There's Beauty Underfoot at Nomad Rugs

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industry producers, often done in the homes of individual families.

“Color is often more important than design,” Wahlgren says. “Color is really important in a personal way. It’s what we most respond to. Soft blue and gray have been popular colors in the last two years.”

Most of the rugs at Nomad are colored in the traditional way with natural plant and mineral dyes. “Natural dyes have more depth. They have more variation and are more pleasing to the eye,” Wahlgren asserts.

About 75 percent of his rugs currently come from Afghanistan. Others originate in India, Pakistan, and Iran. Some are commissioned designs. “Often we’ll take antique folk designs, make some slight changes, and order them,” he says.

“Noe Valley has been a great place to have a business. The folks in this neighborhood have always supported us. Though we have customers from all over



Take Your Time. There's a lot to see and touch at Nomad Rugs and owner Christopher Wahlgren invites you consider which color and design will truly speak to you. The feel of handspun wool is common to all.

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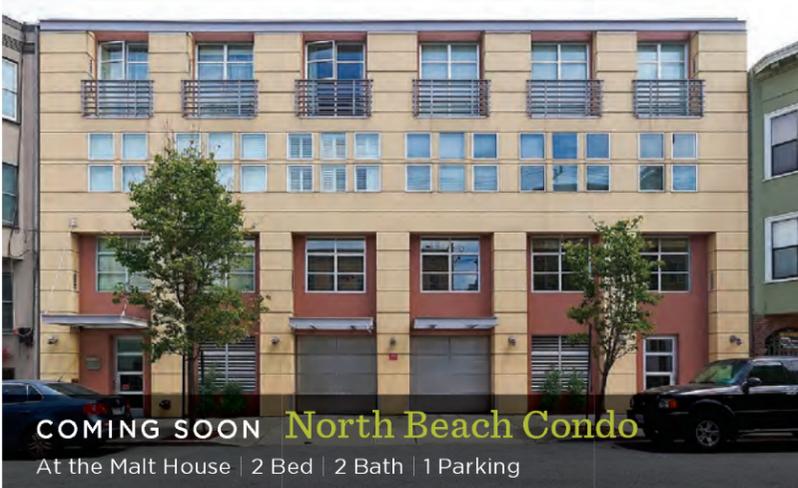


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Noe Valley: Past & Present Trivia Bingo by Bill Yenne

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What was John Meirs Horner's original name for 24th St.?	What was the name of the bakery on the site of the present Noe Valley Bakery?	What grocery store was located for many years on the site of Wells Fargo?	What was the name of famous female artist and arts educator who taught at Alvarado School?	Name one past bar on site of the present Valley Tavern. (3+ possibilities.)
What was the name of the first automobile produced on West Coast (built on 24th St. in 1896)?	What famous Ice Cream maker and seller was at 24th and Castro for 55 years?	FREE SPACE	What church on Church St. was the set of a 1992 Whoopi Goldberg movie?	What was the popular diner that preceded Toast on 24th St. (1943-2007)?
What is the steepest block in Noe Valley (31.5% grade)?	What is the name and/or number of the streetcar that used to run on 24th St.?	Which street is named for John Meirs Horner's wife?	What school was on the site of Noe Courts (1900 to 1926)?	What was the name of the quarry on 30th St (site of infamous 1914 murder)?
The present Walgreen's building was originally built in 1888 to house what?	What street did John Meirs Horner originally name "Horner"?	What was the name of a famous 1800s Upper Noe dairy that is the same as that of a present famous local ice cream maker?	What was the name of a silent era movie theater on the site of Wells Fargo Bank?	What was the name of Noe Valley's last hardware store (1898-2012)?

The above "Bingo" game was created by Bill Yenne from his book *Noe Valley: Past & Present*, which is available at Folio Books, 3957 24th St. Answers to the game are on page 22 of this issue, but don't peek!



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For several months last year, the *Voice* printed a questionnaire seeking input from readers. We wanted to know if you had any suggestions, criticisms or kudos (gladly accepted).

When the responses were tallied, we found that your favorite column in the *Voice* is Store Trek, followed closely by Short Takes. Both received 70% of the votes. Next was Rumors at 67% and the History Photo with 64%. Readers Photos were also popular.

The overwhelming request was to reinstitute the Police Beat column (we're working on it), followed by a column focusing on LGBTQ people and issues. Most people who responded to the survey live in or near Noe Valley and read the print edition as opposed to the online version.

Most people were supportive and complimentary of our efforts (see sample below). But we're especially sensitive to the criticism some voiced. We appreciate the time you spent to share your thoughts.

To all we offer our sincere thanks for participating. We'll keep on publishing and looking to improve.

Special thanks to those who included anecdotes about their own Noe Valley story, such as the excerpt at right.

—Jack Tipple

A Noe Valley Story

I consider myself a "daughter of the Noe Valley pioneers". My great grandmother bought a new house at 821 Alvarado Street before the 1906 earthquake. The house was inherited by my grandfather and grandmother where they raised their four daughters. All four went to Alvarado and James Lick schools. I was raised three blocks away on Worth Street and went to St. Philip and ICA schools. I now own a house on Diamond Street and with my husband, raised our daughter who attended Rooftop Elementary.

Patti Martin

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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.

But if you haven't gotten around to that, please consider filling out this form and let us know your opinions and suggestions.

Cut out and mail to us at:
The Noe Valley Voice Reader Survey
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10 - What new department or column would you like to see in the *Voice*?
MORE ON HISTORY. THE HISTORICAL PHOTOS ARE FUN BUT PERHAPS IN EACH ISSUE YOU COULD PICK A YEAR AND DESCRIBE WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOE VALLEY THAT YEAR.

11 - What should we cover that we're not doing currently?
(1) MORE ACTIVITIES SHOWING NOE VALLEY ARCHITECTURE - THERE'S SUCH A WEALTH - VARIETY.
 (2) FEATURE SERIES ON "MOVERS/SHAKERS" OF NOE VALLEY.
 (3) FEATURES ON PEOPLE DOING GOOD THINGS OR PROMOTING POSITIVE CHANGE.

12 - Is there anything else you'd like us to know?
(A) NOE VALLEY HAS SOME DISTINGUISHED MUSICIANS AND MOVIE MAKERS, AUTHORS AND SO ON. FEATURES ABOUT THEM ARE INTERESTING

13 - Please list your name, phone number or email address. (OPTIONAL).
COLLEEN MURKIN

LETTERS to the EDITOR

THE VOICE welcomes your letters to the editor. Write the *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Or email editor@noevalleyvoice.com. Please include your name, address, and phone number. (Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication.) Be aware that letters may be edited for brevity or clarity.

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PLUMRACK OR PARK ON 24TH. HAS BEEN HARD TO FIND IN 2018

3 - How long have you been reading the *Voice*?
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4 - What are your favorite regular columns or departments?
 History photo
 Cartoon _____
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 Cost of Living
 Short Takes
 Store Trek
 Calendar _____
 Noe Kids _____
 Reader Photos _____

Upper Noe Rec Center _____
 More Books to Read
 More Groups to Join _____
 Rumors (Behind the News)

5 - Do you have any favorite writers? (Please list)
FEATURE STORIES ON INDIVIDUALS— YOU HAVE MANY SKILLED WRITERS.

6 - Do you have any favorite photographers?
YOU HAVE GREAT PHOTOGRAPHERS! EACH HAS THEIR OWN NICHE.

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Voice Readers Rambled On In 2019



Stefan Gruenwedel of Elizabeth Street trekked to Morocco in June with a small group of Reed College alumni. He found time to finish reading his copy of the *Voice* while exploring a bazaar in Marrakech.

Photo by Dennis McGilvray



Dale Fehringer and **Patty McCrary** paused to read while on their hike to Tiger's Nest in Bhutan.



Noe Valley Voice associate editor **Corrie M. Anders** carried his credentials to the Casa Batlló a Barcelona home designed by modernist architect Antonio Gaudí, designer of the famed Sagrada Família Cathedral.



Ron Stenger (left) and **Buck Melton** ventured far from their home on Eureka Street and posed in front of the pool at El Retiro Park in Madrid.



Retired orthopedic surgeon **Kari Koskinen** checked his copy of the *Voice* while waiting at the train station in Rovaniemi, Lapland, Finland.

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SUBMISSIONS
THE NOE VALLEY VOICE invites you to submit stories, poems, and essays for possible publication in the Voice. We are particularly interested in fiction and first-person pieces for the **Other Voices** page. Submissions under 1,500 words are preferred. Email OtherVoices@noevalleyvoice.com or write Editor, **Noe Valley Voice**, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Please include your name, email address, and phone number. Thank you.

CLASS ADS

The Noe Valley Voice Class Ads will return with our February edition. If you'd like your ad to be included, please see the information below and note that the deadline is January 15. Thanks.

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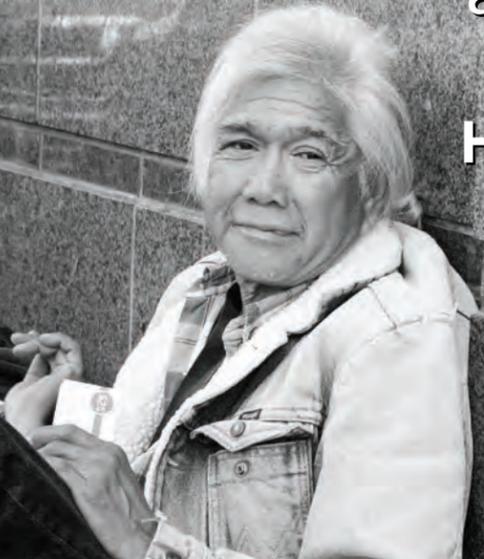
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10 for 10 discount: The *Noe Valley Voice* publishes Class Ads 10 months a year. (We're on vacation in January and August.) If you place the same class ad in 10 issues, you get a 10 percent discount. To figure your cost, deduct 10 percent from the total due for 10 issues. The next *Voice* Class Ads will appear in the **February 2020** issue, distributed in Noe Valley the first week of October. **The deadline for Class Ads submission is January 15.**

The Class Ads are also displayed at www.noevalleyvoice.com.

Only the first few words of the ad will be set in bold. Also, receipts and tear sheets are provided only if your order is accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Refunds are not granted unless we have made an error.

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Out with the Old



Castro Street at 24th. As nature reminds us of the seasonal changes, we have a chance to reflect and perhaps renew vows to be our best selves. Kindness and the willingness to listen to other points of view are keys to uniting us with a hope for a green and energized future. Happy New Year.

Photo by Jack Tipple

JAX PIX

SOME OF THE BEST IN 2019 NOE VALLEY

Many Noe Valley businesses continued to contribute to the vitality of our neighborhood in 2019. Here's an opinionated look at some of the notable players and their work. —Editor/Co-Publisher Jack Tipple

So Long Spin City – Hello Noe Café

Owner Christian Ritter reports that permits are in hand, paper is up on the windows, and the popular corner caffeine emporium Spin City Coffee is in the early stages of an extensive remodel and rebranding that will transform the space into Noe Café.

Maricar, boss lady and chief barrista at Spin City, rivals the coffee queens of 24th Street, Bernie and Martha, for charisma and coffee-curating skill. Her energy and infectious smile will warm you as well as her brews. Soon, the washers and dryers of Spin City's laundromat days will be gone and the café will be in place.

Noe Café will still feature the Noe Valley Coffee brand of beans. The flavors are varied and exquisite. My current favorite is the Costa Rica blend.

Noe Café
1299 Sanchez Street at 26th Street
415-645-3104
noevalleycoffee.com



You'll have to do your laundry elsewhere, but Spin City Coffee will soon be called Noe Café and boast a comfortable cafe environment complete with the flavors of Noe Valley Coffee and Maricar's trademark service with a smile.

Photos by Jack Tipple

Video Wave Benefit Screening

Long one of our favorite Noe Valley venues, Video Wave movie-rental store exists on the thinnest of financial margins. Enter the prize-winning director and the star of the film *The Last Black Man in San Francisco*, who offered to present a benefit screening of the film at the Noe Valley Ministry Nov. 12. More than \$26,000 was raised. Our unique local gem continues to need neighborhood support. Open every day except Wednesday. Contributions to their GoFundMe

campaign can be made at gofundme.com/f/videowave.

Video Wave of Noe Valley
4027 24th Street
415-550-7577

Swann Swings Strings of Light

Noe Valley Merchants Association president Rachel Swann engineered the installation of a suspended string of lights on both sides of 24th Street in downtown Noe Valley. The illumination was up in early December and will stay after the holiday season and throughout the year. Coming to the end of her term at the NVMA, Swann will continue to be active in the neighborhood. She heads the local real estate office The Agency – San Francisco, headquartered in Noe Valley.

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Lola Lifts Art

Lola Herrera creates exciting fashion art at Lola of San Francisco, her clothing store at 1250 Sanchez St. She also hosts frequent art exhibits at the shop. The January show presents the work of Peninsula printmaker and wax artist Lonnie Zarem through Jan. 3. On Jan. 17, 5 p.m., poets Patrick Cahill, Stephen Kopel, Jane Rades, and Nancy Wakeman will visit.

Lola of San Francisco
1250 Sanchez Street at Clipper
415-642-4875
lolasanfrancisco.com/home.html



If you miss the flavors of Noe Valley Coffee while Spin City is closed for remodeling and rebranding, the 26th and Guerrero Market and Stephen Moore Home on 24th carries the beans.

SkinSpirit Fills 24th St. Spot

The high-end skin and body care spa opened its second San Francisco location here in October. Their comfortably designed interior is home to the friendliest and most efficient staff and practitioners, led by manager Jane Yeh. One facial will leave you relaxed, glowing, and booking your next visit.

SkinSpirit
3939 24th Street
415-685-0510
skinspirit.com/locations/noe-valley/



A pre-screening talk by (left to right) by the star of *The Last Black Man in San Francisco*, Jimmie Fails, director Joe Talbot and the host of Turner Classic Movies Noir Alley, Eddie Muller, came before the Video Wave benefit.



SkinSpirit store manager Jane Yeh encouraged a Voice editor in December to get in the holiday spirit with a balloon beard and hat.



Urban Remedy store manager Ariana Olivaras can help you find the right vegan foods so you can feel good about what you eat. Her current personal favorite is the Burrito Bowl. *Photos by Jack Tipple*



Alexander Tadlock's portrait of Kathryn and Kristen Gianaras now graces the interior of their popular restaurant NOVY. You'll often see the sisters themselves as they're active owners and operators.

JAX PIX

SOME OF THE BEST

IN 2019 NOE VALLEY

the restaurant in that space that bore his name. On the Noe Street side, Tadlock painted the outstretched hands of the sisters in front of a growing leaf, symbolizing the evolution of this family effort.

This 2019, Tadlock did a portrait of the sisters which is displayed inside.

NOVY
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NERT Training in January

This item is repeated from the December Short Take by Richard May. It's too important not to run again,

Noe Valleyans have another chance to prepare for disaster. A new NERT six-week training course in disaster preparedness starts Thursday, Jan. 9, and continues through Thursday, Feb. 13, at Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks St. All classes run from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The course is free.

NERT stands for Neighborhood Emergency Response Team and is a program of the San Francisco Fire Department. The classes are on assembling a survival kit, formulating a family disaster plan, basic disaster medicine, doing search and rescue, learning response skills useful in an emergency, and team organization.

To sign up, go to sf-fire.org/training-schedule-registration.

NOVY Owners Continue Their Creative Streak

In September of 2018, sisters Kristin and Kathryn Gianaras, proprietors of NOVY Restaurant on 24th Street hired muralist Alexander Tadlock to paint their exterior and include a portrait of their grandfather Panos Gianaras, originator of

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Jan. 1-11 The RECOLOGY Artist-in-Residence Program hosts a group exhibition to celebrate its 30 year anniversary and to honor founder Jo Hanson. Wed. & Thurs., 1-6 pm; Sat., noon-3 pm. Arc Gallery, 1246 Folsom. recology.com.

Jan. 1-12: Inclusions Gallery exhibits "Retrospective 12," ARTWORK by 12 Bay Area artists. Wed.-Sat., 1-7 pm; Sun., 1-6 pm. 627 Cortland. 817-1493; inclusionsgallery.com.

Jan. 1-29: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays, including holidays, from 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.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: The 30th Street SENIOR CENTER's Mission Nutrition program serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays, including holidays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2226.

Jan. 1 & Feb. 5: The GLBT HISTORY Museum is free on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; glbthistory.org

Jan. 2: 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 artists: castroartwalk.com.

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

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

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

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

Jan. 3: Lola San Francisco exhibits the work of PRINTMAKER Lonnie Zarem through January. Reception 5-8 pm. 1250 Sanchez. lolasanfrancisco.com.

Jan. 3-31: The Haight Ashbury Flower Power WALKING TOUR begins at 10:30 am Tuesdays and Saturdays, and 2 pm Fridays. haightashburytour.com.

Jan. 3-31: Chris Sequeira leads a free Friday KARAOKE for Adults gathering at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061.

Jan. 3-31: The Friday night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett bookstore, from 5:30 to 8 pm; Saturday night JAZZ is 7:30 to 10 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

Jan. 4-25: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live music from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Jan. 4-25: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free Vinyasa YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyrecenter.com.

Jan. 4-25: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION for residents of all nine Bay Area counties, every Saturday of the month, besides the first Tuesday of the month (Dec. 3 & Jan. 7). 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

Jan. 4-25: The Randall Museum's close-up of California wildlife, "Meet the ANIMAL KEEPER," happens Saturdays at 2 pm. 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

Jan. 4-28: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Jan. 4 & Feb. 1: Learn to knit and crochet at the Noe Valley Library's KNITTING CIRCLE. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 5: Political group ACTION SF meets from 1 to 2:30 pm. Email to learn location: actionsolidarity@gmail.com; resistry.net.

Jan. 5 & 19: SF City Guides offers 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. 5-26: A free T'AI CHI class at the Noe Valley Town Square is scheduled for Sundays, 9 to 9:50 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Jan. 5-26: Bring your own mat to a free YOGA CLASS at the Noe Valley Town Square. Sundays, 10-11 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Jan. 5-26: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Jan. 5 & Feb. 2: The Asian Art Museum offers FREE ADMISSION on the first Sunday of the month, courtesy of Target. 200 Larkin. 581-3500; asianart.org.

Jan. 6, 13 & 27: The ACC Conversation Club meets from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. For details, email krismoser@aol.com.

Jan. 7 & 21: Bethany United Methodist Church offers free KNITTING lessons with Ray Capiral on first and third Tuesdays; free yarn, needles, and instruction. 7-8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

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

Jan. 7-28: Volunteer on Tuesdays 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. 7-28: TOWN SQUARE TUESDAYS feature a farmer's market, music, and kids' activities in the Noe Valley Town Square. 3-7 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Jan. 7-28: John McClean Wolf leads SACRED YOGA Tuesdays at Holy Innocents. 7-8 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142; holyinsf.org.

Jan. 7-29: The Eureka Valley Library hosts STORYTIME for babies in English and Spanish on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 and Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Jan. 8: RESILIENT Noe Valley meets from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

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

Jan. 8 & 22: Children 4 and up can read to a dog named Herbee at PUPPY DOG TALES. 4:15-5:15 pm. Eureka Valley Library, I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.



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. CALENDAR .

Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29: Charlie's Corner offers children's Spanish STORY TIMES. 10 am, noon, 3 & 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Jan. 8-29: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QI GONG classes Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com

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

Jan. 9-Feb. 13: NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) offers a six-week disaster preparedness class, 6 to 9:30 pm. Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks. sf-fire.org/training-schedule-registration.

Jan. 10: The Noe Valley Library screens the 2019 FILM Captain Marvel. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 11: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on second Saturdays. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. noevalleyrecenter.com.

Jan. 11: The Noe Valley Library hosts a PLAY DATE for children ages 5 and younger. 10 am-noon. 451 Jersey. Reservations required: 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 11: Seniors from the Castro Senior Center read an episode of a RADIO PLAY, "The New Country". 3-4 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 13: ODD MONDAYS hosts a reading series featuring Michael Alenyikov, Nishant Batsha, and Rebecca Winterer. 6:30-8 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477;



The Line Up at Lovejoy's Tea Room on Church Street rivals any in Noe Valley.

Photo by Jack Tipple

oddmondays.com.

Jan. 14: Orin and Manjula Martin discuss *FRUIT TREES for Every Garden: An Organic Approach to Growing Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Citrus, and More*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 14: Al Barna and Randall Ann Holman discuss "Neon San Francisco" at the SF HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 7:30-9 pm. Roosevelt Middle School, 460 Arguello. sfhistory.org.

Jan. 15: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION group reads *Asymmetry* by Lisa Halliday. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 16: Charlie's Corner offers Musical Story Time JAM SESSIONS. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Jan. 16: Peter Hertzmann introduces *50 Ways to COOK A CARROT*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 16: Andy Weinberger reads and signs his NOVEL *An Old Man's Game* at Folio Books. 6:30 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Jan. 17: Lola San Francisco hosts a POETRY READING, featuring Patrick Cahill, Stephen Kopel, Jane Rades, and Nancy Wakeman. 5-7 pm. 1250 Sanchez. lolasanfrancisco.com.

Jan. 18: 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. 18: Pierre Thiam discusses *The FONIO Cookbook: An Ancient Grain Rediscovered*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-

4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 18: The Beneath a Tree Duo performs a CONCERT at 7:30 pm. Holy Innocents Church, 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Jan. 21: 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. 23: The Noe Valley Library hosts an introduction to online resources in "GENEALOGY 101." 3-4:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 26: Ray Capiral performs a free CONCERT from 2 to 6 pm. Bethany UMC, 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Jan. 26: A benefit for MUSIC ON THE HILL includes performances

by mezzo-soprano Melinda Martinez Becker and pianist Ava Soifer. 7 pm. For private home location: 820-1429; musiconthehill.org.

Jan. 27: Charlie's Corner offers a Mad Hatter TEA PARTY storytime to celebrate Lewis Carroll's birthday. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Jan. 28: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. Call to confirm: 558-5400; missionpolicestation.org.

Jan. 29: The Noe Valley Library hosts Dr. Matt Springer's seminar, "Home Preparedness in EARTHQUAKE Country." 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 30: Mary Ladd reads and signs her MEMOIR about cancer treatment, *The Wig Diaries*. 6:30 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Jan. 31: The BOOKWORMS Club (and pizza party) features Jennifer Camiccia discussing her novel, *The Memory Keeper*. 6-7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477; tiny.cc/followorms.

Feb. 1: Jessica Battilana introduces *Repertoire: All the RECIPES You Need*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

February Fest

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WED JAN 16	PETER HERTZMANN • 50 WAYS TO COOK A CARROTS • 6:30 P.M. FREE • Peter Hertzmann is a passionate cook, and educator on food cooking, with years of teaching to his name. His mission is simple - to make as many people as possible realize that if you can manage 50 ways of cooking one simple ingredient - the carrot - you can cook almost any dish, and cook it to perfection. Every method presented in this book is approachable for both novice cooks and those with many years' experience.
SAT JAN 18	PIERRE THIAM • THE FONIO COOKBOOK: AN ANCIENT GRAIN REDISCOVERED • 3:00 P.M. FREE • These 45 foolproof recipes for delicious, nutritious, good-for-the-gut bIn this landmark cookbook, chef Pierre Thiam, author of <i>Senegal and Yolele</i> , celebrates fonio, an ancient "miracle grain" of his childhood that he believes could change the world. Grown for centuries in Africa, fonio is not only nutritious and gluten-free, but also as easy to cook as rice and quinoa. The <i>Fonio Cookbook</i> is full of simple recipes for the home cook, with both traditional West African dishes such as <i>Fonio Fritters with Sweet Potato</i> and modern creations like <i>Tamarind Roasted Chicken with Fonio</i> and <i>Fonio Seafood Paella</i> .
SAT FEB 1	JESSICA BATTILANA • REPERTOIRE: ALL THE RECIPES YOU NEED • 3:00 P.M. FREE Here, in one fantastic book, are about 75 trustworthy, versatile, and above all, delicious recipes that can stand alone or be mixed-and-matched into extraordinary meals. "Repertoire is a magical book of insanely delicious keeper recipes you can trust with your life. Guard it like it's made of gold." -Samin Nosrat, author of <i>Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat</i> .

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Noe Valley: Past & Present Trivia Bingo

Answers to quiz on page 13

Top Row Left to Right:

- * Alcalde (roughly equivalent to Mayor) of Yerba Buena (the town that became San Francisco in 1847)
- * Bell Market (later owned by Cala)
- * 1976 was the last year with significant snow accumulation that remained on the ground overnight
- * In the floor of Mission Dolores
- * The Noe Theatre

2nd Row Left to Right:

- * Park Street
- * Plate's Bakery
- * Surf Super (which contained Reno's Meat Market within it)
- * Ruth Asawa (1926-2013)
- * Finnegan's Wake, The Rat and Raven, and The Coyote Club were three previous names

3rd Row Left to Right:

- * The Pioneer was built by J.A. Meyer at 4181 24th Street in 1896
- * Bud's Ice Cream
- * Free Space
- * St. Paul's (The movie was Sister Act)
- * Herb's Fine Foods

4th Row Left to Right:

- * 22nd Street between Vicksburg and Church (also identified as the 3600 Block)
- * The 11 Hoffman
- * Elizabeth Street
- * The Noe Valley School
- * The Gray Brothers Quarry (Owner George Gray was murdered here by Joseph LoCoco)

5th (Bottom) Row Left to Right:

- * It was originally a Cable Car Barn (1888-1941), and later housed Safeway and Little Bell Market
- * 23rd Street
- * Mitchell's Diary
- * The Palmer Theatre
- * Tuggy's Hardware

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Action SF, the National Movement in Your Neighborhood

www.facebook.com/actionsfsolidarity
 Email: actionsfsolidarity@gmail.com
 http://www.resistrypac.org
 Meetings: First Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m., Edward Jones, 4190 24th at Diamond. No meeting in January. All are welcome.

Al-Anon Noe Valley

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

Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association

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

Diamond Heights Community Association

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

Dolores Heights Improvement Club

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

Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)

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

Fair Oaks Neighbors

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

Fairmount Heights Association

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

Friends of Billy Goat Hill

Contact: Lisa and Mo Ghotbi, 821-0122
 Website: www.billygoathill.net

Friends of Dolores Park Playground

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

Friends of Glen Canyon Park

Contact: Jean Conner, 584-8576
 Address: 140 Turquoise Way, SF, CA 94131
 Plant restoration work parties, Wednesday mornings and third Saturday of the month.

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. Meeting Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Umpqua Bank, 3938 24th St.

Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center (Upper Noe Rec Center)

Contact: Chris Faust
 Email: info@noevalleyrecenter.com
 Website: www.noevalleyrecenter.com
 Meetings: Email or check website.

Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUNDOG)

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

Glen Park Association

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

Juri Commoners

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

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association

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

Merchants of Upper Market and Castro

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

Noe Neighborhood Council

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

Noe Valley Association-24th Street Community Benefit District

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

Noe Valley Democratic Club

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

Noe Valley Farmers Market

Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Tuesdays, 3 to 7 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

Progress Noe Valley

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

Resilient Noe Valley Initiative

Co-sponsor: Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN). Host: David Brown, Pastor, Noe Valley Ministry, sfrevdab@gmail.com, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Details: 282-2317.

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
 Website: http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879
 Meetings: See website for upcoming SF NERT training in Noe Valley in early 2020.

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.

Upper Noe Valley Merchants

Email: Merchants@UpperNoeNeighbors.com

Upper Noe Neighbors

Contact: Olga Milan-Howells, 756-4455
 Email: President@UpperNoeNeighbors.com
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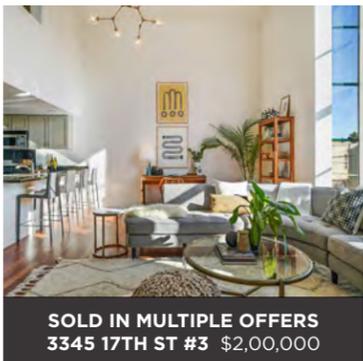
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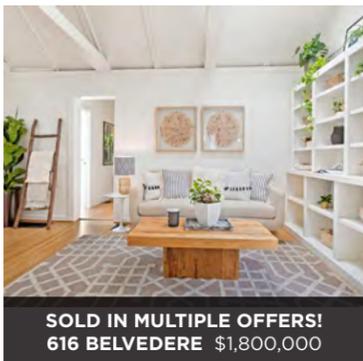
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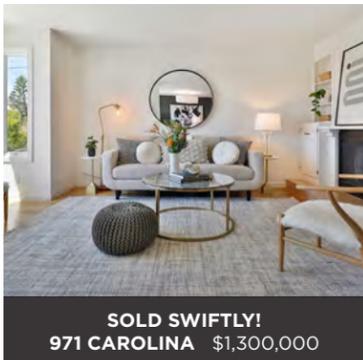
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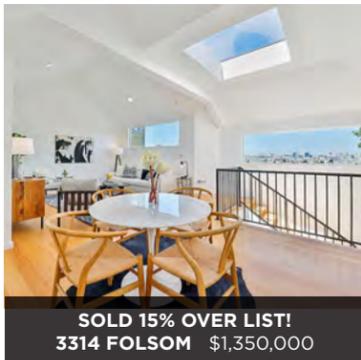
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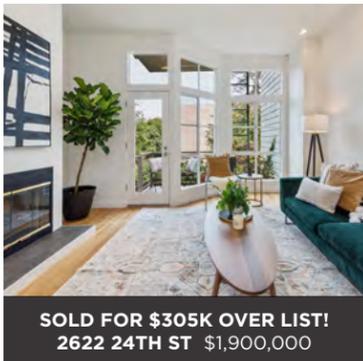
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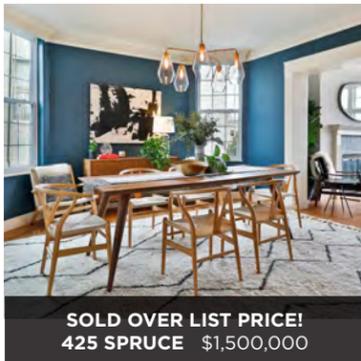
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