



# THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

## Girls Film Fest A Noe Valley Production

Sept. 10 Showcase to Feature 18  
Shorts by Young Female Directors

By Olivia Boler

These days, anyone with a camera phone or tablet can be a filmmaker. Just press the video button, and let it roll. That goes for little kids, too. If you've ever watched a toddler swiping and navigating a smartphone, they often seem more adept than some adults. Such access has opened up a vast world of creativity to a new generation of gifted young talent.

That is certainly the case for two Noe Valley families. Two sets of sisters—Charlotte and Caitlin Kane of 24th Street, and Ella and Maggie Marks of Church Street—have been making movies on their own and as a group for about two years. Charlotte and Ella, both 13, started seventh grade this fall at the Hamlin School. Caitlin, who turns 11 in September, and Maggie, 10, are in the fifth grade at the same school. The younger sisters sometimes star in the older girls' productions.

"We like making films on the weekends a lot," Charlotte says.

They've spearheaded several different projects, including one featuring the character of "Annoying Apple," who goes on adventures with other fruits. They use an iPad for filming and iMovie to edit.

They also have a green screen for creating different backgrounds but emphasize that a lot of fancy equipment isn't necessary when it comes to being inventive. "All you really need is a phone that can make videos," Charlotte says.

The problem is a lack of audience. "It's satisfying to have a final project to show people," Charlotte says. "You can show your family, but then it's over. The idea of putting it in a festival, showing more people, and maybe winning a prize?



**Lights. Camera. Action.** After a summer of bake sales, festival founders (clockwise from top left) Ella Marks, Charlotte Kane, Caitlin Kane, and Maggie Marks are eager to present the finalists in the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival, premiering Saturday, Sept. 10. Photo by Pamela Gerard

That's cool."

Last year, the four girls came up with the idea of organizing a film festival based in Noe Valley featuring movies made by young girls. Ella Marks did some research looking for all-girls' or children's film festivals in the Bay Area. She didn't find much. "Some might feature films for kids, but they're made by adults," she says.

"We wanted to inspire young girls to make films, because there just are not a lot of female filmmakers in the industry," says Caitlin Kane, who loves acting. "Often women are used as props or beautiful sidekicks in movies. So we wanted to give young girls positive role models, and show them they could be filmmakers too."

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## School Lot to Provide Parking On Saturdays

Weekly Farmers Market Offers to  
Share Costs for Two Months

By Matthew S. Bajko

Since the Saturday Noe Valley Farmers Market moved onto a block of 24th Street in early 2016, disrupting traffic flow and taking away parking spaces, some shops along the commercial corridor have seen their sales nosedive. Now local leaders have come up with a solution they hope will attract more shoppers.

The organizers of the weekly farmers market are renting the upper yard at James Lick Middle School for use as a temporary parking lot beginning Saturday, Sept. 10. They have hired a professional parking company to oversee the lot, which will cost motorists a flat fee of \$5 to park there on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The farmers market is paying anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1,200 each Saturday for use of the lot, which is accessible from 25th Street near Castro Street. They will pilot the temporary parking for four Saturdays, and if utilized, will extend it another four through the end of October.

By then, construction of the Noe Valley Town Square should be finished, and the market can move off the street and into the newly built public park—if all goes well, on Saturday, Nov. 5.

"Right now, [the school lot rental] is not financially self-sustaining. We are doing this to support Noe Valley," farmers market board member Regina Starr Faustine told the *Noe Valley Voice*. "This is to see: does the idea work, do people use it, and does it bring shoppers to 24th Street?"

If the pilot project proves successful, then the Noe Valley Merchants and Pro-

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## A Jolly Tea Party Continues at Lovejoy's

Fond Admirers Take Over for  
Longtime Owners

By Steve Steinberg

After 16 years of tea and crumpets, Muna Nash and Gillian Briley, the owners of Lovejoy's Tea Room, the immensely popular teashop at 1351 Church St., have sold the business and served their last scone. But tea lovers take heart, Lovejoy's will continue with its peerless tea service in the capable hands of three new proprietors.

The new owners, Celine O'Driscoll, Donita Murphy, and Cathy Scharetg, had all been loyal Lovejoy's customers and admirers for many years. So this summer, when the opportunity arose to take over the teashop, they jumped at the chance.



**The Passing of the Giant Teacup.** From left, Donita Murphy, Cathy Scharetg, and Celine O'Driscoll take over the popular Lovejoy's on Church Street from Muna Nash and Gillian Briley, owners of the tearoom for 16 years. Photo by Pamela Gerard

The ownership change took place on Aug. 1.

"We're very happy to continue this wonderful tradition and legacy," said O'Driscoll. "We want to keep it the same."

O'Driscoll, originally from Cork, Ireland, grew up having family tea. "It was always such a warm environment," she said. O'Driscoll recognized the same warm atmosphere at Lovejoy's.

Donita Murphy, a homemaker who raised three kids in the Mount Davidson area of San Francisco, had always been interested in getting into a business. Coming originally from Nottingham, England, she found Lovejoy's her perfect cup of tea. "Teashops are much more prevalent in England," she said, adding, "but the service is not up to the level of Lovejoy's. It's a whole experience here."

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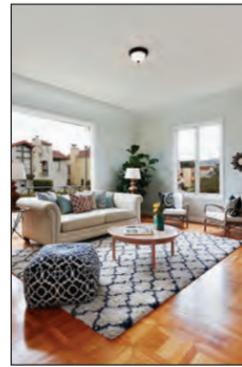
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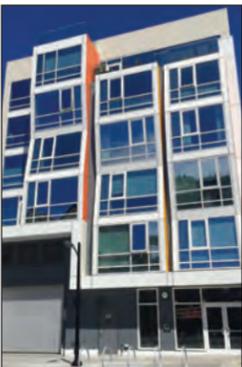
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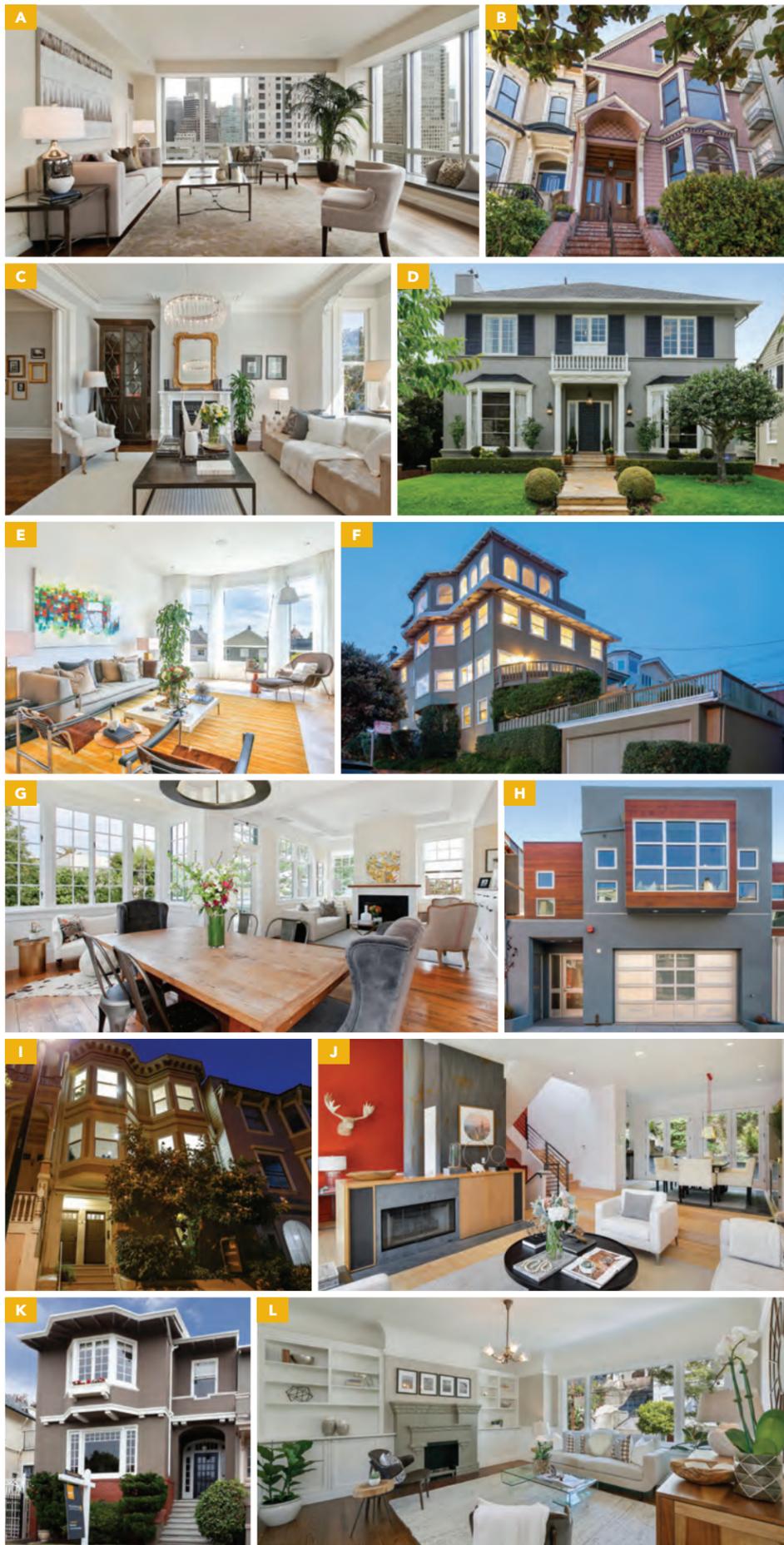
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# LETTERS

## Proud to Be Pictured

Editor:

We are relatively new residents of Noe Valley (two years now), and we have really enjoyed your newspaper as a way to get to know the neighborhood. The focus on photography in the July/August issue was wonderful. We were especially excited to recognize our own bed of succulents featured in Art Bodner's photo spread!

We are not generally known for our gardening prowess, but we have been happy the bed that we inherited two years ago has been doing so well, and it helps us feel we are doing our part to enhance our neighborhood!

Cate Starr  
23rd Street

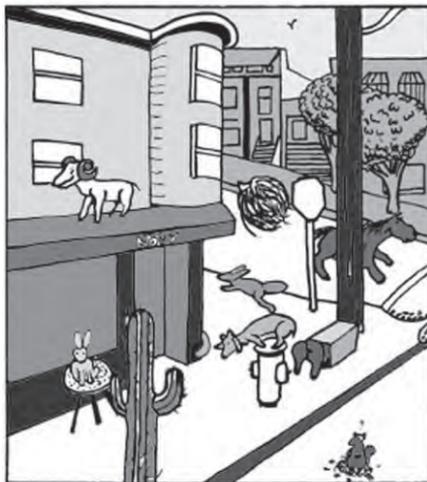
## End of an Era: 22nd and Noe

Editor:

Because I now live in Seattle, I only recently found the terrific article by Corrie M. Anders about Janis Joplin and the time she lived in the apartment building over the laundromat at 22nd and Noe streets ["A Piece of Her Heart: Rock Star Janis Joplin Found a Place to Crash," March 2016 *Voice*].

I lived in the apartment building at 892 Noe at the same time as Janis, first on the first floor during my pregnancy and then on the second floor (facing south) after my son was born. Janis lived on the third floor, north side.

Janis and I knew each other by sight and only had a few words here and there in passing. I didn't want to be too forward and disrupt her space at home by swooning over her fame (although I went to almost all of her concerts when she played



24th and Noe, when everyone is up at Burning Man

in town but was never a groupie).

A couple of times I did have conversations, long into the night, with her roommate Sunshine, so we were familiar with one another. Janis and I had different groups of friends. The musicians were more worldly, while my friends were young and relatively naive.

What I did know about her, however, was that the Noe Street apartment was her home and refuge. Sure, there were famous musicians coming and going occasionally, but for the most part, it was her place to rest and get away from her busy life. Whenever we ran into one another, there would be the casual remark about my baby or about how our male alpha dogs (George and Horse) basically got along with each other. When Janis moved to Marin, we were invited to her housewarming party in her new home. What a night that was!

I never gave much thought to what the Noe Street neighbors thought about our hippie building, nor did I even see Janis parking her psychedelic Porsche in bizarre places, causing it to be towed. I always saw it parked normally in front of

our building. From what I remember, we were quiet other than a lot of kids running around and visitors in and out. There was another single mom who lived across the hall from us with three children. Our close friend Joe lived on the ground floor after we moved upstairs; and a quiet couple, one of whom made jewelry, lived in the apartment right above me. None of us had parties very often, so I always thought we flew under the radar. After reading your article, apparently not!

My apartment roommate, Sue Borstel, was raised around the corner on Hill Street. (I am also a native San Franciscan, raised in the Richmond, and we both met and became friends when attending the all-girls Catholic school Star of the Sea Academy at Eighth and Geary.)

Sue's parents didn't like our living situation, to put it mildly, nor did my parents. My parents moved our family out of the Richmond as soon as I graduated from high school. They bought a home in Pleasant Hill thinking they could keep me away from the flower-child lifestyle blooming in the city. Obviously, that didn't work out the way they had hoped.

Sue's parents were unfortunate—they lived close enough to be constantly reminded that their daughter was a hippie. (They blamed me for her "fall from grace" since, of course, it's always the friend who leads the other child astray. My parents blamed Sue.)

They didn't approve that I had a child "out of wedlock" either, which was very taboo in those days (my son is now 47 with a family of his own), nor did they approve of anything that went along with our free-spirit lifestyle: our alternative-style clothing, pot smoking, and the length of our male friends' hair.

We tried to ignore what anyone thought. We were 19 to 21 when we lived in the apartment, and our new lives away from home had just begun.

I can clear one thing up for you! The black banner on the building after Janis died was made and hung out the window by Sue, our NYC friend Joe Zinzi, and myself. We were so devastated by the news of her death.

When I look back, I feel her death marked the end of the era. Our idyllic imaginings of peace and love soon became one of paranoia and self-destruction. In 1970-71, many of us from the Sixties Generation began moving away, myself included. San Francisco had changed.

Thank you so much for writing a down-to-earth article and actually mentioning the neighborhood! The books and articles about this time period are always so laden with the "sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll" aspects instead of the real life we lived and breathed. It was the most amazing time of my life.

Vivian C. Murray  
Edmonds, Wash.

P.S. Did I mention that the big 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love concert will be in Golden Gate Park next October? I'll be working backstage again as I did for the 40th. I can't believe it will be 50 years.

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### Summer Contest Winner

In the July-August *Noe Valley Voice*, the crossword puzzle by Michael Blake included a contest: *After solving this puzzle, what prominent Noe Valley feature do you find hinted at here?*

If you look at the answer grid at right, you'll see there are four towns whose names wind clockwise around a black square: SARATOGA, ADELAIDE, BERKELEY, and SYRACUSE. Moreover, the four black squares form a larger square. The correct answer to the contest is TOWN SQUARE. The Noe Valley Town Square, a new park on 24th



Street, is under construction and slated to open in November 2016.

The winner of the contest is **Michael Pasyanos** of 23rd Street. Congratulations, Michael!

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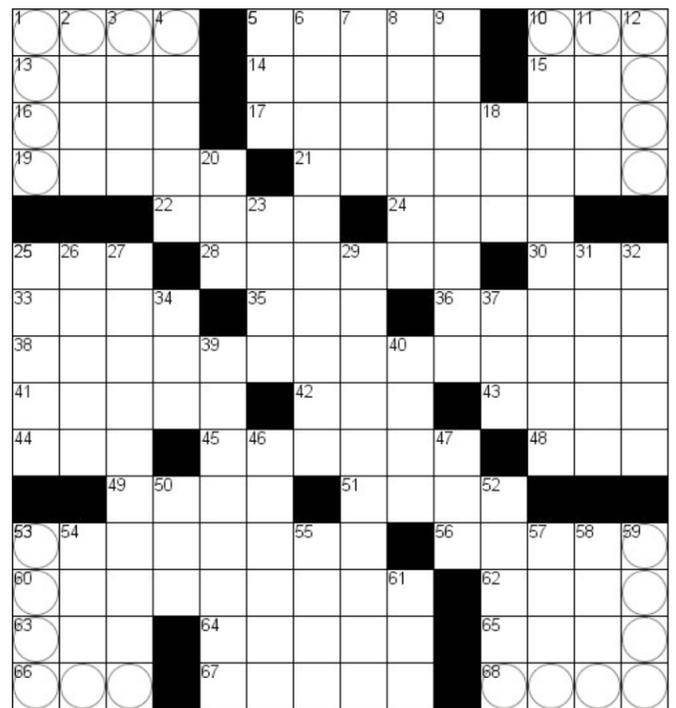
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### THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

#### Chuck It!

##### ACROSS

1. - (See 38-Across)
5. "Hanging" problems in the 2000 election
10. A's owner before Haas (See 38-Across)
13. A slave to opera?
14. "Along \_\_\_\_\_ spider..."
15. Hartsfield bag-tag abbr.
16. 50 percent
17. Mick Dundee's nickname
19. "Zorba the Greek" setting
21. In the correct manner
22. "Besides that..."
24. Trig follow-up
25. He-sheep
28. Vowel sound in "puzzle"
30. Cool, once
33. Birth of a notion
35. Article in Le Monde
36. Make like a tree?
38. Store at Castro & 24th whose name suggests the 4 entries written clockwise within the circles
41. Rica or Brava beginning
42. D.D.E.'s command in W.W. II
43. Teen woe
44. Area at St. Luke's: Abbr.
45. Snowman's nose, often
48. "Independence Day" invaders
49. Hardly well done
51. Emeryville or East Palo Alto big-box store
53. Type of speech meant to persuade
56. Thrown in
60. Enters gradually



62. Certain glow
63. Where 4 students were killed in 1970: Abbr.
64. Vaults
65. Word after water or gas
66. Saxophonist nicknamed "Yardbird" (See 38-Across)
67. What Spanish Olympians go for
68. - (See 38-Across)

##### DOWN

1. "The Little Tramp" (See 38-Across)
2. Doubled, a Jim Carrey film
3. Wait at a light, say
4. U.S./Can./Mex. pact
5. LXXV x IV
6. Queequeg's job on the Pequod: Var.
7. Love, to Livy

8. Extract the flavoring of by boiling
9. Brazil's largest city
10. Equal opportunity
11. "\_\_\_\_\_ never fly!"
12. - (See 38-Across)
18. Sun City developer Webb
20. Ernie of the PGA
23. Feng \_\_\_\_\_
25. Christina of the "Addams Family" films
26. Concerned with a specific subject
27. Proves worthy
29. One who sets boundaries
31. "Wheel of Fortune" category
32. Netanyahu's predecessor
34. Pt. of SFMOMA
37. Typically low statistic for Giant

- pitchers, lately
39. Field game or Wisconsin city
40. Chef
46. Kind of photograph
47. Purchase at Davids
50. Had a meal
52. 2nd President
53. - (See 38-Across)
54. "\_\_\_\_\_ Diga Eebowai" (gasp-inducing "Book of Mormon" song)
55. Intelligence
57. Having two sides
58. Historic canal
59. "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" singer (See 38-Across)
61. Baja bear

**Solution on Page 31**  
Note: The current Voice Crossword and all past puzzles can be found at [www.noevalleyvoice.com](http://www.noevalleyvoice.com).

## Now Showing: The Noe Valley Girls Film Festival

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Thus, the first annual Noe Valley Girls Film Festival was born. The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry at 1021 Sanchez St. The festival will feature 18 films made exclusively by girls.

The Marks and Kane girls decided to narrow down the categories to two age groups—those in sixth through eighth grades, and those in fifth grade and under. The films had to be directed by girls (boys could be actors in the films), G-rated, and five minutes long. Contestants were told to focus on San Francisco, the secret life of everyday objects, or an “open” subject, meaning anything they wanted to address. Films were submitted through the website Withoutabox.com.

Ella and Charlotte worked on creating a festival website, and Maggie and Caitlin took on marketing and promotion. “We all do a little bit of everything,” Ella says. “We all look at the film submissions.”

### Reeling in Support

To get the word out and drum up some financial backing, the girls passed out flyers at their school, to the members of their soccer teams, and to shoppers at the Noe Valley Farmers Market, where they set up a small donations jar. They also held bake sales in July and August on 24th Street, and canvased local businesses asking for sponsors.

Debra Niemann of the Noe Valley Association has given them a lot of advice, and the NVA is the festival’s fiscal sponsor. Sterling Bank is their most generous sponsor so far, with a donation of \$500.

“We made almost \$100 at the bake sales, too,” Charlotte says. Still, they are looking for more help in covering the costs of the venue rental and raffle prizes. All donations are tax-deductible and can be made on the festival website, [www.nvgff.com/sponsors/](http://www.nvgff.com/sponsors/).

Their efforts caught the attention of the weekly classroom news magazine *TIME for Kids*, which featured an article about the festival in June. As a result of the exposure, the showcase has received film submissions from around the globe, including East Timor, India, Brazil, Spain, and Canada.

“It’s amazing how one small thing in one small neighborhood can go all over the world!” Caitlin says.

### Prizes to Be Awarded

Many of the films are about San Fran-

cisco and come from local filmmakers. Their youngest contestant was Charlotte and Caitlin’s sister, Clair Kane, who is 7, and in the first grade. “It’s funny—we got more submissions in the younger age group,” Charlotte says. “We expected more from the older group.”

They say they’ve received mostly live-action movies with actors and “cool effects.” Several, especially in the older category, are about girl empowerment.

For the festival screening, five selected films from each age group will be shown, as well as seven honorable mentions. In addition, the festival founders’ own original movie collaboration, *Annoying Apple—Episode One*, will be screened.

Prizes for the top three films will be awarded in each age category: \$250 for first place, \$150 for second, and \$50 for third. The prize winners will be announced after all the films are shown.

The girls narrowed down the finalists, but will not judge the contest. Instead, the judging will be led by Ariel Sultan and Mimi Zora. Both have extensive filmmaking credits. Sultan has an NYU film school pedigree and is cofounder of Food Guru, a production company that makes marketing films for food businesses. She is also co-producer of an independent feature documentary, *Greywater*, which will be released in 2017.

Zora’s short film *Goulash* premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, and she has worked on major features like Pixar’s *Inside Out* and *Finding Dory*. She met the girls at one of their bake sales and immediately wanted to help them with the festival.

Charlotte Kane created a matrix for the judges, with criteria for how to judge the contestants.

### Also Appearing: Serena Schuler

There’s more to the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival than just watching the films. The raffle includes prizes like concert tickets from Another Planet Entertainment. The girls also plan to sell souvenir T-shirts, popcorn, and movie candy, and hope to have live music.

Serena Schuler, who is the writer, director, and producer of the sketch comedy series *Cake Walk*, will be a featured speaker. Schuler works with Young Storytellers, a screenwriting program that features a live performance of fifth-graders’ scripts by improv comedians.

The Kane and Marks girls are eager to make the festival an annual event, even though it’s been much more work than they anticipated. “We do a lot of activities like travel soccer, music, and school, and it’s hard to balance it all,” Charlotte says. “It’s so cool to put on an event like this, but it’s crazy to work so hard all year for something that’s going to be two or three hours long!”

Ella agrees. “It hasn’t been too bad, but it’s been challenging finding times when all of us can meet.”

“If it’s successful, we’ll do it every year,” Maggie Marks adds. “Next year, we can change things if they don’t work.”

“We’ll grow from our mistakes,” Caitlin adds with a nod.

Admission to the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival is free. There is an RSVP link via eventbrite.com on the website, so the girls can better plan for having enough concessions on hand. “We really hope people come!” Charlotte says.

Caitlin sums it up this way: “All in all, the experience has been great fun. We did this because we want to inspire girls to make films, and to tell them they can be unique in any way. They can be whoever they want to be.”

To find out more about the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival, visit their website, [www.nvgff.com](http://www.nvgff.com); follow them on Twitter, @Nvgffteam; and like their Facebook page. ■

## A WINNING LINEUP

Get ready to roll out the red carpet. Eighteen short films, all made by girls under 15, will be shown at the first-ever **Noe Valley Girls Film Festival**, on Saturday, **Sept. 10, 2016**, 4 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. There will be popcorn, a raffle, and prizes for the top films. And the entire event is free.

Here’s the lineup of films we’re sure you won’t want to miss:

### Finalists: Younger Girls, 5th Grade and Under

*Girls on Deck* by Riley Pan, 10, San Francisco  
*Behind the Rocks* by Maia Costea, 9, Vancouver, Canada  
*10 Feet in the Air* by Naisha and Dhyani  
*Teen Chick* by Maia and Carla Costea, 9, Vancouver, Canada  
*The Secret Life of Alli* by Kären Rindal

### Finalists: Older Girls, 6th through 8th Grades

*Worm* by Phoebe Milvy-Soloff  
*Creep-y Ghost* by AnnaBella Vaca, 13, San Francisco  
*Plastic Documentary* by Ellie Lerner and Eloise Brotzman, 13, San Francisco  
*Pinky Spinky Perfume* by Hannah Tawadrous, 12, San Francisco (Noe Valley)  
*Final Rock Bottom* by Maddie Oesterer, Aya Troyerv, Rachel Kim, Fiona English, and Jiana Jacobs Simenauer, 12 and 13, San Francisco

### Honorable Mentions: Younger Girls, 5th Grade and Under

*And Now for Our Feature Presentations* by Madison Armstrong, 10, San Francisco  
*An Underwater Adventure* by Juliet Reichardt, 10, San Francisco  
*Noe Valley Girls Bake Sale* by April Prince, San Francisco (Noe Valley)  
*Awesome Mask* by Gia Anastasio, Marisa Anastasio, Penelope Cheun-Tolley, Aria Paul and Cassie (all 4th grade), San Francisco

### Honorable Mentions: Older Girls, 6th Through 8th Grades

*I Am a Girl* by Ellie Lerner, 12, San Francisco  
*Day Street Park* by Annie Orzen, 13, San Francisco (Noe Valley)  
*13* by Kayla Wong, Leah Wedman, Madeline Wilson, and Freya Brandvik, 13 and 14, San Francisco

*A film made by festival founders Charlotte Kane, Caitlin Kane, Ella Marks, and Maggie Marks, Annoying Apple—Episode One, will also be screened. All films are about five minutes long.*



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Serena Schuler, producer of the sketch comedy series *Cake Walk* and maker of the award-winning film *The Ten Plagues*, will be the featured speaker at the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival on Sept. 10.

## James Lick Lot to Be Open for Parking On Saturdays

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professionals Association could take over operation of the school parking lot for the duration of the year, to provide Saturday parking during the holiday shopping season.

“If it does work, maybe the merchants will take it over. That is the hope,” said Robert Roddick, president of the business group. “It all depends on the merchants promoting it and the community accepting it and using it.”

### Domino Effect

For years, the farmers market had made its home in the parking lot located at 3861 24th St., between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets. But the Noe Valley Ministry put the property on the market in order to pay for a renovation and seismic retrofit of the Presbyterian church’s gothic building at Sanchez and 23rd streets.

At the behest of Noe Valley residents, the city purchased the 24th Street site in

2013 for \$4.2 million, to turn it into a public park that is purposely designed to accommodate the farmers market on Saturdays.

With construction of the new park slated to begin at the start of the year, the Noe Valley Farmers Market last fall applied to move onto the street in front of the site to ensure its continued operation. Roddick, on behalf of the merchants association, wrote to city officials in support of the street closure request, as the weekly market draws 1,800 people to the neighborhood.

But to the surprise of the association, a number of businesses reported severe losses due to the street closure and lost parking. Some have seen sales sink from \$1,000 to as much as \$3,000 on Saturdays.

“Retailing is hard enough as it is, and now you take out their busiest part of their busiest day,” said attorney Charles Spiegel, a member of the merchants association who has been involved in the discussions to find a solution. “The farmers market has been good about closing the street for one hour less each Saturday, so [the street] opens now at 1 p.m., when before it was 2 p.m. Every bit we can re-open the street makes a difference.”

### Veggie Bonus Popular

To boost sales at local shops while it is on 24th Street, the farmers market has run a promotion where anyone who spends at least \$30 at any store or restaurant on 24th Street in Noe Valley on a Saturday morning can use their time- and date-stamped receipt to get a token worth \$5 of free vegetables and fruit at the farmers market.

Faustine said the program had been a success. In six weeks, shoppers brought more than 120 receipts from 25 different Noe Valley stores for a receipt total of about \$7,500, she said.

## Town Square Construction on Schedule

According to city officials, construction of the new park on 24th Street near Vicksburg Street is right on schedule. In his monthly newsletter for August, District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener wrote that the build-out of the Noe Valley Town Square was “progressing well and is on time, with the park opening expected at the end of October.”

Wiener also noted that staff members from the city’s recreation and park and public works departments have been working with the design team led by CMG Landscape Architecture and the construction team led by Bauman Landscape & Construction, Inc., “to quickly resolve questions that arise in the field.”

In an Aug. 15 email sent to Noe Valley community leaders, which was shared with the *Voice*, Stacy Radine Bradley, deputy director of planning at the rec and park department’s capital and planning division, wrote that, “We are still on target with our schedule—opening will be scheduled in the end of October, but that date hasn’t been finalized yet.”

As the *Voice* has previously reported, the city is transforming the 10,829-square-foot lot into a largely open flexible plaza that can be utilized not only by the Noe Valley Farmers Market on Saturdays but also by residents and community groups for events throughout the week.

The \$3 million public park will include such features as a perimeter garden, a play area for children, a garden trellis, benches, a storage structure, lighting, and a public restroom. The Bay Area-based firm Wowhaus is creating a pair of bronze owl statues that will be installed near the children’s play area.

The city’s recreation and park department has been posting updates about the project to a blog that can be found at <http://sfrecpark.org/rec-park-news/park-improvements-news/noe-valley-town-square-future-park-site-news/>.

—Matthew S. Bajko

### Wordy?

Try the *Voice* **Crossword!**

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“The 24th Street merchants are an integral part of the vibrant Noe Valley community that we all want to see,” Faustine said. “When we heard some of the stores and restaurants were down in sales on Saturdays, we wanted to help in as many ways as we could.”

Roddick praised the farmers market board for working with business owners to address their concerns and agreeing to pursue the James Lick parking lot option. He told the *Voice* he was hopeful it would be embraced by shoppers.

“We have worked out the best solution you could possibly get,” said Roddick, as

the farmers market will remain in operation where it is, and the school’s upper yard will be converted into a parking facility that can accommodate more than 100 vehicles. “That is more than what we lost.”

But he stressed work on the new public park needs to be completed this fall so that the street is not shut down during the busy stretch between Thanksgiving and Christmas, a critical time for many retailers along 24th Street.

“The real issue is the holiday season,” said Roddick, adding that if the Noe Valley Town Square doesn’t open as scheduled, “it will kill the community.” ■



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## Always Tea Time at Lovejoy's

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well as typically English fare like shepherd's pie. And of course there are 37 varieties of tea to choose from. If by some chance you don't like tea, the restaurant can also sate your thirst with coffee, hot chocolate, milk, or sodas.

Murphy noted that Lovejoy's "has a special place in people's lives.... People come back every year for celebrations with family and friends."

She said she and her partners might want to make some "subtle changes," but basically wished to maintain the teashop's reputation as a San Francisco must-see.

The third partner, Cathy Scharetg, was a longtime Noe Valley resident, whose kids went to St. Philip School on Elizabeth Street. She previously owned a restaurant in downtown San Francisco before getting into real estate 20 years ago.

A longtime acquaintance of Nash and her family, Scharetg last year independently bought Lovejoy's, Lovejoy's sister teashop in Pacifica.

Scharetg said she so loved the two tearooms that she "couldn't imagine" them falling into someone else's hands. "In a world of technology and information," she said, "it's so important to have a place of community and cordiality like Lovejoy's."

The three women will also keep open Lovejoy's Attic, the tiny shop selling vintage china, linens, and housewares across the street.

### Steeped in History

Lovejoy's was the creation of an English couple, who opened a teashop in the Potrero Hill neighborhood in the early 1990s. They chose the name Lovejoy's in honor of Lovejoy, the antique dealer/art detective protagonist in a series of novels by English writer Jonathan Gash.

Lovejoy's—or Lovejoy's Antiques and Tea Room, as it was called then—moved to Noe Valley in 1995, setting up shop where Makras Real Estate is today, on Church near 24th Street. It went through two subsequent sets of owners before Nash and Briley took charge in 2000.

Nash, now 53, had recently moved to Noe Valley from Ireland, where she had been managing a hostel, to be near her aging parents. Soon after buying a house on 27th Street, she saw an ad in a newspaper indicating that Lovejoy's was for sale. It seemed a good fit. "I always enjoyed tea; we always drank tea in the afternoon when I was growing up. We also served tea in the hostel where I worked in Ireland," Nash said. She enticed her best



Lovejoy's hasn't changed much since 2003, when this photo was taken. The tearoom still provides a cozy haven for tête-à-têtes with friends or family celebrations, all attended by a soothing pot of tea and a warm and friendly staff. Photo by Pamela Gerard

friend Briley, who also happened to be renting a room in her house, into going in with her.

"I had no idea what I was getting into," said Briley, 52. "But it was something different. I had never done anything like this before." Briley's previous job had been as a stage manager for touring Chinese and Russian acrobatic groups.

Advised that the teashop business might not be the smartest venture, Nash said she didn't care. "I was sure it would work. Nothing was going to stop me."

Soon after buying Lovejoy's, the two new owners ran into difficulties with the building owner and lost their lease. "I was fairly naïve about the lease," Nash reflected.

Fortunately, at about the same time, they discovered that the owners of Java 'n' More, a coffeehouse at Church and Clipper streets, might be interested in selling their lease. Nash and Briley negotiated the sale and took over the space that Lovejoy's occupies today.

They were not prepared for what came next. Thanks to *San Francisco Chronicle* editor Tara Duggan, who lived across the street and hyped the preparations in the press, anticipation grew about the imminent opening of the new Lovejoy's. "On our first day, there was a line out the door, with just the two of us doing everything," recalled Nash. "We never expected that kind of reception."

As the teashop's renown has grown over the years, with write-ups in *O* (the Oprah magazine) and *National Geo-*

*graphic*, and with celebrity customers such as actresses Rita Moreno and Sharon Stone and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Lovejoy's has had to hire more staff to maintain their level of service. They now have 17 employees. Just recently the establishment was voted one of the 100 best restaurants in the Bay Area for 2016 by *San Francisco* magazine.

What was most satisfying to Nash and Briley, however, was not the publicity and the celebrities but the good relationships they made with their customers, and the knowledge that their shop meant so much to so many. "Lovejoy's became a refuge," said Nash. "You can walk in and be transported and leave the outside world behind."

"We had so many amazing, powerful moments," said Briley. "So many people came to celebrate special occasions with us. We shared a lot of life experiences."

They're not worried about passing on the baton to new owners. "These three women are really motivated and will bring new energy to Lovejoy's" said Briley.

### Tea Rooms Spreading

Nash and Briley, who both moved to Pacifica and bought homes there several years ago, have not completely separated from Lovejoy's. They retained the trademark rights to the name and intend to license the brand throughout the Bay Area and possibly beyond. "We want to hand-pick locations and sell the license to peo-

ple who will follow Lovejoy's philosophy and methods," said Nash.

Their first licensee, a former employee, will soon open a Lovejoy's Tea Room in Redwood City. Nash and Briley also report having received inquiries from potential owners living as far away as Dallas, Tex., and Savannah, Ga.

In the meantime, Nash said, she would like to try other ventures. She's thought about moving to Ashland, Ore., buying some land, and maybe opening a part-time tearoom there.

Briley said she wanted to take some time and "see what befalls me next. It's hard to imagine doing anything else right now."

As far as what she and Nash accomplished with Lovejoy's, she said, "It felt like we had done everything we could."

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Bishop Warner H. Brown blesses the Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto (left) and her wife, Robin Ridenour, at Bethany United Methodist Church on Aug. 13. Oliveto was elected the world's first UMC LGBT bishop in July. The retirement of Bishop Brown, of the church's California-Nevada Annual Conference, led to an opening in the Western Jurisdiction, which Oliveto was elected to fill. She will serve in Denver for at least her first four years as bishop.

Photo courtesy Rev. Israel Alvaran

## Former Bethany Pastor Becomes First Open LGBT Bishop in United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto said in August that Bethany United Methodist Church vetted her hard before she became pastor at the Noe Valley church in 1992. In truth, Bethany had suggested her for its pastor, telling the appointing power it wanted a gay or lesbian.

But because the UMC's official *Book of Discipline* prohibits gays and lesbians from ordination, Oliveto told Bethany's staff parish committee that she had to be in the closet. The committee responded, she said, with: "No, Karen, that is not why we brought you here." The congregation wanted her to challenge the church.

Now Oliveto is challenging the church as never before—even beyond what she did in 2004, when she presided at gay weddings (also prohibited by *Discipline*) during San Francisco's "Winter of Love."

Oliveto is now the first open United Methodist Church LGBT bishop in the world. The Western Jurisdiction of the UMC in Scottsdale, Ariz., in July elected her on the 17th ballot.

Oliveto, 58, is set to assume her duties in Denver on Sept. 1 as leader of the Mountain Sky division of the UMC. It includes Colorado, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming.

UMC Bishop Warner H. Brown, as one of his last official acts for the California-Nevada area, celebrated Oliveto with a blessing on Aug. 13 at the church which she served for 12 years—until 2004, when she felt forced out of local ministry by the national publicity around her marrying two gay men in the Bethany sanctuary. She secured an academic dean position at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley from 2004 to 2008. Then she

was appointed to Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, where she has served as a senior pastor for eight years.

About 125 people from northern California attended the "sending-forth" service at Bethany, at 1270 Sanchez St.

The Rev. Israel Alvaran reported to the well-wishers the persuasion job that he and the Rev. Kristin Stoneking did on Oliveto to get her even to offer a candidacy. The Rev. Matt Pearson of Sonoma UMC told how he anxiously watched the plodding live-streaming of the election in Scottsdale and then let out a screaming yell at his computer when the Oliveto victory finally happened. Pearson led the audience in a thundering imitation of that scream—for two minutes perhaps the loudest sound ever bounced off the acoustical panels inside Bethany's four-year-old sanctuary.

Bishop Brown compared Oliveto's task to that of Jackie Robinson, the first African American player who, in 1947, integrated major league baseball. Being the "first" of anything is always the hardest, he said. People will pounce on every minor mistake, and, say, "See, we told you!" But Brown also urged the Oliveto well-wishers to be patient with other folks in different parts of the country as they come around to new ways of seeing the world.

Thirty-two years ago, Bethany became the fifth "reconciling congregation" in the United States—one aiming for full inclusion of LGBT people into all aspects of the United Methodist Church. There are now 785 such faith communities in the world.

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# The Cost of Living in Noe

## Slight 'Calming' of Market

By Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley home buyers were active over the summer, purchasing nearly two dozen single-family detached homes in June and July.

New owners acquired the keys to nine houses in June and 12 in July, according to sales data provided monthly to the Voice by Zephyr Real Estate. The combined total of 21 sales was two shy of the number posted during the same two-month period in 2015.

Condominium sales also were perky during June and July. Buyers purchased 24 attached units over the two months, compared to 18 during the same period last year.

Still, in the eyes of Zephyr president Randall Kostick, there were several signs that the Noe Valley real estate market, which has been white-hot for the past five years, "has been calming a bit."



The most expensive residential property sold in July was a spacious, light-filled modern home on 25th Street designed by Dumican Mosey Architects. New owners paid \$4.9 million for the house, which featured all-high-tech amenities, glass walls, and parking for three cars.

Single-family home buyers on average paid 3 percent above the asking price in June and 5 percent in July. That's in contrast to last year, when buyers upped their offers 22 percent in June and 18 percent in July.

Five percent over the asking price "is not chump change," said Kostick, "but at the same time it is down from the two prior years." (In 2014, overbids averaged 12 percent in June and 10 percent in July.)

Also, it took double the time to close escrow this summer—28 days in June and 35 days in July—that it took last year.

"So it's taking a little longer to sell, and sellers are not getting as high a price for [homes]," Kostick said.

Home prices had risen so fast in recent years that "there is a little bit of [buyer] resistance," he said. Buyers have become more cautious and are seeing a "little more play in negotiations."

That said, sellers can still command what to most longtime residents is a fortune. In June, three of the nine detached homes sold for more than \$4 million—and two of those were nearly \$5 million.

The most expensive—a five-bedroom, five-bath contemporary home in the 500 block of 28th Street between Castro and Diamond streets—sold in 53 days for the asking price of \$4,985,000. Originally built in 1910, the property was renovated and transformed this year into a three-story dwelling with a 15-foot vaulted ceiling in its great room, a gourmet



Buyers paid the \$4,985,000 asking price for this renovation on 28th Street, which sports five bedrooms, a rooftop deck with panoramic views, a three-car garage, and an elevator.

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
<b>Single-family homes</b>						
July 2016	12	\$1,250,000	\$4,900,000	\$2,315,000	35	105%
June 2016	9	\$1,425,000	\$4,985,000	\$2,930,556	28	103%
May 2016	10	\$1,470,000	\$4,100,000	\$2,104,000	25	110%
July 2015	16	\$1,450,000	\$4,850,000	\$2,826,588	17	118%
June 2015	7	\$1,650,000	\$7,000,000	\$3,373,746	14	122%
<b>Condominiums</b>						
July 2016	13	\$550,000	\$1,825,000	\$1,217,692	32	108%
June 2016	11	\$780,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,352,955	29	108%
May 2016	4	\$820,000	\$2,100,000	\$1,487,500	25	106%
July 2015	7	\$785,000	\$2,400,000	\$1,663,714	17	114%
June 2015	11	\$920,000	\$2,800,000	\$1,506,636	25	118%
<b>2- to 4-unit buildings</b>						
July 2016	1	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	170	82%
June 2016	4	\$1,350,000	\$3,435,000	\$2,105,000	51	107%
May 2016	2	\$2,250,000	\$3,025,000	\$2,637,500	17	114%
July 2015	4	\$1,550,000	\$2,975,000	\$2,043,750	19	113%
June 2015	4	\$1,600,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,750,500	25	125%
<b>5+ unit buildings</b>						
June 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
June 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
May 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
July 2015	1	\$2,425,000	\$2,425,000	\$2,425,000	25	124%
June 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—

\* Survey includes all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is loosely defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The Voice thanks Zephyr Real Estate (zephyrre.com) for providing sales data. NVV 9/2016

kitchen, radiant-floor heating, a rooftop deck, multiple terraces, an elevator, and a three-car garage.

Its closest rival in price was a custom-built home in the 400 block of Jersey Street, between Castro and Diamond streets. Buyers paid \$4,940,000 for the three-story, 3,600-square-foot house, originally listed at \$5.2 million. The modern abode featured four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, a state-of-the-art kitchen with a 15-foot granite countertop, two-car parking, an electric car charging station, an out-

door spa, and a 360-degree view from a rooftop deck.

In July, the top seller was a 3,785-square-foot newly-built house with five bedrooms and 4.5 baths, located in the 4000 block of 25th Street between Noe and Sanchez streets. Buyers paid \$4.9 million (\$95,000 less than asking) for the home, which offered a chef's kitchen, radiant heat, floor-to-ceiling glass walls, enclosed decks, and three-car parking.

Among condominiums, the most expensive sold in Noe Valley in June was a three-bedroom, two-bath home in the 1100 block of Dolores Street. The unit fetched \$1.8 million, \$51,000 more than the asking price, and was on the market for 10 days. The 1,675-square-foot space had undergone a contemporary renovation and afforded downtown views and one-car parking in the two-unit building.

In July, buyers paid \$1,825,000—\$170,000 less than the asking price—for a two-story condominium in "downtown" Noe Valley. Built in 2015, the three-bedroom, three-bath unit included 1,609 square feet of living space, a luxurious kitchen, and a private rooftop terrace. The townhome, located in the busy block of 24th Street between Church and Vicksburg streets, is one of three units in a building known as the Lux, none of which has parking.



The mix of Victorian and contemporary features in this building on Dolores Street proved irresistible to buyers in June, who took only 10 days to pay \$1.8 million for a top-floor residence. Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Unit	No. in Sample	Range July/Aug. 2016	Average July/Aug. 2016	Average June 2016	Average July/Aug. 2015
Studio	9	\$1,745 - \$2,595	\$2,250 / mo.	\$2,409 / mo.	\$2,247 / mo.
1-bdrm	28	\$2,200 - \$4,900	\$3,324 / mo.	\$3,143 / mo.	\$3,568 / mo.
2-bdrm	34	\$3,500 - \$6,495	\$4,160 / mo.	\$4,464 / mo.	\$5,112 / mo.
3-bdrm	14	\$5,099 - \$11,500	\$6,646 / mo.	\$6,502 / mo.	\$7,263 / mo.
4+-bdrm	6	\$8,500 - \$16,500	\$11,883 / mo.	\$9,753 / mo.	\$11,793 / mo.

\*\* This survey is based on a sample of 91 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist.org from July 29 to Aug. 5, 2016. NVV 9/2016

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# SHORT TAKES

## Election Forum at Upper Noe Neighbors

A forum on four measures on the November election ballot—Propositions B, E, I, and RR—will be sponsored by Upper Noe Neighbors on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The discussion of Proposition B (City College Parcel Tax) will be led by City College Board of Trustees president Rafael Mandelman. The proposed tax of \$99 per parcel is a \$20 increase and a 11-year extension to the existing City College tax approved by voters in November 2012, which is set to expire in 2021.

Proposition E, which authorizes the City to take responsibility for the maintenance of street trees and provides \$19 million from the general fund to do it, will be explored by Dan Flanagan, executive director of Friends of the Urban Forest.

Valorie Villela, director of the On Lok 30th Street Senior Center, will discuss Proposition I (Dignity Fund), which would establish funding for seniors and adults with disabilities as a part of the annual budget of San Francisco.

The Bay Area Rapid Transit District is advocating passage of Proposition RR, a \$3.5 million bond measure that would replace and upgrade worn tracks and other BART infrastructure. (A speaker had yet to be named.)

Asked why only four ballot items were

on the agenda, UNN president Marianne Hampton said, “It was hard. There are 25 city propositions and, with state measures, there are 42 total.” Ultimately, Hampton said, the four most important to UNN members were chosen to be discussed in depth.

The event will take place in the Upper Noe Recreation Center auditorium, 295 Day St. For more information, see [uppernoeneighbors.com](http://uppernoeneighbors.com).

## Classical Kids Hear Friction

The new season of the Classical Kids concert series kicks off Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 a.m., with the Friction Quartet performing Beethoven, Janacek, Michael Jackson, and Lady Gaga.

Friction is a string quartet based in San Francisco, with two violins, a viola, and cello. The group is the current ensemble-in-residence at the San Francisco Center for New Music. The musicians—violinists Kevin Rogers and Otis Harriel, cellist Doug Machiz, and Taija Warbelow on viola—combine classical music, pop songs, digital sound processing, and amplification in their performances for adults and children.

The concert will be held at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. near 23rd Street. Tickets are \$15 individual and \$40 family (up to four people) at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) and at the door. Kids 2 years old and under can listen for free.

The Classical Kids concerts are produced by Noe Valley Chamber Music, which will begin its 25th season later in October. Two more Classical Kids events are planned for this season, on Saturdays Dec. 10 and Feb. 18. For more information, go to [www.nvcm.org](http://www.nvcm.org).



Noe Valley resident Ken Freeman, an avid walker, poses on the steps of the Beacon Trail, a new path through the grove of trees between Billy Goat Hill and Walter Haas Park.

Photo by Corrie M. Anders

## Scale the Beacon Trail

A newly constructed trail that serves as a shortcut through a mini forest between Noe Valley and Diamond Heights has become a popular attraction for hikers.

The Beacon Trail, which replaced a slippery footpath on the steep wooded slope above Beacon Street, has drawn a steady stream of local residents and tourists since opening in mid-July.

The 680-foot zigzag trail is mostly a dirt path hugged by split logs. But it has four sets of boxed steps at the path’s curves and switchbacks. Walkers can expect to meet birds, moles, squirrels, and other wildlife as they climb from Billy Goat Hill Park in Noe Valley to Walter Haas Park in Diamond Heights.

“These two great parks are so close to one another and yet were disconnected,” said Supervisor Scott Wiener, who presided over a July 14 ribbon-cutting. “The two parks are now part of one complete open space system, which is a great win for the community and visitors alike.”

On a clear day in August, Hill Street resident Ken Freeman hiked sprightly from the Beacon Street entrance to the circle in Walter Haas Park and returned five minutes later. He said he’d already added the new trail to his exercise regimen.

A few minutes later, a family of four visiting from Detroit hit the path. The group had stumbled onto the trail after visiting the iconic rope swing on Billy Goat Hill, a sightseeing lure featured on Pinterest and in other social media.

The Beacon Trail was designed with help from members of the Diamond Heights Community Association, Friends of Walter Haas Park, and Upper Noe Neighbors. The work, carried out by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, cost \$147,000 in Open Space Funds.

—Corrie M. Anders

## Noe Valley Art Sought

Gallery Sanchez, the art gallery at the Noe Valley Ministry, has issued a call for submissions for the second annual neighborhood art show, Here We Are! Noe Valley Artists. The exhibit will be hung at the church from Sunday, Nov. 5, through Friday, Dec. 2. The opening reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, noon to 2 p.m.

Artists who live or work in Noe Valley may submit one piece for consideration. A maximum of 20 pieces of art will be included in the exhibit. There is no entry fee but, says gallery director Kit Cameron, “Only flat art which can be hung on the wall using a cable system will be accepted.” There are also size limitations. For a copy of the guidelines, contact Cameron at [kit\\_cameron@icloud.com](mailto:kit_cameron@icloud.com).

There is no deadline for submissions. However, Cameron says works are accepted on a “first come first serve” basis and advises that last year twice as many art works were submitted as were accepted.

The Noe Valley Ministry is located at 1021 Sanchez St. Gallery Sanchez mounts four art exhibits at the church each year.

## St. Philip’s 78th Festival

If you were born in 1938, you and the St. Philip Parish Annual Festival have something in common. You’re both 78 years old this year.

The annual hullabaloo is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the St. Philip’s School upper playground and staff parking lot. The festival helps fund operating expenses and capital projects at the school. The project being funded this year is renovation of the

learning annex, so you can do good and have a good time, too.

First, let’s talk food. How do hot links, tri-tip, garlic fries, hamburgers, and lumpia sound? And of course, there’s carnival food, like cotton candy, and music to digest by from local bands playing blues, jazz, and rock.

After you eat, you can get active in the obstacle course, ring toss, and jumpy

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The Friction Quartet, composed of Kevin Rogers, Otis Harriel, Doug Machiz, and Taija Warbelow, will play music from Beethoven to Brittany Spears at the Oct. 1 Classical Kids concert at the Noe Valley Ministry.

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# SHORT TAKES

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house. Or you can just spin the wheel at six booths and see what you've won, including more candy, sports activities, and electronics prizes. You could also buy a book at the book nook, enjoy face-painting or hair-coloring at the arts and crafts booths, bid in the silent auction or buy raffle tickets for cash prizes of \$2,500, \$1,000, and \$500.

Admission is free. The staff parking lot entrance is on 24th Street between Castro and Diamond streets. Or you can enter the upper playground on Elizabeth Street near Diamond.

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## Alvarado's Yard Open Saturdays

More outdoor play space became available to Noe Valley kids (and adults) over the summer. In June, the playground at Alvarado Elementary School on Douglass Street was officially opened to the public on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., under the Shared Schoolyard Project, a partnership among the City of San Francisco, the San Francisco School District, and local individuals and communities.

Those who'd like to shoot hoops, toss a football, or visit the school's garden can feel free to use Alvarado's entrance on Eureka Street, between 22nd and 23rd streets, next to 566 Eureka St. Park rangers from the Recreation and Park Department will open and close the gate, and the Department of Public Works is responsible for cleaning the playground after use.

Shared Schoolyards has been around for eight years, said Chris Sally, School District spokesperson, but was recently reinvigorated by District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell. Farrell got the idea to support the program by using private donations (see [www.sfshareschoolyard.org](http://www.sfshareschoolyard.org)). Currently, 26 schools around the city are participating, and 50 others are in the pipeline.

According to Sally, James Lick Middle School and Fairmount Elementary will open their play yards too, once construction is finished at the schools.

## Baile Familiar at Fairmount

Fairmount Elementary School opens the school year with Baile Familiar, its annual social gathering for the school and

community, on Friday, Sept. 16, 6 to 8:30 p.m. The party happens at 65 Chenery St. in the schoolyard. Admission is free.

*Baile familiar* in Spanish means "family dance" and there will be dancing, with music and a deejay, organizer Lisa Rogovin assures us. She also reports that food trucks will be parked onsite, selling pupusas, tacos, burritos, and agua frescas—just in time for dinner. You can also buy tickets to have a family photo taken in the photo booth, play games, and be your own science experiment wearing some of the glow sticks for sale.

The event is organized and funded by the Fairmount Elementary PTA. For more information, go to [www.wearefairmount.com](http://www.wearefairmount.com).



*Wakaba, New Leaf* is among the beautiful contemplative images that Noe Valley Voice photographer Beverly Tharp will display in her show "In Love With Lotus" Sept. 3 to Oct. 1 at Far Out Gallery on Taraval Street.

## Flying Tigers, Breakfast, and Pirates

Our bookstores offer a healthy variety of book readings this month, featuring poetry, essays, cooking, cocktails, history, children's lit, debut novels, travel, and thrillers.

Folio Books at 3957 24th St. hosts six September readings, including one on Thursday, Sept. 8, by neighborhood author Bill Yenne, who recently published *When Tigers Ruled the Sky*, about the famed World War II Flying Tigers fighter aircraft group. The Queer Words literary salon will focus on short nonfiction essays at its quarterly salon on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Both events start at 7 p.m. For the complete lineup, see [foliosf.com](http://foliosf.com).

Also on Sept. 8, author Marissa Gugiana will discuss her new book *33 Getaways From San Francisco That You Must Not Miss* at Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, 4175 24th St. The event runs 4 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Omnivore Books on Food also has six

readings scheduled in September. Katie Sullivan Morford will help you get the kids—and yourself—off to a good start each day with *Rise and Shine: Better Breakfasts for Busy Mornings*. Her talk is Sunday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m. For all the Omnivore events, go to [omnivorebooks.com](http://omnivorebooks.com). The bookstore is located at 3885A Cesar Chavez St. near Church Street.

Children's book readings and events are always on the menu at the newly expanded Charlie's Corner children's bookstore at 4102 24th St. Story times Monday, Sept. 19, will be focused on high sea adventure for Talk Like a Pirate Day, and author Eric Hoffman (*In a Dark, Dark Cave*) reads at the store on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Go to [charliescorner.com](http://charliescorner.com) for more fun events.

## Music for the Soul and More

This fall, the Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church at 1021 Sanchez St. continues its monthly musical service, Music for the Soul. On Sunday, Sept. 11, baritone Joshua Brown and neighborhood cellist Lori Hennessy will perform classical songs, ballads, and spirituals on the theme "Yearning for Home."

Upcoming Music for the Soul events will feature gospel and jazz in October with the Dave Scott Jazz Quartet and singer-songwriter Leah Tysse. In November, Resound, a 40-voice Bay Area choral group, will perform. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Meanwhile, the church is planning an Oct. 27 Noe Valley Gala. The evening of food, wine, and music will raise money for the purchase of a new sound system to enhance performances at the building. To find out more, contact Christine Tawadrous, gala co-chair, at 415-282-2317.

## Beverly Tharp Photo Exhibit

The Far Out Gallery will present beautiful, full-color nature photographs by Bernal Heights resident and Voice photographer Beverly Tharp in a solo exhibit Sept. 3 to Oct. 1. FOG is located in the Sunset at 3004 Taraval St., at 40th Avenue, and is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m.

Tharp's photos were selected from a series she took of the pond at her parents' Sierra Foothills home over a period of 20 years. "The pond gave me solace and soon became an obsession," she says. "Each time I got into the rowboat with my cameras, I saw something different and surprising."

She has also published a limited-run, 80-page book with 72 of these archival photos, *In Love With Lotus*, and will be signing copies at the opening reception Saturday, Sept. 3, noon to 6 p.m., and at FOG's celebration of the Vernal Equinox on Saturday, Sept. 24, also noon to 6 p.m.

## James Lick Renovation Almost Done

After two years of noise and dust, the renovation of James Lick Middle School on Noe Street is nearly over, and life in and around the school is returning to normal.

"The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September," said Heidi Anderson, a spokesperson for the San Francisco Unified School District. And it's "on time."

There was some work still under way on the third floor and in the basement when students showed up Aug. 12 for the new school year. But it did not seriously affect classroom operations. However, construction equipment occupied a third of the upper yard at the school and was not expected to be removed until late September.

The \$18 million modernization of the 1930s building began in November 2014. The job included bringing the four-story art deco structure up to ADA code, installing two elevators, and upgrading the cafeteria, classrooms, and lobby.

"The renovations are amazing. The school looks like a completely brand-new building," said Apolinar "Paul" Quesada, principal at the school, located at 1220 Noe St. near 25th Street.

Quesada said his favorite new features were a new theater arts classroom and the new cafeteria. Instead of rows of cafeteria tables, Lick students now lunch in a café-style setting with booths and individual tables.

The renovation was not without its challenges, however. Students were shifted back and forth from indoor to outdoor classrooms as work progressed, and neighbors complained about noise and traffic congestion.

Twenty-fifth Street resident Charles Spiegel, who was a constant watchdog during construction, said he was relieved the project was coming to an end. "I'm thrilled the construction is done," said Spiegel, adding, "I'm particularly happy as my bedroom gets to look out on the beautiful art deco friezes" and a newly repainted building.

—Corrie M. Anders

For more information on the photographer, see her website, [beverly.tharp.com](http://beverly.tharp.com). To find out more about FOG, go to [www.faroutgallery.com](http://www.faroutgallery.com).

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

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# STORE TREK

*Store Trek is a regular Voice column featuring new stores and businesses in Noe Valley. This month we profile a business that is both a restaurant and a catering operation. The house specialty? Burgers.*

## BISTRO SF GRILL

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A taste of the Balkans can now be savored in the heart of Noe Valley at Bistro SF Grill.

Owners Seni Felic and Hasim Zecic have brought the restaurant they launched in Lower Pacific Heights nearly six years ago, known for its burgers, to the space that formerly housed Hahn's Hibachi on Castro Street.

With their lease up on California Street, the men were game to find a more expansive kitchen space, as a large majority of their business is derived from catering various events. They were also looking for a restaurant that was fully ADA-accessible. Shortly after they opened the first Bistro SF Grill in 2010 they were hit with a lawsuit because of issues related to bathroom accessibility. Having settled the matter out of court, they wanted to ensure they avoided a similar situation when they moved to Noe Valley.

"The first thing I said when we looked at this space was let me see the bathroom," said Felic while seated at the eatery's bar mere feet away from the restroom, which complies with the federal guidelines for disabled access.

After signing the lease for the new space earlier this summer, the owners completely retooled the interior décor.



Bistro SF Grill waiter Nenad Lazarevic serves Benno Zecic (son of owner Hasim Zecic) one of his favorites: Salmon Casto—grilled salmon filet with black bean salad. Photo by Pamela Gerard

Two chandeliers now adorn the seating nook in the front window, and a warm red color scheme dominates the dining room.

There are 10 stools for bar seating in addition to the tables and chairs. All of the furniture was bought used and repurposed. The seating for 69 diners features either a red velvet or zebra stripes covering.

"We wanted a trademark Balkan-European vibe," explained Felic, who is originally from Bosnia and lives in the Castro with his family. (Zecic lives in the Inner Sunset with his family.)

They also retooled their menu to reflect the tastes of their new neighborhood. They added two additional vegan burgers, which they make in-house, and expanded

the number of polenta dishes they serve.

The vegan burger (\$12) choices are Cal-Mex, curry lentil, white bean, or sriracha. The polenta entrees (\$12) come in two vegan options: the Sarajevo includes Portobello mushrooms, while the Venetian is made with cannellini beans and a basil marinara.

As for the restaurant's custom burgers, they can be ordered as a regular size or in mini versions. The options run the gamut from an SF Classic (\$12/mini \$7), made with 100 percent grass-fed beef, to the Bosnian (\$12/mini \$7), featuring New Zealand halal lamb, goat cheese, grilled eggplant, and a lemon yogurt sauce, served on pita bread.

The Iggy (\$14/mini \$8) is an organic

buffalo burger, while the Voodoo (\$14/mini \$8) is made from wild boar. Not listed on the menu, but available upon request, is an alligator burger (\$15) that was one of the more popular items at the former location.

"It is like a sirloin steak sandwich. We use the alligator tail, tenderize it and fry it," said Felic. "People just came for our alligator burger."

The business partners do not see themselves as trying to compete with the nearby Barney's Burgers, long a staple in Noe Valley. In fact, they aren't too concerned about packing people into the restaurant.

Sales at the eatery account for just 30 percent of their business, estimated Felic, with the rest coming from their catering service. The restaurant is more of a way to advertise their food to prospective catering customers, as well as an answer for those people impressed with their burgers served at events who want to eat them again.

Currently, Bistro SF Grill is open seven days a week, 5 to 10 p.m. By late September, the restaurant could be open for lunch as well. The food is also available for delivery through various sites like GrubHub and Eat24.

Felic and Zecic plan to continue featuring live performers, which they did at their former spot, on Sunday and Wednesday nights as well as some Saturdays. They only have a beer and wine license and are not planning to seek a full liquor license.

The wine list features a number of Balkan wines, such as a white wine called a Malvazija from the Winery Kozlović in Istria, Croatia. A half glass costs \$6 and a bottle is priced at \$45.

Since opening in Noe Valley in early July, the business partners have felt welcome in the neighborhood.

"We have gotten busier faster than we expected, which is good," said Felic.

—Matthew S. Bajko

## Sam's Got Good News!

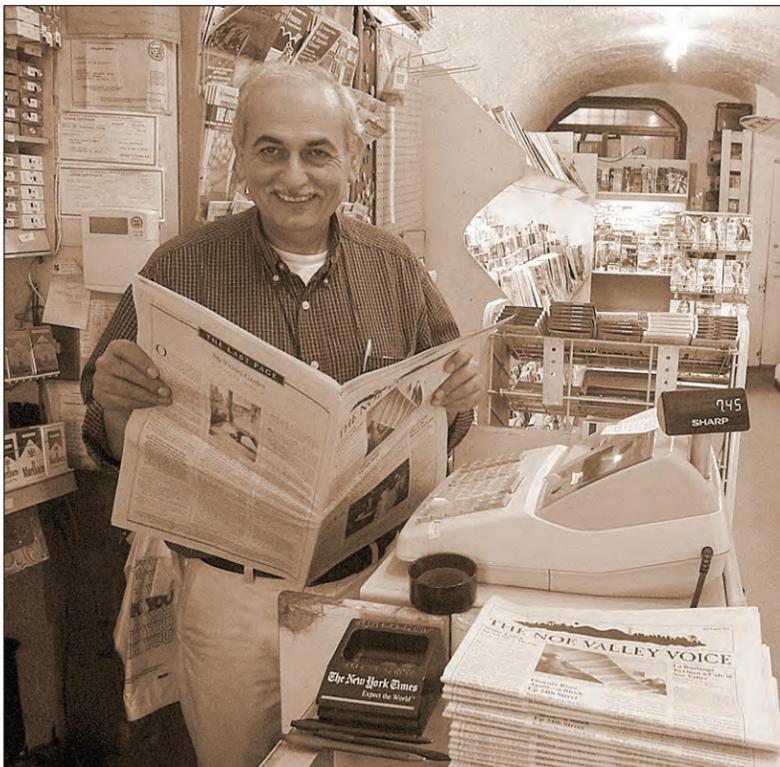


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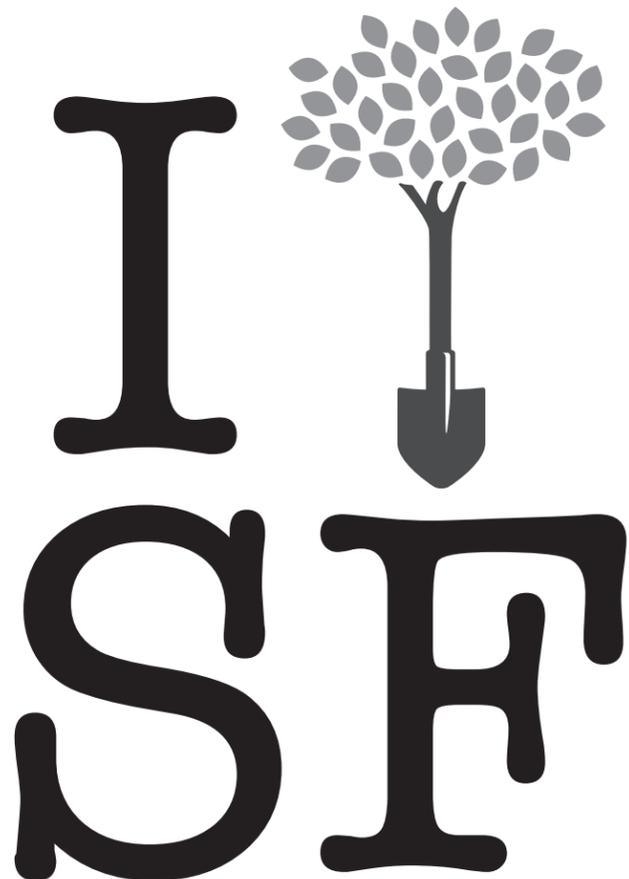
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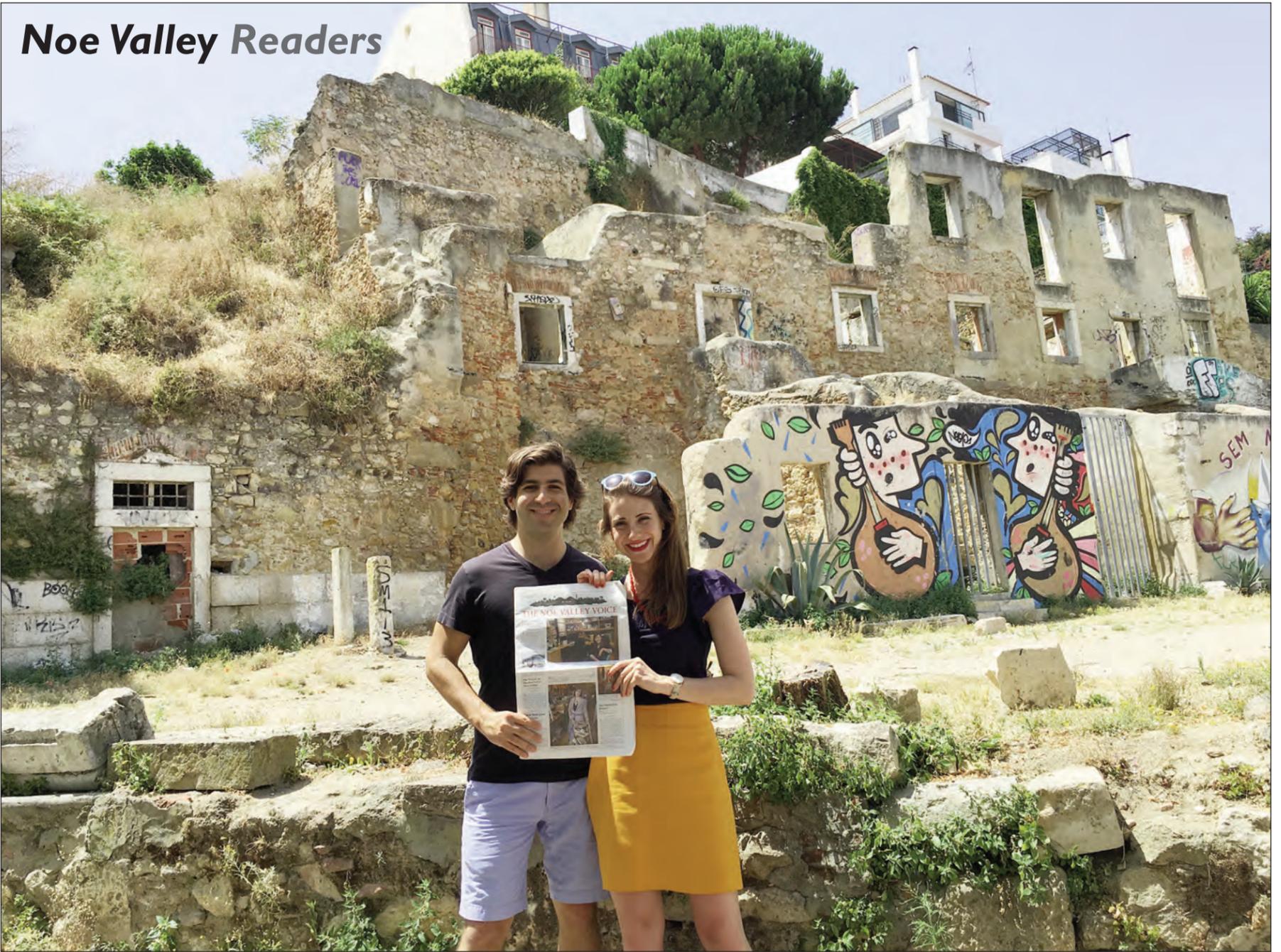
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**The Smiles of Summer.** David Kiferbaum and Lauren Palmor brought a copy of their favorite newspaper to Lisbon, Portugal.



*Above*  
**Lavendar in Bloom.** It was a lovely day as **Michael and Jessica Paa** paused in front of the Abbaye Notre-Dame de Senanque, near Gordes, France.



*Right*  
**Peru Heights.** Danika Griggs (left) and Tamara Griggs flank uncle **Hank Dunlop** (whose Victorian was featured in the June, 2016 *Noe Valley Voice*) near the entrance to the famed Machu Picchu.



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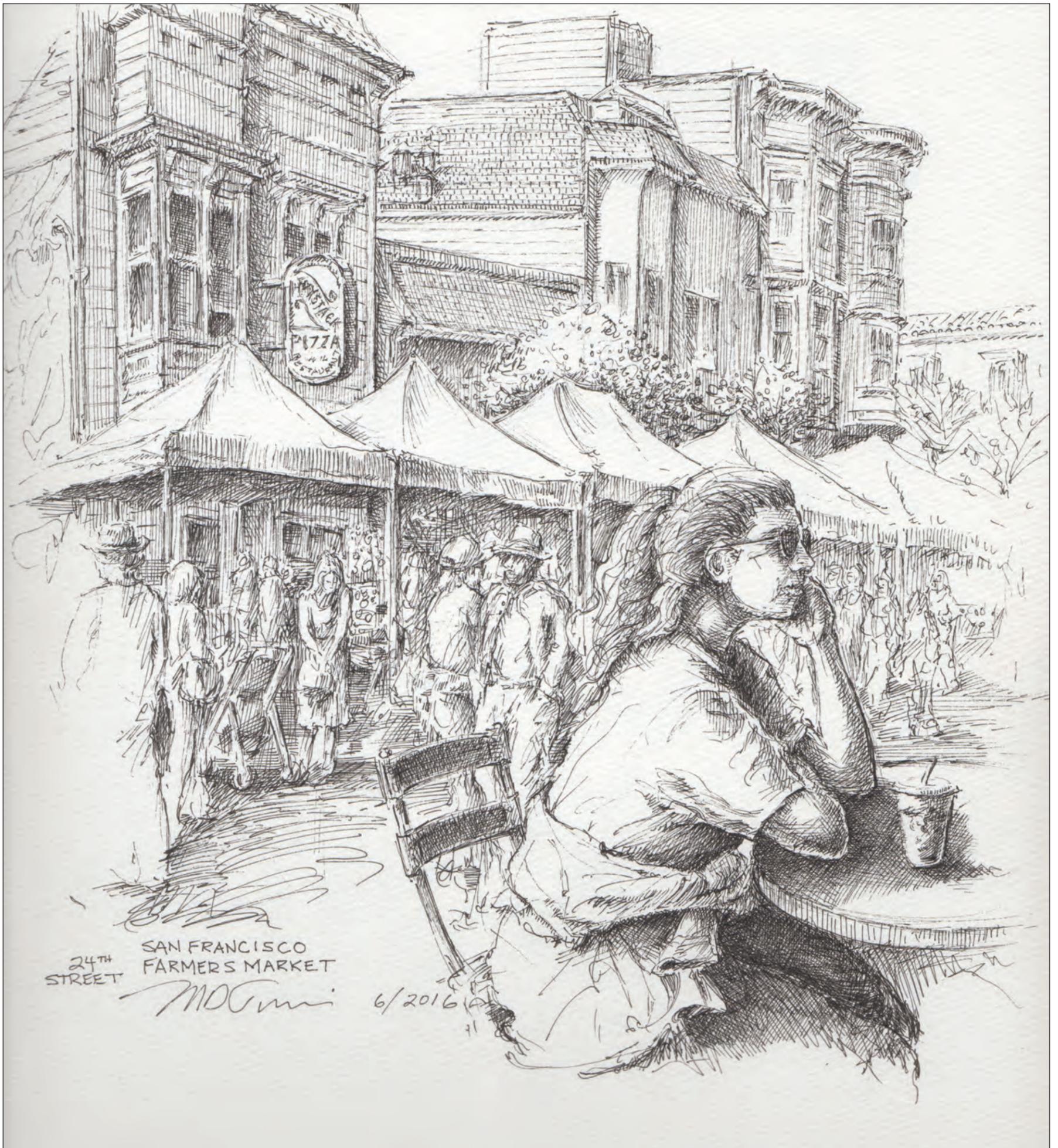
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#### UPPER NOE REC CENTER FALL SESSION, AUG. 23 - DEC. 17, 2016

##### MONDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

**TUESDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)**  
 Open Gym 12-3:30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \*  
 Auditorium Free Play 1-3:30 p.m.\*  
 Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3) 10-11 a.m.  
 Simply Fun 2 (formerly 1,2,3 Ready) (age 10m-4yrs) 10-11:30 a.m.  
 Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
 Movin' & Groovin' (age 2-4) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 QuickStart Tennis (age 8-13) 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Jiu-Jitsu (formerly Combat Athletics) (age 8-16) 4-5:30 p.m.  
 Youth Soccer (age at least 5 but less than 6) 4-5 p.m.  
 Youth Soccer (age 9-12) 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Tennis Intermediate/Advanced (18+) 6-7 p.m.  
 Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels) 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Boot Camp (18+) 7:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym 12-3 p.m.\*  
 Auditorium Free Play 3:30-5:30 p.m.\*  
 Pilates intermediate (18+) 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
 Baby & Me (age 1-3) Drop-in only 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Pilates beginner (18+) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Qi Gong for Seniors (55+) 1-3 p.m.  
 Coed Flag Football-Pee-Wee Division (age 8-10) 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Coed Flag Football-Senior Division (age 11-13) 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Volleyball-Girls in Sports-Beginner (age 7-8) 4-5:30 p.m.  
 Tennis beg/intermediate (18+) 6-7 p.m.  
 Drop-in Volleyball (18+) 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym 12-3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.\*  
 Auditorium Free Play None  
 Simply Fun 2 (formerly 1,2,3 Ready) (10m-4yrs) 10-11:30 a.m.  
 Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
 Movin' & Groovin' (age 2-4) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Zumba (family) with Jamie Hopper; drop-in only 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE  
 Argentine Tango, advanced (55+) 1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE  
 Beginning Archery (age 10+) 4-6 p.m.  
 Kid Theater-Mini Players (age 5-8) 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Zumba (family) Drop-in only 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE  
 Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+) 6:45-7:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym 12-3 p.m.\*  
 Auditorium Free Play 1-3 p.m.\*  
 Baby & Me (age 1-3) Drop-in only 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
 Pilates intermediate (18+) 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
 Pilates beginner (18+) 11:30 -12:30 a.m.  
 Youth Theater-So You Think You Can Act (age 7-10) 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Jiu-Jitsu (formerly Combat Athletics) (age 8-16) 4:30-6 p.m.  
 Volleyball-Girls in Sports-Int. (age 10-13) 4-5:30 p.m.  
 Karaoke for Adults (18+) 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Drop-in Volleyball (18+) 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym 12-4:30 p.m.\*  
 Auditorium Free Play 12-4:30 p.m.\*  
 Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels) 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
 Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3) 10-11 a.m.  
 Zumba (family) Drop-in only 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE  
 QuickStart Tennis (age 7-9) 1-2 p.m.

##### SUNDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

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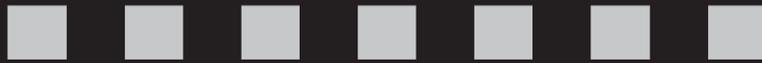


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# SEPTEMBER 2016

**Sept. 1:** Michael Bland of Guardian Council leads an ESTATE PLANNING workshop for parents. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Sept. 1:** Hank Shaw discusses Buck, Buck, Moose: Recipes and Techniques for COOKING DEER, Elk, Moose, Antelope, and Other Antlered Things. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Sept. 1, 8, 15 & 22:** Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 1-29:** Attend TRIVIA NIGHTS on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

**Sept. 1-30:** Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

**Sept. 1-30:** 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.

**Sept. 1-30:** The On Lok 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon & 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

**Sept. 1-Nov. 27:** Voice photographer Najib Joe Hakim exhibits work from his "Home Away From Home: LITTLE PALESTINE by the Bay" series. Main Library, Jewett Gallery, 100 Larkin. 557-4277; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 2-30:** The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett with artists Don Prell, Jimmy Ryan, and the Third Quartet. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

**Sept. 2-30:** Chris Sequeira leads a Friday KARAOKE for Adults group at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day.

**Sept. 2-30:** Shout "BINGO!" at St. Paul's on Friday nights at 7 pm (doors open at 5 pm). St. Paul's Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.

**Sept. 2-30:** Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word.

7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

**Sept. 3:** The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets at the Noe Valley Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

**Sept. 3:** The Noe Valley Library offers screen time with the ROSETTA STONE language-learning program. 1:30-2:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 3-24:** Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live musicians from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

**Sept. 3-24:** Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

**Sept. 3-24:** The "Meet the ANIMALS!" event at the Randall Museum features California wildlife. Saturdays, 11 am. Mission Art Center, 745 Treat. 695-5014.

**Sept. 3-24:** Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

**Sept. 3-27:** 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.

**Sept. 3-Oct. 1:** Voice photographer BEVERLY THARP exhibits her work in "In Love With Lotus." Reception, talk, and book-signing Sept. 3, noon-6 pm; Thurs.-Sat., noon-6 pm. Far Out Gallery, 3004 Taraval. 681-3674; beverlytharp.com.

**Sept. 4 & 5:** The SF MIMETROUPE performs the closing shows of their new musical, Schooled, in Dolores Park. 2 pm. sfmt.org.

**Sept. 4 & 18:** 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.

**Sept. 4-25:** 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.

**Sept. 5-27:** Charlie's Corner hosts FRENCH STORY TIME for kids, Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 to 10:30 am. 4102 24th. charliescorner.com.



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**Sept. 6:** The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 6:** LITQUAKE Epicenter hosts a conversation with Kim Addonizio, author of the memoir Bukowski in a Sundress. 7 pm. Alamo Drafthouse, 2550 Mission. litquake.org.

**Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27:** The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 6-Oct. 1:** SF WOMEN ARTISTS host "Abstractions," a juried all-media show. Reception Sept. 7, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

**Sept. 7:** The Noe Valley Library hosts a workshop for adults in making WREATHS from the pages of books; supplies provided. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

**Sept. 7 & 21:** Children ages 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28:** The Eureka

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

**Sept. 7-28:** Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Sept. 7-28:** Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays, 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

**Sept. 7-28:** The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesdays, 4 to 8 pm, through mid-December. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

**Sept. 7-28:** Holy Innocents Episcopal Church hosts Candlesong, a TAIZE-style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

**Sept. 7-28:** AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonSF.org.

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

**Sept. 8:** The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

**Sept. 8:** Supervisor SCOTT WIENER holds open office hours from 10 am to noon at SF City Hall, room 278. Call 554-6968 to confirm.

**Sept. 8:** Cliché Noe hosts a book-signing by Marissa Guggiana, author of 33 Getaways from San Francisco That You Must Not Miss. 4-7 pm. 475 24th. clichenoef.com.

**Sept. 8:** Matthew Biancaniello introduces Eat Your Drink: CULINARY COCKTAILS. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Sept. 8:** Folio Books hosts a book launch party for BILL YENNE'S When

Tigers Ruled the Sky, about the WWII fighter aircraft group. 7 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Sept. 8-10 & 29:** Bernal Heights OUTDOOR CINEMA screens the work of local filmmakers: Sept. 8, opening night at the Mission Cultural Center, 7-9:30 pm; Sept. 9, Film Crawl on Cortland, 7-10 pm; Sept. 10, "Under the Stars" in Precita Park, 6-10 pm; and Sept. 29, the Best of Bernal Night at the Bernal Branch Library, 500 Cortland, 7 pm. bhoutdoorcine.org.

**Sept. 9:** The Noe Valley Library screens the classic 1960 FILM The Magnificent Seven. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 10:** The LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on the second Saturday of the month. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

**Sept. 10:** Green Mann and Lisa Erdos conduct a free PLANT CLINIC on the second Saturday of the month. 10 am-noon. 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th. lisa.erdos@att.net.

**Sept. 10:** Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

**Sept. 10:** The Noe Valley GIRLS FILM FESTIVAL features submissions by girls through eighth grade. 4 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 606-6558; nvfff.com.

**Sept. 10:** Saturday in the Park's free concert series in McLaren Park offers the fourth annual KIDS' FESTIVAL, with performances by the Not-Its and Charity Kahn. 11 am-3 pm. Jerry Garcia Amphitheater, 40 John F. Shelley Drive. mclarenparksf.org.

**Sept. 11:** The Noe Valley Ministry's FALL GATHERING WORSHIP, "Music for the Soul," is followed by a potluck. 10:30 am. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

**Sept. 11:** Voila hosts an OPEN HOUSE with pastries, mimosas, and a DIY floral arrangement bar. 11 am-3 pm. 1431 Castro. 312-3468; info@voilasf.com.

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Michael Bland of Guardian Council

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9.8  
THURSDAY AT 7PM

### Bill Yenne Book Release

*When Tigers Ruled the Sky*

Bill Yenne's latest book is a compelling look at the men who comprised World War II fighter aircraft group, the Flying Tigers.

9.16  
FRIDAY AT 6PM

### Bookworms Middle Reader Book Group

Gennifer Choldenko with *Chasing Secrets*

RSVP REQUIRED: [tiny.cc/folioworms](http://tiny.cc/folioworms)

This month we'll be welcoming the awesome Gennifer Choldenko and her turn-of-the-18th-century San Francisco-based book, *Chasing Secrets*.

9.20  
TUESDAY AT 7PM

### Queer Words | A Quarterly Literary Salon

with Yuska Lutfi Tuanakotta, Aaron Shurin, and Julia Serano

A quarterly reading series which features books with queer content, poetry and prose, fiction and nonfiction, organized by Richard May.

9.22  
THURSDAY AT 7PM

### Swan Huntley Book Release

*We Could Be Beautiful*

Join California author and Columbia University alum, Swan Huntley, to celebrate the publication of her suspenseful debut novel.

9.28  
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

### Reading with Scott Morrison

*Terms of Use*

Journalist Scott Allan Morrison discusses his debut thriller *Terms of Use*, which explores how social media companies can manipulate voters.

9.30  
FRIDAY AT 6PM

### The Poems of Frank Lima with Garrett Caples and Julien Poirier

*Incidents of Travel in Poetry*

Editor of City Lights' Spotlight Series, Garrett Caples, and poet, Julien Poirier, present from their co-edited anthology.



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# CALENDAR

**Sept. 11:** Katie Sullivan Morford discusses *Rise and Shine: Better BREAKFASTS for Busy Mornings*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Sept. 12, 19 & 26:** The Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Conversation Club meets Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 13:** Artists' Television Access brings 16mm FILMS from its archives to the Noe Valley Library. 6:30 to 8 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

Sept. 13: PFLAG's monthly meeting has moved to the Women's Building at 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflags.org.

**Sept. 13:** Political analyst John Rothman discusses "Presidential Conventions in San Francisco" at the SF Museum and HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 7:30 pm. 455 Golden Gate. 537-1105, ext. 100; sfhistory.org.

**Sept. 14:** Alison Faith Levy performs "Sing Shalom!" for all ages. 4-5 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 14:** The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group meets from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

**Sept. 14:** The UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS group hosts a General Election Forum focusing on Propositions B, E, I, and RR. 7 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center auditorium, Day and Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

**Sept. 15:** Noe Valley filmmaker Barbara Klutinis discusses and screens *The Sum Total of Our Memory: Facing ALZHEIMER'S Together* at the Main Library. 6-7:30 pm. Latino/Hispanic Community Room, 100 Larkin. sfpl.org.

**Sept. 15:** COMEDY Returns to El Rio with Betsy Salkind, Richard Sarvate, Priyanka Wali, Nate Blanchard, and Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm. 3168 Mission. elriosf.com.

**Sept. 15-Oct. 26:** Creativity Explored hosts "Natural History," a group exhibit of ARTWORK inspired

by astronomy, geology, flora, and fauna. Reception Sept. 15, 7-9 pm; Mon.-Fri., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

**Sept. 16:** BOOKWORMS Club (ages 8 to 12) features Gennifer Choldenko, author of *Chasing Secrets*. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477 http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bookworms-club-tickets-25485102628.

**Sept. 16:** GAMES NIGHT at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church welcomes all ages; pizza, cookies, and age-appropriate beverages served. 6:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

**Sept. 16-18:** The sixth annual Legacy FILM FESTIVAL on Aging screens at the New People Cinema, 1746 Post. For a schedule: legacyfilmfestivalonaging.org.

**Sept. 17:** The Noe Valley Library celebrates its 100th ANNIVERSARY with a party featuring speeches, entertainment, and refreshments. Noon to 4 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

**Sept. 17:** Sign up for Castro Community On Patrol VOLUNTEER TRAINING. 1-4 pm. Location TBA. Register and get info at castropatrol.org/volunteers/sign\_up.

**Sept. 17:** The Noe Valley Ministry offers a SEMINAR, "Tending Your Relationship: Staying Connected While Parenting Your Kids." 1-4:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

**Sept. 17:** PARTY FOR THE PARKS is a fundraiser for the renovation of playgrounds throughout the city. Cocktail reception, 6-7:30 pm; dinner and dancing, 7:30-11 pm. The Playground at the Panhandle, Oak at Ashbury. 801-4164; meagan@sfparksalliance.org.

**Sept. 18:** Sally Love Saunders reads at the POETRY FESTIVAL at the Cultural Integration Fellowship. 12:30 pm. 2650 Fulton. 668-1559.

**Sept. 19:** Charlie's Corner celebrates

"Talk Like a PIRATE Day" during all story times. 10 am, noon, 3 & 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

**Sept. 20:** Take a candlelight LABYRINTH WALK at the Noe Valley Ministry from 6 to 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

**Sept. 20:** The quarterly literary salon QUEER WORDS features Yuska Lutfi Tuanakotta, Aaron Shurin, and Julia Serano. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477.

**Sept. 20:** Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane. 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

**Sept. 21:** HERCHURCH offers a Women's DRUMMING CIRCLE the third Wednesday of the month. 5:45-6:45 pm. 678 Portola.

**Sept. 21:** The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads *The Barbarian Nurseries* by Hector Tobar. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 21:** LIVE MUSIC continues at the Valley Tavern on third Wednesdays. 7-9:30 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

**Sept. 22:** Golden Gate Organics chef Etienne leads a workshop, "COOKING ORGANICALLY," at Olive This Olive That; \$20 fee. 6:30-8:30 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520.

**Sept. 22:** Swan Huntley introduces her debut NOVEL, *We Could Be Beautiful*. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Sept. 23-25:** The 73rd annual ST. PHILIP'S FESTIVAL features daytime fun and entertainment for all ages, and parish dinners on Friday and Saturday. Sat. & Sun., 10 am-6 pm. 665 Elizabeth. saintphilipfestival.org.

**Sept. 24:** The Older Women's League (OWL) discusses the "Ballot Round-Up for November 2016 ELECTIONS." 10 am-1 pm. Main Library, Hispanic Room on the lower level. 989-4422.

**Sept. 24:** The Glen Park Neighborhoods HISTORY PROJECT offers a tour, "Sunnyside History Walk: A Walk Down Mid-Century Monterey Boulevard." 11 am-1 pm. Meet at Edna and Monterey. Reserve a space at 584-1498 or glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

**Sept. 24:** Carolyn Phillips introduces *All Under Heaven: Recipes from the 35 CUISINES OF CHINA*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Sept. 25:** SF Tots and Oh Pisi host a free basketball and crafts PLAY DATE for ages 3 to 10. Toy activity kit prize (\$300) for classroom with the most kids participating. 9 am-1 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. RSVP http://ohpisi.com/play

**Sept. 27:** Charlie's Corner Bookstore hosts author Eric Hoffman discussing *In a Dark, Dark Cave*. 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

**Sept. 27:** MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

**Sept. 27:** Betty Veronico discusses "Lighthouses of the Bay Area" at the meeting of the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

**Sept. 28:** The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association holds a special breakfast meeting at NOE's NEST, courtesy of innkeeper Sheila Ash. 9 am. 1257 Guerrero. 641-8687 (NVMPA); 821-0751 (Noe's Nest).

**Sept. 28:** 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.

**Sept. 28:** Folio Books hosts Silicon Valley journalist Scott Allan Morrison discussing his new THRILLER, *Terms of Use*. 7 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Sept. 29:** Reel-to-Reel FILMS for

preschoolers are shown at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Sept. 29:** Steven Grasse discusses *COLONIAL SPIRITS: A Toast to Our Drunken History*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Sept. 30:** Co-editors Garrett Caples and Julien Poirier read from their new *FRANK LIMA* anthology, *Incidents of Travel in Poetry*. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Oct. 1:** Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC Classical Kids kicks off its season with the Friction Quartet, performing music by Beethoven and Lady Gaga. 10:30 am. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcn.org.

**Oct. 2:** The Grand Opening Gala for the 2016-17 season of *LIEDER ALIVE* features mezzo-soprano Kindra Scharich and pianist George Fee. 5 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. liederalive.org.

**Oct. 8:** A pet-networking corner (with prizes), gardening table, music, food, and history will highlight the DOLORES HEIGHTS Neighborhood Block Party, sponsored by the Dolores Heights Improvement Club. CarolynKenady@gmail.com; 408-218-3115;



**Fall Back**  
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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT OMNIVORE BOOKS

THU SEP 1	HANK SHAW • <i>BUCK, BUCK, MOOSE: RECIPES AND TECHNIQUES FOR COOKING DEER, ELK, MOOSE, ANTELOPE AND OTHER ANTLERED THINGS</i> • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE <i>Buck, Buck, Moose</i> is the first comprehensive, lushly photographed, full-color guide to working with and cooking all forms of venison.
THU SEP 8	MATTHEW BIANCANIELLO • <i>EAT YOUR DRINK: CULINARY COCKTAILS</i> • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • Matthew Biancaniello, the former cocktail chef for the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel's famous Library Bar, is creating cocktails the world has never tasted before—mixing it up with imaginative drinks such as "The Heirloom Tomato Mojito" and the "The Last Tango in Modena".
SUN SEP 11	KATIE SULLIVAN MORFORD • <i>RISE AND SHINE: BETTER BREAKFASTS FOR BUSY MORNINGS</i> • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE With 75 breakfast recipes that are entry-level-easy, with at least half requiring no more than five minutes of hands-on prep time, every delicious recipe is an exercise in good nutrition and good taste.
SAT SEP 24	CAROLYN PHILLIPS • <i>ALL UNDER HEAVEN: RECIPES FROM THE 35 CUISINES OF CHINA</i> • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE Vaulting from ancient taverns near the Yangtze River to banquet halls in modern Taipei, <i>All Under Heaven</i> is the first cookbook in English to examine all 35 cuisines of China.
TUE SEP 27	OFF-SITE EVENT! ROBERT SIMONSON • <i>A PROPER DRINK: THE UNTOLD STORY OF HOW A BAND OF BARTENDERS SAVED THE CIVILIZED DRINKING WORLD</i> . • PARTY AT BAR AGRICOLE WITH COCKTAILS AND SMALL PLATES! 6:00PM-9:00PM \$50. EventBrite Tickets: eventbrite.com/e/a-proper-drink-partyomnivore-books-tickets-27110701839
WED SEP 28	JULIA TURSHEN • <i>SMALL VICTORIES: RECIPES, ADVICE + HUNDREDS OF IDEAS FOR HOME COOKING TRIUMPHS</i> • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE, WITH GUEST INTERVIEWER SAMIN NOSRAT • The process of truly great home cooking is demystified via more than a hundred lessons called out as "small victories" in the funny, encouraging headnotes.
THU SEP 29	STEVEN GRASSE • <i>COLONIAL SPIRITS: A TOAST TO OUR DRUNKEN HISTORY</i> • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • In <i>Colonial Spirits</i> , Steven Grasse presents a historical manifesto on drinking, including 50 colonial era-inspired cocktail recipes.

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ADULT EVENTS

**Screen Time:** Take a class in using the Rosetta Stone eResource, which offers immersion learning in 30 languages, including English as a second language. Mobile apps available too. Saturday, Sept. 3, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**eReader “Drop In”:** Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN, and any passwords to an informal workshop on using the SFPL’s catalog and databases, Zinio, ebooks, and Hoopla! for movies, music, and audiobooks. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.

**Adult Craft Class:** Make a holiday wreath out of pages from recycled books—supplies will be provided by the library. Space is limited; call 415-355-5707 to register. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Friday Matinee:** Yul Brynner plays a mercenary hired to protect a Mexican farming village from its annual invasion by bandit Calvera (Eli Wallach) in the 1960 film *The Magnificent Seven*, shown at the library Friday, Sept. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

**ATA @ SFPL:** Artists’ Television Access (ATA) teams up with the SFPL to mine the “reel cinema” treasures in the library’s 16mm film archive. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**The Great Books Discussion Group,** sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco, meets to discuss and learn from outstanding works of writing. For more information contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

**Noe Valley Library’s 100th Anniversary Party:** Come celebrate the 100th birthday of the Noe Valley Library’s Andrew Carnegie building with theater, face-painting, speeches, giveaways, a raffle, a historic photo display, and a visit by the Spork and Stix food truck (the first 100 people to arrive will get free Asian-fusion cuisine). What’s Up Big Band performs at 1 p.m., followed by a radio dram at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, noon to 4 p.m.

**“The Adventures of S. Phaeton”:** A team of detectives led by sleuth S. Phaeton tries to solve the mystery of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library poltergeist, in a radio play by seniors at Castro Senior Center. Saturday, Sept. 17, 3 to 4 p.m.

**Noe Valley Book Discussion Group:** *The Barbarian Nurseries* by Hector Tobar is the topic for the September meeting of the Noe Valley Library’s book club. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Opera for the People:** Larry Oppenheim discusses Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s *Don Giovanni* using video excerpts from Cesare Siepi’s 1954 Salzburg Festival performance. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2 to 3 p.m.

BRANCH HOURS

<b>Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library</b> 451 Jersey St., 355-5707						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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<b>Glen Park Branch Library</b> 2825 Diamond St., 355-2858						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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<b>Mission Branch Library</b> 300 Bartlett St., 355-2800						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6
<b>Eureka Valley—Harvey Milk Branch Library</b> 1 José Sarria Ct. (3555 16th St.), 355-5616						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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MORE BOOKS TO READ

Noe Valley Library Celebrates a Century

With a grant from Andrew Carnegie, the San Francisco Public Library completed construction of the Noe Valley Library on Sept. 17, 1916, at a cost of \$45,499, including furnishings. Exactly 100 years later, the SFPL is celebrating the centennial with a party at the branch, at 451 Jersey St. Starting at noon Sept. 17, there will be face-painting, giveaways, a raffle, speeches, a historic photo display, and a visit from the Spork and Stix food truck (the first 100 people to arrive at the event will receive free lunch). At 1 p.m., the What’s Up Big Band will play live swing music, followed by an original radio drama performed by actors from the Castro Senior Center. Don’t miss this neighborhood event, which runs until 4 p.m.

Meantime, take a look at the latest arrivals at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library (see below). Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr have selected a variety of books, including a fictionalized account of the life and death of Mata Hari, a real biography of *Cosmopolitan* editor Helen Gurley Brown, and a sci-fi book about a boy living on Mars in the 1800s. The librarians also remind us: all city libraries will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day.

To check on the availability of books, movies, magazines, and other library materials, call 415-355-5707 or drop by the Noe Valley branch, or visit the San Francisco Library online at www.sfpl.org.

Adult Fiction

- Book editor Sam Clair searches London for a killer in *A Bed of Scorpions*, the latest mystery in a series by Judith Flanders.
- *Mata Hari’s Last Dance*, a novel by Michelle Moran, recounts the life of a Dutch exotic dancer—and possible spy for the Germans—in the early 20th century.
- Three generations of women in the Olyphant family face crises in the “wickedly funny” novel *The Inseparables*, by Stuart Nadler.
- *The Soho Press Book of 1980s Short Fiction*, edited by Dale Peck, features 34 writers, including Jamaica Kincaid, Mary Gaitskill, Gary Indiana, and Raymond Carver.

Adult Nonfiction

- The life of *Cosmopolitan* magazine’s groundbreaking editor is described in *Enter Helen: The Invention of Helen Gurley Brown and the Rise of the Modern Single Woman*, by Brooke Hauser.
- *Market Math: 50 Ingredients x 4 Recipes = 200 Simple, Creative Dishes* is a cookbook by the editors of *Food & Wine* magazine organized alphabetically by ingredients.
- Robert J. Gordon examines *The Rise and Fall of American Growth: The U.S. Standard of Living Since the Civil War*.

eBooks

- Audrey Johns makes a case for unprocessed food in *Lose Weight by Eating: 130 Amazing Clean-Eating Recipe Makeovers for Guilt-free Comfort Food*.
- *Hogs Wild: Selected Reporting Pieces* by Ian Frazier includes a decade’s worth of essays about the American experience.
- Melanie Benjamin’s novel *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* considers the friendship of writer Truman Capote and socialite Babe Paley during the 1950s.
- Journalist Kate Lord Brown sets out to discover the real story behind the movie *Casablanca*, in *The House of Dreams*.

DVDs

- In the PBS 2016 documentary *Operation Lighthouse Rescue*, engineers need to move a historic lighthouse on Martha’s Vineyard away from eroding cliffs.
- A teacher discovers a time portal to the

past, and attempts to thwart the Kennedy assassination in *11.22.63*, an eight-episode TV miniseries starring James Franco.

- Ridley Scott’s 2015 film *The Martian* stars Matt Damon as an astronaut stranded on Mars.
- The 2015 documentary *Sembene!* is a biography of African freedom fighter Ousmane Sembene, called the father of African cinema.

Children’s Fiction

- A young girl is ready for all the adventures she finds, except the big red slide, in *Ming Goes to School*, written by Deirdre Sullivan and illustrated by Maja Löfdahl. Ages 3 to 6.
- Magnolia learns an important lesson in *If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, DON’T!* written and illustrated by Elise Parsley. Ages 4 to 8.
- *Mr. Hulot at the Beach*, written and illustrated by David Merveille, is a picture book based on the film character created by French comic actor Jacques Tati. Ages 6 to 8.
- Five cousins try to outwit the mischievous spirits in *The Witches of Benvenuto: Mischief Season* by John Bemelmans Marciano, illustrated by Caldecott medalist Sophie Blackwall. Ages 8 to 10.
- A 9-year-old boy travels from Stockholm to Farawayland to find his real father in *Mio, My Son*, written by Astrid Lindgren and illustrated by Ilon Wikland; originally published in 1954. Ages 8 to 12.

• Set in Nepal, *What Elephants Know* by Eric Dinerstein revolves around young Nandu, who must find a bull elephant to save his family’s livelihood. Ages 8 to 12.

• When three best friends wake up and see baby chicks in the bathtub after *The Sleepover* (authored by Jen Malone), all they can remember is the magician they met the night before. Ages 9 to 13.

• A young boy living on Mars in 1816 tries to uncover the *Secrets of the Dragon Tomb*, by Patrick Samphire, with illustrations by Jeremy Holmes. Ages 10 to 14.

Children’s Nonfiction

- Questions both whimsical and practical are answered in *Can I Eat That?* by food critic Joshua David Stein, with illustrations by Julia Rothman. Ages 5 to 7.
- Pat Street and Eric Brace explain funny idioms in *You’re Pulling My*

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

**Alison Faith Levy Sings Shalom:** Popular SFPL performer Alison Faith Levy plays Jewish and Israeli songs, teaching a little Hebrew along the way and inviting everyone to “Sing Shalom!” Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4 to 5 p.m. All ages invited.

Join Miss Catherine for **Toddler Tales:** Books, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 16 months through 2 years and their caregivers. Sept. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Reel to Reel Preschool Films** are short, vintage movies geared to children 3 to 5 years. Thursday, Sept. 29 at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

FOR TEENS AND UP

**The AAC Conversation Club** explores new topics using alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) devices, including Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, Talk Bar, smartphones, and tablets. Mondays, Sept. 12, 19, and 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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

**Leg! 400 Human-Body Sayings From Head to Toe**, illustrated by Eric Brace. Ages 6 to 9.

• The history of architecture is examined in *The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond*, written by Patrick Dillon and illustrated by Stephen Biesty. Ages 9 to 12.

• *The Drawing Lesson: A Graphic Novel That Teaches You How to Draw*, by author/artist Mark Crilley, offers the fundamentals for ages 10 to 14.

*The annotations were penned by Voice bookworm Karol Barske*



**A Local Treasure.** The original library building at 451 Jersey St., designed by John Reid Jr., was erected in 1916. Following a renovation in 2008 by Carey and Co. Architecture, the branch was awarded the California Governor’s Historic Preservation Award. To celebrate the library’s 100 years in the neighborhood, the city will host a party at the branch on Saturday, Sept. 17, noon to 4 p.m. Old photo courtesy sfpl.org

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

**Chuck It!** by Michael Blake

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## and now for the RUMORS behind the news

### Back in the Saddle Again

By Mazook

**N**OE-WHERE MAN: Hope your summer was great, and all those friends from Back East have come and gone, as have you gone and come back. (My family went up to Mendocino.) Now we're all ready for the real Noe Valley summer, which should begin somewhere around Sept. 22, the Autumnal Equinox, and last about four weeks, ending on Halloween.

By Halloween, the Noe Valley Town Square should be ready for occupancy, the Noe Courts remodeling should be shaping up, and the Pokémon Go craze should have died down, meaning the crowds catching the cyber characters around the Jungle Stairs at 22nd and Diamond will have dispersed.

However, there will be no Harvest Festival on 24th Street this October. The festival website says, "We will be taking a break in 2016 due to neighborhood construction projects; please look for event details in 2017."

And there will be no re-opening or dismantling of the vacant Real Food Company store at 3939 24th St.

This Labor Day marks the 13th year since Real Food's employees tried to unionize and the store's owner, Utah-based Nutraceutical Corporation, up and closed the store "for remodeling." Soon after, Nutraceutical got involved in litigation with the landlord, which apparently resulted in a settlement whereby Nutra became the owner of the property (and responsible for \$50,000 a year in property taxes for an empty storefront). Two years ago, community meetings resulted in a plan to demolish the building and erect a new one with retail below and housing above, but that has gone noe-where. Some would say the lack of action is spiteful. I say: what a pity.

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**24TH STREET BLEAT:** Construction at the Bliss Bar site at 4026 24th St. (near Noe) goes on, but don't expect a Thai-noodle-with-full-bar-and-entertainment restaurant, which was the plan last year when permits were issued. The space will be completed and is currently being offered for lease by the owners. According to their real estate agent, Janice Lee of Coldwell Banker, the construction should be completed "within a year" and the space rented for approximately \$9,500 a month.

Still available is the space at the corner of 24th and Vicksburg vacated by Cradle of the Sun at the end of last year. Ryan Abel of

Blatteis Realty, who's now representing the owners, says a café, a nail salon, and a shoe store have all shown interest. The rent being asked is \$7,000 a month, says Abel. When the storefront first went on the market, the rumor was the landlord was asking \$8,000 a month.

As reported here in June, Buttons Candy Bar (4027 24th) is no longer feeling Good & Plenty and will close up shop after Halloween. But the fate of Buttons' shopmate, Video Wave, one of the world's last video stores, is still hanging in the balance. According to Video Wave co-owner Colin Hutton, the store is hoping to make a deal with the building owner to take over the whole space.

Sorry to see that Sept. 1 was Spring Pilates & Yoga's last day at 1414 Castro St. (near 25th). Regrettably, Spring was unable to come to an agreement with the building owner on the rent. In a notice sent to clients, Spring said it was looking to relocate the studio in the neighborhood. (Oh wait, the editor just learned that Spring found studio space at EHS Pilates, 1452 Valencia St. near 26th. Spring's class packages will be honored there, so that's a bit of good news.)

Also sorry to learn that See Jane Run has lost its lease and will be out of its storefront at 3910 24th St. by Sept. 30. "Everything has to go," says owner Lori Shannon, who's been selling fitness clothing and footwear in Noe Valley for 16 years. "We opened April 1st, 2000." That's a long stretch. Shannon is still hoping she can find a new Noe Valley location, but in case she comes up short, she thanks all her neighborhood customers "for being so good to us."

And as reported here (in April and May), GoHealth Urgent Care is applying for a permit to open on the ground floor of the new space created on 24th near Church next to Shoe Biz. The clinic will offer emergency medical services, and hopes to serve as an alternative to hospital ERs, at lower cost. The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, at their July meeting, voted to support GoHealth's request.

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**GARDEN OF EATIN':** La PanotiQ Bakery Cafe opened its doors at 4018 24th (formerly occupied by Global Exchange) on Aug. 19. The place serves croissants and an array of other pastries made on the premises, along with breakfast, lunch, and dinner, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day (Friday and Saturday they stay open till 9 p.m.). The coffee is Bicycle, and all the super fancy desserts are imported from France.

"We have had a great response from the neighborhood," says café manager Namoun Naran. "We have a full kitchen with a lot of items on our menu," such as salads, sandwiches, and combos thereof. She also mentioned that "beer and wine will be coming."

It was nice to see that La PanotiQ preserved the wonderful mosaic commissioned by Global Exchange.

Hamlet, the restaurant that opened several months ago on the corner of Church

and 24th, closed briefly during the month of August for a menu makeover. Owner John Dampeer (who also owns Caskhouse up the street) told the *Chronicle* he hoped to create a less expensive, more casual menu and a "hangout community center of sorts for everyone to share a few drinks and bites." Caskhouse chef Alex Gutierrez is lending his expertise to the Hamlet kitchen, which will serve dishes like Moroccan spiced vegetables, pork chile verde cazuela, seared red snapper, fried chicken, and a beer cheese burger (\$13 to \$16).

Going down to the end of Church Street, the big news was the eviction notice from the San Francisco Sheriff and the locks on the front door at Drewes Meat Market (1706 Church at 29th), now closed and out of business. A fixture in Upper Noe Valley since 1889, it had been most recently run by Joseph Napier, under the business name of E & J Fine Meats. The reason for the eviction: nonpayment of rent.

What will happen next is unclear. The property manager, Hong Zheng, says the space is for lease "as a retail space, and we are looking at finding [a tenant] who has a good business plan and is credit-worthy, and we would prefer to rent to a butcher, but that's only one choice."

It just seems wrong that after 127 years, meats, fish, or poultry will no longer be sold at this location. If no one steps up, the fixtures, refrigerators, etc., will be gone forever. Stay tuned.

All you fish fans might want to check out Sea Forager, a new CSF (community supported fishery) that delivers fresh seafood to local doorsteps. Kim Jguyen-Ehrenreich says she is a local host for pickups of seafood from the CSF. Sea Forager describes itself as "a community supported fishery that partners with local, small-scale fishermen using ethical fishing practices to provide sustainable and delicious seafood to passionate home cooks." Details can be found at [www.seaforager.com](http://www.seaforager.com).

Sorry to see that Tacolicious had to move its office and headquarters from Church Street near 27th Street. An employee said they had to vacate because the space was zoned for retail commercial use, not office.

Telmo Faria, a native of Portugal's Faial Island (one of the Azores), will open his restaurant Uma Casa, featuring Portuguese cuisine, at the end of October. Look for it at 1555 Church St. (at Duncan), in the space vacated by Incanto and its short-lived successor, Porcellino. The menu promises to include cod fritters, prawns Mozambique, piri piri chicken, and pork and clam stew.

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**WE LOCAL YOKELS** should check out a film called *The Royal Road* by Bernal Heights writer/director Jenni Olson. It will be out in DVD in September (and available at Video Wave). The filmmaker says there are some good shots of Noe Valley and that "*Royal Road* offers up intimate reflections on nostalgia, the pursuit of unavailable women, butch identity, and Alfred Hitch-

cock's *Vertigo* alongside a primer of Junipero Serra's Spanish colonization of California and the Mexican-American War." The film, which premiered at Sundance, has gotten great reviews and sounds very Noe-Bernal-Castro.

Also very Noe-ish was the casting call this summer for Noe Valley dogs for a photo shoot. Beverly the Pooch Coach (Bev Ulbrich, from the south end of our 'hood) gave a shout-out: "I'm casting dogs for DOGTV, filming for the next month or so. We will be filming in Noe Valley and various other locations around SF, so if your dog likes to play, walk, or just sit and pose, contact me and let's get your little star on film." Let us know if your dog made the cut.

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**YOU'RE THE BEST:** Kudos go out to the 30th Street Senior Center, which was selected to receive a \$50,000 grant as part of the AT&T/SF Giants' Community All-Stars program for non-profit organizations. The center was honored at the ball park on Aug. 17 with a home-plate ceremony and dinner reception.

Congratulations also go out to Community Boards in the Mission and Precita Eyes Muralists in Bernal Heights for being among the first nine businesses to be selected by the SF Small Business Commission for the city's Legacy Business Registry, an idea approved by the voters in 2015. To qualify for consideration, a business must be at least 30 years old and contribute to the city's identity or history. Founded in 1976, Community Boards offers neighborly dispute-resolution services. Also picked among the first group were Pacific Café, Lone Star Saloon, and the Toy Boat Dessert Café on Clement.

Congrats also go out to Cliché Noe Gifts (on 24th near Diamond), which has been selected for the 2016 Best Businesses of San Francisco Award in the gift shops category by the Best Business of San Francisco award program.

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**THE WILD BLUE YONDER:** Noe Valley author Bill Yenne has been chosen by the Air Force Association to receive the 2016 Gill Robb Wilson Award for the "most outstanding contribution in the field of arts and letters." Yenne says he was commended "on my work of over two dozen airpower-themed books and for years of effort shaping how many people understand and appreciate airpower."

And finally, it is nice to see that the free Noe Valley Book Exchange, which resides in two of the otherwise unused news racks on the corner of Sanchez and 24th, is very busy these days. Volumes of books, for both adults and kids, are exchanged often and new titles appear regularly.

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THAT'S ALL the musings fit to print. See you next time. Ciao for now. ■



**2016 Merchants Awards:** On May 26, Supervisor Scott Wiener presented Board of Supervisors Certificates of Honor to Noe Valley merchants and professionals at a Small Business Week awards ceremony hosted by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association at Wells Fargo Bank on 24th Street. Shown left to right are Rami Balat (Subs, Inc.), Dani Sheehan-Meyer (Cliché Noe + Gifts), Nicole Russo (Russo Music), Anne Gyemant Paris (Gyemant Paris Law), Debra Niemann (Noe Valley Association), Richard Norvelle (Community Award), Nisha Krishnaiah (Aesthetic Dentistry of Noe Valley), Supervisor Wiener, Guadalupe Perez (Community Award), Bob Roddick (Noe Valley Law), Bill Hoover (Gallery of Jewels), Dona Taylor (Gallery of Jewels), Josh Friedman (Josh Friedman Luxury Travel), and Mousa Khouri (St. Clair's). Congratulations and thank you!

Photo courtesy Bill Yenne

## MORE GROUPS TO JOIN

**Al-Anon Noe Valley**  
 Contact: 834-9940  
 Website: [www.al-anonsf.org](http://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 Area Planning + Action**  
 Contact: 621-0120  
 Email: [info@capasf.org](mailto:info@capasf.org)  
 Meetings: Second Thursday, Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood St., 7:30 p.m.

**Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association**  
 Website: [www.evna.org](http://www.evna.org)  
 Address: P.O. Box 14137, SF, CA 94114  
 Meetings: See website calendar. Castro Meeting Room, 501 Castro St., 7 p.m.

**Castro Farmers' Market**  
 Wednesdays, 4 to 8 p.m. (March through December), Noe Street at Market Street  
 Contact: Steve Adams, 431-2359  
 Sponsor: Merchants of Upper Market & Castro; [www.CastroMerchants.com](http://www.CastroMerchants.com)

**Diamond Heights Community Association**  
 Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774  
 Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131  
 Website: [www.dhcasf.org](http://www.dhcasf.org)  
 Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

**Dolores Heights Improvement Club**  
 Email: [info@doloresheights.org](mailto:info@doloresheights.org)  
 Website: [www.doloresheights.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.billygoathill.net)

**Friends of Dolores Park Playground**  
 Contact: Nancy Gonzalez Madynski, 828-5772  
 Email: [friendsofdolorespark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdolorespark@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.friendsofdolorespark.org](http://www.friendsofdolorespark.org)  
 Meetings: See website.

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

**Friends of Noe Courts Playground**  
 Contact: Laura Norman  
 Email: [lauranor@yahoo.com](mailto:lauranor@yahoo.com)  
 Address: c/o Friends of Noe Valley, 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](mailto:info@friendsofnoevalley.com)  
 Website: [www.friendsofnoevalley.com](http://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**  
 Contact: Chris Faust  
 Email: [info@noevalleyreccenter.com](mailto:info@noevalleyreccenter.com)  
 Website: [www.noevalleyreccenter.com](http://www.noevalleyreccenter.com)  
 Meetings: Email or check website.

**Friends of On Lok's 30th Street Senior Center**  
 Contact: Marianne Hampton, 601-7845  
 Address: 225 30th St., SF, CA 94131  
 Meetings: Occasional. Call for details.

**Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUNDOG)**  
 Contacts: Chris Faust, David Emanuel  
 Email: [info@fundogsf.org](mailto:info@fundogsf.org)  
 Website: [www.fundogsf.org](http://www.fundogsf.org)

**Glen Park Association**  
 Contact: [info@glenparkassociation.org](mailto:info@glenparkassociation.org)  
 Website: [glenparkassociation.org](http://glenparkassociation.org)  
 Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131

**Juri Commoners**  
 Contact: Dave Schweisguth, M17-6290  
 Email: [dave@schweisguth.org](mailto:dave@schweisguth.org)  
 Website: [www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners](http://www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners)  
 Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noon. Check website.

**Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association**  
 Contact: John Barbey, 695-0990  
 Address: P.O. Box 192114, SF, CA 94119  
 Meetings: Quarterly. Call for details.

**Merchants of Upper Market and Castro**  
 Contact: 835-8720  
 Email: [info@castromerchants.com](mailto:info@castromerchants.com)  
 Address: 584 Castro St. #333, SF, CA 94114  
 Meetings: Call for details.

**Noe Neighborhood Council**  
 (formerly Protect Noe's Charm)  
 Contact: Ozzie Rohm  
 Email: [ozzierohm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ozzierohm@sbcglobal.net)  
 Address: 1101 Diamond St., SF, CA 94114  
 Website: [NoeNeighborhoodCouncil.com](http://NoeNeighborhoodCouncil.com)  
 Meetings: See website.

**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](mailto:info@noevalleyassociation.org)  
 Website: [www.noevalleyassociation.org](http://www.noevalleyassociation.org)  
 Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

**Noe Valley Democratic Club**  
 Contact: Hunter Stern, 282-9042; [hls5@ibew1245.com](mailto:hls5@ibew1245.com)  
 Website: [noevalleydems.com](http://noevalleydems.com)  
 Meetings: Third Wednesdays, St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St., 7:30 p.m. Call to confirm meeting dates.

**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](mailto:info@noevalleyfarmersmarket.com)

**Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)**  
 Contact: Robert Roddick, 641-8687

Meetings: Last Wednesdays, Old Republic, 4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.  
 Website: [www.NoeValleyMerchants.com](http://www.NoeValleyMerchants.com)

**Progress Noe Valley**  
 Contact: [progressnoe@gmail.com](mailto:progressnoe@gmail.com)  
 Website: [progressnoe.com](http://progressnoe.com)  
 Meetings announced via Facebook group. See website for details.

**San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)**  
 Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-coordinators Maxine Fasulis, [mfasulis@yahoo.com](mailto:mfasulis@yahoo.com); Carole Roberts, [carole\\_roberts@faludi.com](mailto:carole_roberts@faludi.com)  
<http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879>  
 Meetings: See website for training schedules.

**Noe Valley Parent Network**  
 An e-mail resource network for parents  
 Contact: Mina Kenvin  
 Email: [minaken@gmail.com](mailto:minaken@gmail.com)

**Noe Valley Parents, San Francisco**  
 Listserv contact: [noevalleyparent-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:noevalleyparent-owner@yahoo.com). Subscribe: [noevalleyparentsubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:noevalleyparentsubscribe@yahoo.com)

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

**Residents for Noe Valley Town Square**  
 Contact: Todd David, 401-0625  
 Email: [noevalleytownsquare@gmail.com](mailto:noevalleytownsquare@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.noevalleytownsquare.com](http://www.noevalleytownsquare.com)  
 Meetings: Call for details.

**San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets**  
 Contact: Don Oshiro, 285-8188  
 Email: [contact@sanjoseguerrero.com](mailto:contact@sanjoseguerrero.com)  
 Website: [www.sanjoseguerrero.com](http://www.sanjoseguerrero.com)  
 Meetings: See website.

**SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores**  
 Contact: Gideon Kramer, 861-2480  
 Email: [safecleangreen@bigfoot.com](mailto:safecleangreen@bigfoot.com)  
 Website: [www.safecleangreen.com](http://www.safecleangreen.com)

**Upper Noe Neighbors**  
 Contact: Marianne Hampton, 821-2150  
 Email: [president@uppernoeneighbors.com](mailto:president@uppernoeneighbors.com)  
 Meetings: Quarterly. Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day St., 7:30 p.m. Call to confirm date and time.

\*All phone numbers are in the 415 area code.



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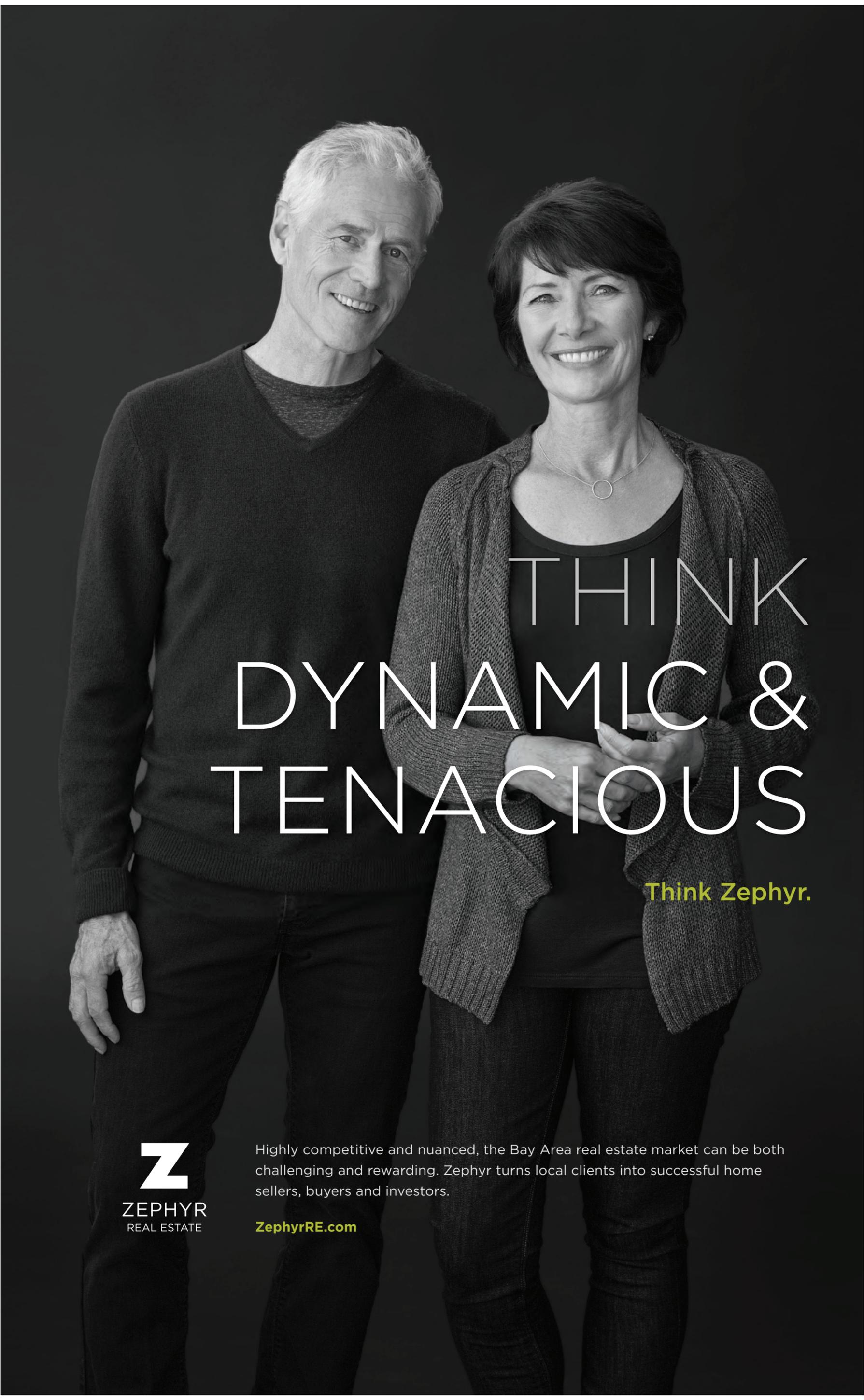


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