



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Farmers Market Harvests Success

Neighbors Celebrate a Decade of Good Eating

By Tim Innes

“I never, ever, ever, ever dreamed we’d still be here,” says Noe Valley Farmers Market co-founder Leslie Crawford. But as it approaches its 10th anniversary, Dec. 6, the Saturday market is not only still here, but bigger and more popular than ever.

It will observe the anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 7, with cake, music, and a remembrance of Blake Egoian, son of longtime vendors Carol and Jim Egoian of Twin Girls Farm. Blake, then 16, died in a traffic accident Dec. 6, 2008—by chance the market’s fifth anniversary.

From its modest launch with just six vendors, the market has mushroomed into a weekly community event, with 22 vendors and a performance space squeezed into a 24th Street parking lot. The market, which runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., regularly draws 2,000 people. On Nov. 9, a record 2,300 visitors—yes, a volunteer counts everyone entering the market—crowded in to shop for produce, meat, and bread; snack on samosas and enchiladas; and groove to live music while catching up on neighborhood gossip.

The idea for a farmers market sprouted after Real Food Company, Noe Valley’s only natural food store, closed abruptly



Bountiful Bazaar. The Noe Valley Farmers Market will soon enter its eleventh year of providing fresh produce, live music, and a festival atmosphere on 24th Street. On a Saturday in November, the market set a record of 2,300 visitors. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

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Park May Lose Its Tennis Court, Or Maybe Not

Residents Review 3 New Plans, But No Clear Winner

By Heather World

It’s match point. Now that four community meetings on a planned renovation of Noe Courts have been completed, park officials will craft a design to be presented to the Recreation and Park Commission in February.

However, their task won’t be easy.

At issue during many rounds of discussion has been whether the small park at 24th and Douglass streets will keep its tennis court and how the grassy area will be divided between dog-friendly and no-dog zones. No one has challenged the retention of the basketball court or the remodeling of the bathrooms, and the children’s playground is not subject to change.

At the last public meeting, held Nov. 13 at St. Philip’s Parish Hall, about 75 neighbors gathered to see three new designs drawn up by landscape architect Lizzy Hirsch from the Department of Public Works.

“The options without the tennis courts were the most popular at the first meetings, so we built on that,” said Hirsch.

Two options eliminated the tennis court. The first called for a 2- to 3-foot-high wall with some built-in seating to keep dogs in a swath running from the northeast corner to the south entrance of the park. A grassy area closed to dogs

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UC&P with Twitter’s Karen Wickre

‘Word Wrangler’ Live-Chats About Her Work, Art, and Neighborhood

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

Check out Karen Wickre’s profile on LinkedIn and you’ll discover that executives from Facebook and the acclaimed TED Conference consider our Noe Valley neighbor “the most connected

woman in Silicon Valley.”

Wickre, 62, a lifelong editor and writer, or as she likes to call herself, a “word wrangler,” currently has the coveted job of editorial director at Twitter, overseeing the now post-IPO company’s voice in all public communications. What William Shawn was to old media’s *New Yorker*—a publication famous for its 10,000-word

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What Does Gentrification Look Like?

Artist Stan Heller Wants to Show Us

By Corrie M. Anders

Stan Heller has lived in Noe Valley for 30-plus years and watched its transformation from a blue-collar enclave to a neighborhood where few but the wealthy need apply.

Today’s high rents, million-dollar houses, and boutiques selling sweaters with \$800 price tags have squeezed many lower-income families and seniors out of the community—and Heller fears he may soon be among the displaced.

To expose what he sees as a rise in evictions caused by gentrification, the Church Street artist has mounted a photo exhibit capturing “the faces and stories of long-term San Francisco residents caught in the current real estate frenzy.”

The show, titled “This Is Not My Beautiful House,” opens Dec. 3 and runs for six weeks at Borderlands Cafe, 870 Valencia St. at 20th Street. The title is a line from the 1981 Talking Heads song “Once in a Lifetime.”

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Reading and Tweeting. When she’s not spending 12-hour days harmonizing Twitter’s PR voice, Karen Wickre is enjoying the nest she’s created in “Baja Noe Valley.” *Photo by Beverly Tharp*



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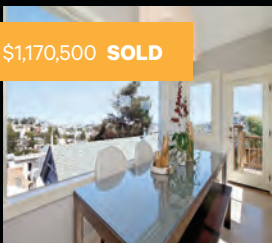
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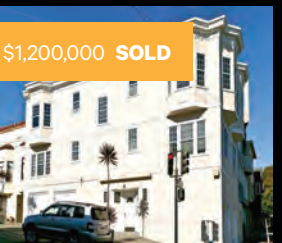
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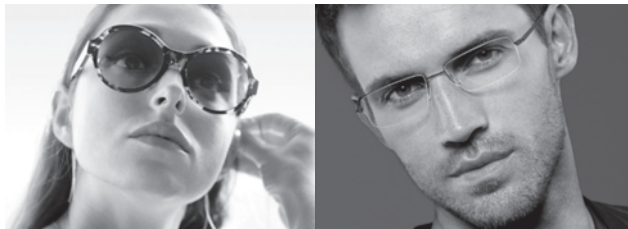
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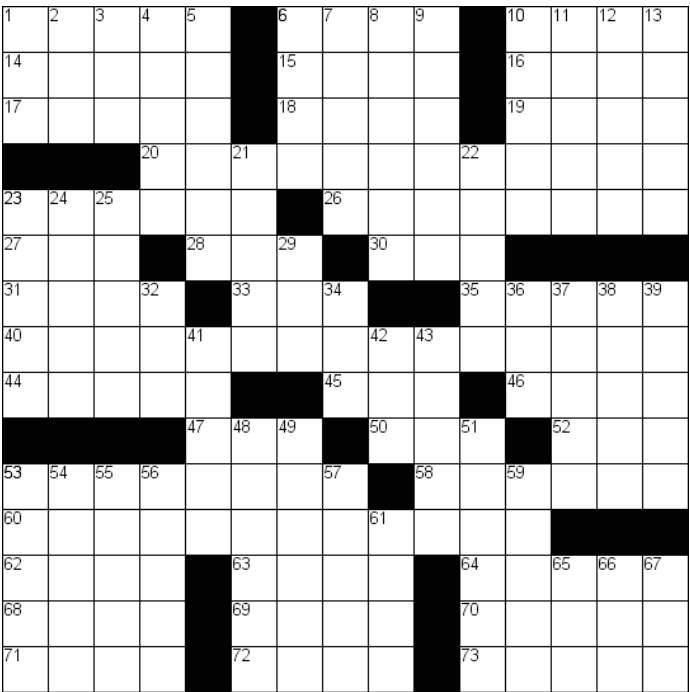
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6. “¿Qué ___?” (“Wassup?” in Huatulco)
10. Allows to ripen
14. Defeatist’s words
15. Bye lines?
16. Actress Taylor of *Six Feet Under*
17. \$1 million Noe Valley buy (if you’re lucky)
18. ___ et Chandon (Champagne)
19. Calc prerequisite
20. How smoking may be hazardous, per the Surgeon General
23. Actress Kidman
26. Christmas store-window feature at Noe Valley Bakery
27. Baseball-bat lumber
28. He’s “got the good news” in a *Voice* ad
30. Had a bite
31. *To Live and Die* ___: 1985 film
33. 2010 film with a 2013 sequel
35. Answer to “Who’s there?”
40. “Don’t think I’m not watching, youngster!”
44. Cook, as clams
45. Senator Leland
46. *Billy* ___ (Melville novel)
47. Clairvoyance, for short
50. *Brokeback Mountain* director Lee
52. NYC airport
53. Like Pixar films
58. What the 18th Street restaurant Yamo lacks
60. Symptom of rainy-day motorcycling without goggles?
62. Banana discard
63. Grp. once dominated by Annika Sorenstam
64. Adhesive mixed right before use



68. Twitter CEO Williams who moved to Noe Valley in 2009
69. Tiger’s ex
70. Buying binge
71. 1996 candidate Bob
72. Already in the mail
73. 24th Street or Church Street eatery, or what you get when you combine 1-Across with 20-, 40-, or 60-Across
- in
9. “Well, wouldja look ___!”
10. Palo ___ (resident near Stanford)
11. Lassies
12. Cream of the crop
13. What a tourist comes to see?
21. Ache (for)
22. Old MacDonald refrain
23. Church Street ___ (mani-pedi spa)
24. “This Film ___ Yet Rated”
25. Eponym for a Church Street restaurant
29. Actress Ryan
32. Abbr. before an alias
34. Street between 29th and 30th
36. Option at Elisa’s
37. Crossbones’ partner
38. Moose’s girlfriend, in *Archie* comics
39. Icelandic epics
41. “To put it more clearly...”
42. Lovejoy’s specialty
43. *Fiddler on the Roof* matchmaker
48. Does a Green Twig Salon job
49. *Us Weekly* rival
51. Superlative awarded to Salt Lake City, not SF, in 2013
53. Excited, slangily, with “up”
54. Ano ___ State Park: place to see elephant seals
55. Absolutely perfect
56. Eeyore’s creator
57. Prepared for a long fight
59. Buca di ___: family-style restaurant
61. Rave’s partner
65. “... man ___ mouse?”
66. Marks a ballot
67. So far

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LETTERS

Fellini Parade to OLLI

Editor:

Who are all of these silver-haired Noe Valley residents, moving to the beat of a Fellini parade, rushing toward the bus stop? Are they catching a bus to Silicon Valley? No, they're students about to board a Muni bus. Are they going downtown to shop? No, they're headed for the sixth floor of 835 Market St., to attend classes at San Francisco State University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

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23rd Street

Something Wrong

Editor:

Nov. 9, the anniversary of Kristallnacht in Germany and parts of Austria, I picked up the latest *Noe Valley Voice* and was surprised to find the poem by Tom Peck condemning our district supervisor, Scott Wiener, for worshipping "greed." Mr. Peck is entitled to his opinion. I have no problem with his opinion expressed in a letter to the editor, but I must take umbrage with a poem prominently displayed on page 7.

There are some of us, myself included, who don't think that people sleeping in streets and rummaging through refuse receptacles is something that we wish to support and defend. How dare the *Noe Valley Voice*, a newspaper that I have read for a long time and for which I have tremendous respect, print such an anti-Semitic piece of trash? Is it fair to call Scott Wiener "greedy"? If it is, then I say it's fair to call Mr. Peck a virulent anti-Semite and suggest that there is something terribly wrong with your policy on printing poetry.

John Holland
Noe Valley resident

Editor's Note: Mr. Peck sent his poem as a letter to the editor. We printed it in our Letters section.



IN MEMORY

Kathleen Albert— Her Compassion Lives On in Her Students

By Steve Steinberg

Kathleen Albert, who for 23 years ran With Care preschool, a place where concern for others was a guiding force, has died. Albert passed away on Sept. 10, after suffering a fall outside her Fair Oaks Street home. She was 68.

The school's founder and sole teacher, Albert conducted classes in the lower level of her home, enrolling up to seven children at a time, from infants to 6-year-olds.

"It was a wonderful place," said Bernal Heights resident Jennifer Keith of the school's atmosphere. "You wanted to go there yourself and spend the day rather than go to work."

Albert believed that children were never too young to acquire academic skills. Keith recalls that her now 20-year-old son, Calvin, was "really reading" at age 5, thanks to Albert's emphasis on the basics. Students also learned how to hold



Kathleen Albert poses with her best pal Csilla.
Photo courtesy Erica Craven-Green

their pencils properly and how to count to 100, among other accomplishments, said Keith.

"Kids who graduated her program were head and shoulders academically above other children," noted Erica Craven-Green, a Miraloma resident, whose son, Oscar, attended Albert's school for three and a half years.

Albert wanted to make sure her charges didn't start grade school with any learning disabilities. To that end, she brought in an educational professional each year to diagnose any potential speech and language problems so that parents could take early remedial action.

Albert also "taught" the parents how they could be better parents. "She was always one step ahead of my husband and me in terms of what we needed to do as parents," said Brittany Imwalle, a Fair Oaks Street resident whose two daughters, Elise and Abigail, attended With Care.

Parents were expected to work as a team with Albert and uphold her standards. "She had her rules, and you had to follow them, especially as concerned the child's behavior," said Keith.

But what really distinguished With Care from other preschools, according to parents, was the emphasis that Albert placed on community awareness and compassion for the less fortunate.

Besides teaching the children to be kind and caring toward one another, Albert would help them express their feelings about such social issues as hunger and homelessness. In the spring of each year, the older children would decide on a fundraising project. Some years, it might be collecting money for a food bank. Other times, they might raise funds to promote wildlife conservation. "It's amazing what those kids could accomplish," said Keith.

This year, after hearing about the plight of homeless children living in shelters, the children decided to set up a lemonade stand to raise money for Project Night Night, a San Francisco organization that provides stuffed toys, books, and blankets to children living in homeless shelters.

"When Kathleen first called me about the lemonade stand, I said to myself, 'Okay, that's nice,'" recounts Kendra Robins, founder of Project Night Night. To Robins' astonishment, the With Care lemonade stand raised \$13,600 in just four months. Police and fire trucks would

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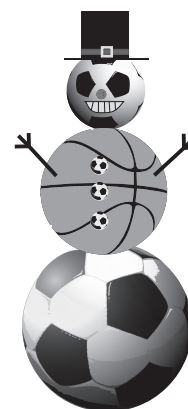
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over Labor Day weekend 2003, laying off all its employees. The owner, Utah-based Nutraceutical Corporation, claimed it shuttered the store, at 3939 24th St., to do a remodeling. Workers alleged the closure and firings were because of union activity, a position later upheld by the National Labor Relations Board.

Missing their favorite market and outraged by the firings, Crawford says she and a group of neighbors, including Peter Gabel, Paula Benton, Steve Powell, and Kim Rohrbach, decided it was time “to take back the food.”

A town hall meeting at the Noe Valley Ministry drew nearly 200 people, many of them indignant over Nutraceutical’s perceived contempt for the community and Real Food’s 30 employees. From that and subsequent meetings, a consensus was reached that the best way to respond would be to start a market in Noe Valley. “It wasn’t just about healthy food,” says Gabel, a longtime resident of Elizabeth Street. “It was a matter of social justice and building community.”

Blossoming Without Flowers

Crawford admits the group was naive about what it would take to establish a farmers market, but “that might have been a good thing. We weren’t daunted by predictions that it could take a year to get up and running.”

With help from Benton and Rohrbach, who had worked at Real Food, Crawford recruited six vendors—Happy Boy Farms, Knoll Organic Farms, Malik Ranch, Marshall’s Farm Honey, Mellow’s Nursery & Farms, and Orchard Farms—for the market. Benton, with a major assist from then-Supervisor Bevan Dufty, secured state and local permits. “He was huge,” says Powell of Dufty.

Provisionally, the Noe Valley Ministry made available a corner of its new parking lot at 3865 24th St., between Vicksburg and Sanchez. “We were lucky to have the enthusiastic support of this very progressive church,” says Gabel.

The market wasn’t universally embraced at first. Many merchants were concerned about a loss of parking and increased traffic in the already congested commercial area. Why not hold it at James Lick Middle School? they asked.

Others were worried that the market would hurt their business.

“We’ve always tried to strike a balance,” says Crawford, a 24th Street resident. “We don’t want to be in competition with local businesses, which is one reason we don’t allow the sale of fresh flowers or coffee.”

Within weeks, the number of vendors had doubled and the market was drawing 1,000 or more visitors each Saturday. The sidewalks along 24th Street teemed with shoppers lugging bags of winter squash, rainbow chard, apples, pears, and persimmons. “I thought we’d succeed once we got going,” says Gabel.

The only independent farmers market in San Francisco, the operation is overseen by a six-member community board. There’s just one paid employee, Eureka Street resident Elizabeth Crane, the manager since 2004. She’s assisted by volunteers who help with the setup, recycling, and cleanup. A greeter, besides counting visitors, enforces the no-dogs rule.

There’s a waiting list for spaces, which cost a minimum of \$40 a week to rent. The income pays Crane’s salary and rent to the Recreation and Park Department, which purchased the parking lot earlier this year for the Noe Valley Town Square. Surplus funds help to support community projects, such as James Lick’s community garden and Curry Without Worry, a nonprofit that feeds the hungry in Nepal and San Francisco.

Music in the Air

As at most farmers markets, music is an integral part of the experience. But unlike many others, where the musicians are buskers who set up on the periphery, the Noe Valley performances are scheduled.

For the last five years, that task has fallen to longtime volunteer and board member Richard Hildreth, who also produced a CD showcasing 16 of the market’s regular performers as a fundraiser for the Noe Valley Town Square.

“Initially, the music was pretty much what you’d expect—bluegrass, country, folk,” says Hildreth, who lives on 24th Street. “I like to mix it up—I have catholic-with-a-small-c tastes. I also want to encourage young musicians, and get children who are brought to the market involved. It’s really important for young folks to realize that real people make music, and they can make music, too.”

“On the other hand, I don’t want to dumb it down,” he says. “I don’t want the adults to run away screaming.”



Jim and Carol Egoian, managers of the Twin Girls stand, are among the 22 vendors who now crowd into the Saturday market, on 24th near Vicksburg Street. Photos by Pamela Gerard

He needn’t worry. With the likes of Kif Bender, a 13-year-old Noe Valley singer-songwriter who wowed the crowd Nov. 30, or the She’s, a four-girl San Francisco punk and surf-rock band who played Nov. 23, the reaction is usually whoops of delight.

For the anniversary celebration, Hildreth has lined up Lila Coley, 16-year-old singer-songwriter from the neighborhood who’ll be making her NVFM debut at 8:30 a.m.; Rusty Stringfield, a bluegrass band that will play from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; and the Almond Brothers, with Zak Mandel-Romann of Tumbleweed Wanderers, and Sam Faustine, a native Noean, who’ll play from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hildreth, who is always on the lookout for new acts, invites musicians to send him a demo for consideration. He can’t pay them, but performers get to keep all tips and proceeds from the sale of CDs, T-shirts, and other memorabilia.

Produce From Fresno

While music is certainly a draw, the fruit of farmers’ labors is still the main attraction. Among the oldest and largest vendors is Twin Girls Farm. This time of year, the stand tempts shoppers with organic pomegranates, persimmons, oranges, lemons, pomelos, and jujubes grown on the farm’s 518-acre spread on the Fresno-Tulare county line.

The farm is owned and operated by Ignacio (Nacho) and Casamira (Cassi) Sanchez and named after their 22-year-

old daughters, Christyna and Serena. During hot-weather months, Twin Girls’ customers might find apricots, peaches, grapes, kiwis, plums, and pluots.

Their stand is run by members of the Egoian family, who live a mile down the road from the Sanchezes.

On a recent Saturday, Jim Egoian extracted the seeds from a crate of pomegranates, while his wife Carol, daughter Whitney, and son Cole handed out samples, chatted with shoppers, and rang up sales.

“We’ve been coming here for nine years,” says Jim Egoian, a bear of a man with a bushy gray beard and mustache. “It’s a great place, our favorite.”

Family Sacrifices

The Egoians make two 440-mile round trips a week between their home in Reedley, near Fresno, and the Bay Area. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, they hit markets in San Rafael and San Francisco’s Mission District. On Saturdays and Sundays, they’re in Noe Valley and Oakland’s Montclair neighborhood. They spend their layovers with relatives and friends or in hotels.

“We’re on the road at least 18 hours a week,” says Jim Egoian. “Depending on traffic, we can make the trip in four hours. On Sundays when the Raiders play, it can take up to seven hours to get home.”

He says that while their Ford diesel pickup is comfortable, the trip can be stressful. “Fully loaded with fruit and gear, the truck weighs 18,000 pounds. You’ve got to pay attention, not let your mind wander.”

Jim Egoian says he and his family are grateful for the tribute to his son, who was on his way to a service for a classmate who had died in a crash when he, himself, was killed.

“Blake always pitched in,” Jim Egoian says. “He’d come up with us on weekends and work at the stand and then help with the cleanup. It’s hard, it’s changed our lives. Still, though he may not be here physically, we feel his presence. He’s always in our hearts.”

As the market enters its second decade, it faces new opportunities—and challenges. The most significant will be development of the town square, which will force the market to relocate temporarily during construction. But that’s still a year or two off, says Crawford, who’s also been active in the local committee raising money for the square. “We’ve applied for a state grant to develop the site and should hear from them soon.”

In the meantime, the Noe Valley Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 415-248-1332. If you are interested in volunteering, email volunteer@noevalleyfarmersmarket.com. ■



Hail the Food Court: Here are some of the neighbors who planted the seeds and continue to cultivate the Noe Valley Farmers Market (from left): Peter Gabel, Steve Powell, Elizabeth Crane, Mark Brown (in back), Patrick Monk (with pumpkin), John Friedman, Leslie Crawford with daughter Molly Fox, and Erica Sweetman.

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Longtime Noe Valley resident Stan Heller's show on the fallout from the city's current "real estate frenzy" will include portraits such as this one, of an artist who faces eviction from his apartment in Alamo Square. Photo by Stan Heller

Images of Gentrification

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He says the lyric fits his situation. The 65-year-old resident has called Noe Valley home since arriving here from Denver in 1982. For the past 26 years, he has lived in a rent-controlled flat one block off 24th Street, with his wife Kathleen Drew, a grants administrator at UCSF.

The couple raised their three children in Noe Valley: Sam, who now lives in Seattle, and twin daughters Rebecca, who works for a San Francisco law firm, and Sophia, a Starbucks barista who still lives at home.

An independent systems analyst contractor when he can find work, Heller says his landlord has informed the family that their building needs a seismic retrofit and that they'll have to move out during the earthquake improvements.

Legally, tenants have the right to return once capital improvements are completed—and at the same rent. However, the landlord can petition the rent board to request that tenants pay up to 50 percent of the improvements cost.

Heller says he doesn't know if he and his wife can afford the costs the disruption might cause. Nor can they afford to buy a home in the neighborhood. Noe Valley houses that were relatively inexpensive when he moved into the neighborhood three decades ago are now out of

reach, with an average sales price hovering around \$1.5 million.

Collateral Damage

Heller says some people may feel that the couple were improvident in their younger days.

"There are those who say, if you had saved your money and said your prayers, you wouldn't be in this situation, but the world doesn't work like that," he says. "If I didn't have children, I'd be a very wealthy man. But that's where we decided to put our money. We were more interested in raising a family than putting it into real estate. Looking back, we might have been smarter about it, but I'll stand by the decisions I've made in life."

If they are forced to move, Heller says, they will perhaps relocate to Santa Rosa, the East Bay, or move out of the state altogether. But pulling up stakes would mean more than just the loss of physical place.

"We're fixtures in the neighborhood. We've built 20 years of friendships," he says, noting that nothing could replace the interactions with neighbors he has befriended, chats with longtime shopkeepers, and even cordial banter with panhandlers he has come to know.

The neighbors especially are invaluable. "I've helped them carry their groceries in. They've taken care of things for me. We've shared a life together," he says. "How do you financially compensate me for sharing the life that I've lived with these people? Do you think money



In anticipation that he will have to move soon, Stan Heller has started to sell off some of the family's belongings. Here he sits in front of his flat on Church Street. Photo by Kathleen Drew

cuts it, or even comes close?"

Gentrification painfully disrupts communities, Heller says.

"I'm not saying there shouldn't be any gentrification, but this mad push, this hyper-gentrification of the last couple of years is all about making cash, and there's no concept of the collateral damage to communities. There is more to a community than real estate."

Stories in Black and White

The exhibit at Borderlands will feature black-and-white photographs of people who have been affected in some way by changes caused by gentrification. The accompanying text will tell their story, in both Heller's and their own words.

Heller's own story will be included in the show, as will interviews with neighbors, longtime residents, displaced people, tech professionals, and even newcomers to the neighborhood.

"A community is built over time by residents," says Heller, noting that his show "applies as much to the people

moving in as well as the people moving out."

Heller, who has worked for a number of Silicon Valley firms, including Sun Microsystems, has been involved in the art world most of his adult life. He was a director-producer of a small theater in Denver during the late 1970s and, in San Francisco, has concentrated on his photography and 3D comic art work.

His collections have been exhibited at several venues, including the San Mateo City Hall, Mission Comics and Art, and most recently at a SOMArts Day of the Dead showcase. He's also led art workshops at the Contemporary Jewish Museum and at KQED.

Heller says he hopes his show at Borderlands, on view daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., is "a game changer" that will have an impact on the rise of evictions in the city.

"We knew this was coming," he says about his family's potential displacement. "We didn't know it would hurt as much as it does." ■

Noe Courts Designs: No Grand Slam for City Planners

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would be in the northwest corner of the park.

The second suggested replacing the tennis court with a dog-friendly zone surrounded by the same low wall with seating, and included a gate.

A third design laid out the park much like the first, but included a combination tennis court with two half courts of basketball, all partially fenced in. Many at the meeting expressed concern about how sharing the courts would work.

A straw poll conducted at the end of the meeting tallied 38 votes for the two options with no tennis court (26 for the first and 12 for the second), 3 votes for the hybrid option, and 34 votes in favor of keeping the park layout as it exists, while improving its amenities.

The Volley Over Tennis

Project manager Marvin Yee shared data about park use gathered in December of 2012 and October and November of 2013. In both sets of site visits, officials found far fewer people playing tennis or using the tennis court than they did people playing basketball. They also visited the tennis courts at Upper Noe Recreation Center in the second round of vis-

its, and found that both courts were in use simultaneously only twice out of 21 visits, Yee said.

Yee also noted the department was well within guidelines for tennis court availability proposed by the U.S. Tennis Association, even without Noe Courts.

Nonetheless, tennis players complained about a lack of well-maintained courts in the area. For example, Noe Courts has a crack through its center and its lines are faded, which is why it's less used, said Susan Alexander, who plays tennis five days a week.

"There aren't enough courts in the city," said Alexander, who has lived on Hill Street for 18 years. "During the popular times on the weekends and such, you can drive around and have to wait."

Tennis is a sport for all ages, and removing recreation for green space is shortsighted, she said, "especially in light of how dogs have taken over" the current grassy area.

Who Gets the Green Space?

Piper LaGrelus said she thought the low walls would adequately separate the dogs.

"I'd like a section of the park to be

green people-only space so we can put down a picnic blanket and throw balls," said LaGrelus, the mother of an 18-month-old and a 4-year-old and a resident of Elizabeth Street for the past three years.

LaGrelus visits the park every day and said parents there are like-minded. Unfortunately, that group of heavy park users was not well represented at the meeting because it was held around children's bedtime, she said.

"I would love to keep a tennis court, but it seems like a lot of real estate for the number of people who can technically use it," she said.

Some neighbors worry a larger grassy area might literally go to the dogs. "Looking out my window, the least used part of the park is the large, grassy muddy area," said Fiona Stevens, who has lived in a house overlooking the park for 15 years. "I can't for the life of me imagine why we would want to increase that area."

A Balancing Act

District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener said he'd received a lot of feedback on the proposals and that the majority had been in favor of removing the tennis courts and creating more green space.

"All of these users—dog owners, tennis players, people with kids—have legitimate claims on our parks system," he said. "We are trying to balance all of those uses and diverse needs in a very small park that doesn't have a lot of space."

None of the proposed designs can be paid for entirely by funds now allotted for the park. The bathroom remodel is covered by funds from a 2008 parks bond, and some of the landscaping will be paid for with a \$211,000 Community Opportunity Fund grant that was written by Friends of Noe Courts. Neighbors will have to apply for a new COF grant to complete the redesign, Wiener said.

The fund doubled in size under the 2012 parks bond, and the new grants can be as large as \$500,000.

"There's a lot of COF money to go around," Wiener said.

Yee presented a timeline at the meeting estimating construction to end by the fall of 2014.

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission will meet Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at City Hall. Check the department's webpage concerning this project to stay abreast of meetings, www.sfrecrepark.org.

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We're Following Karen Wickre

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narratives—Wickre has become for social media's Twitter, a platform built around text messages with character counts of 140 or less.

She has been entrenched in the tech industry for close to 30 years, developing a network of friends, colleagues, and admirers from some of the hottest companies, venture capital firms, and media properties around. They praise her as the “real deal” and someone who is “missing the BS component.”

The *Voice* recently sat down with Wickre in her colorful, light-filled “baja” Noe Valley flat, where she has lived for the past 13 years. We talked Twitter, tech, and the neighborhood we call home, joined at times by Wickre's rambunctious housemate Hallie, a 20-month-old pit bull she adopted from Rocket Dog Rescue.

Wickre's home is brimming with art—paintings, photography, and sculpture she has purchased over the years at gallery shows and on her travels. A year ago, she self-published a 40-page book and digital e-book called *See and Be Seen: Living With Art That Chooses Me*—what she calls “a love note to my home full of art and the stories that go with some of the pieces.” Sitting with Wickre in her living room—surrounded by whimsical sculpture, Edwardian furniture, and stacks of books and magazines—we know we are in the home of a woman who is passionate about words, ideas, culture, and being exposed to new things. As the bio for her personal Twitter account freely admits, she is a “media obsessive, art & dog enthusiast, Internet lover. Amused by much.”

She is a person who seems to know herself and feel confident in her actions. Every question we ask elicits a reasoned and thoughtful response—and you won't hear her doing any name-dropping about those famous Twitter guys Jack, Ev, and Dick.

Earliest Days in Print

Her career history intriguingly mirrors the evolution of the tech industry as it burgeoned from the 1980s to today. She came from Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco in 1984 to work as executive direc-



Relaxing in her comfortable, art-filled home, Twitter editorial director Karen Wickre teaches her dog Hallie the art of patience—in 140 commands or less. Photo by Beverly Sharp

tor of the nonprofit Media Alliance (now based in Oakland). There she met David Bunnell, a media and tech entrepreneur who sat on Media Alliance's board of directors. He asked her to come work for him, helping hatch new tech-consumer magazines (print, of course) and conferences. She later wrote and edited for some of these magazines, including *Computer Life*, *PC World*, and *Macintosh Today*. In 1995, with the Internet in its infancy, she wrote one of the very first consumer books about the Web, called *Atlas to the World Wide Web*.

“It came with a CD-ROM and foldout map of all the websites,” she says, chuckling at the antiquity of it all.

Along the way, there were consulting gigs at companies like Sun Microsystems—at the time a trailblazer but now defunct, having been swallowed up by Oracle in 2010.

A Mogul at Google

In 2002, a pre-IPO search engine by the name of Google came calling.

“From the first couple of meetings, I knew I wanted to work at Google,” Wickre says. “If you know me, you know starry-eyed isn't the first descriptor that comes to mind. But Google is an astonishing, life-changing place to be. Its output has changed the lives of everyone who searches the Internet, has an Android device, usesuses gmail, maps, apps, and all the rest.”

She spent nine years at Google, launching and building the Google blog platform that now includes 150-plus blogs for reporting Google's corporate news and views. Today, Google's blog network functions as a kind of 21st-century newswire for the company to disseminate information to not only tech reporters, but pretty much anyone else in the world.

“At the time, Google had just bought Blogger,” Wickre recalls, “and I found it to be an interesting publishing platform—easy to make corrections, easy to update. It was more Google's style to use a platform like that to communicate because Google is not a stiff press-release-type company.”

She also launched Google's official Twitter presence and worked closely with the company's PR team to develop media strategies. But by early 2011, Wickre began to feel restless. “The end of a life cycle always comes,” she says, “and I was ready for a change.”

Tweets About Twitter

Enter another tech company on the cusp of something very big—Twitter. The social media platform brought Wickre on board in the newly created position of editorial director in October 2011. “There were about 700 people at Twitter when I started,” she says. “The company didn't have a unified voice, and it was time.”

Wickre currently oversees Twitter's network of 15 blogs that offer “news, notes, and stories on our products, initiatives, and company doings.” She also manages Twitter's editorial calendar and determines which blogs and corporate Twitter accounts should be used to present company news and information.

After Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines in early November, Wickre tried to make sure that information about relief efforts hit the right Twitter hot spots, including Twitter's International Services Blog. When two local mobile operators in the Philippines partnered with Twitter to offer free data plans to speed communications in the ravaged country, Wickre helped to get the news out through Twitter's accounts to those who needed the information most.

‘Just Jump in the Water’

Using the handle @kvox for her personal Twitter account, Wickre, as of this writing, has published more than 17,000 tweets since 2008 and has 10,580 followers. “There's something so delightful about Twitter,” she says. “It's a new medium and yet based on publishing and writing. The real-time aspect, the conversation, and that the conversation is public—these elements are a unique combination.”

She encourages anyone who is interested in using Twitter but who hasn't yet joined to “just jump in the water. Find in-

teresting people and accounts to follow and jump in the fray with your comments and things to share.

“The more you explore Twitter,” says Wickre, “the more you understand it and the conversational aspect—what we call these ‘only on Twitter moments,’ where worlds collide that would not otherwise collide.”

She is eager to share one of her most recent—and fun—“only on Twitter moments,” involving the actress Martha Plimpton. “I've liked her work over the years,” says Wickre, “and I could see on Twitter that she is very politically astute and aligned with my values and writes a lot about women's issues and has a sense of humor. So I follow her. Well, Martha Plimpton recently tweeted that she bought some things at the auction of Phyllis Diller's estate, and I tweeted back, ‘Good for you, but no cigarette holders.’ She immediately tweeted back, ‘I know, that was the thing I wanted most, but they weren't on offer.’ So I had my own collision on Twitter—always fun.”

In the Trenches

Wickre puts in up to 12-hour days at Twitter's mid-Market offices, arriving at 7:30 a.m. so she can have an hour of quiet time before the day officially begins. Like other tech companies today, Twitter eschews private offices and partitioned cubicles. Wickre and other employees work alongside members of their team at bench tables in a space that is expansive and minimalist in design. She eats lunch in the company cafe, overseen by Executive Chef Lance Holton (known as @bird-feeder), and enjoys an occasional break from her desk in the building's rooftop garden.

“The days go by quickly,” she says. “It's very fast-paced—busy, but not overwhelming, and I try not to work on weekends, except for checking email.”

Of course, the workday was a little more frenzied than usual on Nov. 7—IPO Day. By 6 a.m., Wickre and other employees were already in the office. The day began with everyone gathered in the main commons area to watch the action unfold at the New York Stock Exchange on big-screen monitors.

“It was a milestone for the company,” says Wickre. “We were in communication all day with the executive team in New York. There were ‘high-fives’ and lots of thank-you's, and at the end of the day, we all gathered back in the main commons area to celebrate with beer and snacks.”

While Ev Williams and Noah Glass have come and gone from Noe Valley—they lived in the neighborhood, near one another, in 2002, before co-founding Twitter with Biz Stone and Jack Dorsey—Wickre seems here to stay.

A “cover to cover” reader of the *Noe Valley Voice*, she also is a frequent visitor to many of the businesses along upper Church Street: Toast, Eric's, and Incanto for meals, and Martha & Brothers for coffee.

“Noe Valley is a vibrant community, and San Francisco, overall, is the cradle of so many things,” she says. “I never would have predicted I would be so enamored of technology, but this is a city where people reinvent themselves, try something new, and have another chance—and that is one thing that doesn't seem to be changing.” ■



The Legacy of Kathleen Albert

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often block traffic on Fair Oaks Street as officers and firefighters got out of their vehicles to donate. Local merchants were also inspired to give money, as well as food and other necessities. “I've seen a lot of fundraisers, but this was something else,” said Robins.

The fundraiser also helped polish the children's math and writing skills, as Albert had them count and sort all the donations as well as write thank-you letters to everyone who gave.

Robins said the kids were so energized by their success that they are now practicing fundraising in their new kindergarten classes. “Philanthropy is something you have to nurture,” she said.

When the children graduated from With Care and moved on to elementary school, Albert would prepare for each child a photo- and memorabilia-filled scrapbook, chronicling their years at the school. And the children did not forget their experience. Over the years, many would return to the school and help out with the current crop of preschoolers.

Nor did Albert forget about them. After one of her former students, 15-year-old Loren Schaller, was attacked and stabbed by a deranged ex-convict in May

2007, Albert helped organize a blood drive in honor of Schaller and the three men who came to her rescue.

“Kathleen was incredibly caring and would do anything for anyone,” said Craven-Green.

Each fall, current and former students of With Care and their families would come together for a picnic. This year's picnic, held at Paradise State Park in Tiburon on Sept. 29, was turned into a memorial for Albert, with over 90 people celebrating her memory and unique contribution to the children of San Francisco.

Albert is survived by her longtime partner, Madeline Pfeiffer, as well as two sons from a previous marriage, Sean Prichard of Los Angeles and Ian Prichard of San Diego.

The family said Albert's classroom remains exactly as she left it, books and supplies neatly stacked, chairs and tables all aligned. But without Albert, there is no one to continue her program.

Said Keith: “There will never be another person like Kathleen in this world.”

Donations may be made in Kathleen Albert's memory to the San Francisco Food Bank, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, or Project Night Night. ■



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tasting and a raffle drawing for a free tote bag of books.

Odd Mondays with Peter Gabel
Dec. 9, 2013 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley author-activist Peter Gabel will read from his new
book, *Another Way of Seeing: Essays on Transforming Law, Politics
and Culture*.

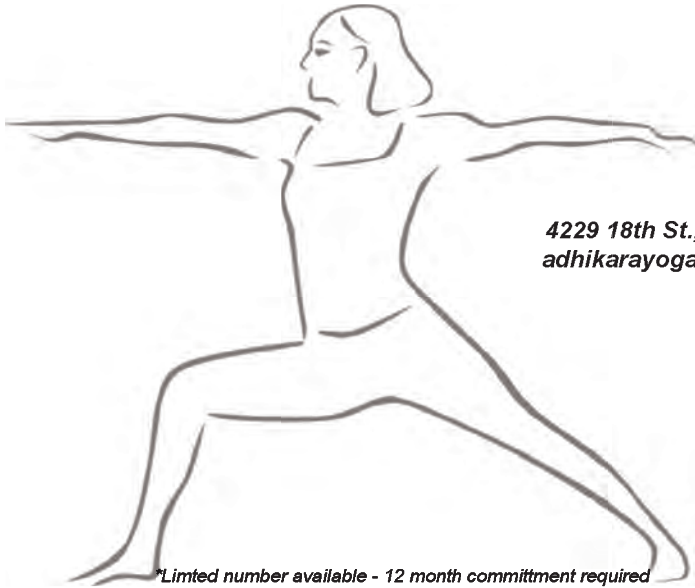
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SHORT TAKES

Dog Park Still Penned

Upper Douglass Dog Park remains closed while park officials scramble to fix what they believe is a drainage issue in the southern section of the fenced-in romping grounds, located at Douglass and 27th streets.

"We postponed the opening until further notice because dog use would adversely affect the weakened lawn," said Elton Pon, spokesman for the city's Recreation and Park Department.

About a third of the lawn on the southern edge of the park is saturated with water. Park officials note that this section is shaded half the year and located under a tree line that adds precipitation. Steep hillsides, clay soil, and a relatively flat

expanse of lawn may be adding to the problem.

The park was originally scheduled to open in October, following a six-month-long renovation paid in part by a \$136,000 grant won by Friends of Upper Douglass Dog Park in 2011. The application itself cited poor drainage in the southern portion of the park.

"We are exploring potential solutions and aim to have a course of action by mid-December," said Pon.

Noe(l) Valley Hosts Happy Holidays

Celebrate the season with hayrides, Santa, reindeer, and plenty of music, as Noe Valley rolls out "24 HoliDAYS on 24th Street" through December.

Santa dusts off the soot six times. On Dec. 7, he'll ho ho ho for the kids at Zephyr Real Estate from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and spread the holiday magic by simultaneously appearing at the Animal Company from noon to 4 p.m. The following Saturday, Dec. 14, he'll be at Small Frys from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and pop up moments later at Just for Fun from 2 to 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the jolly old soul brings his reindeer along for pictures and petting in front of Just for Fun from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. His final stop will be Hill & Co. on Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A free horse-drawn wagon will pick up riders at the Walgreens on Castro Street and take them for a hayride loop down 24th Street to Vicksburg on Saturdays, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Dec. 14 and 21, from noon to 3 p.m.

Listen for music on the streets, in the shops, in the parklets, and on stage, including strolling carolers, the Russo Music Christmas Rock Band, singing students from the Adda Clevenger School, and Blind Lemon Pledge.

Children's crafts and story times—much of it hosted by Small Frys—happen throughout the month, as do the adult versions of fun, like the prosecco and chocolate tastings at Cliché Noe.

For the more committed oenophile, the Noe Valley Holiday Wine Walk will happen Thursday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. A \$25 ticket (\$20 in advance) buys you a wine glass and a map of tasting locations stretching along 24th Street from Diamond to Chattanooga.

The monthlong HoliDAYS celebration, co-hosted by the Noe Valley Association and the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, is sponsored by local businesses and groups, with major contributions from Zephyr Real Estate and PG&E.

Throughout the month, stores will feature specials on gifts, food, and drink. For

exact dates, times, and locations, check the calendar of events in local shops and restaurants, at www.24on24th.com, or on the back page of this month's *Voice*.

City College Fate Discussed

Arthur Tyler, the new chancellor of City College of San Francisco, will discuss the troubled school's path to stability at a gathering Thursday, Dec. 5, hosted by the Noe Valley Democratic Club and Upper Noe Neighbors.

"[Many of us] have taken classes at CCSF and were very satisfied with the quality of instruction that we received," said Molly Fleischman, the club's vice president, calling the current threat to the school's accreditation perplexing and distressing. "From comments that Dr. Tyler made upon his recent installation and soon thereafter, it appears that Dr. Tyler may agree," she said.

Chancellor Tyler comes to San Francisco from the Houston Community College System. Previously, he had been appointed head of Compton Community College when that school scrambled to save its accreditation—a battle it ultimately lost. For now he serves under City College's own state-appointed special trustee.

Co-sponsored by San Francisco for Democracy and the Potrero Hill Democratic Club, the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St. Tyler will address the audience for about 30 minutes, and a question-and-answer period will follow.

"We expect a good crowd to attend this meeting," noted Fleischman. "The topic is timely and very important to us all. Can anyone imagine San Francisco without CCSF?"

Traffic Calming Along 24th Street

Wider sidewalks at bus stops and ultra-visible street crossings will define 24th Street by the end of 2014, thanks to \$560,000 from a 2011 bond measure for streetscape improvements.

Neighbors weighed in on which crossings and corner bus stops—at Castro, Noe and Church—would be best served by the changes at a meeting Oct. 30 at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library.

Bus stop bulb-outs, which cost roughly \$200,000, could mean increased parking, said project manager John Dennis, of the San Francisco Department of Public Works. Exact measurements will be worked out by Muni, but the bulb-outs are generally shorter than the red-painted curbs, he said.

They also slow traffic even when a bus is not present because drivers tend to

Noe's Bar to Be Horner's Corner

Noe's, one of the neighborhood's most popular bars since it opened at 24th and Church streets in 1982, has been sold to new owners who plan to rename the pub in honor of an early San Francisco developer.

Wayne Basso sold the tavern to Ivor Bradley, a well-known Bay Area restaurateur, and Dave O'Donnell, an information systems specialist who works for the city's Department of Technology.

The principals shook hands on the deal in mid-November, and Basso said he expected the sale to be final by the end of the year. No price was disclosed.

Patrons can expect only minor remodeling changes once Bradley and O'Donnell take over in early January. But the new bar and grill will be known as Horner's Corner, in tribute to John Meirs Horner, the man who in the 1850s purchased the land and laid out the streets of Noe andureka Valleys.

Bradley said the name choice was "to show our appreciation for the historical aspect of Noe Valley."

The new owners also purchased Basso's, the restaurant connected to Noe's bar through an open doorway. Operational details were still being worked out, though Bradley said the new cafe would likely serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner and feature an American cuisine with pizza, burgers, and salads.

Bradley, a Sunset District resident, has held executive positions at Chow, the Four Seasons, Grand Cafe, and Fog City Diner. In 2008, he founded the Creamery, a Fourth Street bistro and coffee shop that has become a hangout for techies.

He and O'Donnell, a former Noe Valley resident who currently resides in Glen Park, have been friends for 30 years, and both originally hail from Ireland. Bradley said they felt Noe Valley offered the ideal climate to "grow and build a business."

Basso said he decided to fold his bar apron at Noe's because it was time to "relax a little bit," spend more time with his family, and travel.

"I was closing seven nights a week for 30 years" until the last few years, "and even then I was closing five nights a week," Basso said. "I am not 20 years old anymore."

—Corrie M. Anders

Marga Gomez in a Festive Mood

Wouldn't you want to spend the last night of 2013 with someone who's used to having fun and sharing it with other people? That someone could be veteran standup comedian and performance artist Marga Gomez, who'll be headlining her second annual New Year's Eve Comedy Fiesta at the Brava Theater Center, a healthy walk from her Noe Valley home down to the east end of 24th Street.

At the event, which is a fundraiser for Brava! For Women in the Arts, Gomez will be doing a 40-minute standup set, looking back at 2013 and finding the most ridiculous stories of people in the news. "I probably won't be talking about relationships, because I've been single for two years, and I want to think about other things," she says.

Gomez will be preceded by a couple of shorter comedy sets. "Micia Mosely is really warm and very smart. There's just something very intimate and connective about her," says Gomez. "And Dhaya Lakshminarayanan is just a smart, beautiful nerd. And we have a token male comedian, Mario Montes, who's going to be our host. I've worked with him at the Comedy Bodega at Esta Noche, in the Mission."

Following the standup, there'll be dancing and sharing toasts to 2014. "I love to see grownups in party hats with noisemakers, and I like to see drunk people dance and flirt," says the headliner.

Then on Jan. 24, Gomez's 10th solo performance show, *Lovebirds*, will open at the Marsh on Valencia Street. "It's an old-fashioned love story about six unconventional people whose lives intersect in the 1970s and again in 2013, in Greenwich Village," she says. "There's a story about a father and daughter. The daughter is gay, the father is macho Latino, so you may draw connections to my life, but I'm saying it's all fiction. And it will touch on the 99 percent and the banks, because like love, capitalism is an age-old dilemma."

For information about the Brava show on New Year's Eve (at 2781 24th St.), go to www.brava.org. For tickets to *Lovebirds*, which runs at the Marsh Thursdays and Fridays through March 15, call 415-282-3055 or see www.themarsh.org.

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make slower righthand turns around bulb-outs, he said.

Some at the meeting expressed concern over the \$100,000 price tag of the bright street crossings like the one already at Castro and 24th streets. Called "dura-therm," these crossings are not painted on top of the street. Instead, new asphalt is imprinted with a pattern and filled with thermo-plastic paint. They should last up to 40 years, whereas painted crosswalks must be re-painted about every five years, Dennis said.

No one intersection garnered a clear majority in terms of where these changes would be made, so the department is looking into the exact costs of the five or so priorities that won the most votes, he said. Dennis expects to come back to the neighborhood the week of Jan. 20 with a proposal. Construction is expected to begin next fall.

To see the options, visit the parks site www.sfdpw.org and search for "Noe."

—Heather World

SHORT TAKES

Feel Your Inner Santa

You can spread holiday cheer this season by donating unused, unwrapped toys at three nearby locations. Barrels for donating new, unwrapped toys to the San Francisco Firefighters' Toy Program will be at Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, 4175 24th St., until Dec. 17 and at Zephyr Real Estate, 4040 24th St., until Dec. 18. Zephyr is also collecting food for the San Francisco Food Bank. In addition, you can drop off a new toy, game, book, or movie (also unwrapped) at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, 4235 19th St., between Dec. 8 and 20, to benefit the Sleep Train Secret Santa Foster Kids toy drive.

Think of a Word

The rough draft of the Noe Valley's annual spring literary festival is being written, and neighbors are invited to suggest panel discussions and local authors to be featured. Word Week 2014 will run March 15 to 21, and includes book readings, literary panels, poetry open mics, storytelling,

and song at venues across Noe Valley. The celebration ends March 22 with the Noe Valley Authors Festival, a showcase for book authors living and working in Noe Valley and surrounding neighborhoods. Hosted by Friends of Noe Valley, the event is now in its third year. Local businesses interested in participating and anyone with ideas and suggestions should email wordweeknoevalley@gmail.com. Follow the planning on Facebook pages for Word Week and the Noe Valley Authors Festival.

Local Authors Read Into Noe Valley

Catch some local authors on their own turf this month. Noe Valley Farmers Market founder and board member Peter Gabel will read from his new book *Another Way of Seeing: Essays on Transforming Law, Politics, and Culture* on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at newly opened Folio Books, 3957 24th St. In his collection of essays, Gabel describes the tension between a human desire for mutual understanding and our fear of others. The reading is part of the Odd Mondays series, which starts at 5:30 p.m. with a no-host supper at Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th St. For more information, see www.oddmondays.com. Cliché Noe, 4175 24th St., will host a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception for

Spring Pilates & Yoga Turns 10

Spring Pilates & Yoga celebrates its 10th anniversary in Noe Valley this year with community-related events and special discounts, running from December through February. Starting Dec. 7, the studio will host a trunk show for Lorna Jane Athletic Wear, a women-owned activewear line based in Australia. Events are also in the planning stages for a tasting with Pressed Juicery at the studio in January, and a partnered event with other local merchants. "We want to show our thanks to the community for supporting us these past 10 years," says studio founder Izabel Loinaz. Loinaz, who grew up in Noe Valley, discovered her passion for Pilates and yoga through a personal setback. She suffered a back injury while training as a dancer 15 years ago, and began practicing Pilates—a conditioning program that emphasizes core strength and stability—as part of her rehabilitation. Loinaz went on to direct the "Dancemedicine" program at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, incorporating Pilates into a clinical setting for those with acute and chronic injuries. In 2003, Loinaz opened her Castro Street studio, starting with a handful of instructors offering private Pilates classes in a 1,500-square-foot space. The studio has now grown to 2,200 square feet, occupying the entire top floor of 1414 Castro St., near Jersey Street. Besides mat and reformer Pilates classes, Spring Pilates offers a variety of yoga, zumba, and bellydancing classes. For the latest schedule, call 415-282-8850 or go to www.springpilates.com. "We have very deep roots in this neighborhood," says Loinaz. "I grew up in Noe Valley, and being able to build a business here in my hometown has been a gift. I love the community that has evolved around the studio."

—Pat Rose

historian Bill Yenne, who will be selling and signing copies of his two western novels *Bladen Cole: Bounty Hunter* and *The Fire of Greed* on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. This month's Short Takes were written by Heather World.

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The Cost of Living in Noe

Firehouse Has a New Station Master

By Corrie M. Anders

Alavishly renovated house that once served as a Noe Valley fire station, and later as the residence of two renowned artists, has sold for more than \$5.5 million.

The 22nd Street landmark was one of 13 single-family homes purchased in Noe Valley during October, according to sales data supplied to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. The October tally was almost double that recorded in September (seven), but was on par with the 12 transactions posted in October a year ago.

Condominium sales also were strong during the month. Buyers closed escrow on 14 units in October, compared to four in September and 11 one year earlier.

The \$5,550,000 acquisition of Fire Station 44, located at 3816 22nd St. near Noe Street, was the second time since August that a house sale in Noe Valley passed the \$5 million mark. (An Edwardian mansion on 29th Street sold in August for \$5,250,000.) The converted four-bedroom, five-bath firehouse, with 5,814 square feet of living space, was on the market for less than a week before it was purchased for 5.7 percent more than the original asking price of \$5,250,000.

Renovated five years ago, the home boasted amenities that included a four-story glass atrium and stairwell, state-of-the-art lighting and wiring, a firemen's

pole, a lookout tower, the requisite gourmet kitchen, and two-car parking.

The structure, originally built in 1909, served as Chemical Engine House 44 until it was decommissioned in the 1950s. Artists Mark Adams and Beth Van Hoesen purchased the building as their home and studio at an auction in 1959 for \$7,500. After her husband's death in 2006, Van Hoesen sold the home for \$2.1 million to buyers who spent two years renovating the property. It last sold in April 2011 for \$4,050,000.

Randall Kostick, Zephyr's general sales manager, said the rise in single-family sales from September to October occurred because many homeowners waited until the end of summer to put their houses on the market.

"More sellers decided that the fall market was a good time to list their properties for sale, and that's the entire impact of what we are seeing here," he said.

Condo buyers eager to get a toehold in Noe Valley found themselves in bidding wars in October. The competition was so keen that shoppers on average paid 15 percent more than the sellers' price for a condo.

The most expensive condo sold in 12 days for \$1,275,000—considerably more than its \$1,049,000 list price. The two-bedroom, one-bath home is located in the 400 block of Fair Oaks Street, between 24th and 25th streets.

Sales also were strong for small apartment buildings, generally a less expensive alternative than either detached homes or condos.

Buyers purchased five buildings with from two to four units in October, compared to just one building in October a year ago and three in September. Small buildings are a favorite of tenancies-in-common buyers, who each reside in their own unit.

Noe Valley Home Sales*

| Total Sales | No. | Low Price (\$) | High Price (\$) | Average Price (\$) | Avg. Days on Market | Sale Price as % of List Price |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Single-family homes | | | | | | |
| October 2013 | 13 | \$1,123,000 | \$5,550,000 | \$2,002,769 | 32 | 108% |
| September 2013 | 7 | \$1,190,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$1,538,571 | 36 | 107% |
| October 2012 | 12 | \$940,000 | \$2,300,000 | \$1,388,083 | 31 | 101% |
| Condominiums | | | | | | |
| October 2013 | 14 | \$625,000 | \$1,275,000 | \$986,929 | 30 | 115% |
| September 2013 | 4 | \$900,100 | \$2,030,000 | \$1,319,775 | 28 | 107% |
| October 2012 | 11 | \$700,000 | \$1,450,000 | \$984,091 | 36 | 108% |
| 2- to 4-unit buildings | | | | | | |
| October 2013 | 5 | \$735,000 | \$1,995,000 | \$1,920,000 | 49 | 97% |
| September 2013 | 3 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,190,000 | \$1,121,667 | 97 | 102% |
| October 2012 | 1 | \$1,920,000 | \$1,920,000 | \$1,920,000 | 70 | 96% |
| 5+-unit buildings | | | | | | |
| October 2013 | 1 | \$1,575,000 | \$1,575,000 | \$1,575,000 | 194 | 95% |
| September 2013 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — |
| October 2012 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — |

* Sales include all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley in this survey is defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The *Voice* thanks Zephyr Real Estate (www.zephyrsf.com) for providing sales data. NVV 12/2013

Noe Valley Rents**

| Unit | No. in Sample | Range November 2013 | Average November 2013 | Average October 2013 | Average November 2012 |
|---------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Studio | 6 | \$2,000 – \$2,295 | \$2,174 / mo. | \$2,250 / mo. | \$1,929 / mo. |
| 1-bdrm | 26 | \$2,100 – \$4,000 | \$2,805 / mo. | \$2,740 / mo. | \$2,714 / mo. |
| 2-bdrm | 38 | \$2,799 – \$7,995 | \$4,193 / mo. | \$4,328 / mo. | \$3,671 / mo. |
| 3-bdrm | 20 | \$4,150 – \$8,900 | \$5,606 / mo. | \$5,382 / mo. | \$5,812 / mo. |
| 4+-bdrm | 7 | \$5,000 – \$8,395 | \$7,071 / mo. | \$7,914 / mo. | \$7,998 / mo. |

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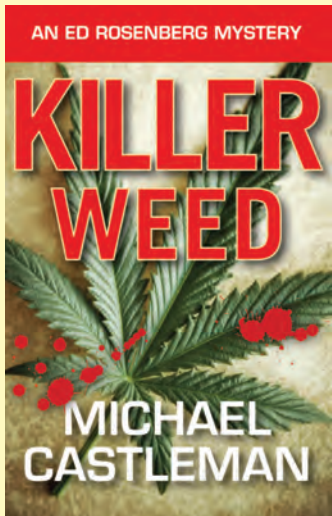
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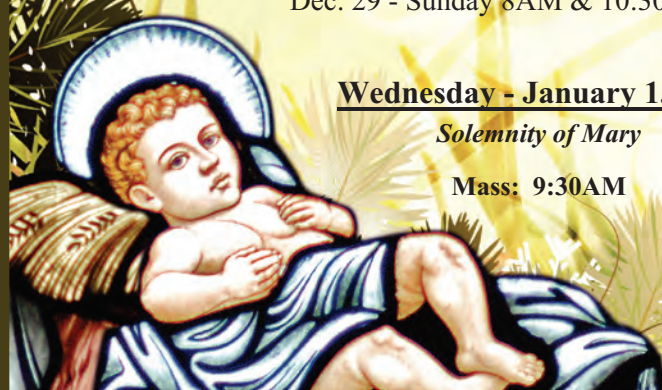
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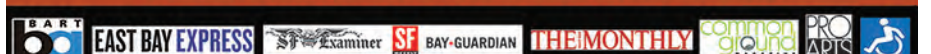
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Dec. 1: The annual MENORAH LIGHTING on 24th Street starts at dusk. Town Square, 3865 24th. 648-8000; chabadnoe@gmail.com.

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

Dec. 1-24: Drop off new, unwrapped toys for the SF Fire-fighters TOY DRIVE at Cliché Noe Gifts. 4175 24th. 282-5416; cliché-noe.com.

Dec. 1-26: Cliché Noe Gifts features local artists' TRUNK SHOWS, with wine and hors d'oeuvres from 4 to 7 pm. 4175 24th. 282-5416; clichenoe.com.

Dec. 1-Jan. 5: ARTZONE 461 Gallery exhibits "C'est Moi, Chérie" by Lucky Rapp, and "The Insistence of Color" by Sonja Navin. Reception Dec. 6, 6-10 pm; Wed.-Sun., noon-6 pm. 461 Valencia. 441-8680; artzone461.com.

Dec. 1-Jan. 20: The Safeway Holiday ICE RINK opens in Union Square. 10 am-11:30 pm. 781-2688; unionsquareicerink.com.

Dec. 1-29; Jan. 5-26: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the MISSION DOLORES area. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Dec. 1-29; Jan. 5-26: The Glen Park Village FARMERS' MARKET is open Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm. Glen Park BART parking lot, Bosworth and Arlington.

Dec. 1-31; Jan. 5-28: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

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

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Dec. 2-31; Jan. 1-31: 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

Dec. 3: Andy Ricker introduces *Pok Pok: Food and Stories from the Streets, Homes, and Roadside Restaurants of THAILAND*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 3: Attend PUB QUIZ NIGHT on Tuesdays at the Valley Tavern (and Thursdays at the Dubliner) 8 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

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

Dec. 3-31; Jan. 7-28: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

Dec. 3-31; Jan. 7-28: A Tuesday PUPPY SOCIAL for dogs 6 months and younger offers canine interaction. 7-8 pm. K9 Scrub Club, 1734 Church. Online registration required: k9scrubclub.com.

Dec. 4: The SF Museum and Historical Society offers HOLIDAY TEA at the Old Mint, featuring vignettes of famous SF personalities and the Dickens Fair Carolers. Noon and 3 pm. 88 Fifth. Reservations required: 537-1105, ext. 100; sfhistory.org.

Dec. 4 & 14: The SF Arts Commission holds two TOWN HALL meetings to discuss five-year goals. Dec.

4, 6 pm, Main Library; Dec. 14, 10 am, County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park, 1199 Ninth Ave. 252-4638; sfartscommission.org.

Dec. 4, 11 & 18: Eureka Valley Library's Wednesday BABY RHYME and Playtime, for infants to 18 months, starts at 1:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Dec. 4 & Jan. 8: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107. GLBThistory.org.

Dec. 4-18; Jan. 1-29: Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Bernal Heights Rec Center, 500 Moultrie. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

Dec. 4-18; Jan. 1-29: The Castro Farmers' Market has fresh PRODUCE on Wednesdays. 4-8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

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

Dec. 5: The Noe Valley Holiday WINE WALK on 24th Street runs from 4 to 8 pm. Buy tickets by 7:30 pm at 3865 24th St. (the town square). SRESproductions.com.

Dec. 5: The annual Fair Trade Store HOLIDAY PARTY at Global Exchange runs from 5 to 8 pm. 4018 24th. 648-8068.

Dec. 5: Sue Conley and Peggy Smith bring *COWGIRL Creamery Cooks!* to Omnivore Books. 6:30-7:30 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 5: Arthur Tyler, chancellor of City College, discusses the future of the school in a meeting hosted by the Noe Valley Democratic Club and Upper Noe Neighbors. 7:30 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond.

Dec. 5, 12 & 19: The Noe Valley Library hosts TODDLER TALES, featuring books, rhymes, music and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. 451 Jersey. 387-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 5-28: The Marsh presents the world premiere of Brian Copeland's HOLIDAY SHOW *The Jewelry Box*. Thurs. & Fri, 8 pm; Sat., 5 pm. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; the-marsh.org.



Artist Sonja Navin's work is on view through Jan. 5 at ArtZone 461 Gallery. The reception will be Dec. 6.

Dec. 5 & 19; Jan. 2 & 16: The Noe Merchants ADA COMMITTEE meets on first and third Thursdays to discuss accessibility issues. 9:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. info@noevalleymerchants.com.

Dec. 6: The ROTUNDA DANCE Series at City Hall features a performance by Dimensions Dance Theater. Noon. 920-9181; dancersgroup.org.

Dec. 6: The SF Parks Alliance hosts a HOLIDAY PARTY and bake-off at the Noe Valley Town Square. 5-8 pm. 3865 24th. sfparksalliance.org.

Dec. 6: More than 35 businesses host the Valencia Corridor Holiday BLOCK PARTY, featuring music, food, and discounts. 6-10 pm. Valencia Street from Market to Cesar Chavez.

Dec. 6: Paxton Gate's 21st Birthday and HOLIDAY PARTY features live music, prizes, and entertainment. 7-10 pm. 824 Valencia. 824-1872.

Dec. 6: Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas perform SCOTTISH DANCE music on fiddle and cello. 8 pm. SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's (Noe Valley Music Series). 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Dec. 6-27; Jan. 3-31: 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.

Dec. 6-27; Jan. 3-31: Call out "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.

Dec. 6-27; Jan. 3-31: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; dolorespark-cafe.com.

Dec. 7: Spring Pilates & Yoga celebrates its 10th anniversary with special discounts, classes, and a trunk show by Australia's Lorna Jane Athletic Wear. 1414 Castro. 282-8850; springpilates.com.

Dec. 7: A GARDENING group weeds at Juri Commons Park from 9 am to noon. Guerrero at 26th. dave@schweisguth.org.

Dec. 7: SANTA visits Zephyr Real Estate (4040 24th) from 11 am to 2 pm and also magically appears at the Animal Company (1307 Castro) from noon to 4 pm.

Dec. 7: Jacquy Pfeiffer discusses *The Art of FRENCH PASTRY*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivore-books.com.

Dec. 7: A nativity scene, tree-lighting, s'mores, and SNOWING will be part of the annual "Christmas on the Plaza" celebration at Bethel Christian Church. 4-8 pm. 1325 Valencia. 285-1433; worship@bethelsf.org.



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| SAT DEC 7 | JACQUY PFEIFFER • THE ART OF FRENCH PASTRY • 3-4 P.M. FREE • What does it take to perfect a delicate yet buttery croissant? To pipe dozens of macarons? The answer is: an intimate knowledge of the fundamentals of pastry. |
| SUN DEC 8 | DAVID LBOVITZ • READY FOR DESSERT, THE PERFECT SCOOP, & THE SWEET LIFE IN PARIS • 3-4 P.M. FREE David is hopping the pond from Paris to meet fans and sign copies of his cookbooks. David began working in restaurants at the age of sixteen, and ended up at Chez Panisse in Berkeley, California, working with Alice Waters and co-owner, Executive Pastry Chef Lindsey Shere. |
| MON DEC 9 | GABRIEL RUCKER • LE PIGEON: COOKING AT THE DIRTY BIRD • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • This debut cookbook from James Beard Rising Star Chef Gabriel Rucker features a serious yet playful collection of over 125 recipes from his phenomenally popular Portland restaurant. |

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Dec. 7, 14 & 21: A horse-drawn HAYRIDE wagon will pick up passengers at Walgreen's on Castro and trot down 24th, from 11 am (Dec. 7) or noon to 3 pm. 24on24th.com.

Dec. 7-28; Jan. 4-25: 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.

Dec. 8: Noe's Nest's LATKES PARTY benefits the Heaven's Door Cancer Foundation. 11:30 am-3:30 pm. 1257 Guerrero. 821-0751.

Dec. 8: Community Music Center presents the MEXICAN CHRISTMAS musical *La Posarela* and a fiesta with a piñata. 1 & 5 pm. Brava Theater Center, 2781 24th. 647-6015; sfcmc.org.

Dec. 8: David Leibovitz discusses his COOKBOOKS, including *The Sweet Life in Paris*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 9: Noe author/activist Peter Gabel reads from his book *Another Way of Seeing* at the ODD MONDAYS series. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th; no-host supper, 5:30 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Dec. 9: Gabriel Rucker introduces *LE PIGEON: Cooking at the Dirty Bird*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 9: Kung Pao Kosher COMEDY at El Rio spotlights Marga Gomez, Sammy Obeid, Bob McIntyre, Kevin Young, and Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm. 3158 Mission. ElRiosf.com.

Dec. 11: The Glen Park Library hosts the Glen Park KNITTING CIRCLE. 4:30-6 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Dec. 11: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group discusses Plato's *Crito*. 6:15-8:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Dec. 12: Laurie Lipton signs her Last Gasp-published book, *The Drawings of Laurie Lipton*, at a reception at Paxton Gate. 6-8 pm. 824 Valencia. 824-1872.

Dec. 13: The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of the 2000 Coen Brothers FILM *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 14: LADYBUG GARDENERS meet quarterly at Upper Noe Rec Center from 9 am to noon; volunteers welcome. 295 Day. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

Dec. 14: SANTA visits Small Frys (4066 24th) from 11 am to 2 pm, and Just for Fun (3982 24th) from 2 to 4 pm.

Dec. 14: Taste "Olive Nuovo" and hear Orietta Gianjorio read from her children's book *Coratina*. 1-4 pm. Olive This Olive That, 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520.

Dec. 14: Actor Mike Vaughn reads Dylan Thomas's *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. 4-5 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Dec. 14 & Jan. 11: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

Dec. 15: The Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble performs "HARPS for the Holidays." 2-3 pm. Main Library, 100 Larkin. 510-548-3326.

Dec. 15: The Mission Dolores BASILICA CHOIR presents its 22nd Christmas concert. 5 pm. Mission Dolores, 16th & Dolores. 621-82-3; missiondolores.org.

Dec. 15 & Jan. 12: The monthly PFLAG support group runs from 2 to 4:15 pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church near Market. 921-8850; pflagssf@aol.com.

Dec. 17: Julianne Victoria reads from *The March of the Toymakers*, based on a story idea by Bob Roddick. 10 am. Small Frys, 4066 24th. 648-3954.

Dec. 17: Santa brings his live REINDEER to Just for Fun. 3:30 to 7:30 pm. 3982 24th. 285-4068.

Dec. 17: The Eureka Valley Library hosts a discussion of the AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. 7-8 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court. 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Dec. 18: The Noe Valley BOOK Group reads *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 18: A Holiday Benefit for Rocket DOG RESCUE features a performance by the Barbary Coast Revue. 8-11 pm. The Stud, 399 Ninth. rocketdogrescue.org.

Dec. 19: Bill Yenne signs copies of his WESTERN NOVELS, *Bladen Cole: Bounty Hunter* and *The Fire of Greed* at Cliché Noe Gifts. 4-7 pm. 4175 24th.

Dec. 20: Elbo Room hosts the El Vez with Rosie Flores MEXMAS SHOW. 9:30 pm. 647 Valencia. 552-7788; elbo.com.

Dec. 21: SANTA makes his final Noe stop at Hill & Co. (3899 24th), 11 am to 3 pm.

Dec. 21: CELTIC groups Four Shillings Short and Broceliande perform a Winter Solstice concert. 7:30 pm. SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's. 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Dec. 21: Women's vocal ensemble KITKA performs a concert, "Wintersongs," at Old First Presbyterian Church. 8 pm. 1751 Sacramento. 474-1608; oldfirstconcerts.org.

Dec. 25: The Contemporary Jewish Museum offers FREE ADMIS-

SION. 11 am-4 pm. 736 Mission. 655-7800.

Dec. 26 & Jan. 30: FILMS for preschoolers screen at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Dec. 27: The Noe Valley Library offers BOARD GAMES for ages 6 and up. 4-6 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 31: Brava Theater hosts a New Year's Eve COMEDY FIESTA and fundraiser, with Marga Gomez, Dhaya Lakshminarayanan, and Micia Mosely. 9 pm. 2781 24th. 641-7657; brava.org.

Jan. 2, 9, 16 & 23: The Noe Valley Library hosts TODDLER TALES, featuring books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. 451 Jersey. 387-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 4: Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a Chinese LION DANCE and Martial Arts performance. 1:30-2:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 4: RAMBLIN' JACK ELLIOTT performs an 8 pm concert for SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's (Noe Valley Music Series). 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Jan. 6: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group meets at the Noe Valley Library from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Jan. 9: FAMILY CRAFTS at the Noe Valley Library include a Chinese New Year activity. 1:30-2:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 10: The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of the 2012 FILM *The Hunger Games*, based on the novel by Suzanne Collins. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 11: Kinesiology practitioner and hypnotherapist Junia Chou

leads a STRESS RELIEF workshop. 3-4 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Jan. 15: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group's selection is *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist-fight in Heaven* by Sherman Alexie. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 19: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC presents "Voices and Plucked Strings," with tenor Brian Thorsett, guitarist Adam Cockermham, and violinist Natalie Carducci. 4 pm. St. Mark's Church, 1111 O'Farrell. 648-5236; nvcmm.org.

Jan. 23: Imagiknit hosts a YARN TASTING, to make swatches from a variety of yarns; bring your needles. 5-7 pm. 3897 18th. 621-6642.

Jan. 24-March 15: MARGA GOMEZ performs her 10th solo show, *Lovebirds*. Thurs. & Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 8:30 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia. 282-3055; themarsh.org.

Jan. 25: Jazz guitarist Terrence Brewer talks about the birth of JAZZ and blues. Live music follows by 6 Roses. 1:30-4 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Jan. 28: The monthly meeting of the SF History Association begins at 7 pm. St. Philip's, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Jan. 29: The Noe Valley MERCHANTS and Professionals Association meets at Bank of America, 4098 24th, 9 am. 641-8687; noevalleymerchants.com.

Happy New Year 2014

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **February 2014** issue, distributed the first week of February. The deadline for items is **Jan. 15**. You may email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, SF, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.

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| Amador & Alba Castillo | KQED Tours | Pet Camp | Claudia Ucan |
| Cavalier Restaurant | Kaufer's Religious Supply | The Petrified Forest | Joseph & Maria Vaccaro |
| Celtic Endurance | Jim & Nan Keeton | Linda Petrini | Jorge Vargas-Aguilar |
| Centered Body Pilates | Justina Kubisek | Ana Pineda | Lucy Vaquerano |
| Marilyn Chavez | Katherine & Kipp Kennedy | Pivot Interiors | Guadalupe Vasquez |
| Chenery Park Restaurant | James Koentopp | Playa Azul | Natividad Vasquez |
| Cliché Noe Gift Store | Katherine Korlacki | Puccini & Penneti | Amita Vega |
| Children's Discovery Museum SJ | Margaret Kotlanger | Puerto Alegre | Elsa Vides |
| Chocolate Covered | Kronos Quartet | Quincy Stamper | Dorothy Vigna |
| Catherine Chung | Frank La Fontaine | Photography | Anita Villarreal |
| Club Latino | La Petite Baleen Inc. | Anna Marie Raffo | Volcano Curry |
| Cole Hardware | La Traviata Restaurant | Ronald Raffo | Walgreens –24th/ Castro Street |
| Color Wheel | Laura's Barber & Beauty Shop | Raquel Raygoza | Wente Winery |
| Common Scents | Bob & Patti Lazzaretto | Red & White Fleet Charters | Winchester Mystery House |
| Esperanza Contreras | Lagarza Basketball Camp | Howard Reinstein/McGuire | Women of St. Paul |
| Sonia Contreras | Leland Tea Co. | Regent Thai | Lorraine Woodruff Long |
| Eva Corral | Elodia Leoucumi | Marisa Ricci | Jim Woods & Kate Depman |
| Rita Cortes | Rosargentina Lezcano | Celia Robles | Penelope Yip DDS |
| Costco - SSF | Herrera | Mercedes Robles | Yogo Unto You |
| Joe & Anne Crawford | Little Nepal Restaurant | Robles/Predamo Family | Katherine Young |
| Mary Helen Crawford | The Little Chihauaua | Mario & Maria Inez | Roberto Zaldana |
| Sr. Ann Cronin BVM | Littlest Angels Preschool | Rodriguez | Cecilia Zarza |
| Jim Curran & Jacqueline Lytle Curran | Esperanza Lopez | Jaime & Olga Romero | Obbilio Zavala |
| Curves | Miriam Lopez | Richard & Stephanie Rugg | Zumba with Isa |
| Camille Cutino | Reina Lopez | Rush Contractors | |
| Alberto DeLaRosa | Lovejoy's Tea Room | Joan Russo | |
| De Young Museum | Carmen Macias | Sacred Heart Cathedral | |
| Megan & Jon Demeter | Gloria Medina | Prep. HS | |
| Descend Salon | Felix Maduena | SAFEWAY | |
| Di Pietro Todd Salon and Academy | Vickie Mahoric | San Francisco Ballet | |
| Divisadero Touchless Car Wash | Barbara Mallet | San Francisco Bulls Hockey | |
| Marie Doherty | Matt & Christine Mallet | San Francisco Opera | |
| | Malibu Grand Prix | San Francisco POA | |
| | Maria Elena Marquez | San Francisco Symphony | |
| | Martha Bros Coffee | San Francisco Zoo | |



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Winter Is a Winner at Upper Noe Rec

Upper Noe has added two girls-only basketball-tennis classes this winter, but there are plenty of options for all, from acting to martial arts to skateboarding. Adults can take either Pastry Arts or Food in Jars, then work it off with the drop-in boot camp on Saturday morning. Registration starts Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m., and can be done in person at any recreation center, McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, or online at www.sfreconline.org.

You may drop in for volleyball Wednesdays or women’s futsal Fridays, both from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For the most up-to-date schedule, including open gym and auditorium room hours, visit www.noevalleyreccenter.com. (Classes are subject to change.) For more information, call 415-970-8061 or stop by the center at 295 Day St. near Sanchez. The rec center’s hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Joby’s Dog Run, at the Church Street end of the park, is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. —Heather World

| UPPER NOE REC CENTER CLASSES | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| MONDAY | |
| Tennis (7-12 yrs old) | Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Indoor Soccer (30-42 mos) | Tues., 10-11 a.m. |
| Simply Fun (10 mos-3 yrs old) | Tues., 10-11:30 a.m. |
| Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs old) | Tues., 10:15-11:45 a.m. |
| Movin' & Groovin' (2-4 yrs old) | Tues., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Indoor Soccer (5-8 yrs old) | Tues., 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (8-13 yrs old) | Tues., 3:30-5 p.m. |
| Combat Athletics, Intermediate (8-16 yrs old) | Tues., 4-5 p.m. |
| Indoor Soccer (9-12 yrs old) | Tues., 4:30-5:30 p.m. |
| Pastry Arts (adult) | Tues., 6-8 p.m. |
| Tennis (adult intermediate) | Tues., 6-7 p.m. |
| Yoga (adult) | Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Boot Camp (adult) | Tues., 7:45-8:45 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Baby and Me (18-36 mos) | Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old) | Wed., 10:30-11 a.m. |
| Pilates (adult) | Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (4-5 yrs old) | Wed., 3-4 p.m. & 4-5 p.m. |
| Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (5-6 yrs old) | Wed., 5-6 p.m. |
| Tennis (5-8 yrs old) | Wed., 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Junior Warriors Basketball Team (kindergarten) | Wed., 4-5 p.m. |
| Junior Warriors Basketball Team (1st/2nd grade) | Wed., 5-6 p.m. |
| Kickboxing (adult) | Wed., 6-7 p.m. |
| Food in Jars (adult) | Wed., 6:30-8 p.m. |
| Tennis (adult beginner/intermediate) | Wed., 6:30-8 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | |
| Indoor Soccer (30-42 mos) | Thurs., 10-11 a.m. |
| Simply Fun (10 mos-3 yrs old) | Thurs., 10-11:30 a.m. |
| Movin' & Groovin' (2-4 yrs old) | Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (adult intermediate) | Thurs., noon-1:30 p.m. |
| Argentine Tango, beginner (55+) | Thurs., 1-4 p.m. |
| Racquets and Hoops (8-9 yrs old, girls) | Thurs., 3:30-5 p.m. |
| Yoga (adult) | Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Core Stability and Balance (adult) | Thurs., 7:45-8:45 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | |
| Baby and Me (18-36 mos) | Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Pilates (adult) | Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| So You Think You Can Act (7-11 yrs old) | Fri., 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Skateboarding (5-13 yrs old) | Fri., 4:30-6 p.m. |
| Combat Athletics (8-10 yrs old) | Fri., 4:30-5:30 p.m. |
| Combat Athletics (11-16 yrs old) | Fri., 5:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Future Chefs (9-13 yrs old) | Fri., 6:30-8 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | |
| Boot Camp (adult) | Sat., 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Indoor Soccer (3-4 yrs old) | Sat., 10-11 a.m. |
| Pastry Arts (adult) | Sat., 10:30-12:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (5-8 yrs old) | Sat., 1-2 p.m. |
| Racquets and Hoops (10-12 yrs old, girls) | 3:30-5 p.m. |



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More Than 70 Incidents in October in ‘Noe Valley North’

At the suggestion of Mission Police Station, the *Voice* this month went to CrimeMapping.com to take a snapshot of crimes occurring in Noe Valley during October. CrimeMapping.com is a web portal that automatically extracts, maps, and sorts crimes from police departments around the country, including the SFPD. The *Voice* survey, “captured” on Nov. 15, covered the part of Noe Valley bordered loosely by Grand View, Hill, Fair Oaks, and Cesar Chavez streets, which falls within the Mission Police District. (Ingleside Station had already supplied data from the other half of the neighborhood—see right.)

Of the 71 incidents reported in eight crime categories in “Noe Valley North” in October, nearly 30 percent (21) were burglaries of homes or businesses. An almost equal number (20) were classified as petty theft incidents (misdemeanors). October also saw 11 stolen vehicles, 10 auto boosts (break-ins or strips), four reports of indecent exposure, two robberies, two grand thefts, and one assault. There were no homicides.

Please note that the table below is in reverse-chronological order. Next issue, we hope to sort and display the crime data in a more user-friendly way. Thanks for your patience.

Meanwhile, we’d like to thank Officer Linda Chen of Mission Station for her tips on how to use CrimeMapping.com. It’s an amazing tool. —Sally Smith, *Voice* editor

| TYPE | CASE # | DESCRIPTION | DATE AND TIME |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Petty Theft | 133033007 | 1000 BLOCK DOLORES ST | 10/30/2013 07:11 PM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 133032294 | DOLORES ST & 24TH ST | 10/30/2013 03:55 PM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 133032225 | DOLORES ST & 24TH ST | 10/30/2013 03:28 PM |
| Petty Theft | 133031508 | 800 BLOCK DOUGLASS ST | 10/30/2013 12:17 PM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 133020537 | 24TH ST & SANCHEZ ST | 10/29/2013 07:12 AM |
| Petty Theft | 133013599 | 4400 BLOCK 24TH ST | 10/28/2013 11:26 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 133012233 | CASTRO ST & 24TH ST | 10/28/2013 03:57 PM |
| Strongarm Rob. | 133011721 | 1200 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/28/2013 01:32 PM |
| Burglary | 133011469 | 3800 BLOCK 24TH ST | 10/28/2013 12:28 PM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 133010809 | 4100 BLOCK CESAR CHAVEZ ST | 10/28/2013 09:05 AM |
| Petty Theft | 133001870 | 3900 BLOCK 24TH ST | 10/27/2013 02:39 PM |
| Grand Theft | 133000689 | 200 BLOCK CHATTANOOGA ST | 10/27/2013 06:20 AM |
| Burglary | 132981071 | 200 BLOCK GRAND VIEW AV | 10/25/2013 10:33 AM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132973723 | 700 BLOCK DOUGLASS ST | 10/24/2013 10:41 PM |
| Burglary | 132971017 | 4300 BLOCK 26TH ST | 10/24/2013 10:00 AM |
| Petty Theft | 132970482 | 1600 BLOCK CASTRO ST | 10/24/2013 07:10 AM |
| Strongarm Rob. | 132961969 | 900 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/23/2013 01:59 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132961464 | FAIR OAKS ST & 23RD ST | 10/23/2013 11:40 AM |
| Burglary | 132950863 | 4300 BLOCK 23RD ST | 10/22/2013 09:12 AM |
| Petty Theft | 132943183 | 24TH ST & DOUGLASS ST | 10/21/2013 08:03 PM |
| Burglary | 132941450 | 900 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/21/2013 12:03 PM |
| Burglary | 132932000 | 1600 BLOCK CASTRO ST | 10/20/2013 02:25 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132931947 | 24TH ST & SANCHEZ ST | 10/20/2013 02:07 PM |
| Burglary | 132931279 | 300 BLOCK CLIPPER ST | 10/20/2013 10:48 AM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132930304 | 1300 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/20/2013 01:52 AM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132914084 | CHURCH ST & 21ST ST | 10/18/2013 11:49 PM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132913482 | 200 BLOCK FAIR OAKS ST | 10/18/2013 09:02 PM |
| Burglary | 132911867 | 900 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/18/2013 01:18 PM |
| Burglary | 132911368 | 200 BLOCK 27TH ST | 10/18/2013 11:05 AM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132903710 | 00 BLOCK GRAND VIEW TERR | 10/17/2013 10:44 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132901974 | SANCHEZ ST & 26TH ST | 10/17/2013 02:30 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132901744 | 1300 BLOCK CASTRO ST | 10/17/2013 01:21 PM |
| Burglary | 132892708 | 1100 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/16/2013 04:53 PM |
| Burglary | 132891992 | 1000 BLOCK DOLORES ST | 10/16/2013 02:14 PM |
| Burglary | 132881129 | 4000 BLOCK 21ST ST | 10/15/2013 10:28 AM |
| Burglary | 132880862 | 400 BLOCK ALVARADO ST | 10/15/2013 09:07 AM |
| Burglary | 132872004 | 1400 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/14/2013 03:14 PM |
| Burglary | 132870821 | 4300 BLOCK 26TH ST | 10/14/2013 09:04 AM |
| Burglary | 132870791 | 4300 BLOCK CESAR CHAVEZ ST | 10/14/2013 08:56 AM |
| Burglary | 132862518 | 3400 BLOCK 22ND ST | 10/13/2013 06:22 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132862085 | 1300 BLOCK CASTRO ST | 10/13/2013 04:01 PM |
| Burglary | 132861482 | 200 BLOCK VICKSBURG ST | 10/13/2013 12:27 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132861291 | CASTRO ST & CLIPPER ST | 10/13/2013 11:16 AM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132861271 | 23RD ST & DOUGLASS ST | 10/13/2013 11:09 AM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132852452 | 600 BLOCK CLIPPER ST | 10/12/2013 05:45 PM |
| Burglary | 132842181 | 900 BLOCK DOLORES ST | 10/11/2013 03:01 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132841601 | 4200 BLOCK CESAR CHAVEZ ST | 10/11/2013 12:16 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132840099 | DOUGLASS ST & 24TH ST | 10/11/2013 12:39 AM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132830934 | 900 BLOCK DOLORES ST | 10/10/2013 09:49 AM |
| Grand Theft | 132821671 | 800 BLOCK CASTRO ST | 10/9/2013 12:53 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132811831 | 800 BLOCK DOLORES ST | 10/8/2013 01:56 PM |
| Burglary | 132801033 | 800 BLOCK DIAMOND ST | 10/7/2013 09:24 AM |
| Assault/Battery | 132800989 | 1200 BLOCK NOE ST | 10/7/2013 09:14 AM |
| Petty Theft | 132793553 | GRAND VIEW AV & TERR | 10/6/2013 11:16 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132792976 | 3900 BLOCK 24TH ST | 10/6/2013 08:05 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132792149 | 22ND ST & DOLORES ST | 10/6/2013 03:39 PM |
| Ind. Exposure | 132790141 | 22ND ST & CHURCH ST | 10/6/2013 12:45 AM |
| Ind. Exposure | 132784007 | CHURCH ST & 22ND ST | 10/5/2013 11:20 PM |
| Ind. Exposure | 132783949 | 21ST ST & SANCHEZ ST | 10/5/2013 11:06 PM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132783268 | 200 BLOCK LIBERTY ST | 10/5/2013 07:56 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132783003 | DOLORES ST & 25TH ST | 10/5/2013 06:28 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132782811 | DOLORES ST & 25TH ST | 10/5/2013 05:34 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132782572 | 1400 BLOCK CHURCH ST | 10/5/2013 04:33 PM |
| Burglary | 132770156 | 300 BLOCK HILL ST | 10/4/2013 01:19 AM |
| Petty Theft | 132770047 | DOUGLASS ST & 24TH ST | 10/4/2013 12:18 AM |
| Stolen Vehicle | 132761992 | 500 BLOCK CLIPPER ST | 10/3/2013 01:52 PM |
| Auto Boost/Strip | 132760118 | 21ST ST & CASTRO ST | 10/3/2013 12:56 AM |
| Petty Theft | 132753244 | 4200 BLOCK 26TH ST | 10/2/2013 08:35 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132743338 | 4200 BLOCK 26TH ST | 10/1/2013 08:52 PM |
| Ind. Exposure | 132741925 | 1300 BLOCK DOLORES ST | 10/1/2013 02:21 PM |
| Petty Theft | 132741269 | 4200 BLOCK 26TH ST | 10/1/2013 11:18 AM |

REPORT FROM INGLESIDE STATION

The Ingleside police blotter includes incidents occurring during the month of October 2013 in the area bounded by 27th, Guerrero, 30th, and Diamond streets. Incidents were culled from newsletters produced by Ingleside Police Station. Be aware that the *Voice* log may not include all events reported during the month. To contact Ingleside Station or receive its newsletters, call 404-4000 or email SFPDInglesideStation@sfgov.org.

Oct. 2, 10:30 p.m., 400 block of 29th, Stolen Motorcycle

Oct. 4, 9 p.m., 1600 block of Guerrero, Stolen Vehicle

Oct. 5, 7:06 p.m., 1400 block of Church, Theft from Building

Oct. 8, 6 p.m.: 1700 block of Dolores, Recovered Vehicle

Oct. 8, 9:44 p.m., Diamond at Duncan, Hit and Run

Oct. 9, 1:30 a.m., first block of Day, Stolen Vehicle

Oct. 10, 6:13 p.m., 2100 block of Castro, Found License Plates (4)

Oct. 10, 6:13 p.m., 2100 block of Castro, Recovered Vehicle

Oct. 11, 9:29 a.m., first block of Valley, Theft from Vehicle

Oct. 12, 4:50 a.m., 400 block of 28th, Stolen Vehicle

Oct. 13, 2:55 p.m., first block of 28th, Recovered Vehicle

Oct. 15, 11 p.m., 1800 block of Church, Burglary

Oct. 18, 2 a.m., 1500 block of Church, Theft from Building

Oct. 18, 7:15 a.m., 200 block of 27th, Stolen Vehicle

Oct. 18, 7:20 a.m., 200 block of 27th, Burglary

Oct. 22, 9:45 p.m., San Jose Ave. at 30th, Hit-and-Run

Oct. 24, 6 a.m., 600 block of 29th, Recovered Vehicle

Oct. 24, 2:54 p.m., 400 block of 28th, Recovered Vehicle

Oct. 28, 4:25 a.m., 1400 block of Guerrero, Attempted Homicide: Ingleside Officer Carrasco responded to numerous reports of gun-

shots in the vicinity of 27th and Guerrero streets. When he arrived on scene, he started canvassing for victims and evidence. His search stopped when Dispatch told him that a gunshot victim had just entered the nearby St. Luke’s Hospital emergency room. After directing other Ingleside units to preserve and investigate the crime scene, Officer Carrasco drove to the hospital to interview the victim, a 20-year-old female. She told the officer she had finished a date with two men who were driving her home on Guerrero when she noticed one of the men clutching something in his hand in the back seat. When the car stopped, she got out and started running down the street toward her home. It was then she heard several gunshots and felt something hit her right shoulder. She continued running until she reached the hospital. Physicians confirmed that the victim had been shot in the shoulder and would have to be transferred to San Francisco General Hospital for further treatment. Many area residents told officers they had been awakened by gunshots. One neighbor also reported hearing arguing before the gunshots and before seeing a black four-door vehicle speeding away. #130912969

Oct. 30, 1:41 p.m., 2200 block of Castro, Recovered Vehicle

Incident reports from Ingleside Station were compiled by Jan Goben.

Police Borders

Noe Valley falls under the jurisdiction of two police districts—Mission and Ingleside. The Mission Police District covers the northern half of the neighborhood, while Ingleside covers the area south of Cesar Chavez Street. Both districts hold monthly community meetings. Mission Police District generally holds its meetings on the last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., at Mission Station, 630 Valencia St. Ingleside’s meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Ingleside Station, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane.

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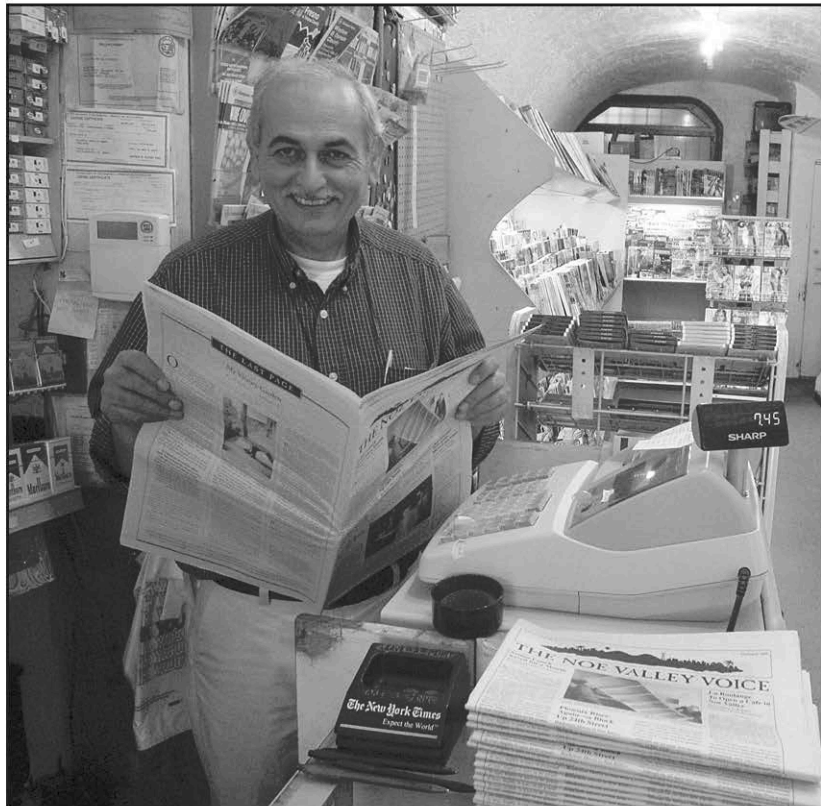


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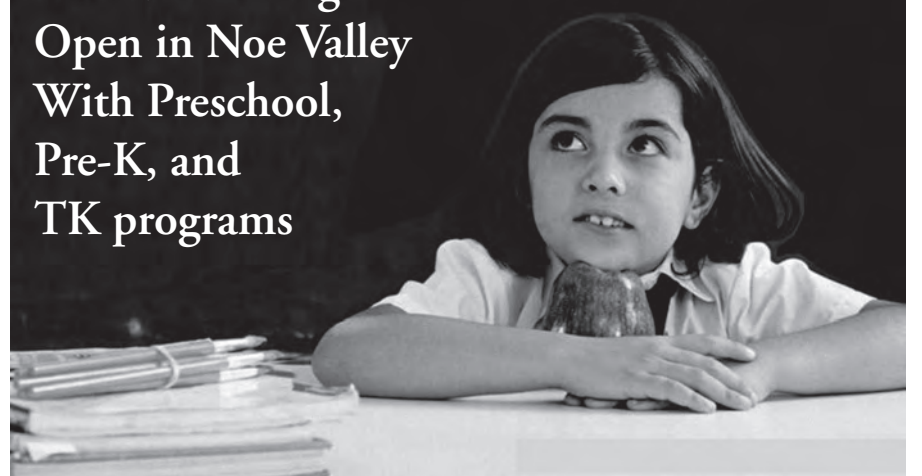
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Chinese Lion Dance and Martial Arts Show

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Noe Valley Library with a **Chinese Lion Dance and Martial Arts** performance. Saturday, Jan. 4, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Family Crafts with Sophie

The supremely creative, uber-charming **Sophie** leads an hour of crafting, which will include a **Chinese New Year** activity. Bring your family—for ages 4 and up. Thursday, Jan. 9, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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Preschool Films

Children ages 3 to 5 years and parents and caregivers are invited to watch **Preschool Films** on Thursdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 30. 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.



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

MORE BOOKS TO READ

And Movies to See

This month’s selection of books and DVDs, offered by Adult Services Librarian Susan Higgins and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, has lots you can sink your teeth into, including a book on the marijuana industry in Humboldt County, a film about the hunting of wild elephants, and illustrated treasuries of dinosaurs and mythological creatures. Reserve your favorites online (www.sfpl.org) or call the Noe Valley Branch at 355-5707. Better yet, take a walk to 451 Jersey St. and see what’s on the shelf.

Adult Fiction

- Howard Jacobson, author of the Man Booker Prize winner *The Finkler Question*, writes about friendship, fidelity, and womanizing in his new novel *Who’s Sorry Now?*
- The lives of Dashiell Hammett and Lillian Hellman are reimagined in the historical novel *Lillian & Dash* by Sam Toporoff.
- *All That Is* by James Salter is the story of a New York book editor in the years following World War II.
- A drug smuggler is caught in Venice in the noir novel *The Colombian Mule* by Massimo Carlotto; translated from the Italian by Christopher Woodall.

Adult Nonfiction

- Amy Azzarito’s *Past and Present: 24 Favorite Moments in Decorative Arts History and 24 Modern DIY Projects Inspired by Them* presents historical background plus instructions for attractive craft projects including a Wedgwood-inspired headboard.
- *Photographing California, Vol. 1, North: A Guide to the Natural Landmarks of the Golden State*, by Gary Crabbe, is an extensive travel guide designed to lead photographers to outstanding scenic locations.
- *Modern Nature: Georgia O’Keeffe and Lake George*, by Erin B. Coe, Gwen-dolyn Owens, and Bruce Robertson, explores the artist’s life and art during her summers in upstate New York.
- In *Humboldt: Life on America’s Marijuana Frontier*, journalist Emily Brady investigates the secretive culture of marijuana cultivation through interviews with four county residents.

Films on DVD

- New to DVD, Haskell Wexler’s 1969 film *Medium Cool* documents the social upheaval of 1968 and includes scenes filmed during the Democratic Convention riots.
- Prosperous residents of a middle-class block in a Brazilian coastal town face fears and anxieties in *Neighboring Sounds (O som ao redor)*, directed by Kleber Mendonça Filho.
- After his 98-year-old grandmother dies, documentarian Arnon Goldfinger cleans out her Tel Aviv apartment and discovers items that suggest his grandparents were friends with a Nazi official, in *The Flat*.

- *Battle for the Elephants*, written and directed by John Heminway, discusses the illegal ivory trade and efforts to stop the killing of wild elephants.

Children’s Fiction

- Lulu and her dog Bingo have an eventful stroll through the snowdrifts in *Ladybug Girl and the Big Snow*, written by Jacky Davis, illustrated by David Soman. Ages 3 to 5.
- Sam makes a Hanukkah present at school in *The Eighth Menorah*, written by Lauren L. Wohl, illustrated by Laura Hughes. Ages 4 to 7.
- *Dusk*, by Caldecott medalist Uri Shulevitz, brings a fading sky but shows off the shimmering lights of Christmas, Kwanza, and Hanukkah. Ages 4 to 8.
- In the middle of the night, Rosa follows her mom to a hole in the forest in *Light in the Darkness: A Story About How Slaves Learned in Secret*, by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome. Ages 5 to 8.
- The heroine of *Hereville: How Mirka Met a Meteorite*, by Barry Deutsch, is “the only sword-brandishing, monster-fighting Orthodox Jewish girl in town.” Ages 8 to 12.
- Victorian London is the setting for *Splendors and Glooms*, a mystery with supernatural touches by Newbery award-winner Laura Amy Schlitz. Ages 9 to 12.

Children’s Nonfiction

- All the major dinosaurs—from Sauropods to Therizinosaurs—appear in the rhyming picture book *Dinosaur Parade: A Spectacle of Prehistoric Proportions*, by Kelly Milner Halls, illustrated by Rick C. Spears. Ages 3 and up.
- You’ll have fun ogling *Eye: How It Works*, a new book by David Macaulay, author of *Castle* and *Jet Plane*. Illustrations by Sheila Keenan. Ages 4 to 6.
- The 192-page *Treasury of Egyptian Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Monsters, and Mortals*, by Donna Jo Napoli and Christina Balit, is a companion to National Geographic’s *Treasury of Greek Mythology*. Ages 7 to 12.
- What Seabiscuit is to horse-racing, Francis Ouimet and 10-year-old caddie Eddie Lowery are to golf in *Francis and Eddie: The True Story of America’s Underdogs*, written and illustrated by Brad Herzog. Ages 8 to 12.

LIBRARY EVENTS

StoryCorps @ Your Library

The American Library Association and the nonprofit **StoryCorps** are in town to record stories around the themes of the book and growing up in San Francisco—they want to hear about your high school experience, your neighborhood and family, or social justice efforts you participated in. Schedule an appointment to record your story by calling 415-557-4277 or emailing publicaffairs@sfpl.org. Interviews for the “StoryCorps @ Your Library” project will be collected at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. For the scoop on StoryCorps, see www.storycorps.org.

Great Ideas to Discuss

Plato’s “Crito” is the topic at the December meeting of the Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco. Check www.sfpl.org for news about January’s meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:15 p.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:15 p.m.

Friday Matinee: O Brother

The movie set for December’s Friday Matinee is *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the 2000 Coen Brothers film starring George Clooney and John Turturro. Friday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. Showing in January is *The Hunger Games*, the 2012 science fiction film based on the novel by Suzanne Collins. Friday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Group

At its December meeting, the Noe Valley Book Discussion Group explores *The Zookeeper’s Wife* by Diane Ackerman. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. January’s book is *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, by Sherman Alexie. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

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Dolores Heights Improvement Club
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Meetings: Board meetings bimonthly; membership semi-annually.

Dolores Park Works
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Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)
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MORE GROUPS TO JOIN

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Friends of Noe Courts Playground
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Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)
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Website: www.friendsofnoevalley.com
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Mailing Address: 225 30th St., San Francisco, CA 94131
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Merchants of Upper Market and Castro
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Noe Valley Democratic Club
Contact: Hunter Stern, 643-0602
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Residents for Noe Valley Town Square
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SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores
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Sneezin's Greetings

By Mazook

POLL DANCING: The municipal election held on the fifth of November generated only a smidgen of excitement among Noe Valley voters. The SF Department of Elections reports that of the 18,707 people registered to vote in the 'hood, only 33 percent voted. At least we beat the city average, which was just below 30 percent.

Some voters probably stayed at home because Carmen Chu, Dennis Herrera, and Jose Cisneros were all running unopposed, in their respective races for assessor-recorder, city attorney, and treasurer.

However, there was a rise in blood pressure over Propositions B and C, which would have allowed the 8 Washington St. luxury condo development along the Embarcadero to be built. Although Supervisor Scott Wiener and the Noe Valley Democratic Club endorsed the measures, Noe Valley voters gave a thumbs-down to both, by a two-to-one margin (Prop. B: No 4,121/Yes 1,945; and Prop. C: No 4,216/Yes 1,830). The measures also failed citywide by similar margins. Guess people are skittish about the d-word these days.



THAI-FI: At the end of November, James Sawatdee and his wife, Rita, closed the doors of Swatdee, the Thai food restaurant they've owned and operated at 4166 24th St. since 1987.

"I am retiring, and it is really that simple," says James, "but I will really miss all of our customers. Many came to us as couples, and then got married, and many had kids who then we got to see grow up."

Rita too says she "will have nothing but good memories of every day we were here, and all the wedding and anniversary parties [we hosted] over the years." Perhaps the most unusual engagement, she recalls, was a party where "he was going to propose to marry her and we buried the ring at the bottom of the rice."

Also memorable was the large dinner party thrown a couple of years ago by tennis star Martina Navratilova. "Many very interesting people attended the dinner and ordered many dishes and liked our Thai beer, Singha."

Both say they are looking forward to taking it easy and "doing some traveling, especially take a trip back home," says Rita. They are originally from Cha-Am, Thailand.

A new restaurant will open at the location "after we do the improvements to make the restaurant fully ADA-compliant," says James, "and then New Delhi Restaurant, which also has a location on Ellis Street, will open and serve Indian food."

In further Thai-tanic news, a quick check at Regent Thai on Church and 29th Street revealed that plans to open a second restaurant at Church and 25th, reportedly with an Asian fusion menu, are still on hold. The restaurant spokesperson said they had no comment as to when, if ever, they would open the new place.

You might be interested to know that the storefront at Church and 25th was a bar in the early 1900s, then a speakeasy during Prohibition, and then a barbershop until 11 years ago, when the building was sold and the barber (Stephanie Smith) moved to 24th Street and opened Of Barbers and Bears.



Sheila Ash of Noe's Nest is even flashier than usual this holiday season in a pearl headdress made by Gilbertina Guarini, designer and owner of the Qoio boutique on 24th Street.



KEEPING US IN THE FOG: It looks like La Nebbia (1871 Church at 30th) has postponed its opening—it was originally set for before Thanksgiving—until "hopefully, sometime mid-Decemberish," says owner and chef Massimiliano Conti. Conti says the Health Department has given its "final" approval to open the café, which he previously said would be an "enoteca, lasagnaria, pizzeria, and prosciutteria."

Now, Conti is building suspense about the menu. "There will be some warm dishes and a lot of cold dishes...remember our name means 'the fog' in Italian."

If La Nebbia is half as successful as Conti's first neighborhood restaurant—La Ciccia on 30th Street—it will be hot from the day it opens.



THE WRITE STUFF: Local neighborhood activist Peter Gabel will be reading from his just-released book *Another Way*

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Real Food Gets Ticketed

Call it bizarre timing. After allowing their building to sit vacant for more than 10 years, the owners of Real Food Company recently said they planned to demolish the 24th Street eyesore early next year and replace it with a retail complex.

That's cool. But on Friday, Nov. 15, the city's Department of Building Inspection slapped a notice of violation on the building at 3939 24th St., citing the owners for "failure to comply with vacant or abandoned building ordinance 194-09."

Building Inspector Alan Lei, who posted the notice, said he acted after his department got an anonymous complaint. Lei couldn't say when the tip came in. However, with 600 abandoned buildings in the city and only two inspectors, Lei said it could have taken as long as a year for the city to make an onsite inspection after the complaint was lodged.

Still, the notice of violation surprised District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener and neighborhood activist Carol Yenne, who had flown to Utah in October to lobby Nutraceutical Corporation, Real Food's corporate owners, to do something about the dilapidated, unused building at 3939 24th St. Yenne said the notice caught her off guard, and when she checked with Wiener, the supervisor said he also knew nothing about it.

It may be a short-lived victory for the tipster if Nutraceutical does in fact demolish the building soon. But if the company doesn't tear it down or fails to heed the city's injunction, then it could face a fine that Lei says tops out at \$6,885.

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of *Seeing*, a series of essays on “transforming law, politics, and culture,” at Folio Books (3957 24th) on Monday, Dec. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

“I am excited to be the first in what I hope will be a long series of authors reading their work at Folio and helping to build our sense of public life in Noe Valley,” says Gabel.

Not coincidentally, that is the central theme in his essays. “When people get together hoping to do good things, it generates a ricocheting spirit of community that can often make those hopes reality,” says Gabel. “A good example is what we did to create the Noe Valley Farmers Market 10 years ago. That was just a collective burst of good intention.”

He points out that the essays, written over 10 years, are a follow-up to his original *The Bank Teller and Other Essays on the Politics of Meaning*, published in 2000.

Gabel, who has lived on Elizabeth Street since the 1970s, has authored many articles about politics and social change and is currently editor-at-large of *Tikkun* magazine as well as president of the Arlene Francis Center for Spirit, Art, and Politics, which is located in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Most of you who’ve read this far into the paper already know that Gabel is on the board of the Noe Valley Farmers Market, and has been out there on 24th Street as one of the greeters at the market almost every Saturday for the past 10 years, rain or shine.

One of the best blurbs for his new book came from former Princeton professor Dr. Cornel West: “Peter Gabel is one of the grand prophetic voices in our day. He also is a long-distance runner in the struggle for

justice. Don’t miss this book!”

By the way, Folio participated in “Indies First” on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30, a national event that encouraged authors to volunteer at their local bookstore. Local resident Elizabeth Crane, contributor to an anthology titled *The Casoulet Saved Our Marriage*, was one of those who offered to get behind the counter and do the “guest book-selling.”

Works by our Noe Valley authors have a special section in the bookstore. For example, Bill Yenne’s just-released western *The Fire of Greed*, the second in his *Bladen Cole: Bounty Hunter* series, is available there.

Noe Valleon and music wiz Ben Fong-Torres says he also is very excited about Folio opening in the neighborhood (in Phoenix’s old spot). He plans to give the store a signed copy of his just-released book *Willin’: The Story of Little Feat*, which tells the saga of the legendary rock band Little Feat, formed in 1969 from the remnants of the Mothers of Invention.



SHORT SHIRTS: Starbucks closed at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17 for an interior renovation, and after nine days of refurbishing, reopened Nov. 26 at 5 a.m. The coffee shop has “brand-new everything from the floor to the furnishings,” says Starbucks’ project manager Karen Lee. The flowery wallpaper may be the biggest surprise....

Across 24th Street (at Noe), Just for Fun has decorated the parklet in front of its store with seven Christmas trees, which, combined with the two on the sidewalk and another at the store entrance, contain over 15,000 lights. According to Just for Funner David Eiland, all of the lights are plugged into two new circuit boxes he installed for the extra electrical load. Thank you, David, for the illumination....

Congrats go out to Downtown Noe Valley’s Easy Breezy, which was awarded the Swirl of Honor, the top award in a survey

of frozen yogurts by the International Frozen Yogurt Association. The fro-yo parlor, located at 4028 24th, a “three swirls” (excellent) rating in all categories in the competition....

A big welcome home for the holidays to Clareen Ward, a Noe Valleon who has been attending Loyola University in New Orleans, specifically the School of Mass Communication. Ward reports that a class in public relations has kept her busy doing media blitzes for a nonprofit called the Recirculating Farms Coalition. “A recirculating farm is a closed-loop facility that uses constantly recirculating water to grow plants, fish, or a combination of both,” writes Ward, who grew up on Castro and Cesar Chavez streets, attended elementary school at St. Philip’s, and occasionally works part-time at Small Frys during vacations. The farm may be a solution for New Orleans’ “food deserts,” she says, and could the idea can get a mention in the *Voice*? Done. It sounds like a good cause. Just remember to bring home the plans for that fish and vegetable farm.



YULE HAVE FUN: It’s time for music and partying in Downtown Noe Valley, at the many venues for “24 HoliDAYS on 24th Street.” The event is always popular, especially the reindeer (Dec. 17, 3:30 to 7 p.m., at the parklet in front of Just for Fun).

Always ready to party is Noe Valley’s own Sheila Ash, the flamboyant hostess of the bed-and-breakfast Noe’s Nest. Corrie Anders wrote a feature in the March *Voice* describing the unique “panache of Sheila Ash.”

Ash is ready for the myriad charity events she will be attending this holiday season. Her headdress has 89 strands of pearls (with 62 pearls per strand), plus hundreds more on the cap. It weighs about 35 pounds, says Ash.

The pearly extravaganza was created by Noe Valley jeweler Gilbertina Guarini, who owns the shop Quoio on 24th Street. The freshwater pearls were sewn onto

Typhoon Relief at Mitchell’s

Mitchell’s Ice Cream at 688 San Jose Ave. has raised \$5,000 in donations to send to UNICEF to help support victims of the Philippines’ Typhoon Haiyan.

They raised the money on Sunday, Nov. 24, when customers were told that 50 percent of any funds from ice cream purchases would be donated to UNICEF to help victims of the typhoon. The \$5,000 included about \$400 that people put into a jar on the counter at the ice cream shop.

Linda Mitchell and her brother, Brian Mitchell, are co-producers at the shop, which was begun by their father, Larry Mitchell, with his late brother, Jack Mitchell. Linda said the idea of raising money for typhoon relief was Brian’s.

Mitchell’s feels a connection to the Philippines since many of the fruits used for their ice cream comes from the Philippines, said Linda Mitchell.

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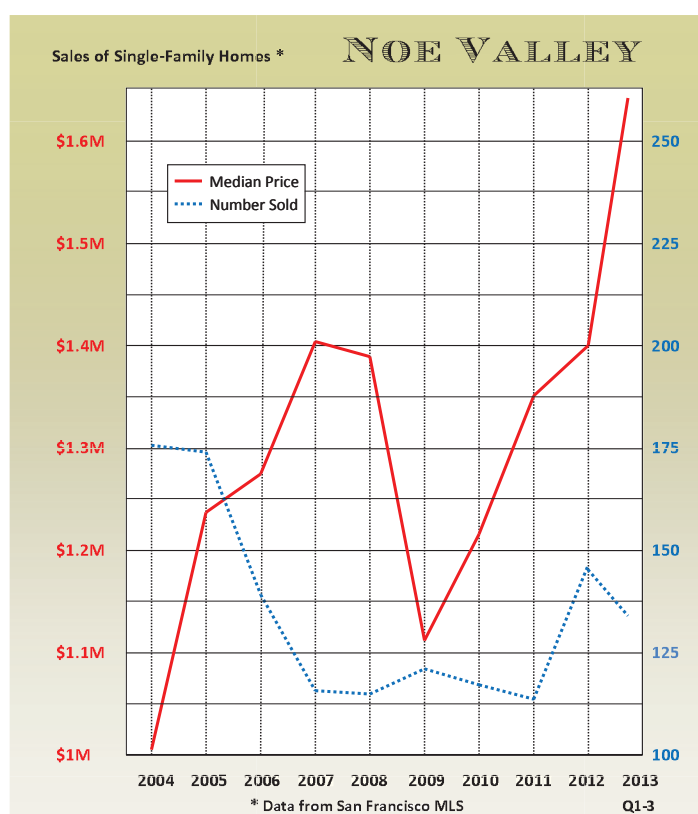
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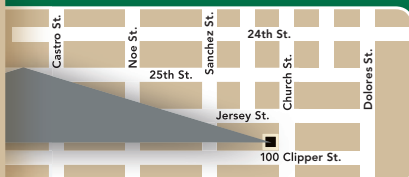
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