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Blooming Pair. The October Harvest Festival on 24th Street brought out costumed canines such as this friendly duo, 2-year-old Jack (in purple) and Stella, 6. The pretty flowers—actually, they're English bulldogs—were accompanied by their Noe Valley guardians, Dean and Kristy Duchak, and Josh, Ellen, and Pia Marrow. *Photo by Sally Smith*



A Growth Spurt! Kindergarteners (from left) Henry Torres, Cameron Verma, and Sheryl Torres planted a "prehistoric" garden at Thomas Edison Charter Academy in October. Their outdoor classroom is just one of dozens sprouting at neighborhood schools, thanks to grants from public and private sources. For the whole scoop, see page 25. *Photo by Patricia De Fonte*

Teams Engage in Trivial Pursuits

Local Bars Packed for 'Pub Quiz' Nights

By Corrie M. Anders

The capacity crowd at the Valley Tavern had already spent hours locked in a closely contested game. Now it was nearly 11 p.m., on a workweek night, and the diehards were still hanging out in the 24th Street saloon awaiting the final tally that would name a champion.

Then cheers erupted in the back of the pub as a veteran team of players was announced the winner. A collective groan resounded throughout the bar as the victors collected their prize—a \$30 bar tab.

Welcome to trivia night in Noe Valley.

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How Linda Got Her Smile Back

24th Street Dentist Was Part of the Bridge

By Tim Innes

After a decade of escalating verbal and physical abuse by her husband of 20 years, Linda decided enough was enough.

"I was physically beaten down," she said, "with not only my confidence being



Linda shows off her new smile, a gift of the Give Back a Smile program for battered women. *Photo courtesy Aesthetic Dentistry*

broken, but also my body. He kept me from my family, from going to church."

The abuse was also affecting their daughter, but she had an out: she was heading off to college.

"I decided I had to stand up," said Linda, who agreed to share her story on the condition that her last name or whereabouts be kept private. "I had to leave, too."

Her husband didn't take the news well. In a rage, he attacked Linda with a pipe, fracturing her left leg, shattering her ankle, and knocking out her upper teeth.

After treatment for her injuries—ultimately she had 14 surgeries to repair her leg and ankle—she found herself broke, homeless, and living in a shelter for

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Phoenix Turns Another Page

Bookstore Has a New Owner And a New Name: Folio

By Tim Innes

Like its mythical namesake, venerable Phoenix Books is being reborn this month, as a new bookstore named Folio Books.

Folio, expected to open in early November, is owned by Paula Foley, a former co-owner of Cover to Cover Booksellers on Castro Street.

Phoenix owner and co-founder Kate Rosenberger closed that store Oct. 20, after a 28-year run in Noe Valley, the last four at 3957 24th St. A single mother and proprietor of three other bookstores in the

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and now for the
RUMORS
behind the news

Real News on Real Food

By Mazook

UTAH FRUITFUL: Supervisor Scott Wiener led a small delegation from Noe Valley to Utah last month, to meet with the top brass at Nutraceutical Corporation, which owns the vacant-for-a-decade Real Food Company store on 24th Street.

The group returned from the Oct. 17 summit with encouraging news. According to the envoys, Nutraceutical con-

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Ministry Remodel Moving Forward

Bilingual Preschool Likely A New Tenant for Church

By Heather World

After three years of changing plans and uncertain funding, work on the Noe Valley Ministry's 125-year-old building on Sanchez Street is under way and expected to be done by next fall, just in time to welcome a new bilingual preschool.

"We're well on schedule," said Rev. Leonard Nielson, a Presbyterian minister with a background in architecture and contracting who is serving as the Ministry's liaison with the builders.

The original entrance at 1021 Sanchez St. is being restored, and custom-made

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Hi, Sweetie! Longtime Noe Valley merchant Dona Taylor (left) and co-owner Alison Porter are ready to satisfy your candy cravings at their new store Buttons Candy Bar on 24th Street. See our Store Trek column on p. 27 for more details. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*



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Dr. Peter Sepp is a general practitioner here at Irving Pet Hospital. He earned his undergraduate degree – a B.S. in Animal Science – at Cornell University in 2004. After graduating, he worked at the Westchester County SPCA Spay and Neuter Clinic in New York. In 2005, Dr. Sepp returned to his alma mater where he earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2009. After graduating, he completed a one year small animal medicine and surgery rotating internship at Florida Veterinary Specialists, in Tampa Bay, Florida. Dr. Sepp entered general practice for two years in New York, until eventually the west coast was calling him. He has been a relief veterinarian since moving to the bay area in July 2012, and joined Irving Pet Hospital in April 2013.



Dr. Sepp's areas of professional interests include pain management and surgery. He is currently a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, a volunteer at the local SPCA spay and neuter clinic and an alumnus of the veterinary fraternity, Omega Tau Sigma. At home, Dr. Sepp has a domestic short hair cat, Sparrow (also a New York native). He enjoys hiking, skiing, traveling and recently took up French.

Dr. Robin Kelly received her B.S. in Biology with an emphasis in Zoology and a minor in English from San Diego State University in 2004. She made her way to Northern California and graduated from the U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. After graduating, she completed a one year internship at Bay Area Veterinary Specialists in San Leandro, CA. Dr. Kelly has been working as an emergency veterinarian at Pet Emergency and Specialty Hospitals in Ventura and Thousand Oaks, CA for the past 4 years until starting at Irving Pet Hospital this June.



Dr. Kelly's areas of professional interest include pain management, emergency and critical care, and ophthalmology. She is a member of the California Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Ventura and Santa Barbara Veterinary Medical Association, and Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

At home, Dr. Kelly has a cat named Gabriella, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Molly, and a horse named Crimson. In her spare time, she enjoys riding and showing her horse, hiking, traveling, baking, and going to basketball and baseball games.



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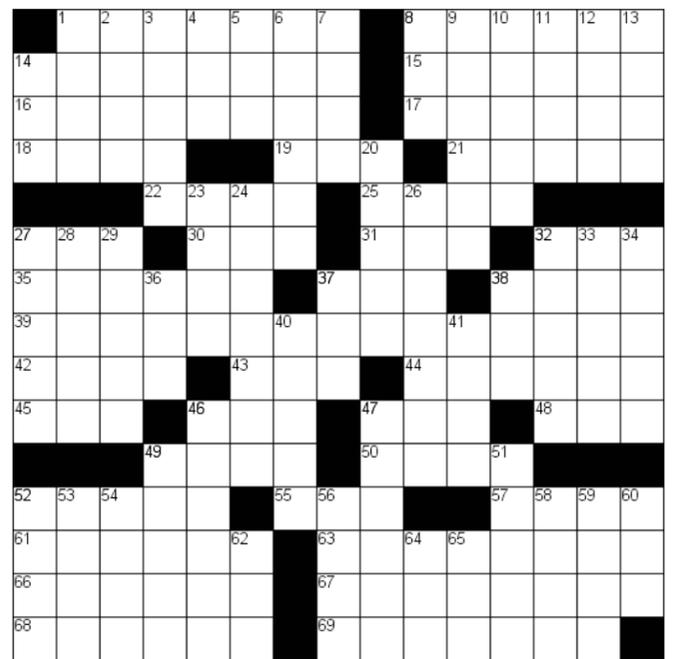
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THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

*It's Bloomin'
Down Under, Mate*

ACROSS

1. ^Like one who may order a "wodka" ^
8. Fidget
14. *Some violet climbing vines*
15. ^Like one who says "bison" for "basin," for short ^
16. 1960s Defense Secretary with middle name Strange
17. *Showy cousin of a daisy*
18. University official
19. Aunt Em's Urban ___ (29th Street hostelry)
21. What Noe Valley Bakery buys by the pound
22. Last word spoken by Rhett
25. Wise birds
27. Ike's initials
30. Type of nut tightened at Noe Valley Auto Works
31. ___ kwon do
32. Branch
35. Do over
37. Feel bad
38. Cookie with a cream center
39. Old shop whose sign is still on 24th Street...or a description of four word pairs near the corners of this puzzle
42. Bringuptherear?
43. Stoppingpoint
44. Numbered street in western SF
45. Nile Trading Co. purchase
46. Season opener?
47. Hardware-store chain
48. The least bit
49. Fog relative
50. Sarajevo citizen
52. Seeps
55. Photo ___ (P.R. events)
57. Commercial prefix meaning "no prep



- necessary"
61. ^Like one who may say "ze" for "the" ^
63. Diana Ross's group
66. *Rhododendron relative*
67. ^Like one who may call a boy a "wee laddie" ^
68. Like a win-win situation
69. *Bloom on a brae*
- speaker
10. Shows to one's seat, slangily
11. Mallorca or Menorca, *por ejemplo*
12. Early 20th century social reformer Jacob
13. Purchase at Drewes
14. Scary item never found in Iraq: Abbr.
20. "___ I can help it!"
23. *Argo* actor Arkin
24. Grumbles
26. Governor George or newsmen Mike
27. Daytime ___ (soap)
28. What Echo Furniture can help with
29. Center of Disney World
32. Warriors' wish for Pier 30-32 site
33. "Encore performance"
34. Amble unhurriedly
36. "Hallow" ending
37. Additionally
38. Be behind
40. Limit: ___ a customer
41. Atop
46. Last sign of the zodiac
47. In that capacity
49. ___ Park, Calif.
51. Actress Butler or quarterback Favre
52. End ___ era
53. Itty-bitty pasta
54. Ardor
56. "Looky here!"
58. Man's name, or a citrus fruit in reverse
59. Dis and dis
60. "Sorta" suffix
62. Possess, to a 67- Across speaker
64. Luau chow
65. QB protectors

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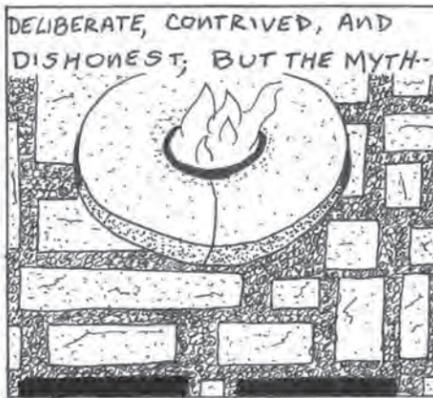
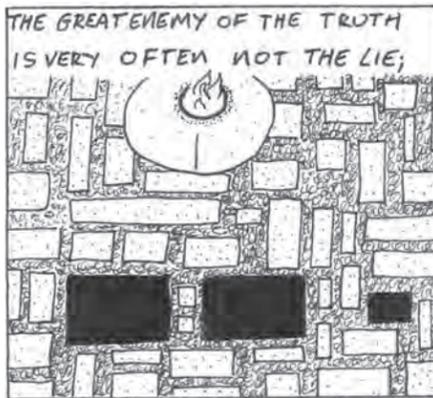
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LETTERS

Imagine the Traffic Jam

Editor:

In your excellent article about how Nutraceutical is holding hostage the heart of Noe Valley's most important shopping street, I was floored by one excellent suggestion for the abandoned Real Food Company building: the re-opening of the now-shuttered, only-in-San Francisco skin salon and workers' cooperative, the Lusty Lady. I can see the marquee now: "Strippers with Strollers!"

Rik Myślewski
 Duncan Street

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One of the Best

Editor:

Twenty-fourth Street between Noe and Castro streets was number 10 of 10 of the best gift-gathering blocks in the Bay Area, according to the November issue of *San Francisco Magazine*. "The Looker: Gift Guide 2013," a holiday feature by Lauren Murrow, included 24th Street as one of its top 10 destinations.

Using a pictorial format, the magazine championed items sold at nine Noe Valley businesses. It showed a Winter Factory onesie available at Small Frys, a Hajjigang sari throw from Global Exchange, a wool half-button-down sweater from Sean, bake-at-home chocolate chip pecan cookie dough from Noe Valley Bakery, an Alana Douvros python cuff from Gallery of Jewels, Beatles guitar picks from Russo Music, Amattere chocolate bars from Spain from Chocolate Covered, Katie Gilmartin prints and Merry Widow Moulin Rouge cocktail recipe glasses from When Modern Was, and a St. George Distillery gin sampler from PlumpJack Wine & Spirits.

Dani Sheehan-Meyer
 for the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association

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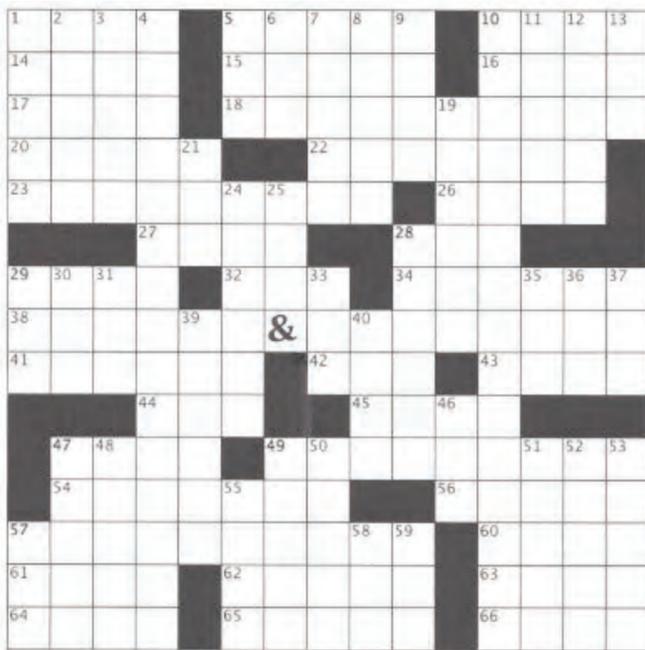
—Tom Peck
 Sept. 12, 2013

THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

Missing Persons Found on 24th St.

ACROSS

- Counterfeit
- Backs of the neck
- Campus recruiting org.
- "___ Shanter," Burns poem
- Civil rights org.
- Belonging to me and y'all both
- Shakespeare's river
- First First Lady
- Doesn't own
- Newspaper page with photos of rich people
- Medley and Hatfield, "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" singers
- Sch. fundraising gps.
- Part of A.A.R.P.: Abbr.
- Ninny
- Double ___ Oreos
- Kind of rally
- Clergyman Cotton
- The missing part of 18-Across "&" the missing part of 23-, 49-, or 57-Across
- Organ on the left side of the body
- 38-Across serving, slangily
- Q.E.D. part
- "His Master's Voice" sloganer
- Basic stuff
- CEO, CFO, etc.
- Dostoevsky's Dmitri, Ivan, and Alexei
- Menus list them
- Giants broadcaster Kuiper
- Certain friars who sound like they're from the Bay Area
- Tach readings
- Rave partner
- About to cry



- ___ the crack of dawn
- "Uh-huh"
- Bronte's John and Jane
- Without: Fr.
- ___ King Elementary School
- "___ got a deal for you!"
- In the midst of
- "Through April and May, and even still in July and August..."
- U-turn from SSE
- TV clicker battery
- Pari ___ (at an equal rate): Lat.
- Canyon comebacks
- ___ & Span (cleanser)
- Shelfmate of Webster's Dictionary, often
- "It is ___ here!" (56-Across home run call)
- Aikman and Donahue
- Channel for Anderson Cooper
- Barely catches, as the heels
- 24th and 30th, for short
- Barcelona's land, to a native
- ___ all: everyone
- One-celled creature
- Texting, for short
- Kind of dance
- Address that has a 5-Down in it
- Kid's sandwich, for short
- That woman
- Good Feelings, for one
- Alphabetic trio
- Tumultuous
- Bellow
- Control: Abbr.
- Jazz singer Carmen
- Accra's land
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* author Ken
- Leave ___ (require plastic surgery, perhaps)
- Frank of the Mothers of Invention
- Pope's "An Essay ___"
- Waistcoats
- Make reference to
- Fish banquet
- What may follow you?
- Gov. Cuomo's milieu

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doors will open into a vestibule that leads to an elevator, office space, handicapped-accessible bathrooms, and a dance studio at the rear of the building.

Nestled between the studio and the entry will be a preschool for 30 children that will include an outdoor play area in the side yard to the south.

On track to move in is ¡HolaKids!, a Spanish-immersion preschool for kids ages 2 to 5 with four locations in San Francisco and Marin.

"I'm proud that we got selected for the Noe Valley Ministry," said preschool founder Amory Donohue. The new space would serve twice as many children as her present Noe Valley site.

From the first-floor entryway, visitors will climb an open three-story staircase to get to a large multipurpose hall on the second floor featuring an inlaid wood labyrinth. A moveable partition separates this Labyrinth Hall from the sanctuary at the rear of the building, where the congregation will worship.

When opened, the rooms will be able to accommodate an estimated 200 to 250 people and will be unified by a 30-foot

vaulted ceiling decorated with wood beam arches. The congregation is raising funds to install stained-glass windows facing east at the far end of the church.

"It sets the tone for spiritual contemplative experience," Nielson said.

A kitchen adjoins the Labyrinth Hall, and the floor will also house two small rooms that could serve as offices, including a box office. A third-floor attic previously hidden from view will become a mezzanine level overlooking the new Labyrinth Hall.

The entire building will have updated electrical, plumbing, and heating systems and meet modern seismic and handicapped-accessibility requirements.

With plenty of office and meeting space, plus an acoustically pleasing and spacious hall, the church can resume its role as a hub for community uses, like concerts and 12-step meetings.

Rev. Diana Cheifetz, who is the congregation's interim minister while a permanent replacement is sought, called the progress exciting.

"Things are going well," she said.

Tenants began moving out in 2010 in anticipation of the remodel—the congregation has been worshipping at the chapel at St. Luke's Hospital since early 2011—but work did not begin on the building until May of this year.

To see pictures of the construction in progress, visit the Ministry website at www.noevalleyministry.org. ■



Phoenix founder Kate Rosenberger embraces friend Paula Foley at a "going-away" party at the 24th Street bookstore in late October. Rosenberger said she was "over the moon" that Paula Foley is the new owner of Phoenix Books. It'll be in good hands. She'll do really well."

Photo by Tim Innes

Book Lover from Cover to Cover Opens Folio

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city, she put Phoenix on the market in July, in a move to simplify her life a bit.

Rosenberger found an eager buyer in Foley. But rather than a simple transfer of ownership, their purchase agreement calls for Foley to take over the lease, store fixtures, and new-book inventory. Rosenberger will keep the used books, which will be distributed among her other stores: Dog Eared Books and Alley Cat Books in the Mission, and Badger Books in Bernal Heights. Key staff members will also transfer to those stores.

"I'm over the moon that Paula Foley is the new owner of Phoenix Books," said Rosenberger. "She's paid her dues. She'll do really well."

Foley said Folio would feature only new and remaindered books, some of which might be displayed on tables outside the store, as was the case at Cover to Cover. The free-book bins for which Phoenix was known will be gone.

The store will also have an expanded children's section and a separate area for teens and young adults.

Foley said the name Folio was inspired by Shakespeare's "First Folio," the 1623 compilation of the Bard's plays. The term, common to publishing, is derived from the Italian words for "leaf" or "sheet." She said it didn't immediately dawn on her or her husband, John, that it could also be seen as a play on their last name.

Foley, 56, said she learned that Phoenix was for sale from Peter Gabel, the neighborhood writer and activist who led a campaign to save Cover to Cover when it was on the verge of folding a decade ago. The campaign raised \$200,000, enough to sustain the store for another eight years. It closed for good in March 2011.

"I had thought about starting a book-

store for about 10 years," said Foley, who worked at Cover to Cover from 2003 to 2005.

She followed that stretch with stints at the Booksmith in the Haight and at Book Passage in the Ferry Building, "building up a skill set, a knowledge base."

Foley said a new-book store in Noe Valley "seems like a good fit. I'm very excited."

She said her first priority was to restock the store in preparation for the coming holiday shopping season. She said she expected to spend long hours at the store, which will have a four- to six-person staff.

"I really like Noe Valley," she said. "Although I now live in Cole Valley, I'm still pretty attached to it."

She said she feels "very positive about the direction we're going to take. People in the neighborhood are smart, interested in the world around them. The opportunity to build a relationship with customers is really special."

Foley said staff reviews of new books, both with postings in the store and on social media, are one way to build up that relationship. Another is author events, which she hopes to begin after the first of the year, with local writers like Gabel and Bill Yenne. "I'd like Folio to be a place where folks can come in and browse for an hour or trade recommendations with their neighbors."

Although technology has changed how many people shop for and read books, Foley thinks independent bookstores have a bright future.

"Borders going out of business and Barnes & Noble cutting back have really changed the playing field," she said. "If you're in the right place, and if you're the right size, it's a great time to be a bookseller."

At a bon voyage party on Oct. 20, Phoenix owner Rosenberger mixed with customers and friends who dropped by to wish her well and enjoy cake, pie, wine, and live music. "It's bittersweet," she said wistfully. But "the store will be in good hands." ■



Ministry treasurer Cindy Cake escorts visitors on a tour of the partially renovated building at an October open house. When work is completed next year, the 125-year-old church will have a spacious, light-filled rear sanctuary and facilities for a preschool. Photo by Sally Smith

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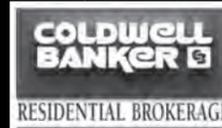
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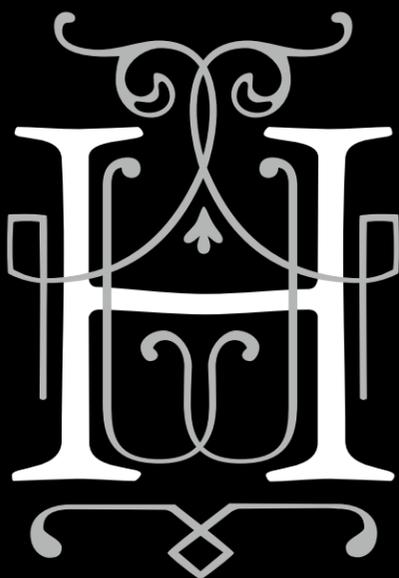
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Bar Fans Hunger For Trivia Games

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The weekly opportunity for everyone from polymaths to high school dropouts to show off their knowledge of minutiae has been drawing throngs to the Valley Tavern on Tuesdays—and to the Dubliner bar on Thursdays.

“I’ve been doing this for a couple of years,” said 24th Street resident Mario Moya, 34, a commercial litigation attorney. “Some of my friends thought I had a lot of useless knowledge and invited me to do it.”

Besides the matching of wits, there’s the camaraderie and the chance to throw back frothy pints of artisan ales, admitted Jason Powell, 25, a graduate student. “It kind of makes the whole drinking scene more social.”

The competition also helps to break up the week, said Castro Street resident Kathy Koerber, 26, a longtime player who is an executive assistant for a financial firm. “It’s a nice low-key way to do something fun during the week.”

Ideal for Wise Guys

Trivia games have been popular in Bay Area pubs since the late 1990s. That’s when Liam McAtasney sniffed out the commercial possibilities after hosting quiz nights at a Marin County retirement community. He founded Brainstormer Pub Quiz, carried the concept to several bars, and today holds weekly games at 40 watering holes around the Bay Area.

The Q&A is in the same vein as Trivial Pursuit—the popular board game created in 1979—and the TV shows *Jeopardy* and *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*

“People are naturally competitive,” said the Irish-born McAtasney, 47. “They enjoy answering questions. They know something that someone else doesn’t—wise guys if you will.”

Last month, McAtasney kicked off a 12-week Bay Area Winter Trivia League, with players from the Valley Tavern and the Dubliner joining more than 30 other teams from Novato to San Jose. Participation in the league is free and anyone can sign up at www.brainstormer.com.

Monikers a Must

The mood inside the Valley Tavern at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, was bubbly and expectant—it was the preseason warmup to the start of league play a week later. The crowd appeared to be a near-even mix of men and women, mostly in their 20s and 30s.

The evening attracted 13 teams, including regular players and casual patrons who’d formed last-minute squads to join in the fun. The teams had zany, if not



The homegrown 24th Jump Street team celebrates after nailing a particularly tough question in the Pub Quiz bout held at Valley Tavern on Tuesday nights. Photo by Corrie M. Anders

raunchy, names like Yeti or Not, Cervix Bruisers, John Boehner Get Off the Floor, and Mitch and the Seven Chickens.

The gamers were so eager to compete they had little trouble tuning out the din of jukebox music, conversation, and orders at the bar. Occasionally, one would glance at the rows of overhead big screens to see who was winning the Dodgers-Cardinals playoff. But by and large they stayed glued to the test.

The match consisted of six rounds—three verbal, two written, and one musical—which quizzed players on everything from arts, literature, movies, science, and sports to world history.

Points were given for each round, and the team with the highest accumulated score would win bragging rights for a week (plus the bar credit). Second place garnered \$20 in free drinks; a pint of beer was the reward for third. Answers were written on preprinted sheets.

“No technology, use your brain,” warned Brainstormer host Tommy Harkness, 25, the evening’s quizmaster. The 28th Street resident, an independent filmmaker and actor in his day job, promised that anyone caught using a smart phone to look up answers would be disqualified.

“Boy, is he strict!”

Fellow quizzer Jason Corning, a host favorite because of his clever repartee, delivered a more biting admonition at the Dubliner two nights later, to teams with names like Mayan Survivors and Drunk Sisters.

“Ed, the bartender, will inflict terrible punishment on your body,” said Corning, 26, who works as a behavioral therapist at an elementary school.

“Oh, *that* sounds great” came a voice from the bar.

“That’s not meant as encouragement,”

Corning shot back with perfect timing.

(Except for a different list of trivia questions, the game and the vibe at the Dubliner was an exciting replay of the brain-twisting battle at the VT two blocks away.)

Top Contenders

Back at the Valley Tavern, the first Brainstormer question was a relative softy: name the actress who played the estranged wife of Dustin Hoffman in the 1979 movie *Kramer vs. Kramer*. The quick pencil to scorecard hinted that most players knew it was Meryl Streep.

One team of seven players, mostly physical therapy graduate students from Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, figured they were odds-on favorites to capture first place. The group, which called itself 24th Jump Street in a creative nod to a movie title and a player’s home address, already had a string of second- and third-place wins in previous contests.

“We always walk in here pretty confident,” said Eric Branagan-Franco, 27, one of the team’s mainstays along with Powell. But “we brought in some new people that we thought would help us go to the next level.”

A question about a tragic local event proved one of the team’s hardest to answer: “What pseudo-religious organization founded by Rev. Jim Jones ended in 1978 in mass murder in Guyana?” Team members threw up their hands and looked at each other in exasperation.

“We knew we should have known the answer. It’s one of those things that kind of drives you crazy,” said Powell. His team incorrectly guessed it was the Branch Davidians. Instead, it was the former San Francisco church the Peoples Temple.

Team of Rivals

Good-natured jousting surfaced among the competitors as the match and the pints continued into the night. During a 10-song music round, players had to identify the artists after listening to 30

seconds of a gangsta rap tune that was a hit in the late 1980s.

The body language at the 24th Jump Street table suggested to the nearby John Boehner players that their rivals were stumped. “You might want to diversify,” joked a member of Moya’s multiethnic Boehner team.

Moya later said his group was sure the 24th Jump Street players were too young to recognize the hip-hop oldie by the edgy group NWA.

It was all a feint, said Powell.

“They thought we wouldn’t know it because we were young, and NWA was kind of before our time,” he said. But “I love old-school hip-hop and I wrote down the answer right away. We didn’t even have to talk about it.”

In the end, getting it right helped lift 24th Jump Street into the top tier, though not the championship. Sitting in front of drained beer glasses, the players were happy to take third place behind first runner-up Cervix Bruisers.

The winning team was a four-person group that sported the oxymoronic name Our Drinking Team Has a Trivia Problem.

Sample Test of Wits

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1. Joe Montana was Super Bowl MVP in 1982 and 1985. Who was the next San Francisco 49er to receive the honor of Super Bowl MVP?
2. What Silicon Valley tech company’s logo did Ronald Wayne design in 1976 when the company was still operating out of a garage?
3. What was the name of Britney Spears’ first album, which included a hit single by the same name?
4. In the game of Texas hold ’em, which comes first, the “flop” or the “river”?
5. The Oscar-winning 2010 movie *Black Swan* is a psychological thriller with a plot based on a ballet by what classical composer?
6. What is the world’s largest structure made by living organisms?
7. How many NFL teams are named after birds?
8. Name the four houses at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
9. In a September 2003 issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine, who was voted greatest rock guitarist of all time?
10. Mechanic Andrew Smith Hallidie was the driving force behind this useful San Francisco attraction, which made its debut in 1873?

Answers

1. Jerry Rice (49ers wide receiver, 1989)
2. Apple, Inc. 3. *Baby One More Time*. 4. Flop.
5. Tchaikovsky. 6. Great Barrier Reef. 7. Five teams (Arizona Cardinals, Atlanta Falcons, Baltimore Ravens, Philadelphia Eagles, Seattle Seahawks).
8. Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. 9. Jimi Hendrix. 10. Cable car.

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Members of the Drunk Sisters (and possibly the Drunk Brothers?) are regular players at the Dubliner bar during Thursday-night trivia tournaments. Photo courtesy Brainstormer.com



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Local Dental Practice Helps Restore a Smile

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battered women in San Jose.

“I had nothing to smile about,” said Linda, who was 52 at the time.

It was at the shelter that she learned about Give Back a Smile, a program for battered women sponsored by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation. Under the program, dental professionals, laboratories, and suppliers donate their services to “re-build the lives and dignity of survivors of domestic violence.”

Among the volunteers is Dr. Nisha Krishnaiah, who opened Aesthetic Dentistry of Noe Valley at 4162 24th St. 10 years ago.

“I first saw Linda in May 2011 when she came in for an initial assessment,” said Krishnaiah, 42. “Her bottom teeth were fine, but most of the uppers were either missing or broken. She had a couple of bridges, but there was little to hold them in place.”

After accepting Linda into the program, Krishnaiah pulled together a team of specialists—oral surgeon Frank Dal Santo, to extract her broken molars; periodontist Kirk Pasquinnelli, for implants; and endodontist Dustin Wirig.

The key to restoring Linda’s smile was to give her three single-unit implants, said Krishnaiah, a native of Chicago and 1997 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas.

Dental implants can take months to do. Depending on the condition of the jaw and gums, bone and tissue grafts may be required before the titanium posts that



Dr. Nisha Krishnaiah (in white) and the staff at Aesthetic Dentistry of Noe Valley—including (l. to r.) Sasha Semenova, Lupe Avila, Emily Lopez, and Denise Profumo—are glad they could use their skills to help someone who had been the victim of violence. Photo by Beverly Sharp

hold the porcelain implants can be screwed in. Once in place, the implants—like the tower that supports the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge—can serve as anchors for bridgework.

Materials and lab work were also donated. Nobel Biocare provided the implant components, while Dental Concepts and Vision Dental Arts did lab work for free or at a discount. Krishnaiah estimated the value of Linda’s treatment at \$30,000.

The treatment took two years to complete. During that time, Linda made countless bus trips from San Jose. Krishnaiah, who played the lead role in restoring Linda’s smile, saw her patient 16 times.

Krishnaiah, who lives in the Richmond

other victims of domestic abuse, be they women or men, to seek help.

“I may be broke, but thanks to this program I feel like I’m the richest person alive. I have my confidence back. I am so grateful [that] I can once again share my beautiful smile with the world. Without a smile, I didn’t have much of a future.”

Linda said she is studying for a commercial driver’s license so she can get a job and be able to hire an attorney to seek a divorce from her husband, who is serving a seven-year prison sentence. “Financial independence would give me a new lease on life,” she said.

For her part, Krishnaiah said she “could not have been more satisfied with the results. It was extremely gratifying to use our skills to help someone who really needed it. It was heartwarming to see Linda open up and relax as each appointment progressed. We are happy to have been part of this journey. [It’s] been an incredible privilege for me and my staff, and we look forward to our next case.”

According to the foundation, the program has helped more than 1,200 victims of domestic violence since its inception in 1999. Another 250 applicants are currently being treated.

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District with her husband and two small children, said that while much of her practice involves cosmetic issues such as bonding, veneers, and tooth-whitening, proper bite is “the main focus. Function and aesthetics go hand in hand.”

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SHORT TAKES

More Plans for Noe Courts Served

The fourth meeting to vet plans for a remodeled Noe Courts park will happen Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6 to 8 p.m., in the St. Philip's Church Parish Hall, 725 Diamond St.

The extra meeting was added after tennis enthusiasts showed up in force at what was supposed to be the final meeting in September. They protested the proposal to remove the tennis court from the small park, located at Douglass and 24th streets.

The renovation includes modernizing the bathrooms and connecting them to the children's playground by way of a winding path. The land between would be informally split between dogs and humans.

"We plan to present more than one option for feedback, and anticipate this to be the final meeting," said Project Manager Marvin Yee.

The additional meeting delayed the project, but Yee said he expects the plan

to go before the Recreation and Park Commission in December. Construction, originally set to begin in May of 2014 and end in August, will be pushed back by three months, he said.

Daycare will be provided at the meeting, and there is parking in a lot off Elizabeth Street. Visit www.sfrecpark.org for more information.

Santa's Workshop in Noe Valley

Cliché Noe Gifts + Home is a satellite Santa's workshop this winter, hosting the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Drive and a mailbox for letters to Santa.

The toy drive starts Friday, Nov. 15, and neighbors are encouraged to donate unwrapped, unused toys until Dec. 17. One of the best days to give will be Saturday, Nov. 30, between noon and 2 p.m., when Santa and a fire truck are both expected to pay the store a visit.

Cliché Noe is one of several collection points around the city. The toy program, run by the firefighters' union, serves shelters for abused women and children, inner-city schools, children's cancer wards, and pediatric AIDS units.

The store, at 4175 24th St. near Diamond, will also have a stationary station and mailbox set up for children to write and send letters to Santa.

Royal Visit to History Association

Journey back in time Tuesday, Nov. 26, with the channeled spirit of Norton I, the self-proclaimed Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico, who will recount spicy stories of the San Francisco Gold Rush at the San Francisco History Association's monthly meeting.

The medium will be Joseph Amster, a journalist, amateur historian, and longtime resident of San Francisco. Amster and partner Rick Shelton founded Time Machine Tours, a weekly walking tour of San Francisco led by Amster in character as Norton I.

Emperor Norton's narrative includes his arrival in San Francisco, his rise as a successful businessman, his fall by investing in Peruvian rice, and his ascension to the throne as the United States' first "emperor."

Though he held no real political power, Norton was celebrated by San Franciscans who enjoyed his creative proclamations. He was highly visible, making frequent inspections of public property and streetcars wearing an elaborate uniform.

The evening happens at St. Philip's Parish Hall, 725 Diamond St. Doors open at 7 p.m. for socializing, refreshments, and book sales. The program begins at 7:45 p.m. Members admitted for free, but please bring your card. Non-members pay \$5.

O Come All Ye Musicians

Haul out the holly...and the songbooks...and the guitars. Organizers for this year's 24 HoliDAYS on 24th Street are seeking local songbirds and troubadours to bring the holiday spirit to downtown Noe Valley again this December.

Sylvia Buettner, who helps run the festival for the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, is putting together a "carol-off" for Dec. 14 and would like to hear from kids and adults who are up for the friendly contest. No formal vocal training required, just an ability to carry a tune and a love for "Jingle Bells" and the like.

But just one day of music this time of year won't cut it (we shouldn't make Just for Fun's outdoor speakers do all the work, right?), so Buettner is looking for local musicians "of any sort" to sign up for spots on 24th during the duration of the HoliDAYS.

This will be the fourth annual HoliDAYS to delight kids from 1 to 92 and spread some retail cheer for Noe Valley merchants. The celebration runs Dec. 1-24, and each day will highlight merchant specials, live entertainment, hayrides, and dancing to create a winter village atmosphere.

An online calendar, 24on24th.com, listing the events and performances planned, will be a one-stop guide for visits with Santa, live reindeer, caroling and other live music. First up will be the menorah lighting celebration, at dusk on Sunday, Dec. 1.

And don't forget the Noe Valley Wine Walk, Dec. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. This now-famous tasting event runs along 24th Street from Chattanooga to Diamond, and will feature restaurants and merchants offering wine samples, finger foods, and special treats. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at <http://noeholidaywinewalk2013.eventbrite.com> or up until 7:30 that evening on 24th Street.

Musicians and carolers should contact Buettner "very early in November" to get on the HoliDAYS calendar. Email sylvia@noevalleyassociation.org.

—Heidi Anderson



Latitude 41 performs Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Noe Valley Chamber Music series at St. Mark's Church on O'Farrell Street. The internationally recognized trio is composed of (l. to r.) Livia Sohn on violin, Bernadene Blaha on piano, and Luigi Piovano on cello. Photo by Karen Knauer

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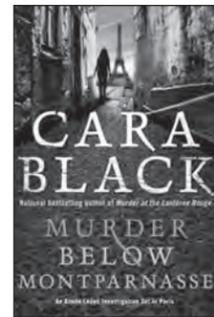
A Taste of France in the Mission

Noe Valley author Cara Black will talk about her bestselling French detective book series and sign copies of the latest, *Murder Below Montparnasse*, at the Mission Branch Library on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Co-hosted by the library and the Alliance Française de San Francisco, the evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese tasting set to French music. Black will talk about Paris as a character in her books, which star feisty female investigator Aimée Leduc.

Borderlands Bookstore will be on hand to coordinate sales of the 13th book in the series, and Black will sign copies between 8 and 8:30 p.m.

The Mission Branch is at 300 Bartlett St. between Valencia and Mission streets on 24th Street. For more information, visit the library's calendar of events at www.sfpl.org.



Students, Seniors Serenaded with Discounts

The Noe Valley Chamber Music series' 21st season is under way, and this year students and seniors can enjoy its eclectic and educational Sunday concerts at a discount.

Next up is Latitude 41, playing two rarely performed piano trios by 19th-century French composer Camille Saint-Saens, and "Notturmo" by Austrian composer Franz Schubert, on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. Named for the latitude of their first performance venue in Rhode Is-

land, the trio came together in 2009 and plays concert halls around the world. Violinist Livia Sohn is a soloist who teaches at Stanford, cellist Luigi Piovano solos for orchestras in Rome and Tokyo, and pianist Bernadene Blaha is a chamber musician who teaches at the University of Southern California.

After the concert, guests will have a chance to mingle with the musicians and enjoy wine and light food. Childcare also will be available.

The series' remaining five concerts all happen in 2014, and include an afternoon of voice and plucked strings; Kitka, an all-female vocal ensemble; the Del Sol String Quartet, which has twice won the Chamber Music America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming; and San Francisco sisters the Lee Trio. The Feb. 9 gala celebration will feature Robin Sutherland, a pianist with the San Francisco Symphony.

Except for the gala, which costs \$50, tickets cost \$10 for students, \$18 for seniors, \$22.50 if purchased in advance, and \$25 at the door. Children under 12 are free. Events take place at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell St. The church parking lot is in St. Mark's Square, off Gough Street just south of Geary. For more information, visit www.nvcm.org or call 415-648-5236.

Social Issues Explored Through Dance

Local choreographers explore themes of homelessness, relationships, and the obsession with youth in this year's WERK! Performance Festival 2013, running Friday to Sunday, Nov. 8 to 10, at Dance Mission Theater.

Each of the four performances features two choreographers from this year's WERK Collective, whose mission is to give artists the opportunity to develop and show their work at a larger venue.

Friday's show starts at 8 p.m. Tim Rubel will present "Here and Then," an examination of connections with LGBT elders through dance, video, text, and original music. The evening's second show is Samantha Giron's "The Dirt on Dorian Gray," a dance meditation on society's ideas of aging.

Saturday's show also starts at 8 p.m., and features Alyce Finwall's "Shapeless Crown," a piece about the work of a performing artist; and "Messy Human," Ashley Trotter's look at homelessness both on the streets and inside the body.

Two Sunday shows, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., feature the same four artists in different combinations.

Tickets cost \$20, though a discount applies for tickets to more than one show. See the full schedule and reserve online at Brown Paper Tickets, www.brownpapertickets.com. Dance Mission Theater is located at 3316 24th St. at Mission Street.

This month's Short Takes were written by Heather World.

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POLICE BEAT

We're sure you'll notice that this month's Police Beat is missing a key ingredient: a crime log from Mission Police Officer Lorraine Lombardo, beat officer on 24th Street for 23 years and a *Voice* correspondent for more than a decade. Officer Lombardo asked to take a break from sifting and summarizing Mission Police Station's incident reports

for the *Voice* so that she could put more time into her community policing duties in Noe Valley. We want to thank her for tireless service to the newspaper—and of course for her contributions to the safety and well-being of the neighborhood. We hope she'll consider returning to the *Voice* someday or at least tip us off when there's a rash of laptop thefts, the bicycle thief pops up, or a 100-year-old neighbor celebrates a birthday.

Meanwhile, we're talking to Mission Station about a new reporter for the Police Beat or about an alternative approach to presenting crime data from the Mission half of Noe Valley (the area north of Cesar Chavez Street). Below, you will find our usual police log of incidents in "Noe Valley South," provided by Ingleside Police Station. —Ed.

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 publish digital newsletters and hold monthly community meetings. Mission Police District holds its meetings on the last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., at Mission Station, 630 Valencia St. Ingleside's community 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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REPORT FROM INGLESIDE STATION

The Ingleside police blotter covers incidents reported Sept. 1-30, 2013, in the area roughly bounded by Cesar Chavez, Guerrero, 30th, and Diamond streets. Incidents were culled from newsletters produced by Ingleside Police Station. The *Voice* log may not include all events reported during the month. To contact Ingleside Station or receive its newsletter, call 404-4000 or email SFPDInglesideStation@sfgov.org.

Sept. 1, 2 a.m.: 5200 block of Diamond Heights Blvd., Vandalism to Property

Sept. 2, 2 a.m., San Jose Ave. and Randall, Robbery: A Muni passenger was attacked and robbed of his cell phone and wallet. The victim told Ingleside Officers Dilag and Brock that he was sitting in the LRV seat next to the front exit when the suspect came up to him and, without saying a word, grabbed his hair on the back of his head and slammed his face into the metal pole in front of his seat. The suspect then grabbed the vic-

tim's iPhone and wallet and escaped. The victim briefly gave chase but fell onto the sidewalk and then returned to the LRV, where the police were summoned. In addition to the phone, the victim also lost several credit and debit cards. The LRV operator told the officers that the suspect boarded the train at 30th and Church streets after exiting a four-door Honda Civic. #130730965

Sept. 8, 11:30 p.m., first block of 28th, Theft of Bicycle

Sept. 9, 7 a.m., 1700 block of Dolores, Recovered Vehicle

Sept. 9, 12:30 p.m., 5200 block of Diamond Heights Blvd., Shoplifting

Sept. 10, 2:44 a.m., 1400 block of Guerrero, Recovered License Plate

Sept. 11, 12 p.m., 5200 block of Diamond Heights Blvd., Assault: Officers Morgante, Aslam, and Walsh were on duty patrolling the Diamond Heights Shopping Center when they were flagged down by Security Officer Jones, a San Francisco Patrol Special, who was in hot pursuit of a shoplifter. This incident involved a female who was caught inside Safeway placing items into her purse consisting of a small bottle of bleach, yogurts, and beverages, as well as a cup of soup from the deli counter. The suspect ran from the store when confronted by the security officer. The officers were alerted of the theft and joined in on the foot chase. The officers managed to catch up to the subject, who then resisted arrest by kicking, screaming, and attempting to bite one of the officers. After a brief struggle, the suspect was taken into custody. While at the scene, the suspect complained of pain to her chest. An ambulance was quickly summoned, and she was transported to the hospital for treatment. The suspect was eventually booked at county jail for the theft, possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest. #130762435

Sept. 11, 1:10 p.m., 100 block of 27th, Recovered Vehicle

Sept. 13, 11 p.m., 400 block of Duncan, Stolen Vehicle

Sept. 15, 1:30 a.m., 1400 block of Church, Fraud

Sept. 15, 5:18 p.m., 600 block of 28th, Recovered Vehicle

Sept. 16, 4:27 p.m., Guerrero at 27th, Traffic Collision

Sept. 16, 7:34 p.m., Dolores at Valley, Traffic Collision

Sept. 23, 8:50 a.m., 200 block of Duncan, Fraud

Sept. 23, 1:18 p.m., 400 block of Day: Recovered Vehicle

Sept. 23, 3:30 p.m., 600 block of San Jose Ave.: Hit-and-Run

Sept. 27, 1:24 a.m., 100 block of Duncan, Drunk/Resisting Arrest: Officers Lustenberger and Chew responded to a call where an unknown subject entered a house uninvited. The owner of the house told the officers that he noticed a subject standing out in front of his home who appeared to be intoxicated. After a short while, the homeowner went outside to check on the man. He said the subject was still there and stumbled his way inside the home looking for a bathroom. After walking through the home, the unknown subject exited the house. The homeowner told the officers that the subject was polite and never made any threats to hurt him. The homeowner told the officers that he did not want to press charges for the trespassing. The officers located the subject outside and arrested him for being drunk in public. When they arrived at Ingleside Station, the subject was uncooperative and fought with the officers. After a short scuffle, the officers were able to control him, but the man sustained an injury in the process. Medics responded and took him to the local hospital for treatment. The suspect was eventually cited for being intoxicated and for fighting with the officers. #130813862

Sept. 29, 11 a.m., San Jose Ave. at Day, Stolen Vehicle

Sept. 30, 10:24 p.m., 300 block of Duncan, Burglary



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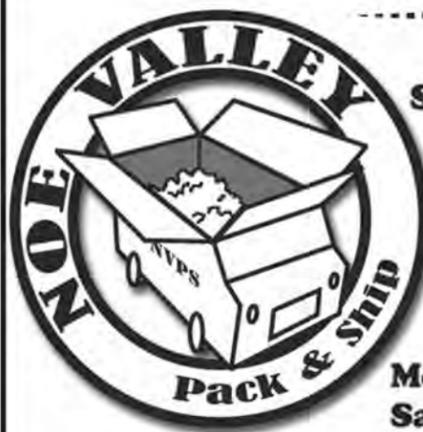
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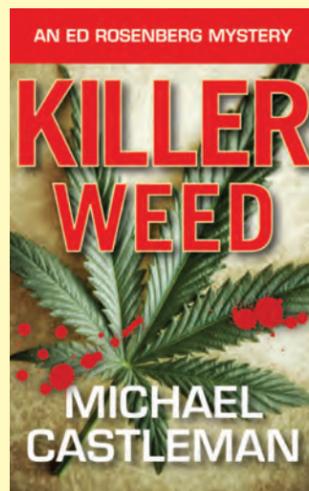
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The Cost of Living in Noe

Sales on Vacation in September

By Corrie M. Anders

The residential housing market in Noe Valley took a breather in September, as buyers closed deals on just seven single-family detached homes during the month.



New owners paid slightly more than \$2 million in September for a condo unit in this 11-year-old building in the 4200 block of 25th Street.

That was six fewer houses than in August, when sellers were reaping the rewards of a summertime buying surge, according to sales data supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate.

Though September wasn't as hectic, the number of potential buyers searching for a new address in the upscale neighborhood continued to outpace the supply of properties available for sale, said Randall Kostick, Zephyr's general manager.

"It's been a tough market for buyers, and it continues to be a tough market for buyers," Kostick said.

A relatively small inventory of houses for sale has been the main reason sellers have held the advantage. From May through August, Noe Valley had only enough inventory to last two to three weeks without additional homes coming on the market, Kostick said.

That started to change last month. Kostick said there was a two months' stock of homes by the end of September—the largest supply he'd seen in a year—though not enough to eliminate the heated competition for properties.

Overbids a Mean 7 Percent

In September, home shoppers paid an average 7 percent more than the seller's asking price. But that extra cash was less than the 10 percent bonus they paid in August and the 15 percent premium recorded in August of last year.

Buyers paid \$2.4 million—9 percent more than the asking price—to acquire September's most expensive property, a four-bedroom, three-bath home in the 200 block of 27th Street, between Dolores and Church streets.

Built in 1907, the three-story, 3,143-square-foot Victorian had been renovated to showcase its gourmet kitchen, luxury bathrooms, and a manicured rear garden.

Fewer But Pricier Condos

Four condominiums closed escrow in September, one fewer than in August and six fewer than that sold in September of 2012. However, prices continued to rise, as condo buyers on average were willing to pay 7 percent more than the listed price, just as their counterparts in the detached-home market did.

One condominium contestant went all out for a unit that was considerably larger than most stand-alone homes in Noe Valley. The buyer paid \$2,030,000—8 percent more than the asking price—for a 2,870-square-foot spread with four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sweeping views, and two-car parking. The condo is located in a two-unit building in the 4200 block of 25th Street, between Castro and Diamond streets.



This 27th Street Victorian sold for \$2.4 million, making it the priciest deal in our September survey of Noe Valley home sales.

Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
September 2013	7	\$1,190,000	\$2,400,000	\$1,538,571	36	107%
August 2013	13	\$1,350,000	\$5,250,000	\$2,458,077	31	110%
September 2012	5	\$450,000	\$1,480,000	\$1,025,800	29	115%
Condominiums						
September 2013	4	\$900,100	\$2,030,000	\$1,319,775	28	107%
August 2013	5	\$655,000	\$1,339,999	\$970,000	21	116%
September 2012	10	\$725,000	\$1,510,000	\$1,074,000	49	103%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
September 2013	3	\$1,000,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,121,667	97	102%
August 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
September 2012	1	\$880,000	\$880,000	\$880,000	36	100%
5+-unit buildings						
September 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
August 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
September 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. NWV 11/2013

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range October 2013	Average October 2013	Average September 2013	Average October 2012
Studio	2	\$2,000 – \$2,500	\$2,250 / mo.	\$2,000 / mo.	\$1,642 / mo.
1-bdrm	32	\$1,800 – \$3,600	\$2,740 / mo.	\$2,646 / mo.	\$2,498 / mo.
2-bdrm	26	\$3,295 – \$7,995	\$4,328 / mo.	\$5,644 / mo.	\$3,384 / mo.
3-bdrm	14	\$3,850 – \$8,800	\$5,382 / mo.	\$6,130 / mo.	\$5,277 / mo.
4+-bdrm	7	\$6,250 – \$11,000	\$7,914 / mo.	\$9,150 / mo.	\$8,000 / mo.

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On 24th Street

Asked on Saturday, Oct. 19, in front of Starbucks at 24th and Noe streets:

What is your favorite dish in Noe Valley?



Melissa Contreras, 29th Street: I love the pepperoni pizza at Patxi's—it's not like anything I've had. There's just something about the crust; it's really rich.



Ashlei Maihack, Duncan Street: My favorite dish is called the Sonoma at Savor. It's a chicken sandwich with pesto and onions, and it comes with beer-battered fries and a salad. I also love any type of burrito at Casa Mexicana. They have 10 types of meats and melt the cheese on the burrito.



Doug Will, 21st Street: My favorite dish is the Eggs Benedict at Le Zinc. The restaurant is a great place for breakfast.



Erika Friday, Yukon Street: Firefly has a lovely vermouth cocktail. The proportions are just right.



Cara and Brian Whitehill, Dolores Street: The spaghetti and meatballs at Basso's is great. It's a good, spicy meatball. The vegetable delight with chicken at Henry Hunan's is another favorite; it's quality food at a good price. Another one of our favorites is the Brussels sprouts at Pasta Pomodoro, and for breakfast, the pancakes at Chloe's.



Geoff Martell, 23rd Street: My favorite dish is definitely the White Roll at Saru Sushi. It has yellowtail and a little avocado. I also like the goulash at Paprika [at 24th and Bartlett].



Carolyn Reiser and Teddy, Chattanooga Street: The appetizer platter at Fattoush is great. It has baba ghanoush, hummus, and tabbouleh. It's easy and you can get it any time of the day. It's fresh, and quick, and is something I can't really make myself. I also love the Elizabeth Roll at Hamano Sushi.



Jon Pierucci, Vicksburg Street: The pizza, every type, at La Ciccia is excellent.

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SCHOOL BEAT

Noe Schools Grow Green Thumbs

By Heather World

Noe Valley schools have undergone a green revolution in the past five years, using grants, bond money, and donations to rip up blacktop and dig in gardens to give students some dirt-based education.

The sizes range from 3,700 square feet to four six-foot metal planters, but the effect is the same: teachers use these learning gardens to give science, nutrition, and conservation another dimension. Students use them before and after school or during recess, growing imaginary worlds to play in or quiet corners for reading.

Three Noe Valley schools are among the 22 that contract with Education Outside (EO), a nonprofit hoping to advance science in San Francisco public schools by getting kids outdoors. For a subsidized fee, EO provides instructors called "corps members."

Corps member Mary Catherine Muniz started working with students at Glen Park Elementary at the beginning of this school year. Muniz will see all the classes once a week for the whole year. She's been planting salads with kindergarten students and building mock habitats with first-graders to understand ecosystems.

"Kids are coming at recess to work on the houses, saying 'How are we going to protect fairies from their predators?'" she said.

Bond Money Builds Beds

The garden itself was newly built this summer. The money came from Proposition A, a school bond passed in 2003 and 2006 to modernize schools. Thanks in part to EO lobbying, \$7.3 million of the Prop. A money was set aside for greening yards at 53 public schools across the city.

Fairmount Elementary's vegetable garden expanded significantly in the summer of 2012 thanks to Prop A money. What had started as a parent-built vegetable plot became a full-blown outdoor classroom: concrete was replaced with trees, raised beds, a tool shed, and slabs of attractive stone for seating.

The school's EO coordinator teaches pre-kindergarteners through fifth-graders, including special education classes there.

Fairmount parent and greening committee member Carey Craddock says the gardens are great for hands-on reinforce-

ment of what the children are learning inside school, but they are more, too. She notices the afterschool children playing among the plants, creating forts and pathways, and making potions.

"They make up so many games with the materials that are just there," she said.

At Alvarado Elementary, those materials include a pond and a teepee. The school's two gardens took shape about five years ago. Two parents convinced their employers to foot the bill and provide sweat equity. That money and manpower, combined with Prop. A funds, parent and student volunteers, and PTA donations, created an outdoor classroom featuring a 1,300-gallon rainwater storage cistern and a terraced garden running the width of the lower yard's north side.

The school's EO corps member Brooke McClelland meets with all classes once a week for 10 to 14 weeks, teaching everything from seed harvesting to the water cycle. She's also there at recess, opening the gardens to children who want to play or read there.

Parents Plant Seeds of Success

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy on 19th Street also made use of parents' work connections. Parent David Lloyd asked his landscape architecture firm to draw plans for an outdoor classroom pro bono. Not long after, the schoolyard flooded. "The district's plan was to re-grade it and pave it over, and that's when we got involved," Lloyd said. His firm, AECOM, presented a green alternative, which the school district approved instead.

Now a rain garden captures runoff from a high retaining wall, filters the water through a bio-retention system, and deposits it into the sewer. A large donated cistern captures rainwater from the school's bungalow, and that water is used for the school's vegetable, pollinator, and native gardens during the dry season.

Some teachers take their classes outside and use the picnic table, chalkboard, and garden benches to deliver science lessons. The YMCA has started a garden club on site, and students hang out in the area doing non-garden activities like reading. The school has not had to raise thousands of dollars to go green, Lloyd said. Parents fanned out into the community to get grants and donations. A long

list of thanks goes to HandsOn Bay Area, Flowercraft, and dozens of parents and community members.

City Another Source of Funds

Harvey Milk Academy received an Urban Watershed Stewardship grant from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the rainwater harvesting system, and parents are applying for a grant to get an Education Outside corps member to teach the children, Lloyd said.

Grant money from SFPUC will also benefit Mission Education Center, thanks to garden coordinator Markos Major. Major is also the executive director of Climate Action Now, a nonprofit that won a \$100,000 Urban Watershed Stewardship grant and will use the money at schools it works with around the city.

At Mission Education Center, that means 1,500 square feet of concrete along Noe Street will become a pollinator garden. It will also capture stormwater, and both these functions along with composting will be used to teach standards-based curriculum, Major said. "It's a great outdoor classroom."



Zael Johnson and Finn Ellis scrub potatoes grown in a garden at Alvarado School.

Photo courtesy Susan Doering

Major invites neighbors to join the school at a garden work party Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to plant the sidewalk garden along 30th Street and the hillside on the school's campus along Noe Street. MEC is located at 1670 Noe St.

Butterflies and Ferns

Even small grants can have a big impact. Thomas Edison Charter Academy won a \$2,800 Community Challenge Grant to build a potted learning garden. Last month, about 50 volunteers, including kindergarten students, created an outdoor classroom with touch, scent, native/butterfly, and prehistoric (think ferns and palms) gardens in each of four six-foot-long stock tanks, and four kinds of trees.

"This garden was planted to welcome our incoming kindergarten families and allow one of their first experiences as TECA Panthers to be an act of giving," said parent Patricia DeFonte, who applied for the grant when she noticed how much TECA students enjoyed trees they had planted along Dolores Street in conjunction with Friends of the Urban Forest.

In addition to discounted plants and pots, the school got free soil from Recology and loaned gardening supplies from the Department of Public Works, which is available to any school, DeFonte noted.

Parents at James Lick Middle School have won nearly \$10,000 in grants from sources like Lowe's Educational Foundation and Friends of Noe Valley to create a garden with planters and tables with seating on the southeast side of the building, facing Clipper Street.

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Bottom:

Ellen Harris recently attended a convention in Madison, WI where the group works to promote separation of church and state. Naturally she found time to read her neighborhood paper while there.



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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular *Voice* feature profiling new businesses in Noe Valley. This month we introduce a sweet shop—and do we mean sweet—that opened on 24th Street in early October.

BUTTONS CANDY BAR 4027 24th St. between Noe and Castro 415-970-9035

On the back wall of Buttons Candy Bar, which opened in early October, hangs a small vintage-style clock in the shape of an ice cream cone with this saying: “You can’t buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream.”

Spend just a few minutes wandering through Buttons’ clean, fresh, comforting space and you might want to rephrase that adage. At Buttons, it looks like customers can buy both ice cream and happiness.

At least, that’s what co-owners Alison Porter and Dona Taylor are hoping. Both have longtime connections to Noe Valley—Taylor as the proprietor of 24th Street shops Gallery of Jewels and When Modern Was, and Porter as a 25-year resident of the neighborhood and more recently an employee of When Modern Was.

The look and feel of Buttons, from the vintage yet contemporary space design to the bright-green button logo hanging in front of the store, is the handiwork of Porter, who previously enjoyed a decades-long career as an interior designer. She also was the driving force behind the decision to convert Taylor’s second When Modern Was shop into a candy store.

“The second store was doing really



Buttons Candy Bar owners Alison Porter and Dona Taylor (right) are like kids in a candy store—every day of the week.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

well,” says Porter, “but I have wanted to open a candy store ever since I visited a very special one on Cape Cod about five years ago. It was an amazing experience—wall-to-wall people and candy—and everyone was so happy.”

Judging from the faces of visitors to Buttons on a recent Sunday afternoon, Porter may have come close to her dream. Preschool kids with parents in tow, a trio of teen girls, and a young couple carrying packages crowded into the store, smiling

delightedly at the row after row of glass jars filled with bonbons, in all colors of the rainbow.

Porter and Taylor named the store Buttons, says Porter, “because candy and buttons are a lot alike. Both come in all shapes and sizes. They’re also both really cute and a lot of fun.” Not surprisingly, the co-owners also are button collectors.

The store abounds with treats from a bygone era—from Bit-O-Honey, Pixy Stix, and Clark Bars to an extensive line of jelly beans, taffy, and licorice, along with old-style frozen treats like Creamsicles, It’s-Its, and Klondike bars. Gummy bears, M&Ms, sour belts, chocolate almonds, and many other confections can be purchased by the ounce.

“And we take requests,” Porter notes, quickly producing a two-page list gathered from customers during the shop’s first week in business. Among the desired items: U-No Bars, pink popcorn, and Dubble Bubble Bubblegum.

“I think people are really longing for nostalgia,” says Porter, “and to share the experiences of their childhood with their children. The kids are having such a great time coming into the store.”

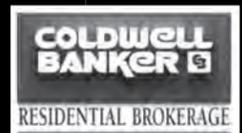
Along with edible treats, Buttons also sells a variety of gift items, including button jewelry—necklaces, pins, and rings made by Taylor—plus old-fashioned toys, candy dishes, and bath soaps that look and smell like candy truffles.

“We feel so genuinely grateful to be small business owners in Noe Valley,” says Porter. “Everyone here is magic. I really can’t imagine doing a store like this anywhere else.”

Buttons Candy Bar is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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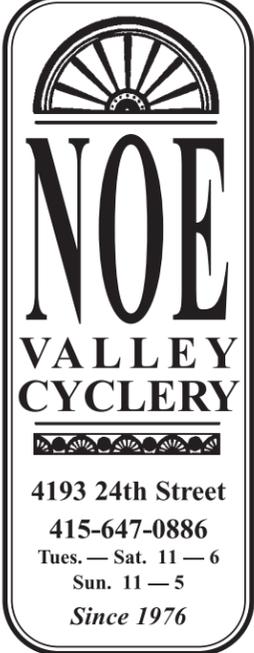
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Nov. 1-9: The 38th American Indian FILM FESTIVAL screens at the Delancey Street Theatre, 600 Embarcadero, and the SF Jazz Center, 201 Franklin. aifisf.com.

Nov. 1-9: MARGA GOMEZ performs a workshop of her solo show *Lovebirds*. Thurs. & Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 8:30 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia. 282-3055; themarsh.org.

Nov. 1-16: The 11th annual ALTERED BARBIE show features events and an exhibition of variations on the iconic doll. Shotwell 50 Inc., 50 Shotwell. alteredbarbie.com.

Nov. 1-17: ARTZONE 461 Gallery exhibits a group show, "Architecture & Interiors," and Harry Bowden's vintage photos and works on paper. Reception Oct. 26, 5-8 pm; Wed.-Sun., noon-6 pm. 461 Valencia. 441-8680; artzone461.com.

Nov. 1-24: Creativity Explored exhibits "SF's CALACAS Day of the Dead," a group show featuring interpretations of *El Dia de Los Muertos*. Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Nov. 1-29: Bird & Beckett offers Friday-night JAZZ with artists Don Prell, Jimmy Ryan, and the Third Quartet. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

Nov. 1-29: 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.

Nov. 1-29: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

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

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

Nov. 1-Dec. 28: The Marsh presents the premiere of Brian Copeland's SHOW, *The Jewelry Box*. Thurs. & Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 5 pm. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; themarsh.org.

Nov. 2 & 3: DavidsTea celebrates the first birthday of the Noe Valley store with an OPEN TEA BAR. 1-4 pm. 3870 24th.

Nov. 2: Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge introduce *The Beekman 1802 HEIRLOOM DESSERT Cookbook*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 2: Reserve a spot at Puppy Dog Tales and READ books alongside a calm friendly dog. 4-5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 2: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church hosts a CONCERT to benefit the Julian Food Pantry. 4 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. holyinsf.org.

Nov. 2: The 14th Potrero Hill HISTORY NIGHT features music and barbeque at 5:30, and a talk by Charles Fracchia, "Potrero Hill: An Adventure in Urban Archeology," at 7 pm. International Studies Academy, 655 De Haro. 863-0784.

Nov. 2-26: 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.

Nov. 2-30: The Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live musicians from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Nov. 3: Clotilde Dusolier discusses *The French Market Cookbook: Vegetarian Recipes from My Parisian Kitchen*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 3-24: The Glen Park FARMERS' MARKET is open Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm. Glen Park BART parking lot, Bosworth & Arlington.

Nov. 3-24: 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.

Nov. 3 & 17; Dec. 1: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 5 & 12: Noe Valley Library hosts a "HEALTHIER LIVING" program for those managing conditions like arthritis, diabetes, and cancer. Tuesdays, 2:30-5 pm. 451 Jersey. Advance registration required: 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES and playtime on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 5-26: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

Nov. 5-26: 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.

Nov. 5-26: Match wits at PUB QUIZ NIGHT at the Valley Tavern. (Also look for the trivia games at the Dubliner.) 8 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Nov. 5 & Dec. 3: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

Nov. 6: The Glen Park Library hosts the second of a two-part program, "The History of GLEN CANYON." 6-7:30 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858. sfpl.org.

Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27: Eureka Valley Library's Wednesday BABY RHYME & PLAYTIME, for infants to 18 months, starts at 1:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27: Patrick Lau leads a class, "TAI CHI for Health," for advanced beginners, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, and for beginners, 2:45 to 3:45 pm. Noe Valley Library 451 Jersey. To register: 387-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 6-27: Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Bernal Heights Rec Center, 500 Moultrie. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.



Salt shakers made by Noe Valley artist Laura Blaconda will be among the attractions at the 35th Celebration of Craftswomen at Fort Mason Nov. 9-11.

Nov. 6-27: The Castro Farmers' Market has fresh PRODUCE on Wednesdays. 4-8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Nov. 6-27: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Nov. 6 & Dec. 4: The GLBT HISTORY MUSEUM has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107.

Nov. 7: Preschool SCIENCE STORY TIME takes a look at the human body with stories and songs. 11-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 7 & 14: The Noe Valley Library hosts TODDLER TALES, featuring books, rhymes, music and movement for ages 18 to 36 months with their caregivers. 10:15 & 11 am. 451 Jersey. 387-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 7 & 21: The Noe Valley 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.

Nov. 7-28: Paxton Gate offers a Thursday STORY TIME at its Curiosities for Kids location. Noon-1 pm. 766 Valencia. 252-9990.

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

Nov. 8: The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of the FILM *The Painted Veil* (based on the novel by W. Somerset Maugham). 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 8: Ages 8 to 14 are invited to a BUTTON-MAKING workshop with all materials provided. 4-5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 387-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 8: Los Angeles chef Suzanne Goin brings *The AOC Cookbook* to Omnivore Books. 6:30-7:30 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 8 & 9: George Washington High School's 40th REUNION for Fall 1972 and Fall and Spring 1973 classes is in the planning stages. Contact Sharon Nakamura, 510-795-7892, or gwhsclassof73reunion@gmail.com.

Nov. 8-10: The WERK! Festival features local choreographers at Dance Mission Theater. 8 pm; Sun., 4 pm matinee. 3316 24th. 826-4441; dancemission.com.

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CALENDAR

Nov. 9: Supervisor Scott Wiener and the Rec and Park Department celebrate the opening of the replanted Upper Douglass DOG PARK. Douglass & 27th. 10-11 am.

Nov. 9: Natural Resources invites you to meet douglas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

Nov. 9: St. Paul's School and Church host "Fiesta de San Pablo" DINNER DANCE and auction benefit. 6 pm-midnight. Patio Español, 2850 Alemany. 648-7538.

Nov. 9-11: The 35th annual Women's Building Celebration of CRAFTSWOMEN showcases 190 artists, including Noe Valley artist Laura Blacona. 10 am-5 pm. Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center. 802-5699; celebrationofcraftswomen.com.

Nov. 10: The monthly PFLAG support group runs from 2 to 4:15 pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church near Market. 921-8850; pflagsf@aol.com.

Nov. 10: Rachel Laudan discusses *Cuisine and Empire: Cooking in World History*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 10: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC presents a concert by Latitude 41, including piano trios by Saint-Saens and Schubert at 4 pm. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell. 648-5236; nvcn.org.

Nov. 11: City College Night at the ODD MONDAYS series features poet José Luís Gutierrez, and CCSF teachers, including Li Miai Li and Leslie Simon. 6 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th; no-host supper, 5 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Nov. 11: COMEDY at El Rio spotlights Micia Moseley, David Hawkins, Casey Grim, and Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm. 3158 Mission. elriosf.com.

Nov. 12: The SF Museum and Historical Society hosts John Freeman's discussion of the history of BREWING BEER in the city. 7:30 pm. The Old Mint, 88 Fifth. sfhistory.org.



Snowflakes will be falling and a tree will be lit at "Christmas on the Plaza" Dec. 7, 4 to 8 pm, at Bethel Church on Valencia Street.

Nov. 13: The Glen Park Library hosts the Glen Park KNITTING CIRCLE on the second Wednesday of the month. 4:30-6 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Nov. 13: The final community meeting to discuss improvements at NOE COURTS park runs from 6 to 8 pm. St. Philip's Parish Hall, 725 Diamond. Marvin Yee, 581-2561; yee@sfgov.org.

Nov. 13: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group at the Noe Valley Library discusses Immanuel Kant's *Conscience*. 6:15-8:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Nov. 13: L'Alliance Française presents an evening with CARA BLACK, author of the Aimée Leduc mysteries. 7:30 pm. Mission Branch Library, 300 Bartlett. 355-2800.

Nov. 14: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

Nov. 14: Erica Peters introduces her book, *San Francisco: A FOOD BIOGRAPHY*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 15: Isa Chandra Moskowitz discusses *Isa Does It: Amazingly Easy, Wildly Delicious VEGAN RECIPES for Every Day of the Week*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 15 & 16: Gallery of Jewels offers a trunk show of Alberian and Aulde JEWELRY. 4089 24th. 285-0626.

Nov. 16: A GARDEN Work Party at the Mission Education Center Garden welcomes volunteers from 10 am to 3 pm. 503-7639; markosmajor@gmail.com.

Nov. 16: Rocket DOG RESCUE brings good dogs to a mobile adoption at Muddpuppy's, 536 Castro. 1-5 pm. rocketdogrescue.org.

Nov. 16: Dana Goodyear introduces *Anything That Moves: Renegade Chefs, Fearless Eaters, and the Making of a New American FOOD CULTURE*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 16: A tribute to PHIL OCHS begins at 8 pm. SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's (Noe Valley Music Series). 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Nov. 20: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group's selection is *The Dinner* by Herman Koch. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 20: The Eureka Valley Library hosts a "Write Your Own WILL" workshop, led by an attorney. 7-8:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). Sign up at 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 21: FILMS for preschoolers screen at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Nov. 22: Roy Choi introduces *L.A. SON: My Life, My City, My Food*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 23: The Glen Park Library hosts a screening of the FILM *The Bishop's Wife*, featuring Loretta Young and David Niven. 3-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Nov. 23: A ROLLER-SKATING party and fundraiser for Harvey Milk School invites all ages. 4:15-6:16 pm. Redwood Roller Rink, 1302 Main St., Redwood City. 650-5550; harveymilk.com.

Nov. 23: Anne and Pete Sibley and the T Sisters perform a CONCERT at SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's Church. 8 pm. 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Nov. 24: Radical Women hosts a THANKSGIVING Feast Tribute to Native Americans, featuring a turkey dinner and new world foods. 3 pm. New Valencia Hall, 747 Polk. 864-1278; radicalwomen.org.

Nov. 26: Joseph Amster portrays EMPEROR NORTON at the monthly meeting of the SF History Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Nov. 27: The Noe Valley MERCHANTS and Professionals Association meets at Bank of America, 4098 24th, 9 am. 641-8687; noevallymerchants.com.

Nov. 27: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its regular community meeting, beginning at 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Nov. 30: Spider Saloff performs

"The Memory of All That," celebrating 115 years of GEORGE GERSHWIN. 8 pm. SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's (Noe Valley Music Series). 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Nov. 30-Dec. 24: Drop off new, unwrapped toys for the SF Firefighters TOY DRIVE at Cliché Noe Gifts. 4175 24th. 282-5416; clichenoe.com.

Dec. 1: Music on the Hill presents a CONCERT by the Adesso Ensemble. 7:30 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 820-1429; musiconthehill.org.

Dec. 1: There will be crafts and entertainment at the annual MENO-RAH LIGHTING, starting at dusk. Town Square, 3865 24th. 648-8000; chabadnoe@gmail.com.

Dec. 5: The third 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. 7: A nativity scene, tree-lighting, caroling, 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.

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

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This month, it's flag football on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays, tango on Thursdays, skateboarding on Fridays, and, of course, your dog-biscuit baking on Saturdays—all at Upper Noe Recreation Center.

For an updated schedule of classes, and specific gym and auditorium hours, visit www.noevalleyreccenter.com, call 415-970-8061, or stop by the park at 295 Day St. The rec center's hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Joby's Dog Run, at the Church Street end of the park, is open daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

UPPER NOE REC CENTER CLASSES

Tennis (7-12 yrs old)	Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (30-42 months)	Tues., 10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun (10 months-1 yr old)	Tues., 10-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs old)	Tues., 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (2-3 yrs old)	Tues., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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Indoor Soccer (9-12 yrs old)	Tues., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Tennis (adult intermediate)	Tues., 6-7 p.m.
Yoga (adult)	Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boot Camp (adult)	Tues., 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Baby and Me (18-36 mths)	Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 10:30-11 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 11-11:30 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 11:30-noon
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.
Tennis (5-8 yrs old)	Wed., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Kickboxing (adult)	Wed., 5:30-7 p.m.
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Indoor Soccer (30-42 months)	Thurs., 10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun (10 months-3 yrs old)	Thurs., 10-11:30 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (2-3 yrs old)	Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tennis (adult intermediate)	Thurs., noon-1:30 p.m.
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	Thurs., 2-4 p.m.
Yoga (adult)	Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Core Stability and Balance (adult)	Thurs., 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Baby and Me (18-36 mths)	Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates (adult)	Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
So You Think You Can Act (8-11 yrs old)	Fri., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Shred Æn' Butter Skateboarding (6-13 yrs)	Fri., 4:30-6 p.m.
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Combat Athletics (11-15 yrs old)	Fri., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Future Chefs (9-13 yrs old)	Fri., 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Drop-in Women's Futsol (adult)	Fri., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Boot Camp (adult)	Sat., 9:30-10:30 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (3-4 yrs old)	Sat., 10-11 a.m.
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The Thanksgiving Table—Recipes Made for Memories

By Claudia Ann Kim

It's that time of year again, and many home chefs are scrambling to be creative this Thanksgiving, Nov. 28. A menu composed of traditional items, mixed with an adventurous side dish or dessert, can make the holiday a memorable one.

Traditional sides and desserts are yummy, but with everything that is available to us now, we might want to do a variation on the classics, such as a gluten-free dressing. To help make your Thanksgiving meal special (and to fulfill a request from a *Voice* editor who sampled the stuffing last year and couldn't wait to retaste it), we're offering recipes for several old standards: roast turkey, chestnut stuffing, and pumpkin pie. However, we're also including a gluten-free version of the stuffing, a gluten-free pumpkin pie crust, and—just for fun—a pumpkin cheesecake with a sour cream topping. After all, it's Thanksgiving!

ROASTING THE TURKEY

Cooking a turkey is surprisingly easy. To prepare the turkey for roasting in the oven, first remove the giblets (and save for gravy or stuffing). Next, rinse the bird inside and out and pat dry with paper towels.

If you are stuffing the bird, stuff it loosely, allowing about ½ to ¾ cup stuffing per pound of turkey.

Brush the skin with melted butter or oil. Tie drumsticks together with string (for stuffed birds only).

A 10- to 18-pound stuffed turkey should roast 3¾ to 4½ hours or until the internal temperature reaches 165°F. (An unstuffed turkey takes 3 to 3½ hours.)

Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. The thermometer should point toward the body and should not touch the bone.

Place the bird on a rack in a roasting pan, and into a preheated 350°F oven. Bake until the skin is a light golden color, and then cover loosely with a foil tent. During the last 45 minutes of baking, remove the foil tent to brown the skin. Basting is not necessary, but helps promote even browning.

MORE FOOD TO EAT

CHESTNUT SAGE STUFFING

Prep Time: 30 minutes
12 to 14 servings
(This can be made a few days before.)

Ingredients

1 pound fresh chestnuts, shelled and peeled, coarsely chopped; or ¾-pound vacuum-packed bag of whole chestnuts, coarsely chopped
1 package Jimmy Dean Sage Pork Sausage Roll
6 slices bacon, cut crosswise into ¼-inch-wide strips
1½ cups chopped celery, including leaves
1 large onion, chopped
3 tablespoons fresh sage, minced; or 1 tablespoon dried sage, crumbled
½ cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
1 stick butter, unsalted
1 package (14 ounces) Pepperidge Farm Herb-Seasoned Stuffing
2 cups chicken broth or water
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Directions: Melt butter over medium-high heat in a large pan or stock pot. Add bacon and pork sausage, breaking up sausage with wooden spoon. Cook until bacon and sausage are thoroughly cooked, stirring frequently.

Add celery and onion and cook for about 7 minutes or until tender. Add sage, parsley, and chestnuts. Remove from heat. Add stuffing mix and chicken broth or water. Mix until blended. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Cool stuffing to room temperature before stuffing the turkey. Or, you can spoon the stuffing into a lightly buttered 13-by-9-inch baking dish; cover with foil. Preheat oven to 325°F. Bake 50 minutes to 1 hour.

GLUTEN-FREE STUFFING

For a gluten-free version of above, substitute the seasoned stuffing with 14 ounces of gluten-free stuffing cubes, such as Bakehouse brand sold at Whole Foods. You can omit the chestnuts if nut allergies are a concern.

GLUTEN-FREE PUMPKIN PIE

Prep Time: 30 minutes
6 to 8 servings
Special Equipment: 9-inch pie pan

For Crust

1 cup almonds, finely ground in food processor, or almond flour
3 tablespoons coconut oil, plus some to grease pie pan. Coconut oil must be melted first and set aside until it reaches room temperature.
1 egg (large)
¼ to ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

For Filling

1 (15-ounce) can of pumpkin, or approximately 2 cups of homemade pumpkin puree with excess liquid drained
3 eggs (large)
¼ cup honey (or to taste)
1 tablespoon pumpkin spice, or 2 teaspoons cinnamon and ¼ teaspoon each of clove, ground ginger, and ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Coconut milk to thin (no more than 1/3 cup)

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease a 9-inch pie pan with coconut oil, and mix crust ingredients by hand in a medium-sized bowl. Press crust into bottom and sides of pie pan and put into oven while making the filling. Remove the crust in 10 to 15 minutes, when it barely starts to brown.

In a mixing bowl, combine the filling ingredients (except coconut milk) and mix until blended. Use an immersion blender, mixer, or food processor to get the ingredients smooth. (Fillings should be smooth and spreadable, but not pourable.) Add coconut milk if needed to thin slightly. Pour and smooth filling over the crust and return to the oven for about an hour or until the center is no longer jiggly. It will set as it cooks.

Top with whipped heavy cream.

Cook's Note: You can use the same filling recipe to bake a regular pumpkin pie, just use your favorite pie crust recipe.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE WITH SOUR CREAM TOPPING

Prep Time: 45 minutes
12 to 14 servings
Special Equipment: 9-to-9½-inch spring-form pan

For Crust

¼ cup graham cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
½ stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted

For Filling

1½ cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
3 large eggs
½ cup packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons heavy cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup granulated sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch
1½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon freshly grated ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon salt
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

For Topping

2 cups (18 ounces of sour cream)
2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Make the Crust

Butter springform pan. Stir together crumbs, sugar, and butter in a bowl until combined. Press crumb mixture into bottom and ½ inch up side of pan. Chill crust for 1 hour.

Make the Filling

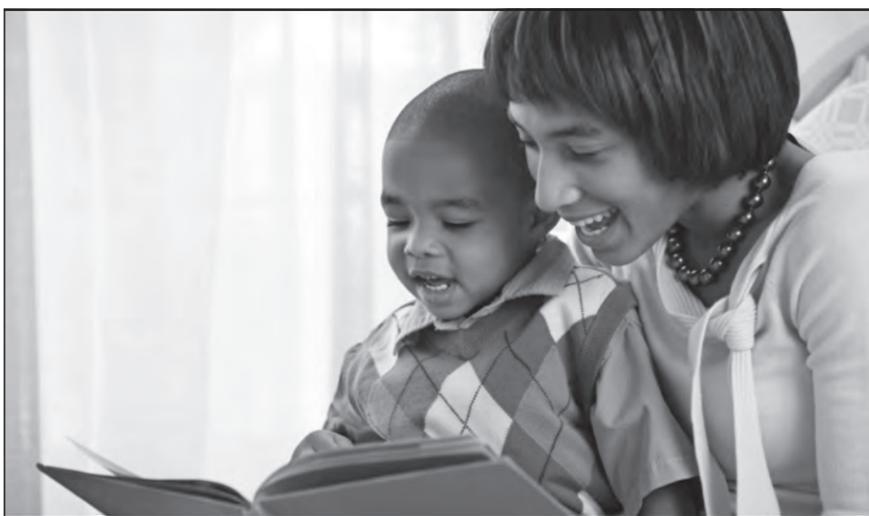
Put rack in middle of oven and preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk together pumpkin, eggs, brown sugar, cream, and vanilla in a bowl until combined. In another larger bowl, stir together granulated sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and salt. Add cream cheese and beat with an electric mixer at high speed until creamy and smooth, about 3 minutes. Add pumpkin mixture and beat until smooth. Pour filling into crust and smooth top. Put cheesecake on a baking sheet with sides and bake until center is just set, 50 to 60 minutes. Transfer to rack and cool for 5 minutes. (Leave oven on.)

Make the Topping

Whisk together sour cream and sugar in a bowl. Spread on top of cheesecake and bake for 5 minutes. Take out of oven and run a knife around edge of cheesecake to loosen it. Then cool completely, about 3 hours. Refrigerate cheesecake, covered for at least 4 hours or overnight. Bring cheesecake to room temperature before serving. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired.

Cook's Note: The cheesecake can be refrigerated for up to 12 hours.

Diamond Heights resident Claudia Ann Kim has been cooking since she was able to reach the stove. "I remember being a little girl and always bugging my mother to stir the pot, to add ingredients to the bowl, and just being a little pest." Her mom was her biggest influence. "I can remember all the holiday meals that my mom prepared, and it always seemed so effortless for her—she had that knack in the kitchen." A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts (formerly known as California Culinary Academy), Kim has worked as a pantry chef at Nordstrom's Café-Stonestown as well as run her own pastry business specializing in cakes. "I believe in the simplicity of food and the feeling of comfort it brings to our hearts," she says. "Who can deny that a batch of chocolate chip cookies is food for the soul?"



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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Puppy Dog Tails and Tales
Kids read alongside a friendly canine companion in the SPCA's **Puppy Dog Tales Reading Program**, which strives to enhance literacy, self-confidence, and social skills by pairing children with trained dog-and-owner therapy teams. For ages 4 to 7, but older children are welcome. Call 415-355-5707 to reserve your 15-minute spot. Saturday, Nov. 2, 4 to 5 p.m.

Science Story Time: Human Body
In conjunction with the SFPL's Imagination festival, **Preschool Science Story Time** will engage children's natural curiosity and exercise their fine motor skills through hands-on activities relating to the heart, lungs, and digestion. For ages 3 to 5 with parent or caregiver. Pictures stories and songs, too. Thursday, Nov. 7, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Button Up Your Overcoat
By using the library's nifty button machine, you can create **festive buttons** to decorate your backpack, bags, or hats. All materials are provided. Buttons are less than 2 inches in diameter, so think small. Ages 8 to 14. Friday, Nov. 8, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Toddler Tales
Children 16 to 36 months of age, accompanied by parent or caregiver, are invited to join Children's Librarian Miss Catherine for **picture stories, chants, songs, and movement**. Thursday, Nov. 7, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 14, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Films for Preschoolers
Children's Services will host two half-hour showings of **Preschool Films**, for children 3 to 5 years old, with parent or caregiver. Thursday, Nov. 21, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

A Literary Endeavor in Any Old Weather

Here's what Adult Services Librarian Susan Higgins and Children's Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library have come up with for your reading and viewing pleasure in November, traditionally a month when the air gets chilly (either that or extremely hot). No matter, you can snuggle up with the books and DVDs by reserving them online (www.sfpl.org) or calling the local branch at 355-5707. Then, when it's shorts weather, you can stroll over to 451 Jersey St. and pick them up.

Adult Fiction

- **The Burgess Boys** by Elizabeth Strout, author of the Pulitzer Prize winner *Olive Kitteridge*, is the story of middle-aged siblings during a family crisis.
- A British socialite gets an inheritance from a French woman she's never heard of in **The Perfume Collector** by Kathleen Tessaro.
- Ursula Todd is born and dies repeatedly in the inventive novel **Life After Life** by Kate Atkinson.
- A cult promises to cure loneliness in the dystopian novel **Woke Up Lonely** by Fiona Maazel.

Adult Nonfiction

- Noe Valley physician Daphne Miller travels to a variety of farms to explore the connections between growing food and caring for our bodies, in **Farmacology: What Innovative Family Farming Can Teach Us About Health and Healing**.
- In **Handling the Truth: On the Writing of Memoir**, National Book Award finalist Beth Kephart reflects on her experience as a writer and provides practical advice for other writers.
- Biologist Edward O. Wilson encourages readers to become scientists in the educational and inspirational **Letters to a Young Scientist**.
- In **The Myths of Happiness: What Should Make You Happy but Doesn't, What Shouldn't Make You Happy but Does**, U.C. Riverside psychology professor Sonja Lyubomirsky examines our misconceptions about marriage, wealth, illness, and more.

- After a night in the new building, Kyle and 11 other kids solve clues to **Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library** in this funny book by Agatha Award winner Chris Grabenstein. Ages 8 to 12.
- Danny the dragon detective and his iguana friend Wendell must slog through slime and sniff out missing dentures in **Dragonbreath: The Case of the Toxic Mutants** by Ursula Vernon. Ages 8 to 12.
- Italian teens play a part in resisting the Nazi forces during World War II in **Hero on a Bicycle**, a novel by Shirley Hughes. Ages 10 and up.

Children's Nonfiction

- **365 Toddler Activities That Inspire Creativity** is a collection by Joni Levine aimed at parents, caregivers, and pals of children ages 18 to 40 months.
- Kids will be surprised to discover the many **Things That Float and Things That Don't**, by David A. Adler, illustrated by Anna Raff. Ages 5 to 7.
- In **My Weird Writing Tips**, Dan Gutman, author of *My Weird School*, reveals his secrets to not "sounding like a dumb-head." Ages 8 to 12.
- **Ideas That Changed the World**, by DK Publishing, depicts in text and photographs 83 "incredible inventions," including the wheel, a surfboard, x-rays, penicillin, cement, and the first Apple computer. Ages 10 to 17.

Films on DVD

- A gay couple takes in a teenager with Down syndrome in **Any Day Now**, a movie directed by Travis Fine.
- New to DVD, **Parade's End** is a 1964 BBC TV series set during World War I, starring Judi Dench, and directed by Alan Cooke.
- The Korean film **Pieta**, written and directed by Kim Ki-Duk—and winner of the Venice Film Festival's Golden Lion Award—is the story of a merciless loan shark.
- The documentary **A Place at the Table**, directed by Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush, looks at the lives of three people who struggle with hunger and malnutrition.



LIBRARY EVENTS

The Painted Veil at the Matinee
This month's Friday Matinee is **The Painted Veil**, a film based on the 1925 novel by W. Somerset Maugham about a young newlywed who starts an affair within weeks of moving to China with her scientist husband. Friday, Nov. 8, 2 p.m.

Great Books: Kant on Conscience
The Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco, meets to discuss **Immanuel Kant's "Conscience."** Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:15 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group
This group reads a variety of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. This month's selection is **The Dinner by Herman Koch**. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.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.

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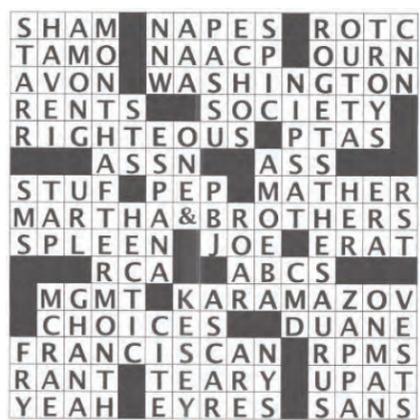


New Children's Fiction

- **Which Is Round? Which Is Bigger?**, by Mineko Mamada, compares the shapes and sizes of apples and hedgehogs, ducks and peacocks, and more. Ages 2 to 6.
- Mama Kangaroo sings six lullabies to her little one in **Nighty-Night, Cooper**, written by Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger. Ages 4 to 7.
- Seven-year-old Violet and big brother Dylan have different reactions to their mom's decision to marry her boyfriend and move to a bigger house, in **Violet Mackerel's Personal Space** by Anna Branford, illustrated by Elanna Allen. Ages 6 to 10.

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Real Food News

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firmed that plans to tear down the structure at 3939 24th St. and build a new retail space are in the works for 2014. But don't look for a reopening of Real Food's.

Accompanying Wiener on the Oct. 17 trip to Park City, Utah, was Carol Yenne, owner of Small Frys children's store and a past president and current member of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. Also onboard was another Noe Valley resident—one with Utah connections—but he/she wishes to remain anonymous.

At the table for Nutraceutical were CEO Bill Gay and Sergio Diaz, the head of Fresh Organics Inc., which operates Real Food stores in San Francisco.

"We met for two hours to talk about the space, and what their plans are, and how we can help them move forward," said Wiener. "They told us they were intending to go ahead with plans to demolish the building and replace it with a new single-story retail space." The project would start in "the early part of next year."

Wiener said he and Yenne asked the company to consider a mixed use of the property—such as a second level for residential—as well as leasing out to two stores on the ground floor. They were quite accommodating.

"They asked us about the commercial gaps in Noe Valley and what we'd like to see or not see [on 24th Street]," said Wiener. "We told them we didn't need any more banks, and we'd look for things

like a hardware store or other active retail."

Wiener said the Utah execs said they'd chosen a San Francisco architect to do the job. For his part, Wiener said he'd be happy to hook the company up with one of his aides, who'd steer them through the city planning process and set up community hearings on the project.

All in all, the meeting was a solid success. "It exceeded my expectations, and I came away very optimistic."

So how did the meeting come about in the first place?

"I put out a call about six months ago," said Wiener, noting that Yenne and the other resident, who was "a friend of a friend of a friend" of the company, had already made their own contacts. "They [Nutraceutical] then invited us to come out and meet with them."

Asked if he knew why Nutra had let Real Food stay empty for so long, Wiener said he felt it was because "things were so contentious the first few years after the store's closing" in '03—things like the labor dispute, the NLRB proceedings, and the litigation with the former building owner. "And then the recession hit in 2008," and it was a bad economic climate.

Now the company wants to move forward, he said. (By the way, Nutraceutical appears to have no intention of selling the building, or renting to one of their own franchises, Wiener said. "They like to hold property and lease it out to others.")

The Park City group seems open to hearing more ideas from the neighborhood. "The fact that we flew to their headquarters—particularly that we went out there to meet with them personally—showed we were serious, and that we wanted to work with them and collaborate," Wiener said.



NUTRA FRUITIFUL: Returning from Utah a day after Wiener, Carol Yenne also was smiling. "I was very happy to learn

they were planning to do something, and very encouraged that they had hired a local architect and prepared a set of plans [dated 2012] for this project, and they were interested in leasing the space out to the type of business that would be of value to the neighborhood," she said.

She said she'd also learned that the company had been approached by several local people who would like to lease the space. The Nutraceutical folks were "very friendly and interested in hearing about the neighborhood," Yenne said.

"It was a very positive meeting, our timing was perfect, and Scott's ability to maneuver through the discussion in a very professional, thoughtful, and business-like manner, all the while encouraging them in matters that concerned them, I think that's what they needed to hear," said Yenne. "I think they realized that we were very, very serious and now want to move forward."



MANY HAPPY RETURNS to longtime Noe Valleons Tom Taylor and Jerry Goldstein, who were joined in matrimony on Oct. 13 in front of their famous 21st Street house. The "Christmas Tree House," as it's known, is in the middle of the very steep block of 21st between Church and Sanchez. You may have been one of the thousands who've visited it during holiday time, when the tree is filled with elaborate over-sized decorations and Santa is waving hi on the sidewalk.

Taylor and Goldstein met and moved into their Noe Valley/Castro home in 1973. "The house was built in 1883, and the woman who we bought it from had lived there since 1915," says Taylor. "We met at the baths and decided that we wanted to have a relationship, and we have been together for 40 years." The couple, both in their 70s, have been active in the LGBT community ever since.

Why get married now? "Well, we were sitting and having breakfast that June day [June 26] the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriages were legal everywhere in the U.S.," explains Taylor, "and we decided that there was now every reason why we should get married, and we wanted all our great neighbors to share in our celebration."

The afternoon of the court decision, Taylor was summoned to the Castro to transport a slew of rainbow flags that he keeps in storage, to drape over the flatbed truck on which the band would play to the anticipated huge crowd that evening. That night, Tom and Jerry celebrated the glory of it all, including their engagement.

As for the wedding, the sunny afternoon ceremony started with a procession down 21st Street with dancers and a marching band, and flowers strewn along the pathway. More than 500 guests attended, including many city dignitaries and all their neighbors on the block, which was closed off for the event.

"The ceremony was short, simple," as described by David-Elijah Nahmod in the front-page story in the Bay Area Reporter. "After they said 'I love you' to each other, they smashed a glass—a Jewish wedding tradition—and were pronounced legally wed as the guests burst into applause, with tears of joy on the podium and in the seats."



ITEMS GALORE: A film crew was busy shooting a scene last month at the corner of 24th and Church for the new HBO series *Looking*, billed by Huffington Post as a "dramedy set in San Francisco and concerning the lives of [three] young gay men looking for love in the city." According to SF Film Commission Director Susannah Greason Robbins, that was the only scene scheduled for Noe Valley, with

most filming being done in the Mission, where the three men have their abode. But many of you may already have been extras.

Those of you interested in what will happen to Noe Courts, when Rec and Park makes its planned capital improvements to the park, might want to attend the fourth and final public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Philip's Parish Hall (725 Diamond) from 6 to 8 p.m. The original plan included removing the tennis court. But new plans are afoot.

A yoga studio called Be Yoga has opened on the corner of Clipper and Sanchez, which used to be occupied by Clipper Corner, a dog salon. The Be Yoga manager/owner is a newcomer to San Francisco, Naemi Mosgowi. "I moved here from Oregon four months ago, and wanted to live and work in Noe Valley, but finding an apartment was very difficult, but I did find one close-by at 22nd and Valencia," she says. Mosgowi says the Noe Valley Be Yoga is the first in San Francisco (and one of four in California). She'll be teaching classes "for yogis of all levels" in her newly renovated space. Through Thanksgiving, a 10-class card will be available to Noe patrons for \$100. Check the schedule at www.beyoga.com.



LISTS 'R' US: Last month, that very San Francisco magazine *7X7* offered a list of "The 10 Best Dishes Under \$10 in Noe Valley." The bargain bites were: the Matt Cain at Subs, Inc., Al Pastor Burrito at the Little Chihuahua. Arctic Char and Avocado Roll at Tataki South, Warm Summer Salad at Caskhouse, BTLA at Griddle Fresh, Dumplings at Henry's Hunan, Spinach Pie at Peasant Pies, the Mediterranean or Fattoush Salad at Fattoush, the Peanut Butter Cup Cupcake at Noe Valley Bakery, and Pad Kee Mao with Shrimp at Regent Thai.

In this year's *Bay Guardian* list of "Best of the Bay," several (but not many) locals were mentioned. Noeteca won honors for Best Wine Bar; Shoe Biz was Best Shoe Store; the Ark won Best Toy Store; and Best Store Staff was awarded to Chocolate Covered.

Local eatery La Ciccina, located on 30th at Church, which is on many lists of best restaurants, made the *7X7* list of "Seven Must-Eat Pasta Dishes in San Francisco," for their Fregola with Cured Tuna Heart. By the way, Chef Massimiliano Conti says he and his wife Lorella expect to open their new restaurant La Nebbia (just a few doors down the train tracks at 1781 Church) "sometime at the end of November, hopefully just before Thanksgiving." He says he hasn't settled on a final menu yet, "because I have to get a feeling for the kitchen first, and then I will select the best dishes [we create]."

Speaking of hot restaurants, Firefly on 24th Street near Douglass is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Nov. 3. It started the party on Oct. 30 and planned to continue to Nov. 5, featuring a menu of their most popular dishes, all at their original price.



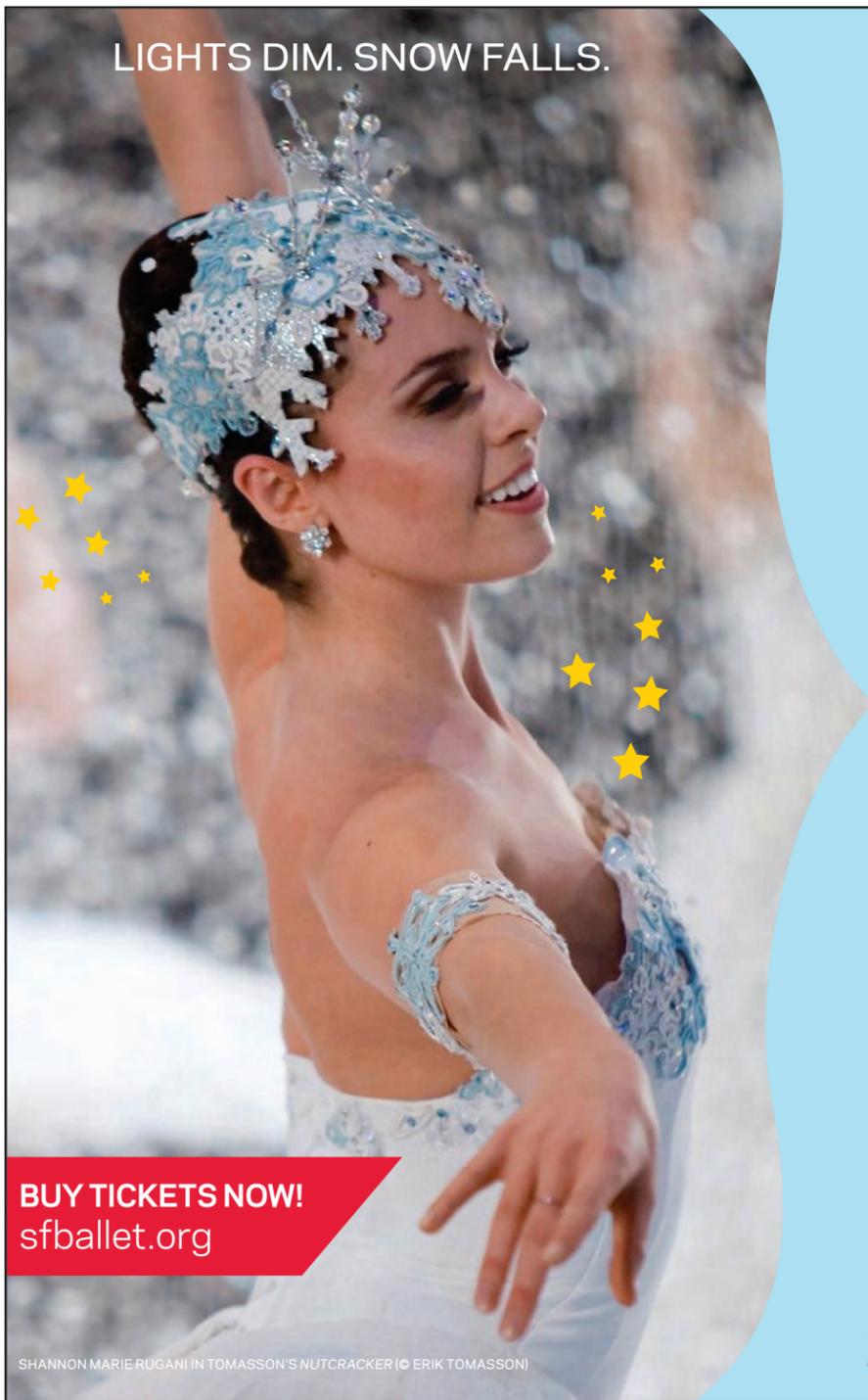
THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Friends of Noe Valley learned last month that Paul Kantus, neighborhood historian and the former president of the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club, who died a couple of years ago, and his wife Edith, who passed away very recently, bequeathed them \$10,000 "to be used for grants to organizations and/or individuals that would benefit the safety, cleanliness, and well-being of Noe Valley." Some of you may recognize the motto of the now disbanded club. Looks like Friends will soon be asking for grant proposals. Got one?

That's all, y'all. Ciao 4 now. ■



Night of Highs. Tom Taylor, who recently married his longtime partner Jerry Goldstein at a block party in front of their home on 21st Street (see Rumors), and actor and comedian Marga Gomez were spotted on Castro Street on June 26, the day of the Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage. They were on their way to the celebration down the hill. That same night, rainbow flags waving, Tom and Jerry sealed their engagement. Photo by Sally Smith

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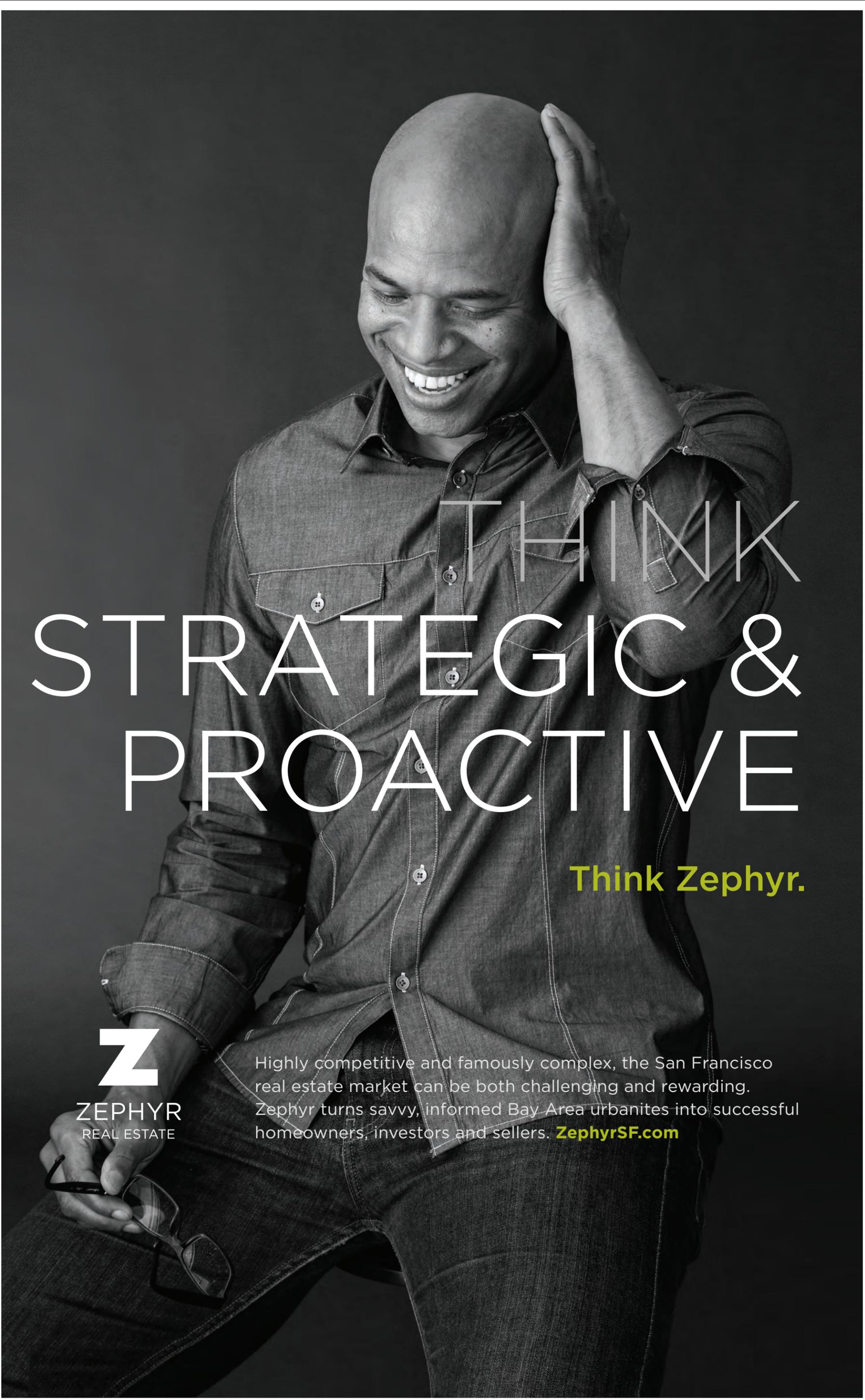
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