



A Century of Words. Saturday, Sept. 17, was warm and sunny—a beautiful day to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, our Jersey Street landmark. Neighbors and library patrons lined up early for a free lunch from the Spork and Stix food truck. Time passed quickly listening to the What’s Up swing band playing outside. Kids got faces painted on the patio, while others brought their food out to the library deck to enjoy sitting in the sun. Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and City Librarian Luis Herrera introduced special guests Nancy Brunn and daughter Sabina. (Nancy’s mother, Sally Brunn, led a successful campaign to save the library from closure in the 1980s.) There was even a big pot of library-grown fresh rosemary, free for the taking. If you missed the party, you can still visit the branch—it’s open seven days a week. Be sure to check out the large collection of books and DVDs, visit the garden and deck, or take your kids to meet Miss Catherine in the children’s room. The library is a San Francisco and neighborhood treasure. *Photo and text by Pamela Gerard*



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Profits Sliced Thin For Noe Valley Restaurateurs

Rents, Wages, and Changing Habits Put the Squeeze On

By Tim Simmers

On a recent Friday night, the Spanish restaurant Contigo was packed with hungry diners and buzzing with conversation.

Skillets sizzled in the hands of cooks in the kitchen next to the front door, and the aroma of seafood and paella wafted into the dining room.

The lively scene isn’t uncommon in Noe Valley, where lovers of healthy fresh cuisine have many good restaurants to choose from.

“We’re thriving,” said Elan Emerson, co-owner of the seven-year-old Contigo on Castro, which has a California tilt to its Spanish cuisine. “Locals embraced us since day one.”

But despite the popularity of more than a few dining spots, there’s something eating restaurants in Noe Valley.

All are faced with the rising cost of food, wine, labor, rent, electricity, you name it. It’s that recurring San Francisco theme. And it takes a lot of magic, dedication, passion, and money to prosper amid the pressure.

Just down 24th Street, the Peruvian fu-



A Culinary Star: After 11 years on 24th Street, Fresca is a proven success, attracting crowds on weekends. But like other restaurants in Noe Valley, it must please its customers in the pressure-cooker environment of rising costs and changing tastes. *Photo by Art Bodner*

sion spot Fresca is also busy, especially on weekends. Fresca owner Zoila Calvo has the smile of a successful restaurant owner. Still, two years ago even more diners crowded her reservation list.

“There’s something about the economy,” said Calvo. “People are changing their spending habits.” She used to serve 170 to 180 dinners on a weekend night. Now it’s down to 130 to 140. She wonders if it’s the election season—the Trump-Clinton malaise—that is making people wary of spending.

She knows that soaring rents and eye-popping mortgages, and the hefty cost of living, are draining the bank accounts of some customers.

“It’s also hard to keep workers, because they can’t afford San Francisco rents, even with two jobs,” Calvo said. “I’m scared to raise my prices. People might not come.”

Business is down 5 percent for the past two years, and the rising price of produce,

Town Square Opening Nears

Farmers Market Plans to Move Into Plaza Saturday, Nov. 5

By Matthew S. Bajko

The opening of the city’s newest park property, which has transformed a parking lot in the heart of Noe Valley’s business district into a public green space, is expected in late October.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Noe Valley Town Square has been tentatively scheduled for noon Thursday, Oct. 27, sources told the *Noe Valley Voice* in late September, though there is a chance the date may change.

The weekly Noe Valley Farmers Market is expected to move into the park the following weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 5. It had moved onto the street at the start of the year due to the construction of the square, which is located at 3861 24th St., between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets.

Backers of the park are planning to hold a second ribbon-cutting ceremony that morning. The evening of Nov. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., the farmers market is hosting a public party with square dancing, pie-eating contests, and possibly a few food trucks or vendors to celebrate the unveiling of the Town Square.

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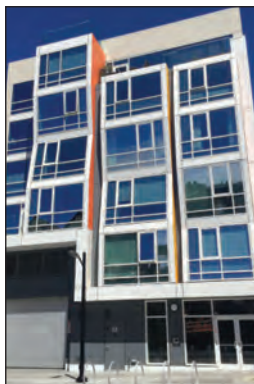


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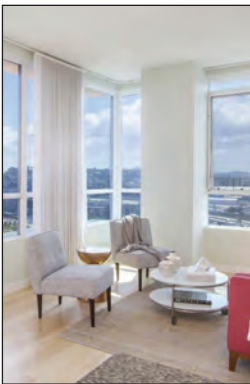


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Joan Knapp
Former Noe Valley resident

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Editor:

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- 2,460 are age 65-plus—10 percent of the neighborhood
- 715 are adults ages 18 to 64 with disabilities—3 percent of the neighborhood

These numbers will be growing. The silver tsunami of the baby boomers has arrived. Please join us in supporting Prop. I!

Margy Baran
Noe Valley resident
Member of the Dignity Fund Coalition

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- Part of McDonald's logo
- Go off, like Vesuvius
- Adroit
- "If ____ a hammer..."
- "Have a look!"
- Bush's "____ of Evil"
- Tuna ____: La Boulangerie specialty
- First American in orbit
- A's great who was "Bluuu-ed" by fans
- Painter who learned to tell time on a droopy clock?
- Big ____, Calif.
- Homer neighbor
- Thurman of Hollywood
- AAA offering
- Ten packs of cigs: Abbr.
- Caesar of 1950s TV
- Painter who, for a time, used only blue crayons and finger paints?
- All-birds comic strip
- Certain hosp. employee
- Measureless
- Painter whose first "Scream" featured monsters under the bed?
- Neither win nor lose
- U.S. spy agency, for short
- Pro vote
- Lawn square
- Like an antonym: Abbr.
- Org. for "Second Amendment people"
- Kids' activity place on Church St., and the inspiration for this puzzle
- RPM readout, on a dash

DOWN

- Objectives
- "Cheers" actress Perlman
- Poker action
- Hi-res items at The Dubliner
- Soup at Tung Sing
- Hershey's candy in a tube
- One at the computer
- Await action
- Lease signers
- Eponymous hot-drink merchant on 24th
- Depart
- Name on a dog-house
- Screeners' agcy.
- Noe Valley ____ Works on 24th
- What may be ground for you at Eyes on 24th
- Troubled
- Islamic messiah
- Superior in rank
- Name shouted by Fred at the end of the "Flintstones" theme song
- Savvy
- Baseball card figures, for short
- "____ die for!" ("I love this!")
- Adored, with "on"
- Grazing place
- Apple core?
- Second person?
- Proof of purchase Abbr.
- June award at Mission High
- First word of 47-Across
- Mata ____ (W.W.I spy)
- Catch-all survey choice
- Colorado ski city
- "Lethal Weapon" org.
- With 61-Down, a summer cooler
- Cabinet dept. concerned with power
- Melville captain
- Nevada city
- Fable
- In addition
- Perceived
- See 54-Down

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Restaurants Have a Lot on Their Plate

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meat, fish, and wages is shrinking profits.

Customers More Cautious

Many restaurateurs echo the point that customers are eating more cautiously. Diners might split a meal and dessert, and share an appetizer. Some buy a glass of wine, not a bottle. Some are trying the many food-delivery businesses that now bring cooked meals to their door.

“Sometimes the numbers don’t always add up,” said Max Conti, one of the owners of La Ciccia, a highly regarded Sardinian restaurant at Church and 30th streets. Conti’s 44-seater is often packed, but profits aren’t as robust as in the past.

Conti just renewed his lease, and rent will go up every year. Tack on rising costs, and a full house can be deceptive. He’s thankful he has established customers after years as a “destination” spot, attracting people from all over the Bay Area.

He hasn’t raised prices on main entrees yet, but has on some smaller items.

Conti runs a more casual restaurant across the street on Church called La Nebbia, which specializes in pizza, salads, and a few entrees. It’s more reasonably priced for the neighborhood, but is not consistent in drawing customers.

Some restaurateurs are irked by people going down to busy Valencia Street to eat. They wish they would spend more money in Noe Valley. Complaints also abound that tech workers eat at their Silicon Valley campus and are more likely to go to the bars or home when they get off the shuttle buses.

Rise in Employee Costs

Firefly owner Brad Levy says his place is full 80 to 90 percent of the time during the key dinner hours of 7:30 to 9 p.m. Diners remain eager to taste his renowned modern, healthful comfort food after the restaurant’s 24 years in business.

“But we’ve got to get people in here early or late, too,” he said of the 24th Street establishment. That’s to counter rising expenses.

Labor costs started at 20 percent when the place opened. Now it’s 45 percent. Firefly employs 30 people who receive good wages and health-care benefits, which are costly.

“We are taking considerably less in profits,” Levy said. Still, the restaurant is a popular destination. People come back for the gourmet foods, which include the best meats, fish, and produce Levy can get.

“The number of people coming in is about the same, and our revenues are up. But the cost of ingredients doubled in the



The best time to sneak into Firefly, on 24th near Douglass Street, is before 7:30 or after 9 p.m., advises owner Brad Levy. With 24 years in Noe Valley, the restaurant remains a customer and food critic favorite.

last 10 years,” he said.

Stefano Coppola, owner of Lupa Italian restaurant, has refrained from boosting his prices on pasta and other dishes. His rent is “fair,” and he has a loyal clientele. Lupa attracts regular crowds, and the restaurant benefits from tech shuttle buses unloading nearby at Castro and 24th streets.

But he struggles finding workers.

“High rents and the cost of living in San Francisco are driving workers out of town,” he said. “I’ve been blessed because my cook has been with me a long time. But it’s hard to find dishwashers and other staff.”

His patrons are changing. In 15 years, customers have gone from families to young professionals and now tech workers. “It’s a new courtship,” he said. “You have to keep serving good food with quality ingredients.” As a neighborhood restaurant owner, he holds prices down for locals, raising them only 50 cents or \$1 on a dish.

Quality and Creativity

One thing hasn’t changed. San Francisco diners demand quality food. If you can deliver that, you have a chance to create a solid business.

Tetsuya Maesako did just that at his Hamano sushi restaurant on Castro near 24th Street, where he has a steady patronage.

“Business is the same,” Maesako said. “We have regular customers and families, especially on weekends.”

He has run the restaurant for 16 years. “It’s true, everything is going up, but profits are going down,” he laughed.

Weekends are good for Shari Dominici, owner of Bacco Italian restaurant on Diamond Street near 24th. But weekdays have slowed down.

“Maybe the young people are saving up to buy a home and building a family, but they’re watching what they spend,” said Dominici.

Her regular customers still support her, and she has a varied crowd in their 30s, 40s, and 50s. But she’s also quick to mention higher costs. She’s raised prices \$1 or \$2 on entrees, but no more. She’s concerned her customers are selling their houses, moving away, leaving town when their kids get older and need better schools.

She just opened a wine bar in Bacco to attract customers. “They can sit and drink wine, and read a book if they want,” she said. It opens at 5 p.m. To help cut costs, she’s buying her own produce at farmers markets.

“Sometimes I feel like we are working for the landlords,” she said.

Big Changes at Savor

Zaid Fakhouri, owner of Savor on 24th Street, is also feeling the squeeze.

“My rent is outrageous,” he said. “I’m waiting for my lease to be up and bailing out. We’re suffering.”

He plans to move his restaurant to the Peninsula sooner rather than later, after operating in Noe Valley for more than 22 years.

“I’m leaving with nothing,” he said.

Fakhouri complains of property taxes, rising health-care costs, and extra taxes. Some of his longtime customers have also cashed in on their homes and moved out.

“I don’t see them anymore,” he lamented. Students who worked at the restaurant can’t afford to live here anymore.

Savor no longer has table service. You order at the counter and the menu is on the wall, and some customers aren’t embracing the new setup.

Labor of Love

Kristen Gianaras, co-owner with her sister Kathryn of NoVY at 24th and Noe, has been open about 18 months and thinks she’s “turned a corner.” The eatery serves California cuisine with Mediterranean and Greek influences and lots of organic ingredients.

“We had a rough first six months, and then it got quiet during the holidays and into February,” she said. The two sisters have been lucky to attract old customers from her parents’ restaurant, Panos’, which operated at the same spot from 1977 to 1997. Business is improving, and it’s now busy on the weekends and for brunch.

The family owns the building, so the rent’s not going to be jacked up. Gianaras would like to see more foot traffic in the neighborhood, and worries about the number of closed retail storefronts on 24th Street.

To cut costs, the sisters do a lot of the



Shari Dominici has opened a new wine bar inside Bacco Ristorante Italiano on Diamond Street. Customers can “sit and drink wine and read a book if they want.”

Photos by Art Bodner



Zoila Calvo, owner of Fresca Peruvian Restaurant on 24th Street, hopes it’s just the election season that’s making diners a little nervous about spending.

food-buying and pickup themselves. To meet the demand for takeout food, they are working with a restaurant delivery service to bring their cuisine to customers.

“Last year put us through the ringer, and then we had a come-to-Jesus talk and decided we’re going forward,” she said. “I’m still working with a cloud over my head and things could blow up at any moment.”

But she’s running in the red now for the first time. ■

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Some walk by but many stop to read the broadsides posted each Labor Day on the vacant store space at 3939 24th St.

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Real Food Still Empty After 13 Years

Labor Day Protest Becoming An Annual Tradition

By Liz Highleyman

September has again come and gone, and the former 24th Street Real Food store—which was abruptly closed on Labor Day weekend in 2003—remains vacant, with its future apparently in limbo. Plans for a mixed-use development on the site await the approval of Nutraceutical Corporation, the Utah-based nutritional supplement conglomerate that has given the neighborhood the cold shoulder for more than a decade.

“The plans, for some time now, have been with the executive team awaiting sign-off to file them and commence the process,” District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener told the *Noe Valley Voice*. “I don’t know why that sign-off hasn’t occurred yet. I’ve called repeatedly over the past year to inquire, but have not received an answer.”

As they have done for the past few years, Art Persyko and other local activists mounted an exhibit on the storefront windows on Labor Day weekend, giving a brief history of the struggle over the space.

“[We want] to inform newcomers to Noe Valley, as well as to remind old-timers in our neighborhood, about the 2003 shutdown,” Persyko said. “It may well be time now for some combination of Noe Valley residents and San Francisco political leaders to step in and take effective action to change the status quo.”

As readers may recall, the Real Food store at 3939 24th St. closed suddenly in late August 2003 with no advance notice to customers or 30 or so laid-off workers. The company announced it planned to remodel and reopen the store, but some ex-employees claimed the store was closed to thwart a unionizing effort. The National Labor Relations Board ruled in favor of the workers and in 2009 Nutraceutical

agreed to a settlement.

Meanwhile, Nutraceutical bought the property as part of a legal arrangement with Kimball and Jane Allen, the local couple who opened the health food store in 1970.

In 2007, the company indicated that it intended to tear down the building and replace it with a mixed-use project that would include a grocery store—a plan that was shelved after Whole Foods Market opened across the street in 2009.

In 2014, Nutraceutical proposed a plan to construct a new building with retail space on the ground floor and two stories of housing above it. Community members voiced concerns about parking and affordability at a pre-application meeting with local project architect Brian Liles in January 2015, but generally everyone agreed they wanted to see the space put to use.

Since that time, however, the process has ground to a halt. The San Francisco Department of Building Inspection’s permit-tracking system shows no current electrical, plumbing, or building permits for 3939 24th St.

“As I understand it, after that meeting, the developer’s architect met with neighbors and made revisions to the plans to address some concerns,” said Wiener, who at one point led a neighborhood delegation to meet with Nutraceutical executives in Park City, Utah, in an effort to move the project along. Those revisions are now awaiting the company’s approval.

Debra Niemann, executive director of the Noe Valley Association Community Benefit District, told the *Voice* that she has contacted the project architect every couple of months, only to receive no news, and has tried to reach Nutraceutical executives without success.

The *Voice*, likewise, did not receive a reply from Sergio Diaz, the Nutraceutical vice president who has been in charge of the site, by press time. ■



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Town Square Dance Planned for Nov. 5

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and because we wanted to hold an event that might attract neighbors of all ages, we are hosting a square dance, cum hootenanny, cum hoedown,” said Leslie Crawford, a member of the Noe Valley Farmers Market board.

While work on the Town Square appeared to slow down over the summer months, leading to concerns it might not open on time, more visible progress was seen in September as large boulders were placed around the site and permeable concrete pavers for the central plaza area were installed. “The concrete pavers form a large part of the park plaza and will accommodate the weekly Saturday farmers market as well as a variety of other activities,” wrote project manager Melinda Stockmann, with the city’s Recreation and Park Department, in a Sept. 1 blog post. “They are also a main sustainable feature funded by our Prop. 84 State Urban Greening Grant.”

Todd David, president of the group Residents for Noe Valley Town Square, which pushed to save the site from being developed into housing, said he often had been asked about the status of the project this summer. “I would get reports that

nothing was happening, and rumors would start that it is going to be delayed,” he said. “Rec and park said no, it will be on time. It is looking like they will be true to their word and it will be opening on time.”

Restroom Delayed

There is one feature of the new park, however, that will not be completed when the Town Square officially opens. Construction of a public restroom, which city officials estimated would cost \$600,000 to \$800,000 to build, has yet to start and it is unclear when it will.

An anonymous donor has agreed to build the restrooms as an in-kind gift to the city. In recent weeks, the donor has been meeting with park officials about ways to lower the cost, David told the *Voice*, adding that the park department decided to treat the restroom as a separate project from that of the rest of the park, so it is on a different timeline.

“There will be a restroom, but I do not have a time frame for that right now,” he said in late September.

As the *Voice* has previously reported, the city purchased the park site in 2013 for \$4.2 million from the Noe Valley Ministry, as the Presbyterian church had put the property on the market in order to pay for a renovation and seismic retrofit of its gothic building at Sanchez and 23rd streets.

Uncertain Future for School Parking Lot

It is unlikely that the temporary parking lot at James Lick Middle School on Noe Street will be continued in October.

As the *Voice* reported in September, the Noe Valley Farmers Market agreed to make the lot available on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a flat fee of \$5 in response to complaints from some merchants along 24th Street that they had seen business decline since the weekly market moved onto a block of the street in January.

Yet few people have utilized the parking since it opened Sept. 10. Farmers Market board member Regina Starr Faustine told the *Voice* that only six cars had parked at James Lick the first two Saturdays. Unless they saw a significant pickup over the next two weeks, the board intended to end the pilot on Oct. 1, as it was costing more than \$1,000 per day to operate the parking.

“In spite of good marketing support from the merchants on 24th Street, we haven’t had as many cars take advantage of the parking as hoped,” wrote Faustine in a Sept. 22 email to the *Voice*.

The lack of interest is likely due to a number of factors, she added.

“It appears that lack of parking may not be a problem for Noe Valley shoppers and diners from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and/or that the lot is too far away from

24th Street for drivers to want to use, all of which is good to know,” she wrote. “We’ve also learned that better hours would be from late morning until late afternoon, as the first cars to arrive have come around 11 a.m., and a number of cars have driven away once they heard that the lot was only open until 2 p.m.”

Attorney Charles Spiegel, a member of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association who has been involved in offering the extra parking, told the *Voice* that the business group remains hopeful that the parent group at James Lick will take over the temporary parking lot and offer it through the end of the year since it would cost them less to operate.

“Our hope is and we are talking with the James Lick Middle School PTSA to have them to take over the Saturday parking program starting during the month of October as their fundraising project through the holiday season. SFUSD would charge them lower or no fees, whereas we get charged big fees and need to provide other costly insurance,” Spiegel wrote in an email.

As of the *Voice*’s print deadline in late September, nothing had been finalized about providing the parking going forward.

—Matthew S. Bajko

Fearful of losing the farmers market, which had operated on the parking lot since Dec. 6, 2004, Noe Valley residents banded together to save the parcel as open space and formed the residents group, which is fiscally sponsored by the non-profit San Francisco Parks Alliance, in order to raise money to purchase it.

CMG Landscape Architecture won the commission to design the new open space, and Bauman Landscape & Construction, Inc., was selected to build it. Construction began earlier this year with the demolition of the parking lot and remediation of the soil.

Peopling the Plaza

The 10,829-square-foot lot, at a cost of \$3 million, is being transformed into a largely open flexible plaza that can be utilized not only by the Noe Valley Farmers Market on Saturdays but also by residents and community groups for events throughout the week.

The public park will include such features as a perimeter edge garden, a play area for children, a garden trellis, benches, a storage structure, lighting, and a public restroom. The Bay Area-based firm Wowhaus, comprised of married couple Scott Constable and Ene Osteraas-Constable, is creating a pair of bronze owl statues that will be installed near the children’s play area.

David said park supporters are already pondering ways to activate it once it opens. One idea he is pursuing as a way to encourage residents to use the park and patronize nearby restaurants is to hold twice-monthly “dinner in the square” events. Participating eateries could either send waiters to the park to take orders and then deliver the food, or perhaps they could offer discounts on takeout orders for those attending the dinner.

“It accomplishes two things: it would

be a good activation of the space and another opportunity to build community by families and people having dinner together, and it would be good for the merchants,” said David. “I hope they are interested in making it happen.”

Other ideas people have floated, David said, include having movie nights and dances at the square, having Off the Grid come and set up food trucks once a month, and holding taekwondo or other classes in the mornings.

“It is going to be evolving and we shall see what comes to fruition,” he said.


Possible Green Benefit District

As for ensuring the Town Square’s upkeep going forward, as well as that of the Noe Courts Park further up 24th Street at Douglass which is currently being remodeled, David said he was exploring the possibility of creating a green benefit district, similar to a community benefit district, where property owners would pay an assessment to cover maintenance costs and other expenses related to the parks.

The city recently created such a green benefit district in the Dogpatch and northwest Potrero Hill neighborhoods, with assessment rates varying by property type.

“I think Noe Valley is a prime candidate to create a green benefit district to make sure we are locally taking care of our parks, specifically the Town Square and Noe Courts and all that,” said David. “It is something that would take a few years to come to fruition. It is in the back of my mind and something I am interested in learning more about.”

The rec and park department should post the information about the Noe Valley Town Square opening celebration, once it is confirmed, to the project’s website at <http://sfrecpark.org/park-improvements/acquisitions-future-park-sites/noe-valley-town-square-future-park-site/>. ■



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Grand View Neighbors to Hold Second Cleanup

Group Wants Also to Help
Homeless Find Housing

By Corrie M. Anders

At first glance, the grassy strip that runs for several blocks along Grand View Avenue at the top of Noe Valley appears serene and undisturbed.

But there is evidence that a person or persons has been camping in the shrubs and underbrush on the slope, which extends from 24th Street almost to Alvarado Street.

In one section, which a *Voice* reporter explored the morning of Sept. 24, a sleeping bag lay alongside piles of food containers, beer cans, and assorted other discards. A few yards away, there sat a wicker chair with a busted back, a wobbly black footstool for a table, a refuse bucket, and a red blanket airing atop a bush. A bicycle lay on its side.

Still, this “living room” of sorts could not have been on Grand View very long. And it likely will not stay there much longer.

Last spring, a group of neighbors—toting garbage bags and wearing protective masks—conducted a major cleanup of the site. Now, with the city’s help, they’re scheduled to scour the area again, on Saturday, Nov. 5.

“We want to make it cleaner again,” said Elizabeth Marlow, a spokesperson for the Grand View Avenue Steering Committee, which formed after the first effort, in May.

Marlow described the event as a “very successful cleanup.” Approximately 20 neighbors participated and “we collected



More than 20 volunteers, including this valiant masked crew, took part in a cleanup of the green space along Grand View in May. The next one is Nov. 5. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Marlow

over 40 bags of garbage,” said the Grand View Avenue resident.

Marlow, a nurse practitioner who also has worked as a community organizer for a nonprofit in Oakland, said the cleanup grew out of health and safety concerns for the neighborhood—and for people down on their luck.

“We don’t want homeless encampments in our neighborhood,” she said, “but I want those people who are living there to be housed, to be safe, and to have some sort of security that they don’t have right now.”

The camping area is beneath the elevated portion of the Market Street/Portola Drive thoroughfare that separates the western edges of Noe Valley from the Upper Market neighborhood. One hot spot is at the base of the spiral staircase at 23rd

Street, which provides pedestrian access between the two neighborhoods.

Neighbors said they began to see an increase in homeless activity after the Department of Public Works in March cleared a homeless tent camp under the city’s Central Freeway along Division Street. Some of the refugees relocated to an area near Highway 101 and Cesar Chavez Street, which itself was razed in May.

There has only been a smattering of campers—and no reports of people erecting tents—along Grand View, according to local residents. But several said they were worried that the intermittent homeless activity might increase or creep into other parts of Noe Valley.

Ernie Herrera, an Elizabeth Street resident who has lived in the neighborhood

for 40 years, said he noticed a rise in the number of homeless people wandering in and out of the under-Market area earlier this year.

At the same time, there was a increase in neighborhood thefts and signs of drug use, he said. “If you left something out, they’d steal anything that you left in sight.”

Herrera said the amount of homeless activity had diminished, but “we still see needles now and then.”

Since spring, a number of worried residents have contacted city officials, including Supervisor Scott Wiener, the mayor’s Office of Homelessness and Homeless Prevention, and the city’s Department of Public Works.

“Public Works is aware of the situation,” said spokesperson Rachel Gordon. “We have been on walk-throughs with neighbors, Mission Station police, city homeless officials, and the district supervisor.”

Gordon said agency employees “have been in there regularly to do cleanings.”

But she noted that “part of the area is very difficult to access and requires specialized safety equipment to keep our workers from accidentally slipping down the steep embankment.”

Marlow said she hoped next month’s cleanup would bring out a large number of volunteers and also help bolster her six-member steering committee.

The group, she said, would help to facilitate regular cleanups around the site and “to also develop a political action plan for interfacing with the city and those working with homeless people, so we can help those folks who are in dire need.”

For more information about the cleanup time and location, and the steering committee, email Elizabeth Marlow at elizabeth@gambleinstitute.org. ■

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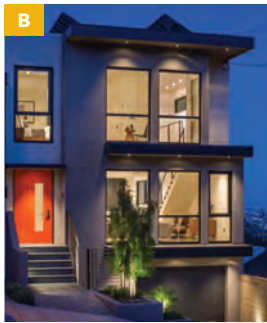
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The Cost of Living in Noe

Overbidding? Not So Much

By Corrie M. Anders

Eight Noe Valley homes were sold in August amidst continued signs that our high-priced neighborhood has become a tad more friendly to buyers. The number of single-family-home sales matched the number sold in August a year ago but was four fewer than that posted during July, according to sales data provided to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate.

The average price of a detached home was \$2.67 million, \$100,000 more than last August (if you want to draw conclusions from such small sample sizes). However, other data clearly showed shoppers were in less of a hurry to buy a home and less apt to overpay when they



This tree-shaded Stick-Eastlake Victorian on Vicksburg Street sold for \$4.1 million—\$300,000 less than the asking price.



Buyers paid \$1,838,000 for a condominium in this three-level modern building on Elizabeth Street.

Photos by Corrie M. Anders

found one. Two years ago, at the height of Noe Valley’s “gold rush,” people paid an average of 22 percent over the seller’s listed price. In August 2015, they overpaid 12 percent. This August, they paid just 1 percent more—in other words, pretty much what the homeseller was asking. “So that’s a notable change,” said Zephyr president Randall Kostick. “I think things are calming a little bit,” in a neighborhood assumed the darling of wealthy tech entrepreneurs. Kostick said buyers were “looking for more reasonable prices” and sellers had become “a little bit more conservative in pricing their properties.” Some homeowners have had to trim their asking price, and there “weren’t any [reductions] six months ago,” said Kostick. Three of the eight homes in August sold for below their ticket price. Sellers “who are still reaching are discovering that you can’t overprice and not expect for there to be no repercussions from that,” he said. The slowest sales were in the upper echelons of Noe Valley’s housing market, Kostick said, noting that only one home sold for more than \$4 million.

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						
August 2016	8	\$1,588,000	\$4,100,000	\$2,668,500	33	101%
July 2016	12	\$1,250,000	\$4,900,000	\$2,315,000	35	105%
August 2015	8	\$1,603,000	\$4,050,000	\$2,571,375	27	112%
Condominiums						
August 2016	6	\$750,000	\$1,838,000	\$1,217,167	34	107%
July 2016	13	\$550,000	\$1,825,000	\$1,217,692	32	108%
August 2015	10	\$500,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,219,122	34	117%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
August 2016	3	\$1,680,000	\$2,350,000	\$1,964,333	79	100%
July 2016	1	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	170	82%
August 2015	3	\$1,375,000	\$2,303,000	\$1,889,000	184	99%
5+-unit buildings						
August 2016	2	2,025,000	2,550,000	2,287,500	55	108%
July 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
August 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—

* Survey includes all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is loosely defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The *Voice* thanks Zephyr Real Estate (zephyrre.com) for providing sales data. NVV10/2016

That property was a four-bedroom, 3.5-bath house in the 100 block of Vicksburg Street, between 23rd and Elizabeth streets. The home, a renovated Stick-Eastlake Victorian with a gourmet kitchen, floor-to-ceiling glass walls, a rooftop deck, and a garage with a charging port for an electric car, sold for \$4.1 million, \$300,000 below the seller’s asking price.

Condos Peak Later

Buyers purchased six condominiums in Noe Valley in August. That contrasts with 10 units in August of last year. But unlike in the detached-home market, where buyers paid only a smidgen above asking, condo buyers paid an av-

erage 7 percent over the asking price this year. Still, the premium was less than what it was in August 2015 (17 percent) and 2014 (14 percent). So condo overbids were on the decline too. The most expensive condo sold this August was located in a stand-alone building in the 900 block of Elizabeth Street above Hoffman Avenue. The three-story home, built in 2009, featured three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and 1,982 square feet of living space. Amenities included high ceilings, solar-powered radiant heat, a media lounge, stunning downtown views, and one-car parking. The unit sold for \$1,838,000, 8.5 percent over the asking price (\$1,695,000).

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range September 2016	Average September 2016	Average July/Aug 2016	Average September 2015
Studio	3	\$2,395 - \$2,500	\$2,448 / mo.	\$2,250 / mo.	\$2,481 / mo.
1-bdrm	32	\$2,495 - \$5,500	\$3,343 / mo.	\$3,324 / mo.	\$3,232 / mo.
2-bdrm	31	\$2,495 - \$5,500	\$4,713 / mo.	\$4,160 / mo.	\$4,553 / mo.
3-bdrm	19	\$5,099 - \$12,000	\$9,622 / mo.	\$6,646 / mo.	\$6,860 / mo.
4+-bdrm	5	\$8,875 - \$16,500	\$11,065 / mo.	\$11,883 / mo.	\$12,659 / mo.

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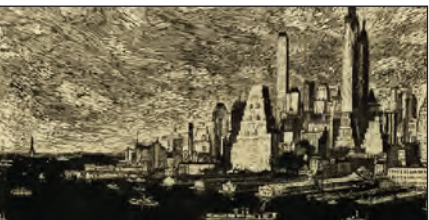
The Noe Valley Town Square, Friends of Noe Valley, and the Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church have announced plans for an annual gala to raise funds for the arts in Noe Valley. The first Noe Valley Gala will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., and will feature cocktails on the terrace, a three-course dinner in the sanctuary, and live dinner music in classical, Broadway, and jazz styles.

“The original idea came from the Noe Valley Town Square team,” says event chair Yvonne Gemmell Keene. They wanted “to build on momentum created in fundraising for the Town Square to put on an annual event that would support the arts in Noe Valley.” From the list of participants, the event does seem to be a real community effort.

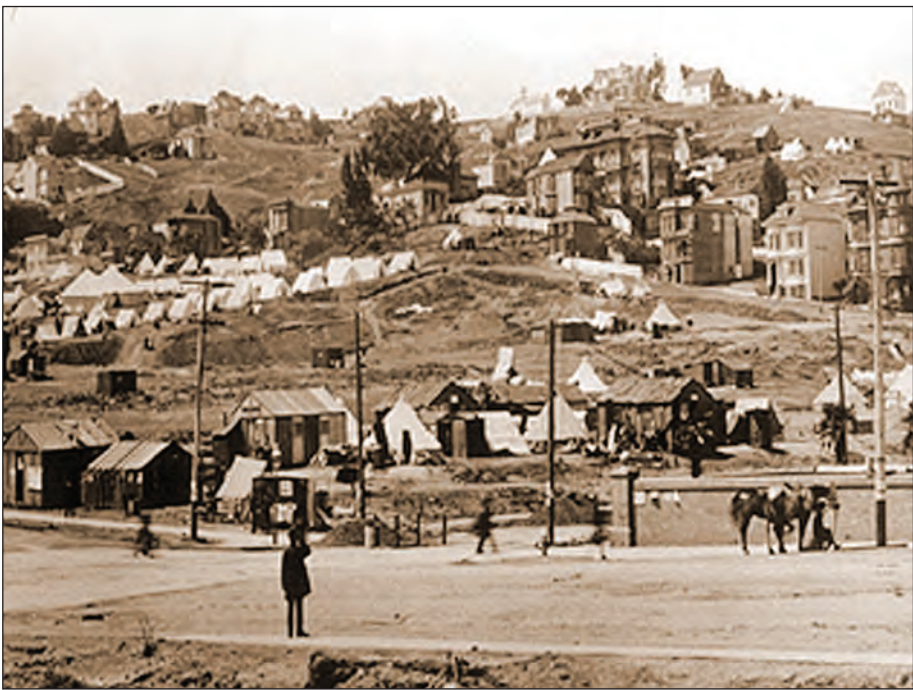
Cocktails are being created and donated by Vince Hogan, owner of the Valley Tavern. Cocktail appetizers will be donated by Brad Levy, owner of Firefly Restaurant. The dinner will be “farm to table,” according to Keene, and catered by Events, Inc., which focuses on locally sourced, organic, seasonal food. The menu includes an appetizer, salad, main course, and dessert. Entrée choices include beef tenderloin, poached Pacific white bass, and grilled vegetable timbale. For dessert, guests must choose between dark chocolate espresso mousse or mulled fruit and chocolate martini.

Karen Heather, artistic director of Noe Valley Chamber Music, selected the dinner music. Carlos Rivera, from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, will play classical guitar pieces, baritone Patrick Levesque and pianist Leroy Kromm will present Broadway tunes, and the Dave Len Scott Jazz Quartet will play contemporary jazz.

The goal for the first event is to raise \$20,000 for a performance-level sound system at the Ministry, which has become the venue of choice for a number of mu-



The authors of a book on the fascinating art and career of Emma Bormann (1887-1974) will be at Folio Books on Oct. 6.



The neighborhood is invited to a block party Oct. 8 on Sanchez near Hill Street, where local residents will share music and food, as well as historical photos such as this one taken at Dolores Park in the days following the 1906 earthquake. Photo courtesy Greg Gaar Collection

sical events, including Noe Valley Chamber Music, the Classical Kids concerts, and other series and performances. Future arts beneficiaries will be determined in a process devised by the gala committee, according to Keene, which, besides Keene as its chair, includes Christine Bragg, Cynthia Hogan, Nicole Krassner, and Jo Streich.

Individual tickets for the evening are \$250. A table for eight people and recognition as a sponsor is \$2,500. Tickets can be purchased at www.noevalleygala.com. They are 50 percent tax-deductible.

Dolores Heights Block Party

The Dolores Heights Improvement Club is hosting a Neighborhood Block Party on Sanchez Street between 21st and Hill streets Saturday, Oct. 8, from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is free and chair Carolyn Kenady says there will be something for everyone, including live music from local cellists Multi-Celli and from the Vibes, a “kids pop” group comprised of guitar and ukulele-playing youngsters from San Rafael.

There will be food, too, of course—and it’s also free. Casa Sanchez, Petitpot, and Absinthe Restaurant are donating chips, salsa, pot de crème, and desserts. Dolores Heights Improvement Club members are making sandwiches and taking care of beverages.

The event will feature a kids corner, where you can find giant bubbles, face-painting, a bowling contest, and craft projects. Your dogs and cats will be covered by representatives from Wag Hotel, Kitty Chateau, and a local pet store handing out treats. There also will be a display of historical photos of the area, plus exhibits on native plant gardening, Green

Gardens Stairways, and the Recology Zero Waste program.

And what’s a party without politicians? Supervisor Jane Kim will be speaking at 1 p.m., followed by District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener at 2 p.m. Kim and Wiener are rivals in the race for State Senate, representing Noe Valley and Dolores Heights, among other neighborhoods.

Besides eating, listening to music, and chatting with your neighbors, you also can help the DHIC pay for the street fair by buying raffle tickets. According to raffle impresario Donna Wagner, prizes include wine from St. Clair’s Liquors, indoor cycling sessions at Soul Cycle in the Castro, and restaurant gift cards from Delfina, Haystack, Super Duper, and other fine eateries. Just \$10 for 15 tickets, \$5 for seven, and \$1 for one.

Like Kenady says, it’s a “great time to get together, see old friends, and meet new neighbors.” Go to www.doloreheights.org for more information on the 50-year-old organization.

Soprano Heidi Melton and BAVA Singers

The Bay Area Vocal Academy for high school classical singers will open a new concert series Monday, Oct. 17, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Soprano Heidi Melton will join the young singers in scenes from *Sweeney Todd* (with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim), *Albert Herring* (an opera with music by Benjamin Britten), and additional numbers.

Melton is a graduate of the San Francisco Opera Merola Program and has sung at the Metropolitan Opera of New York, Deutsche Oper Berlin, and with the Vienna Philharmonic.

Bay Area Vocal Academy (BAVA) is a yearlong after-school program that prepares young artists for careers in classical music.

Tickets for “BAVA With Heidi Melton in Concert” are \$20 general seating and \$5 students. To purchase or find out more, go to www.bayareavocalacademy.org.

A to Z at Folio Books

Folio Books is covering A to Z in October. The A is for *The Art of Emma Bormann: A Retrospective*, a book by Andreas Johns, Bormann’s grandson, and Robert Hugel, local book designer and California College of the Arts professor. Bormann was a woodcut artist and painter who also created lithographs, etchings, and silkscreens during her travels throughout the United States, Europe, Japan, China, and elsewhere in Asia. Johns and Hugel will discuss Bormann’s career as well as their book-designing process on Thursday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., at the bookstore, at 3957 24th St.

The Z is for zine. Folio will host its first pop-up Zine Fest Sunday, Oct. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. Local zinesters, including Anand Vedawala, Andrew Goldfarb, Christina Tran, Courtney Riddle, E. Francis Kohler, Neil Ballard, Rani Goel, and Sara Diamond, will be tabling their wares and answering questions about zines, which are handcrafted mini magazines, journals, and comic books. Admission is free. New store manager Nicole Gluckstern says, “We have such a robust local author section. It surprised me we didn’t have any zines.” She has rectified that and hopes the Zine Fest will draw attention to these new authors.

In and around the art and the zines, there will be a pajama party with guest storyteller Elizabeth Crane (Oct. 11), a talk on how to form a successful worker cooperative (Oct. 13), and a coloring book night for adults with artist Kristin Henry (Oct. 18). For more events, see the *Voice* Calendar or visit www.foliosf.com.



Soprano Heidi Melton will join high school vocal artists in performing Oct. 17 at the inaugural Noe Valley concert of Bay Area Vocal Academy. Photo by Simon Pauly

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Charlie's Corner Celebrates Diwali

Charlie's Corner children's bookstore has festivities planned for Oct. 30, the first day of Diwali, the five-day Hindu festival of lights. The store, at the corner of 24th and Castro streets, will be decorated with electric candles, homemade Indian food will be served, and the staff will read Diwali storybooks at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. The staff will be dressed in Indian clothing and parents, nannies, and children are encouraged to as well. Time to break out the saris!

Lori Blackburn, store manager, listed a few of the books to be featured: *Amma, Tell Me About Diwali* by Bhakti Mathur; *The Diwali Gift* by Shweta Chopra and Shuchi Mehta; and *Lighting a Lamp: A Diwali Story* by Jonny Zucker.

Other major holidays to be celebrated in October and early November at the bookstore include Mad Hatter Day Oct. 6, Halloween Oct. 31, and Dia de los Muertos Nov. 1. For information on these and other events at Charlie's Corner, go to www.charliescorner.com.

Remembering 1906 and 1939

The San Francisco History Association is soliciting donations for its Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906 Memorial. With funds raised, a plaque commemorating the traumatic events of April 18, 1906,



The 1939 World's Fair on Treasure Island (also called the Golden Gate International Exposition) will be the topic at the Oct. 25 gathering of the San Francisco History Association in the parish hall at St. Philip's Church. One of the wonders of the fair was this towering Pacifica statue. Photo by Dsbiehl

will be placed at the de Young Building at the corner Market and Geary streets. The de Young was one of the few downtown San Francisco buildings to survive both the earthquake and the fire. You can donate to the campaign at generosity.com; search for "1906 earthquake."

The SFHA hosts historical programs in Noe Valley on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Philip's Church, located at Diamond and Elizabeth streets. This month, on Oct. 25, the association presents the story of the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939, held on Treasure Island, which was dredged out of San Francisco Bay for the event. For more information, go to sanfranciscohistoryassociation.org.

Ice Cream You Can Bank On

Mitchell's Ice Cream will be served at Mission District author and ice cream maven Jennifer Ng's talk about her new book *Ice Cream Travel Guide*. The event is Saturday, Oct. 22, 2:30 to 4 p.m., at the Noe Valley Umpqua Bank, 3938 24th St. near Sanchez Street.

Ng's book is one part travel guide and one part recipe book, based on the author's one-year quest for ice cream knowledge. She visited 60 ice cream shops in eight countries, from Taiwan to Argentina to Italy and back to the United States, and developed 31 recipes for frozen dessert. Thirteen are included in her book. "I flew over 50,322 miles in coach and licked over a hundred pounds of ice cream!" Ng declares. She refuses to divulge her favorite flavor, however. "Ask me in person!" she says.

Besides free ice cream and a travelogue, you can get the book and a T-shirt at the event—at a discount. For more information, go to www.icecreamtravelguide.com.

Spiff Up Diamond Heights

The Diamond Heights Community Association is hosting a discussion of efforts to reduce litter and improve walkways in the Diamond Heights neighborhood at its October meeting. Panelists include Rob Hanke, district manager for Recology waste collection, and Carol Sionkowski from the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the San Francisco Police Academy building, 350 Amber Drive, off Duncan Street. Other agenda items are fall ballot measure E on tree and sidewalk maintenance, the Diamond Heights Boulevard median strip (where new trees have recently been planted), renovations for George Christopher Playground, and Resilient Diamond Heights' ideas on disaster preparedness.

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



Executive Director Tiffany Loewenberg and music patron Jo Floyd pose at a post-concert party at Noe Valley Chamber Music, now in its 24th season. Photo by Adrian Bonifacio

Two New Seasons for Noe Valley Chamber Music

Noe Valley Chamber Music kicks off its 24th season of classical music and its first full season of Classical Kids concerts this month. Executive Director Tiffany Loewenberg is particularly excited about the first two concerts in the regular Sunday afternoon series.

The Thalea Quartet on Oct. 23 is the official "emerging artist" for the season, but Loewenberg says the Friction Quartet, playing Oct. 1 and Nov. 13, is also a group of young musicians coming into their own. Both are string quartets, with two violins, a viola, and a cello. Thalea plays classical favorites and new pieces at the "cutting edge of the string quartet repertoire," according to Loewenberg. Friction ventures beyond purely classical into pop music, acoustical, and multimedia performances.

Thalea will be playing music by Haydn and Mendelssohn and Terry Riley's much newer *Sunrise of the Planetary Dream Collector*, which premiered in 1980. Friction will feature the San Francisco premiere of Andy Akiho's *Piano Quintet*, with guest pianist Jenny Q. Chai. Both performances will be followed by after-parties with musicologist Kai Christiansen.

Future concerts in the 2016-17 season will include performances by Musica Pacifica (Jan. 15), Christine Brandes (Feb. 12), Steven Dibner (March 19), and the Farallon Quintet (May 21), as well as NVCM's annual benefit concert (April 23), featuring Geraldine Walther and David Korevaar. All performances are held at 4 p.m. in the Noe Valley Ministry sanctuary at 1021 Sanchez St.

Season tickets are still available, Loewenberg says. "Our subscription prices are unbelievably low"—\$120 for admission to all six concerts, or \$96 for seniors. Or you can pick four concerts

for \$90 (\$72 seniors). The price at the door is \$25.

The Classical Kids series happens on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Performers this year include the Friction Quartet (Oct. 1), Dawn Harms (Dec. 10), and Trinity Alps Chamber Players (Jan. 18). Tickets are \$15, \$40 for a family of four, and free for children 2 and under.

Loewenberg, a resident of Eureka Street, has been NVCM's executive director for six years. She says she was introduced to classical music early when she took up the violin in third grade and piano lessons soon after.

She notes that series performers are selected by NVCM's artistic committee, headed all 24 seasons by Karen Heather, a neighborhood pianist in her own right. Groups and vocalists apply but primarily are chosen by the committee after it hears them perform at the eight-hour Music Day mounted each September by the San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music.

Noe Valley Chamber Music receives funding from the citywide Friends of Chamber Music but also relies on grants from the Mervyn L. Brenner Foundation, San Francisco Grants for the Arts, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Bernard Osher Foundation, and the Zellerbach Family Foundation.

Loewenberg hopes Noe Valley residents will take advantage of the neighborhood location and relaxing atmosphere of the NVCM concerts. "Grab a glass of wine, meet the artists, and enjoy outstanding music with friends," she says. "Come to the best concerts you've never seen!"

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Where the Wild Things Walk. Animals were sighted on 18th Street near Bernie's on one of the last days of September. Mr. Monkey explained that he was "going back to Africa," but the trip may have included a stop at a preschool Halloween party.

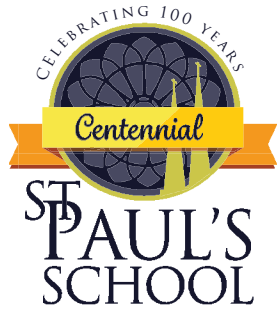
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Francophiles aching for a taste of Paris should head to Noe Valley's newest eatery, La PanotiQ.

The locally owned chain of bakery cafés opened its sixth location in the Bay Area in late August after a complete remodel of the 24th Street space that for years had been occupied by Global Exchange Fair Trade Store. While the interior has been redone to evoke the atmosphere of a French bistro, Global Exchange's colorful tile mosaic of world buildings still adorns the bottom exterior of the storefront.

Inside, customers will find seating for 31 alongside glass cases filled with freshly baked pastries and desserts. Rustic-looking chandeliers hang overhead and pictures of Paris adorn the walls.

"We really tried to bring and incorporate a glamorous French style," said Jeanne Rives, marketing manager for La Tartine Group, the parent company that operates the cafe and also runs a catering business. (It is separate from the popular Tartine Bakery on Guerrero at 18th Street in San Francisco.)

The company employs a team of chefs in France who create and develop authentic French recipes for its menu, which changes with the seasons. Many of the ingredients used in its dishes come from France, such as the traditionally churned AOP butter it stocks.

Among La PanotiQ's "iconic" offerings are a raspberry tartlet, with the raspberries placed by hand on a buttery shortbread crust; a Madagascar and Raspberry cake; a Kouign Amann, which is a flaky cake made with butter and sugar; and a chocolate hazelnut croissant. Each café location is equipped so all the baked goods are made on-site.

The menu at the Noe Valley café in late September featured a variety of sandwiches, including La PanotiQ's signature offering the Parisian, made with ham and French AOP butter served on a French baguette or soft French roll (\$10.50, with brie added for \$1 more); and the Brittany, made with wild albacore tuna, egg salad, avocado, tomato, romaine, and lemon pesto (\$11).

There are also a variety of "savory eats" such as a salmon puff pastry (\$8.95), mushroom flan made with Pholiota mushrooms (\$6.50), and ratatouille (\$7). Salads include a classic Niçoise with green beans, radish, potato, egg,



Manager Mario Campos (right) and employees Cesar Cuadras and Alexis Casillas serve croissants along with other tempting pastries at the French bakery café La PanotiQ.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

tomato, capers, anchovies, kalamata olives, and tuna, served with a house-made tarragon Dijon dressing (\$14); and the Frisée, made with parmesan, prosciutto, carrot, orange, and grapefruit in a citrus Dijon dressing (\$13). You can order a half-sandwich with small César salad or Frisée salad for \$7.50 or \$8.50, respectively.

The brunch menu, served all day, includes a croissant sandwich made with ham and cheese (\$5.50), French toast (\$8.50), and Liege waffles (\$9). According to its website, La PanotiQ uses ingredients free of GMOs, pesticides, hormones, and nitrates.

It serves Bicycle Coffee, which is based in Oakland, and has a special kids menu with such offerings as a trio of mini beignets (\$3), a mini sandwich (\$3.50), and petite French toast (\$5.95).

As for the café's name, La PanotiQ is a play on words that comes from the French term for a library of panoramas.

"Why library of panoramas? Because our display represents the very best of French culinary experience," Rives explains.

Rives, who grew up in Paris and started working for the company this summer, said so far it has been warmly welcomed in Noe Valley, by both residents and merchants.

"They are really happy to have a French place, a French café with this relaxing atmosphere," she said.

Mikhail and Natalya Guterman, frequent travelers to France, in 2013 launched the company, which is based in Campbell. Their daughter, Maria, is CEO.

The 24th Street café is their second location in San Francisco, with the first opened on Chestnut Street. There are no immediate plans to open a third in the city, though the company is looking to further expand throughout the Bay Area, with their seventh location soon to open in Burlingame.

Rives said the Gutermans sought out a location in Noe Valley because they loved

the atmosphere of its business district and its mix of shops and restaurants.

"It reminds them of a street in Paris or London," she said. "It is an excellent place to hang out with family and friends, so it is a perfect fit for the business."

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When He's Not Puzzling. It was a lovely day as **Michael Blake** and his wife **Barbara Howald** took in the sights of Venice, Italy behind a copy of their hometown newspaper and a couple of Aperol Spritzes.



Almost as Nice as Noe. Long time Noe Valley resident **Mike Beere** took a trip to Scotland recently. Here he poses with his hometown credentials with Edinburgh Castle in the background.

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Poetry by Stephen Kopel

San Francisco poet Stephen Kopel is the author of two chapbooks, *crux* and *crax*, and two poetry books, *Spritz* and *Picnic Poetry*. His work resides in over 350 journals. For 10 years, he presented Word Painters poetry events in San Francisco branch libraries and hosted a radio poetry program at the Lighthouse for the Blind. He currently hosts a video show on a YouTube channel directed by John Rhodes. Kopel says he “invests in the ‘I take charge’ market, assets divided between rational thinking, kindness, and good-looking humor.”

Slow Duo

knuckles of wind
punch late blossoms,
petals pirouette
and my grandmothers,
elbows linked,
shuffle their Thursday ballet
around the park's perimeter,
flowers garland
frosted curls,
feisty broads
without partners
on stage one more season

kindly hold your applause

credit conscious

the Rhine,
stoned,
avoided all banks
that appeared unstable,
recalling,
vaguely,
it was in everyone's
best interest
to keep the currency
flowing...

Busy Fingers

There may be countless stars in heaven
hanging by a thread.

Ones upstairs stitched with love
lie sprinkled on my bed.

My quilt appears to float
upon a celestial sea.

A spiral cloud emits patched points
like a giddy divinity.

A swath of crimson stars
tumbles from a height;

circlets of cerulean ones
attach to squares of white.

My mother's sisters sewed
in solicitous harmony.

Sleepily, I snuggle under,
a blessing over me.

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Michelle of the San Francisco Circus School spins her hula hoops to warm up the crowd before the Sept. 17 Movie Night at Upper Noe Rec Center. Photo courtesy Chris Faust

Upper Noe Rec Center Inside and Out

On Saturday, Sept. 17, Upper Noe Recreation Center enjoyed its first outdoor Movie Night. Friends of the Noe Valley Rec Center was thrilled to play host to over 400 parents and children on the athletic field as Sutter Health CPMC 2020 presented Pixar’s animated feature *Inside Out*. The event was like an old-fashioned drive-in movie, with families grouped together on blankets before the screen and children playing across the lawn, reported Chris Faust, chair of FNVRC. Prior to the movie, the San Francisco Circus School entertained the gathering crowd with exotic hula-hoop and juggling performances.

Meanwhile, classes and sports activities in the rec center’s fall session continued to welcome newcomers. One class that little ones, 18 months to 3 years, might consider is **Baby & Me**. A teacher will lead the children in games, stretches, and etiquette in a fun, safe environment where they’ll also have free time to play with Mom, Dad, their nanny or a grandparent. (Adult participation is required at the \$7 drop-in class, held on Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.)

To join the class or find out how you can get involved with other programs, events, and gardening at Upper Noe, scoot over to the park at 295 Day St., call facilities coordinator Cheryl Woltjen at 415-970-8061, or go to www.noevalleyreccenter.com.

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

MONDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

TUESDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Oct. 1: The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets at the Noe Valley Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

Oct. 1: “The Last Evening of Song: Whine and Dine, Songs about Food and Kvetching” features Merle Kessler and Joshua Raoul Brody and friends. 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian’s, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Oct. 1-29: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live musicians from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Oct. 1-29: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

Oct. 1-29: The “Meet the ANIMALS!” event at the Randall Museum features California wildlife. Saturdays, 11 am. Mission Art Center, 745 Treat. 695-5014.

Oct. 1-29: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

Oct. 1-30: 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.

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

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

Oct. 1-31: The On Lok 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon & 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

Oct. 1-Nov. 27: Voice photographer Najib Joe Hakim exhibits work from

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his “Home Away From Home: LITTLE PALESTINE by the Bay” series. Main Library, Jewett Gallery, 100 Larkin. 557-4277; sfpl.org.

Oct. 2: Voila hosts a one-hour TERRARIUM-building workshop; \$45 class fee includes materials. 11 am-3 pm. 1431 Castro. 312-3468; info@voilasf.com.

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

Oct. 2 & 16: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Oct. 2-30: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Oct. 3, 17, 24 & 31: The Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Conversation Club meets Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 3-31: Charlie’s Corner hosts FRENCH STORY TIME for kids, Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 to 10:30 am. 4102 24th. charliescorner.com.

Oct. 4: The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 4: KJ Landis discusses “The Five Best HEALTHY FOODS for Your Body” at Olive This Olive That; \$20 fee includes snacks and wine. 6:30-8 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520.

Oct. 4: The Diamond Heights Community Association’s fall meeting discusses neighborhood improvements and concerns. 7-9 pm. SF Police Academy, 350 Amber. 282-4647; dhcasf.org.

Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 4 & Nov. 1: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.



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Oct. 4-Nov. 5: SF WOMEN ARTISTS host “Artists’ Choice,” a juried all-media exhibit. Reception Oct. 5, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

Oct. 5: David Chiu speaks on “Sex, Drugs, and Guns—2016 State BALLOT MEASURES” at the Noe Valley Democratic Club. 5:30-7:30 pm. Valley Tavern, 4054 24th; toddsdavid@gmail.com.

Oct. 5: Lucinda Scala Quinn discusses Mad Hungry Family: 120 Essential RECIPES to Feed the Whole Crew. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 5: The Noe Valley Library hosts a HALLOWEEN CRAFT workshop for adults to make buttons and votive holders. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

Oct. 5 & 19: Children ages 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 7-8 pm. Eureka

Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26: The Eureka Valley Library offers BABY RHYME and play time on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 5-26: Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 5-26: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays, 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

Oct. 5-26: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open Wednesdays, 4 to 8 pm, through mid-December. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Oct. 5-26: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church hosts Candlesong, a TAIZE-style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Oct. 5-26: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip’s Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Oct. 5 & Nov. 2: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBThistory.org.

Oct. 6: Charlie’s Corner celebrates “MAD HATTER DAY,” bringing Alice in Wonderland to life. 9:30 am-6:30 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Oct. 6: Celebrate LATINO-HISPANIC Heritage Month with crafts for ages 4 and up at the Noe Valley Library. 3:30-5 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 6: Andreas Johns and Rob Hugel introduce their biography of a 20th-century painter and woodcut artist, The Art of EMMA BORMANN. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 6 & 13: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes,

music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 6-27: Attend TRIVIA NIGHTS on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Oct. 7-28: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett with artists Don Prell, Jimmy Ryan, and the Third Quartet. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

Oct. 7-28: Chris Sequeira leads a Friday KARAOKE for Adults group at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day.

Oct. 7-28: Shout “BINGO!” at St. Paul’s on Friday nights at 7 pm (doors open at 5 pm). St. Paul’s Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.

Oct. 7-28: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

Oct. 8: A pet-networking corner (with prizes), gardening table, music, food, and history will highlight the DOLORES HEIGHTS Neighborhood Block Party, sponsored by the Dolores Heights Improvement Club. Noon-3 pm. 408-218-3115; http://doloresheights.org/

Oct. 8: The LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on the second Saturday of the month. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

Oct. 8: Green Mann and Lisa Erdos conduct a free PLANT CLINIC on the second Saturday of the month. 10 am-noon. 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th. lisa.erdos@att.net.

Oct. 8: Rare Device hosts a TRUNK SHOW featuring Colleen Mauer’s jewelry and Kelly Crispen’s Elizabeth Cosmetics. 10 am-4 pm. 4071 24th. 374-7412.


Oct. 8: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.



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WED OCT 5	LUCINDA SCALA QUINN • MAD HUNGRY FAMILY: 120 ESSENTIAL RECIPES TO FEED THE WHOLE CREW • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
FRI OCT 7	ANDREW TARLOW • DINNER AT THE LONG TABLE • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
SAT OCT 8	STANLEY GINSBERG • THE RYE BAKER: CLASSIC BREADS FROM EUROPE AND AMERICA • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
SUN OCT 9	VIRILIO MARTINEZ • CENTRAL • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
THU OCT 13	YASMIN KHAN • THE SAFFRON TALES: RECIPES FROM THE PERSIAN KITCHEN • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
SAT OCT 15	KIRK LOMBARD • THE SEA FORAGER’S GUIDE TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
THU OCT 20	NAOMI DUGUID • TASTE OF PERSIA: A COOK’S TRAVELS THROUGH ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA, IRAN, AND KURDISTAN • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
SAT OCT 22	GEORGEANNE BRENNAN • MY CULINARY JOURNEY: FOOD AND FÊTES OF PROVENCE WITH RECIPES • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
SUN OCT 23	EMILY DILLING • MY PARIS MARKET COOKBOOK: A CULINARY TOUR OF FRENCH FLAVORS AND SEASONAL RECIPES • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
TUE OCT 25	ALI BOUZARI • INGREDIENT: UNVEILING THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF FOOD • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
FRI OCT 28	BRAD THOMAS PARSONS • AMARO: THE SPIRITED WORLD OF BITTERSWEET, HERBAL LIQUEURS, WITH COCKTAILS, RECIPES, AND FORMULAS • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
SUN OCT 30	ASHLEY CHRISTENSEN • POOLE’S: RECIPES AND STORIES FROM A MODERN DINER • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE

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CALENDAR

Oct. 8: Stanley Ginsberg introduces The Rye Baker: Classic BREADS from Europe and America. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 8: Digeridoo player Stephen Kent performs a concert with Laura Inserra at 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Oct. 11: Folio Books hosts a PAJAMA PARTY and story time with Elizabeth Crane; light snacks provided. 6 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 11: PFLAG's monthly meeting has moved to the Women's Building at 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsf.org.

Oct. 11: LITQUAKE hosts "I Almost Forgot About You: An Evening with Terry McMillan," in conversation with novelist Ellen Sussman. 7-9 pm. Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market. litquake.org.

Oct. 11, 18 & 25: Bascia Lassua leads a gentle CHAIR YOGA class at the Noe Valley Library. 10:30-11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 12: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group meets from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

Oct. 13: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

Oct. 13: Yasmin Khan discusses The SAFFRON Tales: Recipes from the Persian Kitchen. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 13: Shanta Sacharoff and John Curl discuss the history and viability of FOOD CO-OPS in Other Avenues Are Possible. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477.

Oct. 14: The Noe Valley Library screens Boris Karloff's 1932 FILM The Mummy. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 15: Evelyn Rose discusses "Bovines, Dynamite, and High-Flying Shows: The Amazing History of Glen

Canyon Park" at a WALKING TOUR. 10 am-1 pm. Confirm space at glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

Oct. 15: Daniel Martin Diaz exhibits his ARTWORK in "Atomic Enlightenment." 7-10 pm. Paxton Gate, 824 Valencia. 824-1872; paxtongate.com.

Oct. 16: The Noe Valley Ministry's Music for the Soul worship service features GOSPEL SINGER Leah Tysse and the Dave Len Scott Jazz Band. 10:30 am. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

Oct. 16: Folio Books hosts a Pop-Up ZINE FEST from 1 to 3 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 16: The Victorian Alliance's 44th annual self-guided HOUSE TOUR features eight historic homes around Duboce Park. 1-5 pm. 824-2666; victorianalliance.org/house-tour/2016.

Oct. 16: Music on the Hill presents CHAMBER MUSIC by the Ariel Ensemble. 7 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 820-1429; musiconthehill.org.

Oct. 17: ODD MONDAYS hosts "Harvest Evening," readings by Elaine Elinson, co-author (with Stan Yogi) of Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers, and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper; 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (rsvp jlsender@webtv.net). 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Oct. 17: The Bay Area Vocal Academy opens its season with a CONCERT by students and soprano Heidi Melton. 7-9 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 723-2282; bayareavocalacademy.org.

Oct. 18: At a COLORING NIGHT for grownups, Folio Books provides the supplies and the wine. 6 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 18: Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. Call 404-4000 for

location; inglesidepolicestation.com.

Oct. 19: HERCHURCH offers a Women's DRUMMING CIRCLE the third Wednesday of the month. 5:45-6:45 pm. 678 Portola.

Oct. 19: Take a candlelight LABYRINTH WALK at the Noe Valley Ministry from 6 to 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

Oct. 19: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 19: LIVE MUSIC continues at the Valley Tavern on third Wednesdays. 7-9:30 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

Oct. 20: Reel-to-Reel FILMS for preschoolers are shown at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 21: BOOKWORMS Club (ages 8 to 12) features author Sheila Grau, discussing Gorilla Tactics. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477.

Oct. 21: GAMES NIGHT at Holy Innocents Church welcomes all ages; pizza, cookies, and age-appropriate beverages served. 6:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Oct. 22: Umpqua Bank hosts a READING by Jennifer Ng, author of Ice Cream Travel Guide; free scoops while they last. 2:30-4 pm. 3938 24th. 268-5260; umpquabank.com.

Oct. 22: The Glen Park Neighborhoods HISTORY PROJECT discusses the history of Mt. Davidson. 3:30-5:30 pm. Glen Park Branch Library, 2nd floor, 2825 Diamond. glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

Oct. 22: Bobby Jo Valentine performs a BENEFIT CONCERT at Bethany United Methodist Church. 7 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393.

Oct. 23: Emily Dilling introduces My Paris Market Cookbook: A Culinary Tour of FRENCH FLAVORS and

Seasonal Recipes. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 23: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC begins its 24th season with a concert by the Thalea String Quartet. 4 pm; pre-concert talk by Kai Christiansen at 3:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcm.org.

Oct. 25: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Oct. 25: Ali Bouzari discusses INGREDIENT: Unveiling the Essential Elements of Food. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 25: Ann Schnoebelen discusses "Pacific Visions: Treasure Island, World's Fair, and World War" at the meeting of the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Oct. 26: The RESILIENT Diamond Heights work group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

Oct. 27: "Read for the Record Day" features Julia Sarcone-Roach's The Bear Ate Your Sandwich. 10:15 and 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 27: The first annual NOE VALLEY GALA features live music, food, and drinks to raise funds for a new sound system at the Noe Valley Ministry. 6-10 pm. 1021 Sanchez. noevalleygala.com.

Oct. 29: Volunteer at JURI COMMONS for a 9 am to noon workday. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th streets. Dave@schweisguth.org or meetup.com/juri-Commoners.

Oct. 29: Mary's C.S.C. Players from the Castro Senior Center perform a RADIO PLAY, Detective Theater on

the Air: The Adventures of S. Phaeton. 1:30-3:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 29: SF LIVE ARTS screens a silent film, The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, and comedy short films with live music by Stephen Prutsman. 8 pm. St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Oct. 30: Charlie's Corner Bookstore celebrates DIWALI, India's Festival of Lights, with stories and Indian food. 10:30 am, 12:30 & 3:30 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Oct. 30: The Church Street HALLOWEEN PET PARADE begins at 2 pm at Noe Valley Pet Company, 1451 Church; a party follows at 3 pm at VIP/Scrub Club, 1734 Church. 282-7385; 970-2231.

Oct. 30: Ashley Christensen introduces Poole's: Recipes and Stories From a Modern DINER. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 1: The DIA DE LOS MUERTOS at Charlie's Corner Bookstore features altars, stories, and Mexican food. 9:30 am-6:30 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Nov. 5: The Noe Valley Farmers Market sponsors a TOWN SQUARE DANCE and pie-eating contest, from 5 to 8 pm. Noe Valley Town Square, 24th & Vicksburg. 794-5484.

Nov. 8: It's time to vote, and polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Department of Elections, 554-4375; sfgov.org/elections.

It's Noe-venber

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **November 2016** issue, distributed the first week of October. The deadline for items is October 15. Please email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, Noe Valley Voice, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.



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OCTOBER EVENTS

10.6

THURSDAY AT 7PM

The Art of Emma Bormann

Andreas Johns and Rob Hugel

This book documents the life and work of Emma Bormann (1887-1974), a remarkable painter and woodcut artist of the 20th century who traveled widely.

10.11

TUESDAY AT 6PM

Pajama Party Storytime with Elizabeth Crane

Pajamas not required, but totally recommended, light snacks will also be provided.

10.13

THURSDAY AT 7PM

Other Avenues are Possible

Shanta Sacharoff and John Curl

Join worker-owner of 40+ year-old natural foods cooperative Other Avenues, Shanta Sacharoff, for a celebration of her newly-released book on local cooperative history.

10.16

SUNDAY AT 1-3PM

Pop-up ZINE Fest at Folio Books!

Come meet and greet amazing local zinesters who will be tabling their wares and fielding questions about the fundamentals of zinemaking.

10.18

TUESDAY AT 6PM

Adult Coloring Night with Kristin Henry

Whether you're a doodling dilettante or a serious shader come join this casual midweek social and tap into the restorative and relaxing qualities of coloring.

10.21

FRIDAY AT 6PM

Bookworms Middle Reader Book Group

Sheila Grau | *Gorilla Tactics*

RSVP REQUIRED: tiny.cc/folioworms

This month we'll be welcoming back Sheila Grau. She will be talking about *Gorilla Tactics*, the second book in her hilarious *Dr. Critchlore's School for Minions* series.

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VIDEO WAVE, your friendly neighborhood video store,
October update!

Video Wave is in final talks as of October first to remain here, and while we believe that we will be able to remain at our present location with the lease we have before us, nothing is settled yet. We hope to be able to report by the November Voice that we are remaining!

Video Wave has launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for the security deposit, the first month's rent, and for fixtures for the expansion into the whole space. It has been successful so far, and spreading the word about the campaign is just as valuable to us as any contributions you can make.

Please visit
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to see the campaign, and to make contributions
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Burned-Out Streetlights , city owned (wooden poles call PG&E)		311
District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener	scott.wiener@sfgov.org	415-554-6968
Graffiti Removal, Tree Removal, Street Cleaning (DPW)		415-695-2017
Hazardous Waste Disposal / Free pickup mattresses, appliances		415-330-1300
Homeless Services Urgent care clinic		415-355-7400
Lost or Injured Animals Animal Care and Control		415-554-6364
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services	www.sfgov.org/mons	415-554-7111
NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams)		415-558-3456 or 415-970-2022
Parking Enforcement DPT Dispatch		415-553-1200
PG&E Gas or electrical issues		1-800-743-5000
Pothole Repairs	potholes@sfdpw.org	415-695-2100
Recycling		415-554-7329
Rent Board		415-252-4600
Parking Permits, Residential		415-503-2020
Sewer Problems, Overflows		415-695-2096
Tree Planting		415-554-6700
24th Street Community Benefit District (CBD)		415-519-0093
Utility Undergrounding (DPW)	undergrounding@sfgov.org	415-554-6167
Water Leaks, Water Pressure		415-554-3289

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Thomas A. Edison, inventor (1847-1931)



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ADULT EVENTS

Adult Craft Class: Join the library for a spooky night of crafts, creating your own customized Halloween-themed button and decorating a glass votive holder with Halloween images; all materials will be provided. Space is limited, please call 415-355-5707 to register. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga with Bascia Lassus: Learn a gentle, chair-based yoga that is ideal for seniors or anyone with limited mobility. Chair Yoga has many benefits, including improved strength and flexibility, reduced stress, better mental clarity, and effective pain management. Funded by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 18, and 25, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Radio Play: Listen to a dramatic (and oftentimes hilarious) reading of *Detective Theatre on the Air: The Adventures of S. Phaeton*, written and performed by Mary’s C.S.C. Radio Players, from Castro Senior Center. Saturday, Oct. 29, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Want to learn how to knit or crochet or just hang out with other knitters and crocheters? The Knitting Circle meets the first Saturday of the month. The library has supplies to practice on, but bring your own yarn and needles or hooks if you have a special project in mind. Saturday, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

eReader Drop-In: Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN, and any passwords you might need for downloading apps, to an informal workshop on using the SFPL’s digital resources, including the library catalog, Zinio for magazines, ebooks and Hoopla! for movies, music, and audiobooks. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Friday Matinee: The library screens *The Mummy* (1932), Boris Karloff’s second starring role after playing the monster in *Frankenstein*. Friday, Oct. 14, 2 to 4 p.m.

Great Books Discussion Group: This activity is sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco, a non-profit educational organization that seeks to discuss and learn from outstanding works of writing. For more information, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month the local group is reading Hermann Hesse’s 1922 novel *Siddhartha*. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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

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Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library 451 Jersey St., 355-5707							
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1-5	12-6	10-9	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6	
Glen Park Branch Library 2825 Diamond St., 355-2858							
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	12-7	1-6	1-6	
Mission Branch Library 300 Bartlett St., 355-2800							
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6	
Eureka Valley–Harvey Milk Branch Library 1 José Sarria Ct. (3555 16th St.), 355-5616							
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
	12-6	10-9	12-9	10-6	1-6	12-6	

MORE BOOKS TO READ

Leafing Through the Pages

Yes, there are still more books to read. The latest arrivals at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, selected by Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr, include such offerings as a catalog of works by pop art artist Ed Ruscha, a memoir written by a longtime Secret Service agent, and a children’s book about the antics of friends Snail and Worm.

To check out these tales—or a vast array of movies, magazines, and reference works—visit the San Francisco Public Library online at www.sfpl.org. To talk with our local experts, call 415-355-5707 or take a walk to the Noe Valley Branch, at 451 Jersey St. near Castro Street.

Librarians Sanderson, Starr, and the rest of the staff are happy to show you the features of the 100-year-old Carnegie building. But don’t drop by on Monday, Oct. 10. The library is closed for Columbus Day.

Adult Fiction

- The links between the man who assassinated Abraham Lincoln and the women who aided the plot are examined in *Fates and Traitors: A Novel of John Wilkes Booth* by Jennifer Chiaverini.
- A “summer of love” in North Carolina comes back to haunt a neurosurgeon and his alcoholic brother, in *The Risen* by Ron Rash.
- In *Lady Cop Makes Trouble*, the second Kopp sisters mystery by Amy Stewart, Deputy Sheriff Constance goes after a German-speaking con man.
- Beginning in 1947 Brooklyn, *The Two-Family House* by Lynda Cohen Loigman tells the story of two women, sisters by marriage, who raise six children under the same roof.

Adult Nonfiction

- *Fastpitch: The Untold History of Softball and the Women Who Made the Game*, by Erica Westly, describes one of the only team sports that women were allowed to play back in the 1940s.
- Plum Johnson’s memoir, *They Left Us Everything*, recounts the joys and travails of emptying the family home after the passing of her parents.
- *The Unfollowing* by avant-garde writer Lyn Hejinian is a series of poems mourning the loss of a young family member to cancer.
- *Ed Ruscha and the Great American West*, edited by Karin Breuer, features images, essays, and an interview with Ed Ruscha, an artist known for his word paintings.

Eaudio

- Suzanne Feldman’s debut novel, *Absalom’s Daughters*, follows two half sisters, one black and one white, on a road trip through the South in the 1950s.
- *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey is a novel of adventure and survival set in the Alaska Territory in the 19th century.
- A woman in an unhappy marriage finds inspiration in her grandmother’s Jazz Age diary, in *The Light of Paris* by Eleanor Brown.

- Secret Service agent Clint Hill describes his career in *Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey With Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford*.

Ebooks

- *My Best Friend’s Exorcism* by Grady Hendrix is described as “a heartwarming story of friendship and demonic possession,” set in 1988.
- *Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution*, by NYC Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, shows how to repurpose city streets with plazas and bike lanes.
- The latest mystery by Pulitzer Prize winner Julia Keller, titled *Sorrow Road*, weaves together a present-day investigation of a man’s death and a crime committed 72 years before, during the Normandy invasion in World War II.
- Mark Schatzker examines the nutrition problems caused by the addition of chemicals to favorite foods, in *The Dorito Effect: The Surprising New Truth About Food and Flavor*.

Children’s Fiction

- Ross Collins wrote and illustrated *There’s a Bear on My Chair*, about how a mouse tries everything he can think of to get his chair back. Ages 2 to 6.
- A boy who loves to make noise has to pick only one musical instrument, in *88 Instruments*, written by Chris Barton, with illustrations by Louis Thomas. Ages 5 to 8.
- Comical tales and silly antics abound in *Snail and Worm: Three Stories About Two Friends*, written and illustrated by Tina Kugler. Ages 6 to 9.
- Robot Roz finds herself alone on a remote island, with no idea how she got there, in *The Wild Robot*, written and illustrated by Peter Brown. Ages 7 to 11.
- A young boy protects his neighborhood from thieving skunks in *The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez*, by Robin Yardi. Ages 8 to 12.

Children’s Nonfiction

- Discover all the different kinds of frogs in the world in *Fabulous Frogs*, written by Martin Jenkins and illustrated by Tim Hopgood. Ages 3 to 6.
- *The Journey of Seeds: Seed Propagation*, written by Soo-Book Choi, with illustrations by Wal-Goong Jang, follows the life cycle of flower seeds. Ages 6 to 9.
- The mischievous god of the wild creates pandemonium wherever he goes, in *I Am Pan!* written and illustrated by

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

VIVA Children’s Crafts: Celebrate Latino-Hispanic Heritage Month with Sophie Maletsky, local craft teacher and entrepreneur extraordinaire. Children ages 4 and up are invited to create theme-related projects in honor of this annual cultural celebration. Thursday, Oct. 6, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Once a year, children around the world all read a carefully selected picture story on **Read for the Record** day. This year, it is Julia Sarcone-Roach’s *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*, a classic tale of a bear’s epic journey and the mystery surrounding one scrumptious sandwich. Join the Noe Valley Library for a reading of this book and other tales; for ages 3 to 5 with parent/caregiver (but younger children welcome). Thursday, Oct. 27, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Tales: Join Children’s Librarian Miss Catherine for books, rhymes, and music. These half-hour story times are geared to children ages 16 months through 2 years, with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, Oct. 6 and 13, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films: Children ages 3 to 5 with parent or caregiver are invited to the library’s short films program, which often features vintage selections not available on DVD. Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

FOR TEENS AND UP

AAC Conversation Club: Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices include Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, Talk Bar, smart phones, and tablet applications. The Conversation Club is an opportunity for AAC users of all levels to come together and explore new topics and themes. Provided in partnership with Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. Mondays, Oct. 3, 17, 24, and 31, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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

Mordicai Gerstein. Ages 7 to 11.

- Biologist Dr. Greg Skomal researches whether Cape Cod could serve as a breeding ground for the great white shark, in *The Great White Shark Scientist*, written by Sy Montgomery, with illustrations by Keith Ellenbogen. Ages 10 to 15.

Annotations were penned by Voice bookworm Karol Barske

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A Clear View. From a vantage point high in the Diamond Heights neighborhood, one can see most of our fair city beyond Noe Valley. Photo by Sally Smith



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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

There's No Business Like Noe Business

By Mazook

DOWN IN THE VALLEY: The shops of Downtown Noe Valley appear to be struggling to keep serving the Noe Valley community. Retail stores selling dry goods especially seem to be in peril.

Many landlords of commercial properties in DNV are asking for rents that can only be paid by businesses like real estate offices, health clinics, banks and other financial institutions. Tuggey's Hardware, gone. Joshua Simon, gone. Common Scents, gone. Global Exchange, kaputsky. The Ark, sunk.

The big news last month was the "Store Closing" sign posted at See Jane Run at 3910 24th St. Mannequins on the sidewalk told passersby that the shop's last day was Sept. 30. Said Lori Shannon, who makes Jane run, "It has been a great 16 years in Noe Valley, but it is time to go, since the [building] owner is selling the property, and the real estate person told them it would be better to have the store empty."

Shannon laments, "It's too bad we couldn't have stayed here at least through Christmas, but it seems as if that was an afterthought when the landlord phoned me two weeks after they told me to leave and asked me if I wanted to stay through the holidays."

She has not given up on Noe Valley, though, and will look for another spot in the neighborhood while she continues to operate her other store on College Avenue in Oakland.

The See Jane Run building on 24th is reportedly for sale for \$3.4 million.



See Jane Go. Fitness-gear enthusiasts were sorry to see the mannequins on the sidewalk at 3910 24th St. last month, announcing the departure of See Jane Run, a fixture in Noe Valley for 16 years.

Photo by Sally Smith

WALKERSHAW WALKS: Another closing sign was on the door at Walkershaw Man (4010 24th), which sells shirts designed and stitched by Jesse and Connie Walkershaw. Jesse has managed the store since it opened five years ago.

He says he's resigned to closing the small shop. "The retail climate on 24th Street is not so good, and we were having trouble taking in enough money to pay the expenses. So I told the landlord, who has been extremely fair with the rent, that I was going to close the store and not renew my lease."

The 155-square-foot space has already been rented by Azil Boutique, the jewelry store that popped up there while the Walkershaws were on sabbatical during the summer.

Azil is the creation of designer Liza Anongchanya, who makes "classic and chic, modern and sweet handmade jewelry," and has two other locations in San Francisco, one on Hayes and another on Polk Street. For her, it should be happy holidays.

Just up the street, at the construction site where Bliss Bar once stood (4026 24th), space is still for rent, according to the real estate agent who posted a sign there. However, a notice has also been posted that applications are being made by the owners of the building, Pornchai and Suchitra Hutachinda, for a "Type 47" permit with California Alcoholic Beverage Control. That is ABC talk for a restaurant and bar with a full license. Time estimates on completion of the construction hover around a year.

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HAPPY ENDING? Across the street at 4027, the plot thickens in the Video Wave episode of *Noe Survivor*. When last we left off, Video Wave, a neighborhood treasure for 33 years, had been sharing space with Buttons Candy Bar for over a year, but Buttons had decided to close on Halloween.

Now, the video emporium is negotiating with the landlord to take over the whole space, which would allow the store to shelve more of the something like 20,000 titles available (currently stored elsewhere) and provide, as they did in their Castro Street location, ice cream, sodas, and special sweets, in addition to the free popcorn.

To that end, Video Wave owners Colin Hutton and Gwen Sanderson have launched a GoFundMe campaign that will assist in covering the deposit and rent increase along with the cost of remodeling the store. They have a \$10,000 goal and have received over \$3,000 so far (end of September). You might want to check out their GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/2pxb6f4k> or visit them on Facebook.

For the first time in many months, Gwen and Colin seem optimistic that everything will turn out okay.

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SHOP, SHOP: The former Common Scents space at 3920 24th is now a women's boutique, called Monroe. It opened mid-August and has become very popular. "We are very pleased to be in the neighborhood," says owner Joanne Kim. "Everybody is so warm and friendly, and the [Noe Valley] Farmers Market is just fabulous."

Kim says she is "trying to keep prices down so it is affordable fashion, and we have been very pleased with the response." She also says she has had many people come into the store and ask to talk about her predecessor, Common Scents. Kim said she would consider carrying a very limited supply of the most popular common scents. That's the spirit. The store is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A few doors down the street, those small store spaces next to St. Clair's (3904 and 3906)—the one-time location of a coin-operated ice machine and more recently of TugTug and Successories as well as several pop-up vendors—will soon be razed and a new structure built with residential condos upstairs and a not-so-tiny commercial store at street level.

If you walk across the street to 3927 24th, a space most recently occupied by In-House designer boutique, you'll see a vase with flowers and brown paper draped across the front window. Yes, by the middle of October, an art gallery should appear, filled with handmade crafts and fine arts.

The gallery, opened by artist Tej Greenhill, will be called Artisana. And it's currently located in Sebastopol. "I am so happy to return to Noe Valley, where I lived for a while, as well as in the Mission," says Greenhill. "We plan on having a crafts section and a painting gallery featuring local artists, and will also take consignments," she says.

A grand opening is planned for Nov. 6.



You Saw It Here: More than 300 people packed the Noe Valley Ministry Sept. 10 to see the first Noe Valley Girls Film Festival, an event staged by sisters Maggie and Ella Marks and Charlotte and Caitlin Kane, aged 10 to 13. The crowd viewed films ranging from *Noe Valley Girls Bake Sale* by April Prince and *Day Street Park* by Annie Orzen to *Worm* by Phoebe Milvy-Soloff and *Pinky Spinky Perfume* by Hannah Tawadrous.

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Traipsing down main street, I saw that the "For Rent" signs had come down at the northeast corner of 24th and Vicksburg, where Cradle of the Sun used to sparkle. The rumor is that a real estate office will take over the space. However, there was no response from said real estate office to phone calls.

And directly across 24th Street, the mystery store that used to be the Ark toy store remains mysterious, with few signs of opening in the near future. It was supposed to be a housewares and home accessories shop. Maybe something really cool will happen there on Halloween.

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MEAT AND GREET: Upper Noe Valley residents have played an important role in the fate of the vacant storefront at Drewes Meat Market, which dates back to 1888 and had been known under that moniker, in one form or another, since 1889.

As you recall, the most recent operators were evicted this summer for failing to pay the rent, and the building owners, through their representative Hong Zheng, were inviting all possible commercial uses for the store space, at 1706 Church St.

"Well, we got many different offers to rent the space," said Zheng, "and many neighbors contacted me asking that the space continue as a meat, poultry, and fish market, which weighed strongly in our decisions, and we are very close to signing a lease with someone who will continue the business as a butcher's shop...and it was very important to us that it was a small business in San Francisco with high-quality meats and hands-on daily operation."

Zheng was unclear when the new meat market would open, but said, assuming there was a final agreement, every effort would be made to open in time for the holiday season.

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NOE VOLLEY: Despite the mountains of dirt that appeared after the park improvement project started in early summer, progress really is being made at Noe Courts, to create new drainage, a lawn terrace with two picnic tables and three benches, a new drinking fountain, new lawn sod, and landscaping around the 24th Street entrance (near Douglass).

According to SF Rec and Park project manager Brett Desmarain, the work was originally supposed to be done by 2016. But the completion date has been extended into "early next year," because of cracks in the tennis court, fencing issues, and no funding for the new nets needed for the tennis court. GoFundThem?

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TIME FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP: The first annual Noe Valley Girls Film Festival, held at the Noe Valley Ministry on Sept. 10, was a rip-roaring success. More than 325 people showed up to watch 19 short films and see

what the judges picked as the best.

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Kane, who with Ella Marks, Maggie Marks, and Caitlin Kane organized the festival, described the event as "a rewarding and fun night for Noe Valley families!"

The winners of the top prize (\$250) in the sixth- to eighth-grade category of the event were San Francisco residents Ellie Lerner and Eloise Brotzman, both 13, for their *Plastic Documentary*, which was about the dire effects of plastic waste.

The \$250 prize in the younger group (fifth grade and under) went to 10-year-old Maia Costea, for her funny film *Behind the Rocks*, which had won Best Sci-Fi at the American Youth Film Festival, the Noe Valley girls found out later.

Other prize winners were Maddie Oesterer, Aya Troyerv, Rachel Kim, Fiona English, and Jiana Jacobs Simenauer (for *Rock Bottom*); Phoebe Milvy Soloff (*Worm*); Maia and Carla Costea (*Teen Chick*); and Riley Pan (*Girls on Deck*).

Now the NVGFF team, as they call themselves, has been invited to speak at the World Wide Women's Festival at Fort Mason on Saturday, Oct. 15, an event with tons of exhibitors, speakers, and performances. The girls will be telling their story and re-showing Maia Costea's *Behind the Rocks*.

Congrats to the festival founders and sponsors, and to all the winners and honorable mentions. (For info, see the website, www.nvgff.com, or the page 1 story in the September *Voice*.)

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GALLIVANT TO THE GALA: The Noe Valley Ministry is making efforts to turn its renovated church into an even better musical venue than it was decades ago.

It's hosting the Noe Valley Gala on Oct. 27, to raise money for a first-rate sound system for first-rate events at the church, 1021 Sanchez. You can read more about the evening in this month's Short Takes, page 18.

Short digression: I can remember going to the Ministry and listening to Bobby McFerrin perform "Don't Worry, Be Happy" there, and also seeing The Persuasions in concert at the Noe Valley Music Series. The line for that performance went up Sanchez Street and around the corner on 23rd Street.

Tickets for the gala start at \$250, which may stretch your budget a bit too far. You can also make donations of any amount through a link on the church's website, noevalleyministry.org/2016/09/join-us-first-noe-valley-gala/

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THAT'S 30, GIRLS AND BOYS, see you on 24th Street on Halloween. Or, dogs and cats, let's meet on Church Street at the Halloween Pet Parade (Oct. 30, 2 p.m., 451 Church).

Ciao for now. ■

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

Castro Area Planning + Action
Contact: 621-0120
Email: info@capasf.org
Meetings: Second Thursday, Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood St., 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774
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Website: www.dhcasf.org
Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

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

Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)
Contacts: Deanna Mooney, 821-4045; Diane McCarney, 824-0303; or Sally Chew, 821-6235
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Fair Oaks Neighbors
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Address: 200 Fair Oaks St., SF, CA 94110
Street fair is the day before Mother's Day.

Fairmount Heights Association
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<http://fairmount-heights.org>
Meetings: Monthly social mixer and discussion, 350 Amber Drive

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Website: www.billygoathill.net

Friends of Dolores Park Playground
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Website: www.friendsofdolorespark.org
Meetings: See website.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park
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Address: 140 Turquoise Way, SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Friends of Noe Courts Playground
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Meetings: Email for dates and times.

Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)
Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
Email: info@friendsofnoevalley.com
Website: www.friendsofnoevalley.com
Meetings: Two or three annually; held at St. Philip's Church or James Lick School

Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center
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Website: www.noevalleyreccenter.com
Meetings: Email or check website.

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

Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUND OG)
Contacts: Chris Faust, David Emanuel
Email: info@fundogsf.org
Website: www.fundogsf.org

Glen Park Association
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Website: glenparkassociation.org
Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131

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

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

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

Noe Neighborhood Council
(formerly Protect Noe's Charm)
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Meetings: See website.

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Email: info@noevalleyassociation.org
Website: www.noevalleyassociation.org
Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

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

Noe Valley Farmers' Market
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Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332
Email: info@noevalleyfarmersmarket.com

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

Meetings: Last Wednesdays, Old Republic, 4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.
Website: www.NoeValleyMerchants.com

Progress Noe Valley
Contact: progressnoe@gmail.com
Website: progressnoe.com
Meetings announced via Facebook group.
See website for details.

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)
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<http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879>
Meetings: See website for training schedules.

Noe Valley Parent Network
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Outer Noe Valley Merchants
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Residents for Noe Valley Town Square
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San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets
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Meetings: See website.

SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores
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Upper Noe Neighbors
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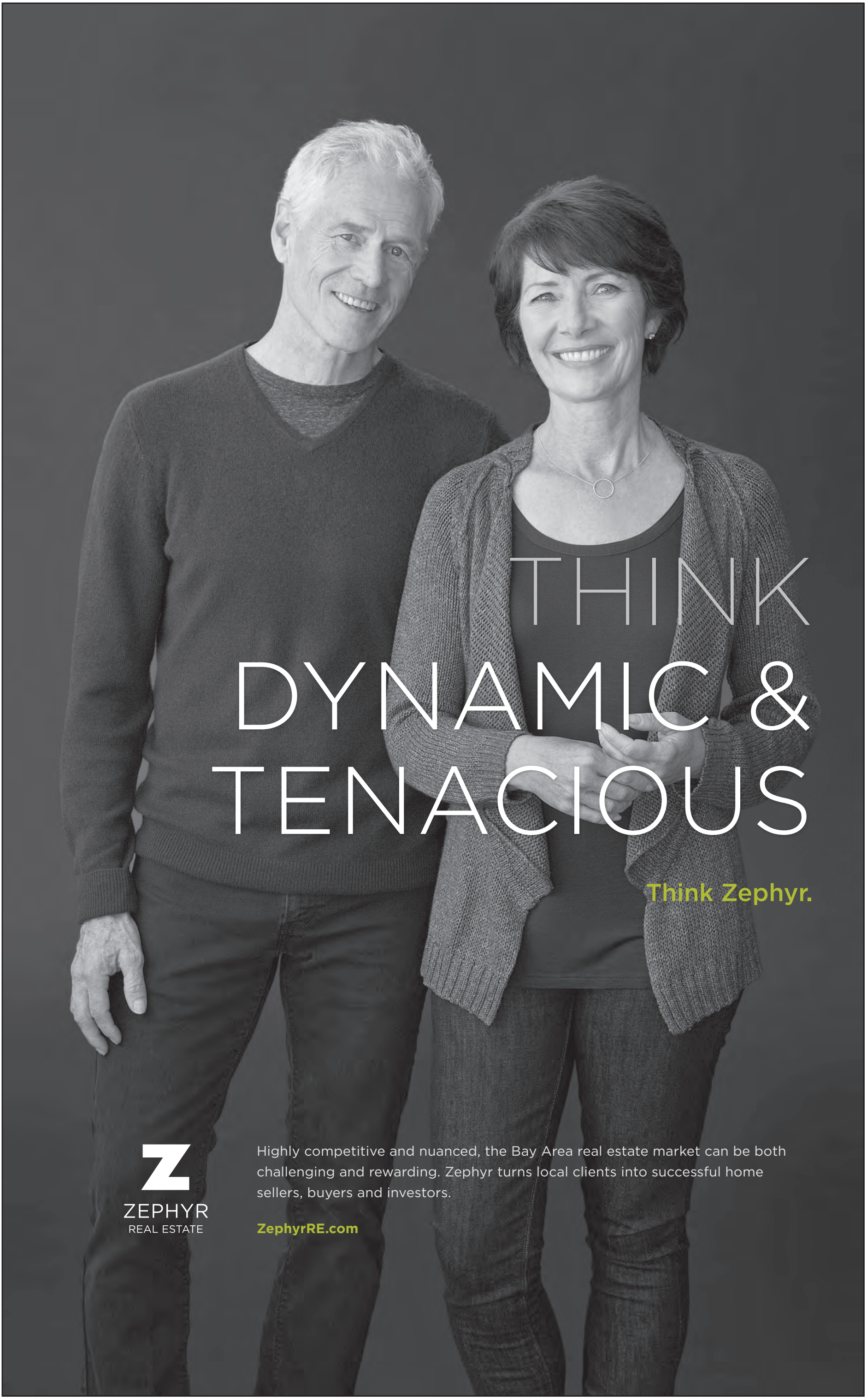


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