



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Family to Dedicate New Mural Honoring Lost Loved Ones

Father, Daughter, and Artist Re-Create Shrine on Comerford

By Matthew S. Bajko

For six years, anyone walking up Comerford Street, an alley that runs between Church and Sanchez streets in Noe Valley, would come upon a beautiful mural on the wall of a garage depicting a woman seated on the branch of an apple tree. Joining her amongst the white blossoms were her two young daughters..

To the right was a bicycle leaning against the trunk of an apple tree. And in the background was a mountain range, with the sun setting behind one of the peaks.

The orchard scene, painted by muralist Amanda Lynn in the summer of 2010, included the woman's name, Julee, and that of one of her daughters, Kendra. The two girls sported elf-like ears, a signature feature of Lynn's murals at the time.

If one looked closely at the right shoulder of the younger of the two girls, they would have noticed a butterfly figure with a red heart on its wing. It was a hidden symbol hinting of the tragic events



Comfort on Comerford Alley. Howard Fallon and daughter Shane view a new mural commemorating their deceased family members and a village in Nepal their foundation has been helping for the past six years. Photo by Beverly Tharp

unseen in the mural's bucolic imagery.

The owner of the property, Howard Fallon, had commissioned Lynn to create the mural in memory of his wife, Julee Pygin, who had died at home in November of 2008 at the age of 52. In 2001 she had developed cancer in her thyroid,

which her doctors removed, but in 2006 the cancer reemerged in her bones and internal organs.

Lynn met with Howard, Kendra, and Kendra's older sister, Shane, as she worked

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Rat Poisons Killed Coyote Found in Douglass Park

Tests Uncover Four Substances Banned for Consumer Use

By Matthew S. Bajko

In what wildlife officials say is a first, a necropsy of a dead coyote found in Noe Valley's Douglass Park confirmed the female canid died from ingesting rat poisons.

The carcass of the young and otherwise healthy coyote was discovered in February near the upper border of the park, along Diamond Heights Boulevard. Its liver tested positive for four different types of rat poison—all of which are illegal for non-professional use in California, said wildlife officials.

"This is the first confirmed actual death where we know, based on lab tests, that this animal died to exposure of several rodenticides," Alison Hermance, the director of communications at San Rafael-based WildCare, told the *Voice*.

The agency has been testing coyote carcasses since 2006, and thus has been able to document that the mesopredators are widely exposed to rat poisons. But until this year, WildCare had never been able to pinpoint the cause of death to the toxic substances.

"It is somewhat unusual for a large animal to actually die of rat poisoning," said Hermance.

The coyote's necropsy report showed it died from massive internal bleeding due to rat poisoning. Since each brand of commercially available rat poison only carries one of the available rodenticide compounds, WildCare surmised that the coyote must have eaten rats poisoned from at least four different sources.

The agency said it was impossible to

Local Stylist Organizes Free Services for Hospitalized Kids

Hairdressers United Behind Their Founder, Bette Roman

By Olivia Boler

It all started over a decade ago with a question from Bette Roman's boss at the Union Square salon where she was a hairstylist. Her boss's best friend, a neonatal nurse at UCSF on Parnassus Avenue, was helping the hospital's Child Life Services Department by looking for volunteer stylists to cut the hair of some

children who were inpatients there. Was Roman free to help out? Her answer was a definite yes.

Soon after, Roman, who these days works as a master stylist at Salon Mio Mio on Castro near 24th Street, was on call to help out with patients.

"Some of the kids had dreadlocks that had to be cut off," she says. "They're cancer survivors or transplant kids. Actually, I don't ask what's wrong. I just focus on the kids getting whatever their wish is. Their hair or their makeup—whatever

makes them happy at that moment."

If she weren't available to head over to the hospital, she'd ask friends if they could fill in for her. And that's how her nonprofit, United Hairdressers of San Francisco, got started. "It was a simple request, and it grew on its own," she says.

Roman, 60, is a mother to two sons and a grandmother to four granddaughters and one grandson. She knows what it's like to be a parent and caregiver. So, she decided to offer her services to the patients' parents, too. She also asked friends who do nails or makeup if they could volunteer their time and services.

"The parents need a little pick-me-up," she says. "Caring for a sick child—it's such a burden. I was trying to figure out a way to serve the parents."

About three years ago, she reached out to Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for families whose critically ill children are being treated, and whose permanent residence is at least 50 miles outside of the city. San Francisco has two houses, one on Scott Street near Japantown, and the other in the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Mission Bay campus, which opened in 2015. She offered to help there, too.

Her friend Wes Brown of Beauty Solutions donates free samples of shampoos and conditioners. Roman is hoping to find an expert volunteer to offer some massage therapy.

"A shoulder rub and hand massage—if someone wants to donate a little time there, it's a great way to do some good,

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Brightening Smiles. Stylist Bette Roman (right) helps young Tiffany Allison and her mom Friday Forever brighten up in preparation for a prom. Photo by Olivia Boler

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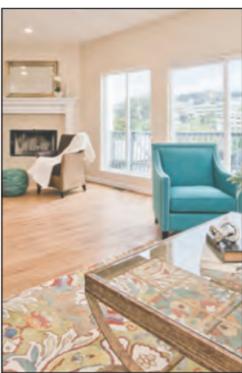
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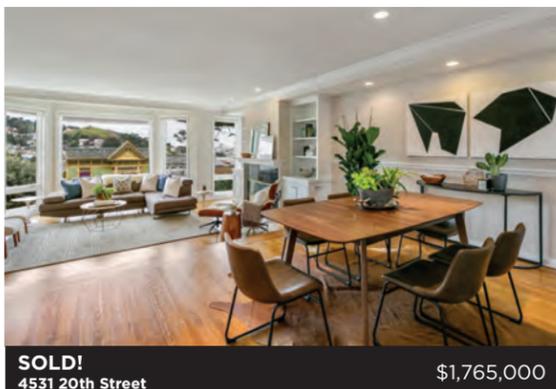
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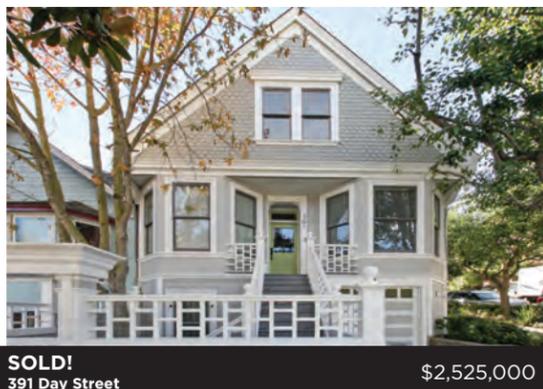
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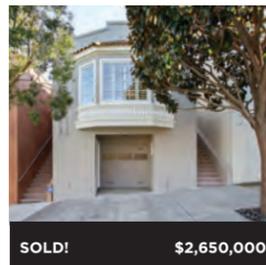
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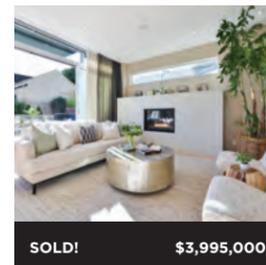
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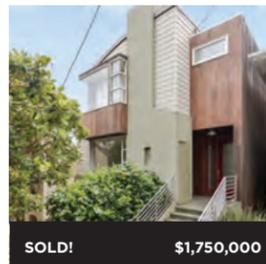
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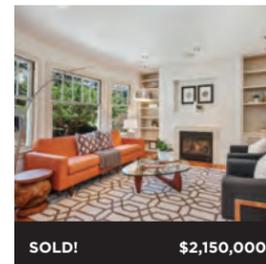
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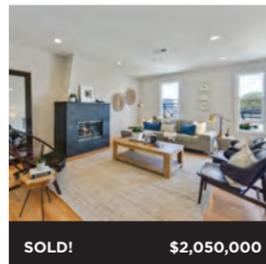
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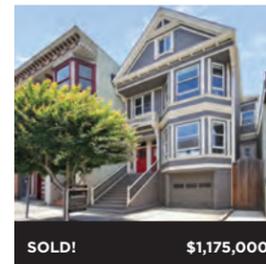
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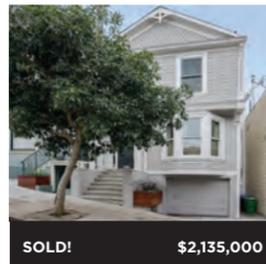
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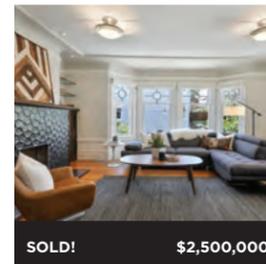
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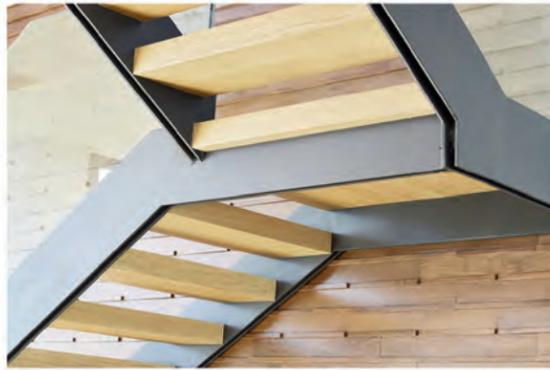
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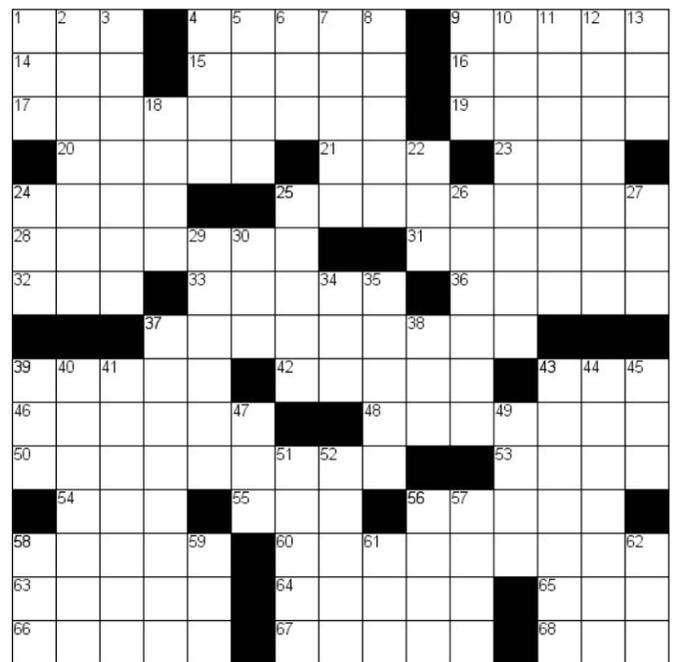
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1. Wee fellow
4. Civil rights grp. since 1909
9. Blueberry-pecan item at Noe Valley Bakery
14. Ending for SFUSD's website
15. Part of ESP
16. What "-phile" means
17. Side street packed with bakeries and pizzerias?
19. Advil competitor
20. Worship
21. Mom-and-pop org.
23. "... ___ quit!" (ultimatum)
24. Annoying insect
25. Special tax that hurts pub drinkers?
28. Market Street intersection that was the city's deadliest in 2012
31. Aptitudes
32. Cotton Basics purchase
33. Bill of the Pickle Family Circus
36. Reduced-price events
37. Like a roulette player who never bets on odd numbers?
39. Joe of "My Cousin Vinny"
42. "Doonesbury" reverend
43. E-___ (smoker's device)
46. Broke into a grin
48. Lennon song with the lyric "You may say I'm a dreamer..."
50. Fictional book about Boola Boola singers?
53. Cheeky thing, in England?
54. Japanese I.B.M. competitor



55. Part of WWW
 56. Upright
 58. ___ Arenas, Chile's southernmost city
 60. Anagram of 17-, 25-, 37-, and 50-Across
 63. To say, in Spanish
 64. Commencement
 65. Cochlear implant site
 66. Smart ___ (wise guy)
 67. "Wayne's World" star Mike
 68. 1960s radical org.
- DOWN**
1. Summer zodiac sign
 2. Check for a writer
 3. Stamped datum on a Sally Brunn Library book
 4. Close by
 5. Auto shaft
 6. Braves, on a scoreboard
 7. Savor entree
 8. HBO or SHO, e.g.
 9. Patty Hearst's abductors: Abbr.
 10. Like Williamsburg, Va.
 11. By and large
 12. Winston's predecessor as P.M.
 13. Before, before
 18. ___ bene
 22. Old-timey agreements
 24. Comprehended
 25. Rare sights in front of S.F. homes
 26. Figure skater Baiul
 27. Lion's tail?
 29. Leigh of movies
 30. Wrath
 34. Unwell
 35. Jack Sprat's salad-dressing request
 37. Wide-ranging, as merchandise
 38. Candied Thanksgiving food
 39. "Gangnam Style" performer
 40. Congregation ___ on Arguello
 41. "Golden" thing at Sally Brunn Library?
 43. Venn diagram sets, usually
 44. As an alternative
 45. "Holy cow!"
 47. Index that hit 20,000, 1/2017
 49. Athlete from St. Mary's in Moraga
 51. What a fang ejects
 52. Ivory partner
 56. At any time
 57. Charlie Brown's "Darn it!"
 58. BlackBerry or Palm Pilot, for short
 59. Onetime toy store on 24th, with "The"
 61. Language suffix
 62. 52-wk. spans

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NOTE: The current Voice Crossword and all past puzzles can be found at www.noevalleyvoice.com

Coyote Killed by More Than One Kind of Poison

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determine the exact source of the poisons. The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, under its integrated pest management policy, doesn't use rat poisons in the city's parks, including Glen Canyon, Douglass, and Christopher parks, so the coyote likely collapsed in the park while it was walking through the area.

Regulations enacted by the state of California in 2014 restrict the use of the most toxic anticoagulant rodenticides to only licensed pest control operators. Shopping centers, large housing developments, and other property owners often hire pest control companies that will use the lethal substances.

The wildlife officials concluded that the coyote must have died because residents or local businesses in the neighborhoods surrounding the park are hiring pest control operators. Either that or consumers are illegally using rodenticides.

"These poisons are everywhere, and ironically, they are killing the very animals nature provides to control rodent

populations," stated Kelle Kacmarcik, director of advocacy at WildCare.

In announcing the test results in late March, WildCare noted that most urban coyote deaths are caused by cars. But x-rays and a postmortem exam at WildCare showed that the coyote found in the park had no external injuries.

"The fact that a coyote ate enough poisoned rats that it actually killed her says there is a tremendous amount of rat poison out there," said Hermance. "It shows how much rat poison is being used in that area and how it is a danger to other wildlife."

Ignorance of State Ban

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, many homeowners may still have rat poisons they bought prior to the enactment of the state ban in their garages or basements, and some may continue to use them around their properties. Every spring, the agency issues a warning about the poisons' usage and encourages homeowners to contact facilities that will properly dispose of pesticides containing the active ingredients brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difethialone, or difenacoum.

"I think letting people know is definitely half the battle," said Kirsten Macintyre, a spokeswoman for the department.

When homeowners or property owners

use rodenticides, they don't realize there are "a lot of unintended consequences," added Macintyre, pointing out that not only do coyotes eat the mice and rats that have ingested the rodenticides, but so do hawks, owls, and other animals.

Effects on Other Wildlife

For 10 years Noe Valley resident Janet Kessler has been photographing the local coyote population and writing about them on her blog coyoteyipps.com. Nicknamed the "coyote lady," Kessler is also one of the contributors to the website Coyotecoexistence.com, which informs urban dwellers how to live with *Canis latrans* as well as how to deal with rodents without using rodenticides.

"We are desperately trying to stop it," said Kessler, who had been alerted to the coyote found in Douglass Park by a friend and reported it to WildCare. "The bad thing is that I know some people don't care and all they care about is getting rid of the rat. It is cheaper to use rat poison than spending \$2,000 to plug up holes in your home."

If people are concerned about the environment, said Kessler, they need to stop using rodenticides. In addition to coyotes and birds, raccoons and skunks also are unwittingly consuming the rat poisons.

"If they catch a rodent, they are going

to eat it," she said. "They are not going to leave it lying around."

Hermance said that 76 percent of the animals that WildCare tests "eat rodents running around with rat poisons in their system."

However, both she and Kessler stressed that neighborhood dogs, since they don't normally eat rats, are not as vulnerable. People who let their cats roam free, they said, should be more worried about rodenticides, since cats are apt to ingest mice or rats.

Keep Garages Clean

One of the easiest ways to deal with rodents, said Hermance, is to keep one's garage clean. Homeowners should also make sure there are lids on their garbage cans and they are firmly closed. They should not put pet food outside and should sweep up under bird feeders.

As for coyotes, Kessler said they should be left alone. If a person encounters one, they should just walk away, she said.

"We have to let them remain wild," she said.

For more information about alternative methods of controlling pests, visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/Living-with-Wildlife/Rodenticides and www.wildcarebayarea.org/rodenticide. ■

Town Square All Year Round

Space to Host a Series of Spectacular Events

By Richard May

The Noe Valley Town Square opened to great fanfare on Oct. 27, 2016. The ribbon-cutting was the culmination of four years of a community-based effort to turn what had been a gas station and then a parking lot, on 24th Street near Sanchez, into an open space for all.

Residents for Noe Valley Town Square (RNVTS), the organizing group behind the successful project, has now turned its efforts to promoting neighborhood use of the square.

Leslie Crawford, who resides on 24th Street, is the programming director, a paid position funded temporarily through city monies. She says RNVTS would like to "have events that serve a range of people but also not overbook, so the community can use the space quite freely." Right now, the plan is to hold one major event a month, something along the lines of last November's Town Square Dance, "which people enjoyed so much."

The May event, on Saturday, May 20, 5 to 9 p.m., is "A Night of Romance," featuring dance music by singer James Grant and his nine-piece orchestra ("think



Grant James brings his nine-piece orchestra to the Noe Valley Town Square for "A Night of Romance" and dancing Saturday, May 20, 5 to 9 p.m.

Frank Sinatra," says Crawford). The square will shine with soft lighting, candles will glow on each table, and light hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages—mocktails, anyone?—will be served.

All ages are welcome. A suggested donation of \$20 per person will help pay for the band and food. A raffle will be held, also to help finance the event.

Future monthly events have been planned as well. They include the June SummerFest celebration, a July "Blankets & Barbecue" campout, a Noe Valley County Fair in September, and an October Day of the Dead and Halloween Spook-Tacular.

The county fair is a new event which Crawford has high hopes for. She foresees neighborhood goods and activities,

and jokes that they might include "fried kale and tofu on a stick, a dog-latte-stroller relay race, and a dunk tank" with local leaders as the targets.

She says smaller, recurring events are welcome too. Several already booked include the weekly Farmers Market, held Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; a meditation led by Shrawan Nepali on Thursday mornings, 8 to 9 a.m.; and Boot Camp workouts Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. To keep up with what's scheduled, go to noevalleytownsquare.com.

Crawford is also available to help residents book activities at the square. If you want to reserve space for larger-scale community activities, email her at events@noevalleytownsquare.com. She will let you know if your event requires a San Francisco Recreation and Park Department permit and fee and how to contact Rec and Park if it does. For smaller events like birthday parties and other personal celebrations, email Rec and Park directly at rpdinfo@sfgov.org.

As of our publication deadline, the Noe Valley Town Square was not listed on sfrecpark.org as among San Francisco's park facilities, but Crawford said eventually it will be, and once it is, it can be booked online through normal Rec and Park procedures. However, she and the department will continue to compare calendars to avoid double-booking and over-booking. ■

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LETTERS

Bugaboo by the Bay

Editor:
 Recent issues of the *Noe Valley Voice* have described the paranoia and anger of San Franciscans since the election of Donald Trump. The arrogant residents of San Franny like to think of themselves as enlightened, but nothing could be farther from the truth. I have lived in several different parts of the U.S.A., as well as abroad, and have never seen such intolerance for people whose social or political views differ from theirs. I am certain that people were delighted to hear of one incident of a hate crime in Noe Valley—a note left on the windshield of a car—and blame our new president (*Noe Valley Voice*, March 2017).

When I first had to move here for family reasons six years ago, I brought my full-sized auto with me and received several angry notes accusing me of destroying the planet. (I soon realized that I did not need a car here and sold it.) I have been verbally threatened several times and physically assaulted because of my polit-

ical views. Fortunately, I was brought up in a tough New York neighborhood and, at the age of 70, am still quite able to defend myself against the fashionably anorexic young men here.

As for the election, I think it was disgraceful for public schools to let their students out the next day to demonstrate at City Hall. I also know that the San Francisco teachers union suggested that educators not announce in their classes that Hillary Clinton lost the election. This town is comprised of the eternally pubescent. Wipe your tears, grow up, and encourage your children to do so too.

I grew up not far from Donald Trump and many of my friends in construction were eager to work for him because he paid his workers better than others and he treated them with respect. But no one here knows that because San Franciscans live in an elitist echo chamber. They are condescending when they speak about the “deplorables.” This is not only a Sanctuary City, but a parochial Sanctimony City.

Your front-page article in March also relied on statements from Van Jones and the Southern Poverty Law Center. The former has been a “truther,” claiming that the Bush administration knew beforehand of the 9/11 attacks; he has also supported no-

torious cop killers, like Mumia Abu-Jamal. Even the far left-wing Obama was forced to fire him from a position in his administration. According to Charity Navigator, the SPLC is enormously wealthy but spends a meager 68 percent of the donations it receives (\$50 million per year) on its programs—the rest goes into the pockets of those 250 people who run it and work there.

I hope that President Trump does as his predecessors—Lincoln, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson—did and honors his pledge to support the Constitution and use force, if necessary, to assert the primacy of the federal government over sanctuary cities and other entities. It should be easy for those truly committed to help illegal aliens here without using the taxpayers’ money for legal shenanigans: they could just marry them.

You reported that residents of Noe Valley are now “rattled” by the noise of airplanes. If one doesn’t want to hear airplanes, one shouldn’t move to an area that has two major airports! Personally, I like the sound—it is far more muted than in New York City. Moreover, it gives me hope that, in the not-too-distant future, I will be on one of those planes heading back to America.

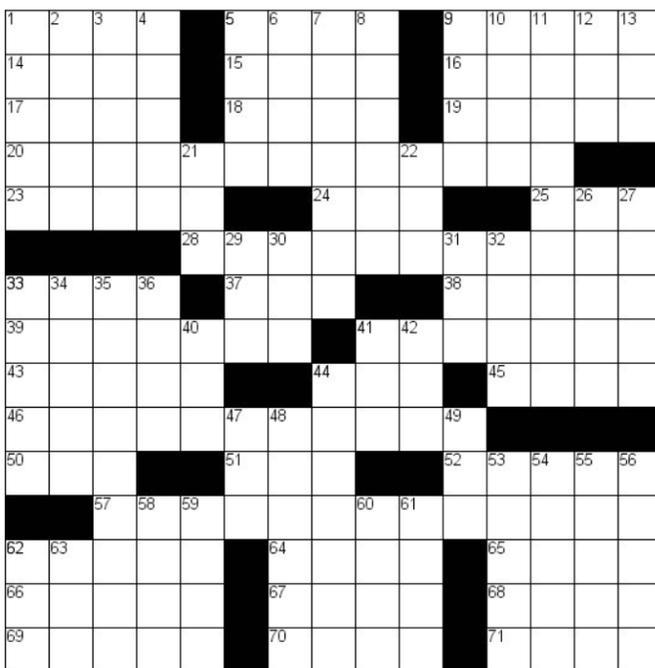
S. Karetzky

THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

Eeww!

ACROSS

1. PC game sensation of the early 2000s, with “The”
5. Annual cable-TV sports award
9. Obligations
14. Got the picture
15. Source of poi
16. Ballplayer’s miscue
17. Wight or Capri, e.g.
18. “Looks like trouble”
19. See 42-Down
20. “The future of remote sex,” per Noe Valley author Michael Castleman
23. Organ controls
24. Like TV channels above 13: Abbr.
25. Former franc fraction
28. Church Street business with a can’t-say-I-didn’t-warn-you name
33. “Grade A” purchases at Shufat Market
37. Part of IPA
38. “___ him who believes in nothing”: Victor Hugo
39. Some rentals from Russo Music
41. John ___ Park, south of Noe Valley
43. Novelist Joyce Carol ___
44. “No ___” (handmade store-window sign)
45. Parcel (out)
46. “We Really ___” (motto of 28-Across)
50. Aliens, for short
51. 2nd word in this paper’s masthead
52. Lock, stock and barrel?
57. ___’ Home: SF senior facility infelicitously named for its benefactor (it’s now an AgeSong retirement home)
62. Stockholm resident



64. A ___ pittance: very little
 65. Ballpark figures?
 66. Hex
 67. “No man ___ island...”
 68. Arthur of tennis
 69. Exert force
 70. “¿Cómo ___ usted?”
 71. River of Hades
- DOWN
1. “Saturday Night Live” bits
 2. Map close-up
 3. ___ Yello (soft drink)
 4. Three-game win for the Giants, say
 5. Ornamental needle case
 6. Mort who got his start at the Hungry i
 7. Church ___ at 30th Street
 8. “___ and a bottle of rum!”
 9. Introduction to god?
 10. With 58-Down,

11. Purchase at Stormy Leather
12. Comedian-cum-politician Ammiano
13. ___ Lanka
21. “Spring Forward” abbr.
22. 49ers’ org.
26. Eightsome
27. Auto route from Me. to Fla.
29. “Wow!”
30. They, in Thierry
31. Avian symbol of wisdom
32. Language maven Chomsky
33. Elicit
34. James Dean’s last movie
35. “No, you can’t have a glass of water!”
36. Did away with, as a dragon
40. Prefix with metric or tonic
41. Speedometer meas.
42. With 19-Across,

- cop show with David Caruso
44. Good for nothing
47. Snuffy Smith, to Jughaid
48. Dorm mate, affectionately
49. Nonsense song syllable
53. Insights
54. Will Clark’s old position
55. Longtime Vermont Senator Patrick
56. Beloved of Elizabeth I
58. See 10-Down
59. Con’s confinement
60. “Shucks!”
61. “Stormy Weather” singer Horne
62. Money source for the disabled: Abbr.
63. Typing speed stat: Abbr.

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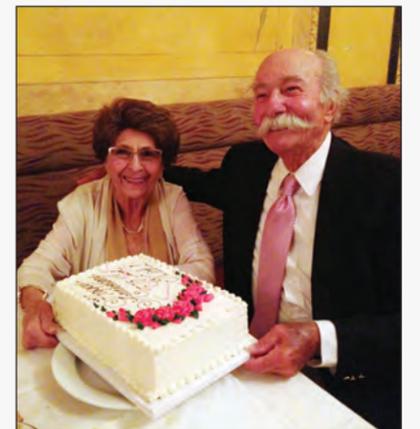
JOSEPHINE ‘JO’ ERRICO Jan. 22, 1924 – March 24, 2017

Ten years ago, the *Noe Valley Voice* was welcomed into the home and garden of Josephine and Nicola Errico, on Dolores Street, where we conducted interviews for a feature on this lovely Italian-American couple. This March, Jo passed away peacefully at that home, as she wished, among her loved ones.

Josephine Laino began life 93 years ago in North Beach, the daughter of a shoe repairman and housewife who’d emigrated from the village of Calabria, on the “toe” of Italy’s “boot.” Jo attended public schools and graduated from Galileo High School. Soon thereafter, in 1941, at Saints Peter and Paul Church, she married Nicola Errico, a young immigrant from the same southern Italian region.

Their son Mario was born in 1942, while Nick was serving in the wartime Navy, and Gregory was born six years later. Brought up with the sounds of their parents’ collection of Italian popular songs and operas, both boys later connected with rock ‘n’ roll legend Sly Stone. Mario served Sly as a valued personal assistant, and Greg was a member of the Family Stone band, playing drums, as his maternal grandfather had in the Verbicario village band, in the old country.

Supporting the family, Jo worked a variety of jobs, including partnering in a clothing store in the Mission-Excelsior District, and Nick waited tables at top San Francisco restaurants. They both attended St. Paul’s, on Church Street, and several other of the city’s Catholic churches, and they enjoyed Italian-American club activities.



Josephine Errico and husband Nicola “Nick” Errico. Photo courtesy Greg Errico

When the Family Stone, founded at Sly’s parents’ house in the Ingleside District in 1966, rose from local to international fame, Greg and Sly saw to it that Jo and Nick enjoyed VIP treatment at local concerts. But Jo’s preference was to serve Sly and his entourage hearty home-cooked Italian dinners at her place. “I let Sly know that I wasn’t a dummy,” Jo recalled. Sly advised both of her sons, “Be nice to your mom, ‘cause it’s awful when she’s gone.”

The Erricos’ Dolores Street garden provided them vegetables, herbs, and flowers, and to all visitors, Jo was a warm and spirited hostess.

Besides Nick, Mario, and Greg, Jo Errico is survived by her brother Larry Laino and sister Eleanor Gliazza, and by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her memory was celebrated last month at the Italian Cemetery in Colma. Online condolences may be offered at www.vmpandco.com.

—Jeff Kaliss

Fallon Family Finds Solace in Renewed Art

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on designing the mural to the family's specifications. During one visit in June of 2010, the four of them stood for a photo in front of where the mural would go.

Soon thereafter, Kendra Fallon, having finished her first year at the University of California at San Diego, flew off to work in an orphanage in Nepal for the summer. Her father wasn't keen on seeing his youngest child travel across the planet, but acquiesced to her trip since he saw it as part of her bereavement therapy. In 1977 her mother had trekked in Nepal when she was a college student.

"It was the best thing to happen to her. She loved Nepal," recalled Shane Fallon, 28, who is living with her father on 27th Street while she completes her graduate studies. "She was only 16 when our mom passed. It was really hard on her. We were all my mom's primary caregivers."

Yet Kendra Fallon's sojourn came to a tragic end on Aug. 24 of 2010, when the plane she was traveling on to reach Lukla, where she planned to trek up to the Everest Base Camp, crashed amid a monsoon. The 18-year-old was among 14 people killed when their plane went down in a remote area outside Kathmandu.

"I spent a lot of time with Howard and Kendra. She passed right as I finished the mural, so I had gone back and painted a butterfly on her shoulder while he was addressing the whole situation," recalled Lynn.

Howard Fallon, 69 and now retired, would often stand in front of the mural and "cry and feel terrible" as he grieved for his wife and daughter. Howard and Shane both said they think of Julee and Kendra "every day."

(The Fallons were featured in Oprah Winfrey's 2015 *Beliefs* series, in the fourth episode titled "A Change Is Gonna Come." A camera crew traveled with Howard and Shane Fallon to Burning Man in 2013 where they commemorated the passing of Julee and Kendra by adding a painting Lynn drew of them to the Temple of Wholiness, which was burned at the end of the desert gathering.)

New Mural Celebrates Life

Over the years, the wall behind the mural on Comerford began to rot away due to water damage. So last fall, Howard Fallon took down the mural—it now hangs inside the garage-turned-studio—in order to construct a new wall. And he commissioned Lynn to create a second mural, this



Howard Fallon and daughter Shane will hold an open house and dedication celebrating the new mural on Comerford Street by artist Amanda Lynn and their commitment to the SKY Memorial Foundation, which benefits a school and village in Nepal. Photo by Beverly Tharp



Weather and time had damaged the mural painted in 2010, so it has been removed and now hangs inside the Fallons' studio-garage on 27th Street. Photo courtesy Howard Fallon

one featuring elements to better signal to viewers its purpose as a memorial.

Using photos taken of Julee and Kendra when they were in Nepal, Lynn depicted both women wearing backpacks, Julee on the right and Kendra on the left. The mountain range behind them is meant to connote the Himalayas, while the houses on the bottom right mirror the façades of the Fallon's home and the house next door.

Blue forget-me-nots frame the houses, while California poppies surround the women. Near each sits a butterfly on a poppy petal.

Between them is the logo of the SKY Memorial Foundation, which includes a

stupa floating in the sky, a traditional Buddhist shrine. For the mural, Lynn added Tibetan prayer flags hung from atop the structure. The multi-colored flags cross in front of the women, visually connecting the two.

"It felt a little easier," Lynn said of painting the second mural. "I felt a lot more comfortable because I maybe felt a little more in touch with Howard's vision. I had gotten to know the story more."

Rather than a memorial, Lynn sees the mural more as a celebration of the lives Julee Pygin and Kendra Fallon lived.

"I think this particular mural is more dedicated to a celebration of life, and especially to Kendra's life and how there is a connection to her mother's life in that they both went backpacking in Nepal," she said. "It is sort of a little more leaning toward Kendra and celebrating her."

The Stupa in Nepal

The mural also serves to promote the SKY Memorial Foundation, which the Fallons formed with the families of two other crash victims: Yuki Hayashi, a 19-year-old Japanese student, and Sarah Sherpa, a 22-year-old Nepalese air hostess. (SKY is derived from the first letter of the trio's first names.)

The stupa seen in the mural is a shrine the families had built in 2012 at the crash site, which was in the Bakaiya Thakur primary school yard in Shikharpur, Nepal. As explained on the nonprofit foundation's website, the Sherpa family wanted to build the monument in order to "bring peace and harmony to the village," which is primarily Buddhist, and to "free the souls of those who passed away in that village."

Inside the stupa, which cost \$5,000 to construct, are three Lord Buddha statues, one for each family's lost child. On a plaque at the stupa gate are the names of all those lost on the flight.

In exchange for donating the 150 square meters for the stupa, the village asked the families to financially support the primary school. They agreed and established an endowment, and the village renamed the school as the SKY School in honor of the crash victims.

Shane Fallon went to Nepal one year after the stupa was dedicated.

"It is not very accessible. It is only 60 miles from Katmandu, but it takes two days to get there," she said.

Being in Nepal "was hard," said Shane, who visited the orphanage where Kendra had volunteered as well as a tutoring program the foundation helps fund.

Fundraising as Healing

Howard Fallon, who doesn't like to fly, has never been to see the Shikharpur Stupa and has no plans to visit Nepal, as the money it would cost to do so he would rather donate to the foundation. Each year, he hosts various fundraisers for the nonprofit; in 2016 he raised \$10,000.

He Skypes with the other families roughly twice a month, holding conversations that help him with his grieving process.

"Working on the foundation and talking to these other families, that is my healing group," said Howard Fallon, who has never met them in person and doubts he ever will.

He hopes people seeing the new mural will Google the name of the foundation and visit its website—www.skymemorialfoundation.org—to learn about the work it is doing in Nepal, such as furnishing textbooks and clothing for the 300 children in the village, repairing roads, and helping to find ways to sell the community's agricultural products.

"[The mural] is going to enhance my fundraising," he said.

Ceremony on May 20

The Fallons are hosting an open house from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at 333 27th St., to dedicate the new mural. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event, which is free, though donations to the SKY Memorial Foundation will be gladly accepted.

Later that night, they will celebrate Shane Fallon's graduating from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health with a master's in public health and nutrition with a global health specialty. She will then depart for a summer internship with the World Health Organization's non-communicable diseases division.

Howard Fallon will be returning to Burning Man this summer where he will again honor his wife and daughter at the monument to the departed, whose name changes each year.

"I am going to Burning Man as a pilgrimage," he said. ■



In 1994, sitting on the bench in front of Martha's on 24th Street was a favorite pastime for the Fallon family: mom Julee, sisters Shane and Kendra, and dad Howard. Photo courtesy Howard Fallon

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Sam Salamah says he wants to thank his employees and customers, who supported his Good News newsstand on 24th Street for more than two decades. Photo by Jack Tipple

Good News Closes After Long Run

Store Owner Sees the Writing On the Wall

By Tim Simmers

Good News, the magazine and newspaper shop at 3920 24th St., had some sad news for the neighborhood last month. After 22 years in business, the store announced it was closing at the end of April.

Owner Sam Salamah said several factors combined to seal Good News' fate, including years of competition from the internet and a steady rise in the cost of magazines. The final blow, he said, was that a key distributor of international magazines recently declared bankruptcy, cutting a major share of his supply.

"My customers preferred the hard copy, and that's why I stayed in business," Salamah said.

At the same time, his customers were growing older or going digital. "Most people still buying newspapers are at least 40," Salamah said. "The news concept changed. Many people just get the headline. That's the trend. It took something special for a young person to buy."

Good News carried mainstream magazines like the *New Yorker*, *Harper's*, and *Atlantic Monthly*. But it also stocked periodicals on fashion, art, music, architecture, and technology, some in Spanish, French, Italian, or German. In addition, there were specialty magazines on cars, jazz, psychedelic music, and sports, and a formidable array of literary magazines.

Salamah, a San Mateo resident, bought the business in 1995. The shop once handled 1,500 to 1,800 titles, he said.

The cozy store with its silver arched ceiling was originally a wine cellar. It attracted artists, musicians, actors, designers, writers, and everyday people. On occasion, it became the pulse of the community. Customers stepped inside to buy candy or cigarettes or to pay for the *New York Times* or *San Francisco Chronicle* they'd grabbed from the racks on the sidewalk. Conversation flowed on politics, local commerce, or the hot story of

the day, and the humble Salamah was in the middle of it.

"I got my paper there every day," said Walter Moore, a Noe Valley resident for 20 years. "I'm going to really miss it." Moore also purchased photography magazines to hone his skills.

"I'm sorry to see [Salamah] go," said Paula Foley, owner of Folio Books on 24th Street. "He's such a good neighbor and a kind man, and he really filled a need in the neighborhood." People came from around the Bay Area to shop at Good News, one of San Francisco's last classic newsstands. One customer came from Monterey to buy car magazines.

"It makes me really sad," said Stephanie Rodriguez, 21, who worked at the store. She first came to Good News with her mother when she was 6 years old.

Salamah praised his handful of loyal workers. "They were like family for me," he said.

Despite the internet's growing impact, Salamah ran a solid business for years. His rent was fair, he said, and he had a good relationship with his landlord.

"After all these years, it's part of me," he said. But he noted he was getting tired. "I spent more time here than I spent at home," he said. He often worked six days a week, sometimes seven.

"I'll miss my regulars, and their dogs," he said. Dogs often bounded into the store for a sure treat if Salamah was behind the counter. "I'm sad to leave all my customers. They supported me all these years and I'm very thankful."

The store closed Sunday, April 30. Customers can contact Salamah at Goodnews24@aol.com. ■

Still Own a Pencil?

Try working the *Noe Valley Voice* Crosswords! We have two this month. See pages 6 and 8.

Volunteer Stylist Gives a Lift to Hospitalized Kids

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and to feel good about yourself."

In 2010, her friend Nicholas Finley came on board to help with running and organizing the nonprofit. Five years later, another friend and colleague, Erin Cervelli, joined the team. Of the word "hairdressers" in the name, Roman says, "I know it sounds old-fashioned, but I think of myself as a hairdresser."

She is the founder and president of UHSF. Finley is the vice president, and holds licenses in barbering and cosmetology. He works at Cetana Salon Spa, which is downtown. Cervelli, UHSF's vice president of marketing, is a master stylist at Arzo Hair in Hayes Valley. Roman met them while working in different Union Square salons.

"I'm a collector of friends. I used to be the youngest, now I'm the oldest," Roman says with a laugh. "This was all my idea, but they're young and savvy. They put a million ideas in my head, like the website."

Roman has been doing hair since she was 18, and graduated from the Vidal Sassoon Academy. When asked if she has a specialty, she says, "I think I'm a great mentor and educator. Gilbert [Pickett], who owns Salon Mio Mio, well, when I met him, he was one of my assistants."

A Prom Like No Other

One of UHSF's biggest annual events is a prom held at Benioff Children's Hospital for its teen patients. The hospital houses the nationally accredited Marie Wattis School for inpatients, grades kindergarten through 12. The school's students, as well as the hospital's outpatients, are invited to participate in their own prom each April.

UHSF helps out with hair, makeup, and manicures. Formalwear and goody bags are donated, and volunteers—including some San Francisco 49ers football players last year—help make the night a magical one.

On the morning of this year's (seventh annual) UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Prom, April 21, Roman and fellow stylist Veronica Lopez are busy washing and styling the hair of three prom attendees at Salon Mio Mio.

Nala Garcia and Dayanara Rodriguez, both 14, are friends who attend School of the Epiphany in the Excelsior. The girls each have long hair, and have requested to have a portion of it braided around their heads in matching circlets.

Tiffany Allison, 15, is a student at Mission High School. She and her mother,

Friday Forever, moved to San Francisco from Boise, Idaho, last August, after Tiffany was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS).

"There weren't any specialists in Idaho that could help her, so they sent us to UCSF," Forever says. "We left all our stuff out there [in Boise] and came out here." That includes their two beloved cats.

The mother and daughter have been trying to find a permanent home in the city, but it's been tough. Forever suffers from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and has been on social security since she was a young woman. Tiffany's father passed away from MS, and the disease also debilitates her grandmother.

"Tiffany tells me that school is her only peaceful place," her mom says. "And the ball—we got a thing about it in the mail. The idea of it has brought her so much joy. She's never experienced this before."

Tiffany is an outpatient at UCSF, where doctors are trying different treatments for her condition. She's excited to be going to the formal dance, her first, and describes her dress as navy blue with a sparkly sleeveless bodice and floor-length skirt.

"I'll probably just wear sneakers, because no one can see my feet," she says.

"She looks like she's floating," Forever adds. "It's beautiful."

Tiffany describes the hairstyle she wants as "half up, half down." She's attending the dance alone.

Sharing Mission High

As Roman coaxes curls out of Tiffany's thick hair with ease, they chat about how Roman also attended Mission High.

"I grew up on Capp Street, at 24th," she says. She and her husband, Bayardo Roman, also a San Francisco native, still own a home in the city that they rent, but live in Concord. Her husband is a police officer at Mission Station, and his beat is Noe Valley.

Roman comes into the city to work four days a week. "I'm so in love with San Francisco," she says. "I love Noe Valley. Even when I'm not working, I'm always there. Maybe we can move back someday."

In the meantime, she continues to collect friends and do good. After styling the girls' hair at the salon, she'll head over to Benioff to help her team with the inpatients. She sent out a call to 50 salons for this event alone.

In the future, she's hoping to get more Noe Valley salons involved in UHSF.

"I'd be very grateful. The smallest things are really huge. I won't always be a hairdresser, but I'll always be a part of this organization."

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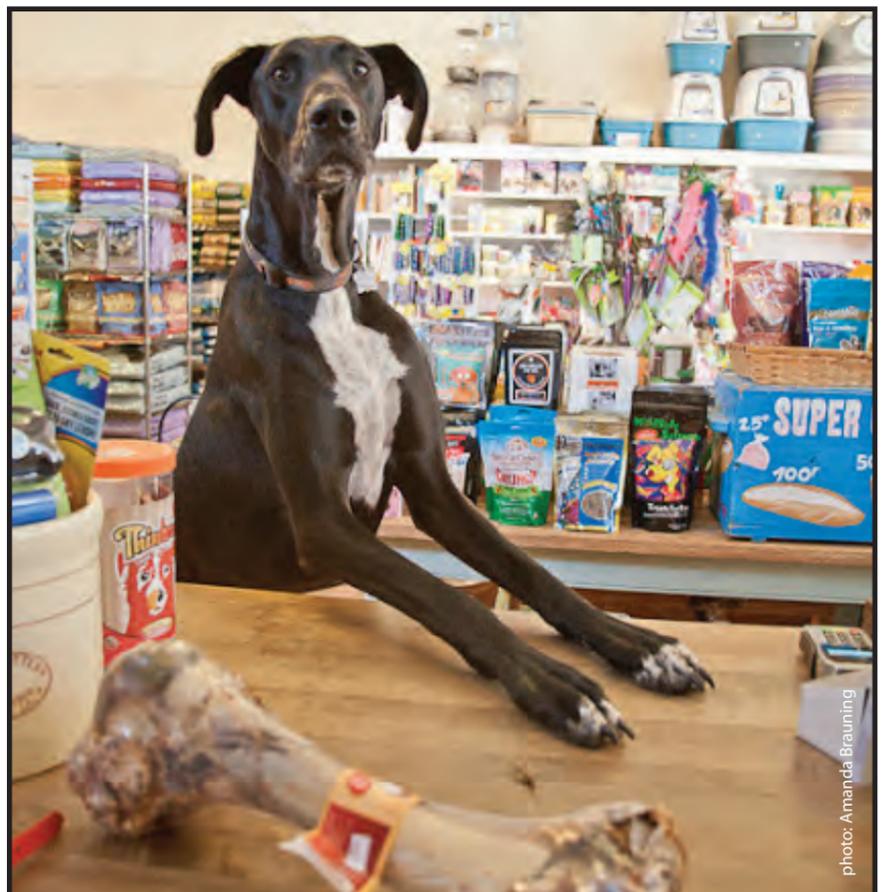



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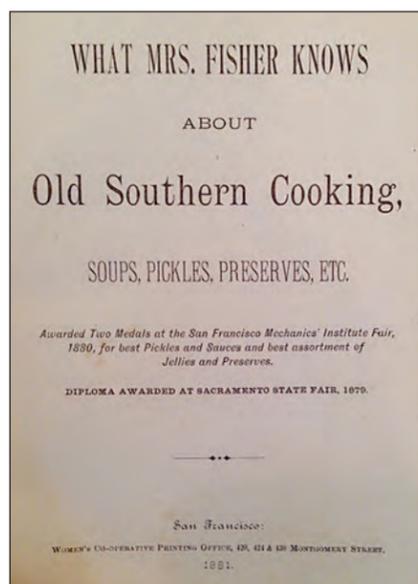
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LOCAL GEMS

Abby Fisher Once Lived on 27th Street

As an avid collector of antiquarian cookbooks, I have built a collection numbering in the thousands over the last 30 years. I'm often asked about my favorites, and there are one or two standouts not just



The title page of *What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking*, a book by an African American woman who once resided in Noe Valley, states it was published by the Women's Co-operative Printing Office.

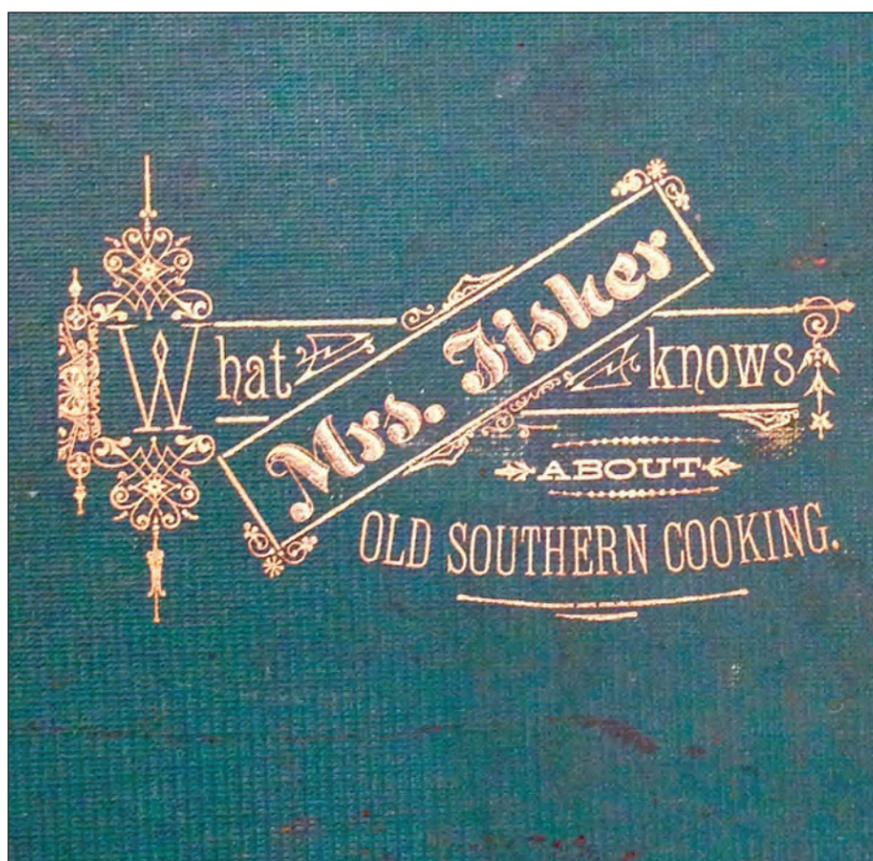
because of their content, but also because of the historical context surrounding them. Probably the most interesting and valuable cookbook in my personal collection is *What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking*, by Abby Fisher.

Mrs. Fisher was born a slave in Alabama, around 1822, and with her husband and children, made the arduous journey to California after they were freed. One of her three children was even born along the way, in Missouri.

Once in San Francisco, Alexander and Abby Fisher started a pickling and preserving business, garnering numerous customers and avid fans around the city. In 1881, Mrs. Fisher, who could neither read nor write, enlisted the aid of an anonymous writer (possibly her husband) to pen *What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking*.

It was published in 1881 in San Francisco, by the Women's Co-operative Printing Office, and became only the second cookbook written and published by an African American woman in the United States. Because she was African American and couldn't write herself, she sadly felt the need not only to apologize in her introduction for her illiteracy but also to provide the names and addresses of white female patrons who could recommend her recipes to potential book buyers. It is heartbreaking to read her humble appeal to her readers, as her knowledge of Southern recipes was so far above what most people out west knew at the time.

Her book is replete with jam and pickle recipes, including pepper mangoes, sweet pickle peach, sweet watermelon-rind pickle, brandy peaches, peach pie, and a spiced round of beef that required a week's marinade in vine-



This image shows the elegant design on the 1881 cover of Abby Fisher's encyclopedic book of recipes, one of the prized possessions of Celia Sack, owner of Omnivore Books on Food on Cesar Chavez Street.

Photos courtesy of Celia Sack

gar. She also included savory standards such as fried chicken, "roast pigs," Maryland beat biscuits, and boiled corn.

Because of the fire that followed the 1906 earthquake, most copies were lost, making the book extremely rare. A copy sold last month at a New York auction for \$11,000.

Imagine my surprise when I looked at a 19th-century census recently and discovered Abby Fisher lived a block from my store, Omnivore Books, at 340 27th

Street! The house looms large on the north side of the block, with many original Victorian details. It is coming on the market shortly, and I can't wait to have a look inside. Just imagine Abby's reaction if she saw the asking price. Noe Valley can be proud to know that a renowned author once lived in that home, and blessed us with her preserving prowess.

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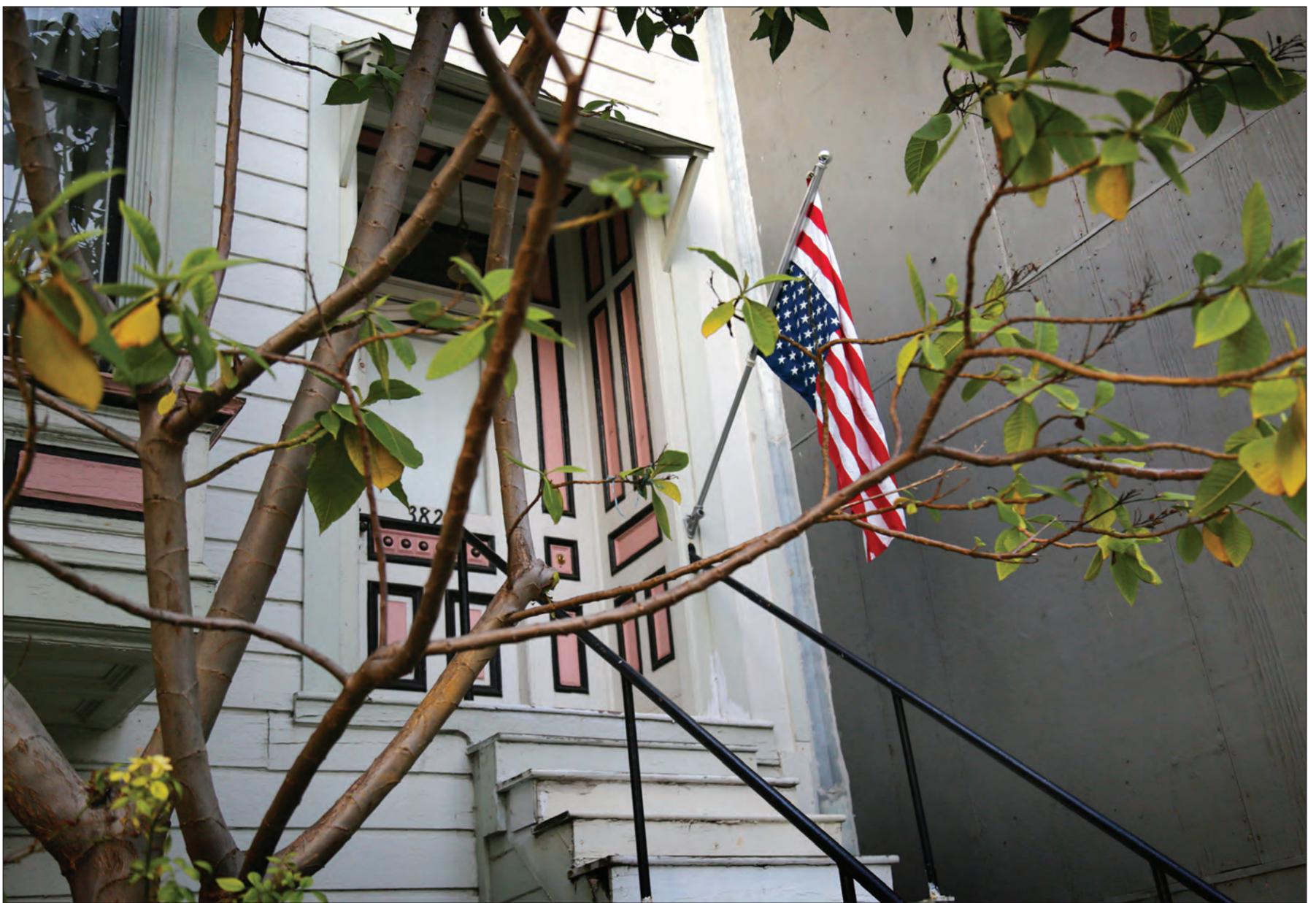
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The Cost of Living in Noe

Millions for Mansions

By Corrie M. Anders

The Noe Valley real estate market shed the winter doldrums in March as homebuyers purchased 15 single-family detached houses, including one that cost more than \$6 million.

The spring perkiness was in sharp contrast to the buying mood in January and February, when just three and four homes, respectively, sold in the neighborhood. March also is traditionally a slow month, with only six sales recorded in March 2016.

But according to numbers supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate, buyers were ready to pounce this go-round, especially when they saw a bevy of high-end properties come on the market in late February and early March.

“We had four [sales] above \$1 million, four above \$2 million, three above \$3 million, three above \$4 million, and one above \$6 million,” said Zephyr president Randall Kostick. “Those numbers are spectacular.”

Kostick added that people may have wanted to beat an anticipated rise in in-



The March sale of this five-bedroom home on a double lot on Fair Oaks Street sparked a bidding war that pushed up the price to \$6,260,000. Photo by Corrie M. Anders

terest rates, which did, in fact, occur on March 15.

The most impressive March sale was that of a renovated 1908 Edwardian in the 300 block of Fair Oaks Street between 24th and 25th streets. The house, located on a fenced double lot with a large tree-filled garden and cascading fountain, provoked an intense bidding war that wound up costing the victor \$6,260,000. That figure was nearly 40 percent more than the \$4.5 million the seller had requested. The final price made it the second most expensive Noe Valley home sale in recent history (after a Duncan Street property that sold for \$7 million in 2014).

The new owners will luxuriate in five bedrooms—including a master suite with a fireplace and balcony—4.5 baths, a spacious great room, gourmet kitchen, a formal dining room, a family room, and den. The home also sports floor-to-ceiling glass walls, a roof deck with city and bay views, and a two-car garage.

March also saw the sale of eight condominiums—the same number as a year ago. (Four condo units sold in February of this year.)

The costliest was a flat in an elegant 1905 Queen Anne Victorian in the 1100 block of Dolores Street between 25th and Jersey streets. Buyers paid \$2,050,000 for the unit—nearly 21 percent more than the \$1,695,000 asking price. The modern, upper-level residence featured three bedrooms and three baths in 1,670 square feet of living space, and included one-car parking, a deck, and a balcony with downtown views.



A condominium in this Queen Anne Victorian on Dolores Street sold in March for \$2,050,000—nearly 21 percent more than the asking price.

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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						
March 2017	15	\$1,350,000	\$6,260,000	\$3,105,200	33	107%
February 2017	4	\$1,050,000	\$2,525,000	\$1,857,250	13	121%
March 2016	6	\$1,460,000	\$4,997,500	\$2,726,250	22	107%
Condominiums						
March 2017	8	\$1,012,500	\$2,050,000	\$1,517,063	16	110%
February 2017	4	\$1,500,000	\$4,025,000	\$2,206,750	24	115%
March 2016	8	\$806,000	\$2,460,000	\$1,474,750	14	113%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
March 2-17	0	—	—	—	—	—
February 2017	1	\$4,975,000	\$4,975,000	\$4,975,000	223	98%
March 2016	1	\$1,818,000	\$1,818,000	\$1,818,000	19	114%
5+-unit buildings						
March 2017	0	—	—	—	—	—
February 2017	1	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	49	100%
March 2016	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. NVV5/2017

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range April 2017	Average April 2017	Average March 2017	Average April 2016
Studio	8	\$1,850 - \$3,100	\$2,399 / mo.	\$2,252 / mo.	\$2,336 / mo.
1-bdrm	40	\$1,975 - \$4,900	\$3,136 / mo.	\$3,219 / mo.	\$3,302 / mo.
2-bdrm	52	\$2,495 - \$9,000	\$4,165 / mo.	\$4,396 / mo.	\$4,528 / mo.
3-bdrm	24	\$4,000 - \$12,995	\$6,395 / mo.	\$6,411 / mo.	\$5,532 / mo.
4+-bdrm	10	\$5,600 - \$25,000	\$9,916 / mo.	\$8,475 / mo.	\$10,320 / mo.

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May Profusion

By Joe O'Connor

What a season! Seven months' regular rainfall and I'm seeing native wildflowers in new places and in amazing numbers. Cool, rainy conditions through April kept things moist, and everything is staying green.

On May hikes, you'll still see goldfields, blue dicks, mule ears, and buttercups. Lupines are everywhere; look for tiny, 1- to 3-inch-tall miniature lupine (*Lupinus bicolor*), showing flashes of brilliant blue low to the ground on the north slope of Bernal Hill, the east slope of Mt. Davidson, and in Glen Canyon. (Go to Calflora.org for photos.)

One of our prettiest May wildflowers is coast onion (*Allium dichlamydeum*). The fancy Latin name just means "onion with two cloaks." Coast onion shows a cluster of bright, reddish-purple flowers atop a single, hollow stem. The plant's onion-like leaves wither before flowering; you

won't see them. The stems stand 3 to 6 inches tall. The flower cluster is about 2 inches across. Coast onions live on the north face of Bernal Hill, the rocky part of Tank Hill's northwest slope, and on Billy Goat Hill. On Billy Goat Hill they grow on the rock wall behind the bushes where Castro meets 30th Street.

Another May beauty is the hill morning glory. Unlike most morning glories, this morning glory doesn't grow as a vine. Instead, the flower arises from a clump of spade-shaped leaves and has a really stubby stem. Its Latin name, *Calystegia subacaulis*,



Hill morning glory.

translates as "morning glory without much stem." The large, creamy-white flower is 2 to 3 inches across. The flowers open singly or in pairs, and you'll find them mixed with grasses in exposed areas all over Twin Peaks, on Bernal Hill, and in Glen Canyon. A few also grow on Billy Goat Hill.

May also brings a beautiful blue flower known as "Ithuriel's spear." That name refers to an obscure character in Milton's *Paradise Lost*. I prefer the plant's other names, "wally basket" (because Native Americans used the stems to form temporary baskets) or "grassnut." Wally basket (*Triteleia laxa*) puts up one flower stalk supporting a 2- to 3-inch-wide cluster of 3 to 15 blue flowers. Each tubular flower opens to a six-pointed star. Wally basket corms (tubular underground stems) are edible and tasty. That's why wally basket is also called grassnut. Wally basket is easy to find in parks near Noe Valley, such as Billy Goat Hill, Twin Peaks, and Glen Canyon. I've also seen the slopes of Bernal Hill, Corona Heights,



Ithuriel's spear, wally basket, or grassnut.

Photos by Joe O'Connor

and Tank Hill covered with wally basket in May.

There's no space for additional photos, but if you can, check out these other May wildflowers via Google or Calflora.org (UC Berkeley): wavyleaf soap plant and California hedge nettle (all local parks), and "purple Chinese houses" (only on Bernal Hill).

As always, I'm happy to help with identifications. Want to join me on a free wildflower walk? Send email to drdifiori@gmail.com. ■

Joe O'Connor is a retired professor of ecology with an avid interest in local plants, mushrooms, and natural history. He's also a docent at the California Academy of Sciences. A longtime resident of 26th Street, O'Connor is working on a guidebook to San Francisco wildflowers.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

It is that time of year again - the Noe Valley Garden Tour is on June 3rd! For the 4th year in a row, I'll be sponsoring a raffle to benefit this great local event. Don't miss your chance to win your own garden makeover - buy your raffle tickets at the farmers' market on Saturdays in May!

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SHORT TAKES

Sheehy Speaks at UNN

Recently appointed District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy will appear at the Wednesday, May 17, meeting of Upper Noe Neighbors, held 7 to 9 p.m. at Upper Noe Recreation Center. Newly elected UNN president Olga Milan-Howells says the meeting will be conducted as a town hall, with Supervisor Sheehy answering questions from the audience.

The meeting is open to all. Milan-Howells sees this as an opportunity for “the whole Noe Valley community to meet our supervisor and express their concerns, opinions, and suggestions to him and for us all to get to know each other better.”

The rec center is between Church and Sanchez streets, with entrances on 30th Street and Day Street.

The ABC's of Music

This month you can enjoy the ABC's of music in Noe Valley. A is for “Ai'yu: Songs of Transcendence” from the Resound Ensemble, B is for two Bay Area Vocal Academy presentations, and C is a concert from Noe Valley Chamber Music. The Noe Valley Ministry is the venue for all of these local events.

Ai'yu: Songs of Transcendence is the name and theme for the Resound Ensemble's three spring concerts Friday, May 12, Saturday, May 13, and Monday, May 15; 8 p.m. is the start time for all three. Ai'yu is an Egyptian term meaning astonishing or marvelous. Included in the program are choral works by Dominick DiO-



The popular Farallon Quintet plays the final concert in Noe Valley Chamber Music's 2016-17 season on Sunday, May 21, at the Noe Valley Ministry on Sanchez Street. Photo by Norm Levin

rio, Gabriel Fauré, Ola Gjelto, and Arvo Pärt; the West Coast premiere of “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird” by local composer Anne Hege; and selections from *La Koro Sutro* by Lou Harrison. The latter work will be performed in full at Resound Ensemble's May 20 benefit concert at Mission Dolores Basilica.

Pianist Jonathan Gregoire will be the guest accompanist at all three Noe Valley concerts. In addition, painter Peggy Gyulai will paint during the concerts, as part of Resound's continuing collaboration with artists in other genres.

Tickets for the Noe concerts are available at Eventbrite.com for \$30 reserved seating, \$20 general admission, and \$10 for children 5 to 12. More at resoundensemble.org.

BAVA continues its series at the Ministry with a double bill Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 20, at 7 p.m. The first half is a concert presenta-

tion of Handel's opera *Alcina*, based on the story of Orlando Furioso, first performed in 1735. The second is “Say It With Music,” 20th-century Broadway numbers from Irving Berlin. General admission is \$20 both nights through Eventbrite.com. Students may attend for \$5. See also bayareavocalacademy.org.

And finally, the final concert of the Noe Valley Chamber Music's 2016-17 season will be the Farallon Quintet, Sunday, May 21. The clarinet, cello, viola, and violin combo will play three new pieces by Durwynne Hsieh and Chad Cannon, which the group commissioned, as well as *Paisajes* by Jose Gonzalez Granero. There will be a pre-concert talk at 3:15 p.m. by Scott Foglesong. The concert starts at 4 p.m. Buy \$25 general admission and \$15 student tickets at nvcn.org.

The Noe Valley Ministry is at 1021 Sanchez St., near 23rd Street.

Safety Patrol Training

Castro Community on Patrol is training new volunteers Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St. Volunteers will be taught the basics of distributing safety information and safety whistles, checking in with merchants, chatting with visitors, and keeping eyes and ears open for safety issues that might need to be reported to police or other professionals.

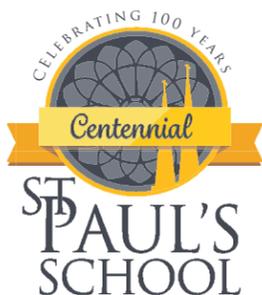
CCOP patrols the Castro and Duboce Triangle neighborhoods in groups of three, focusing on the areas with the most foot traffic. Volunteers must perform one three-hour patrol a month or a total of 12 a year. Volunteers also provide a safety presence at major events such as the Castro Street Fair and the annual LGBTQ Pride Parade.

For more information, see castropatrol.org. To register for patrol training, go to Eventbrite.com. Board member Kyle Wong says, “Come take our class. At the very least, you will leave with more information about community and personal safety.”

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It's no small matter being a small business owner these days. Leasing a store, attracting customers, and making a profit are not skills everyone is born with. But thanks to Small Business Week workshops May 15-20, you can learn them. Go to sfsmallbusinessweek.com to see the array of free classes, networking opportunities, and events.

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Dog and Human Mixer

Zara Rowbotham, a realtor at Vanguard Properties, is hosting a meet and greet for dogs and humans at the Vanguard office, 3848 24th St., Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rocket Dog Rescue will bring dogs for adoption, from puppies to older dogs, and the public is invited to meet them and select a new canine friend to take home. Rowbotham says, "I'm in the market for one!" Catered appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages like lemonade and juices will be served. There will be balloons and activities for children and a photo booth for all. Everyone is encouraged to have their photo taken with their new canine companion.

Rowbotham lives on Dolores Street and, as a neighborhood resident, hopes to organize events for neighbors to meet and get to know one another. The May 6 event is her first foray. She says, "I love dogs and wanted to bring the community together. Everyone loves dogs!"

The dog-human mixer is free. For further details, contact Rowbotham at 415-418-8865.

Up on the Roof

The Noe Valley Garden Tour turns 11 this year on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "Tour de Fleurs," says committee chair Linda Lockyer of Noe Street. "With all of the rain, the gardens are really spectacular," she says.

Of the nine gardens included, a third are on roofs of the owners' homes and another third are older, very well established gardens on ground level with full-growth trees and large shrubs. Others feature rescued palms, a dramatic view, or dog-friendly design. One is chock-full of everything: an orchard, sun and shade plantings, bromeliads, vines, moss, ferns,



A dog-friendly garden will be one of the nine spots to explore at the Noe Valley Garden Tour Saturday, June 3.

Photo courtesy Jana King

camellias, roses, and art.

Tour goers will receive a map and can visit the gardens in any order during the six-hour event. Volunteer garden greeters will be stationed at each entrance, checking for tickets or selling additional ones if needed. If you'd like to volunteer for a two-hour shift (or more)—and receive a free ticket to the tour—contact Lockyer at lindalockyer3@gmail.com. An added inducement is a party for volunteers, held this year on May 31.

Prices will remain the same as the last several years', says Lockyer: \$15 for seniors (65 years of age and older), \$18 for adults under 65, and free for children under 12 years old. Tickets can be obtained beginning May 20 online and in stores throughout Noe Valley, including Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, Folio Books, Just for Fun, Olive This Olive That, and Omnivore Books on Food. You can also buy

them at the Garden Tour table Saturday mornings in the Farmers Market in the Noe Valley Town Square, on May 20 and 27, as well as on tour day June 3.

In addition, you can purchase tickets for a raffle which benefits the Garden Tour. Resident and Pacific Union realtor Stephanie Johnson is again sponsoring the raffle and has donated the grand prize, a \$300 gift certificate for Sloat Garden Centers plus four hours of manual labor in your garden by a local landscaping firm—not by Johnson. Additional prizes are two \$50 gift certificates supplied by Flora Grubb Gardens.

The Swann Group is the lead sponsor of the tour. Other early sponsors are Cliché Noe, Dirty Hoe Landscaping, Droubi Team-Compass, Sloat Garden Centers, Zephyr Real Estate, and the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. VIP Scrub Club is providing discount coupons for your fauna friends.

The tour is an annual project of Friends of Noe Valley, one of the neighborhood's longest-running residents' groups. For tickets or more information go to the website friendsofnoevalley.com.

The Play's the Thing

Neighborhood playwright, gardener, and former mayoral candidate Terry Baum will participate in a panel of Bay Area playwrights at Folio Books Wednesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Others on the panel include Lily Janiak, lead theater critic for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and playwrights Stuart Bousel, Aren Haun, Allison Page, and Martin Schwartz.

The panel was organized by EXIT Theatre Press, the publishing arm of EXIT Theatre, a hive of five theaters located in the Tenderloin and the producer of the San Francisco Fringe Festival. EXIT Theatre was founded in 1983 to develop new theater artists by providing more oppor-



tunities for them to write and perform. EXIT Press published the first 10 plays performed at the theater in 2010, "to give them a life beyond their initial run."

The panel will discuss the process of playwriting from writing to stage production to print publication. The event is free. Copies of panelists' work will be available for sale and signing. For more information on this and other Folio events in May, go to foliosf.com or stop by the bookstore at 3957 24th St.

42 Years Young

One of San Francisco's biggest and oldest garage sales, the Fair Oaks Street Fair, will happen this year on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festivities will extend the length of Fair Oaks—a one-block walk down 24th from Dolores Street—from 21st to 26th Street.

A hundred families will offer gleanings from their garages and attics. There will also be food for sale, baked goods, music, and children's activities to keep you bargain hunting all day.

Silents at the Castro

Another event you won't want to miss is the 22nd San Francisco Silent Film Festival June 1-4 at the Castro Theatre. Among the highlights will be a newly restored *Three Musketeers* (1921), accompanied live by the Guenter Buchwald Ensemble. For tickets and a complete schedule, visit the SFSFF at silentfilm.org.

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Asked on March 29, 2017, on 24th Street between Noe and Castro streets (in front of Radio Shack).

Interviews and photos by Olivia Starr and Nick Kaliss



Zahra Saleh, Castro Street: Hi.



Catherine Masters, 24th Street: That I really appreciate everything she did for me growing up, especially now that I have two little ones and understand all the energy that it took.



Juliea Brashares, 24th Street: She is my hero, and she inspires me every day.



Lucky, Brookdale Avenue: I love her very much!



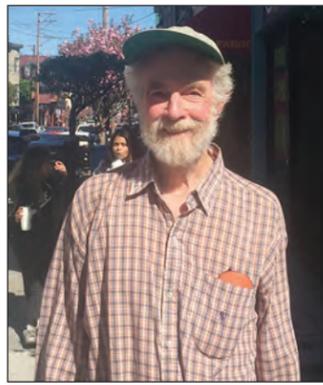
Liz Miracle, Diamond Street: Thank you for being pregnant with me...for enduring all that and doing it with grace. I'm pregnant with my first, and [I'm] realizing how much I love my baby and how much my mother must love me, and I didn't have any concept of how much she must love me. It hit me hard, and I've wanted to talk to my mom all the time now.



Mira Solomon, 28th Street, Chloe, 26th Street, Ben, 29th Street: Mira: You're great and thank you for helping with everything. Chloe: I love you, you are amazing, and I can't live my life without you. Ben: Thank you for being my personal chauffeur.



Monica Ricci, Chenery Street: I'm very proud of her, and I'm so glad that she's moving on with her life after the loss of my father a couple of years ago. She's become very active and is doing many new things, and I love her very much for that.



Tony, Jersey Street: Gee, my mother just died.... She was ready to go. I spent a lot of time with her in her last five years, so I think we're on good terms, and there's nothing I have to say to her that I didn't already say.



Will Fithian, 25th Street: Well, she doesn't live in Noe Valley, so she won't see it. It's not going to be poetic.... Thanks for everything you did for me growing up and I hope you have a great Mother's Day.

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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular Voice column profiling new stores and restaurants in Noe Valley. This month, we introduce the newest occupant of the venerable Drewes Meat Market on outer Church Street, plus describe the transformation of a baby clothes shop to a skin products store at Church and 24th streets.

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Butchery runs in the family of David “Dave” Samiljan. His maternal great-grandfather and the person he is named after, David Baron, founded Baron’s Meat & Poultry, a successful business in Brooklyn, N.Y. Growing up on the East Coast, Samiljan worked in the butcher shop, and credits the experience for his passion for, and career in, food.

In his late 20s, Samiljan, a one-time employee of the Big Apple Circus—where he met his wife, Shirin—enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. One of his favorite classes was meat fabrication.

“I really took to it. It felt right. I had a talent for it,” recalls Samiljan, 52, who lives in Benicia. “It wasn’t necessarily easy, but it didn’t feel like work.”

After he graduated in 1993, he and Shirin moved out west, and Samiljan landed a job with grass-fed beef pioneer Bill Niman at Niman Ranch. There Samiljan worked as a butcher, packer, and truck driver. He left 14 years ago before Niman sold his company to Purdue.

When he opened his own butcher shop, Baron’s Meat & Poultry, in 2005 in the Alameda Marketplace in the East Bay city of the same name, Samiljan named it in honor of his namesake.

Now he has brought his high-quality meats, poultry, and seafood to Noe Valley with the opening of Baron’s Quality Meats in the retail space that for decades had been the home of Drewes Bros. Meats, at 1706 Church St.

The family-run shop announced it would close in 1998 after 109 years in business. However, employees Josh and Isaac Epple took it over and kept the doors open. But in 2014 Josh unexpectedly died in a motorcycle accident, and last summer Drewes shuttered for good.

At the time, Samiljan was at a loss for what to do next with his life. He had sold off a burger stand he had opened in Alameda and planned to work again at his butcher shop. But his presence was undermining his manager, so he stepped aside and became a stay-at-home dad. (He and Shirin are the parents of three children, two of whom are now in college.)

Checking his Facebook feed one day last August, Samiljan saw a posting about Drewes’ closure.

“It was like the universe was speaking to me,” he said, adding that the location was the perfect spot for a butcher shop. “More people live within a one-mile radius of this store than on the entire island of Alameda.”

He signed the lease on Dec. 1 and officially opened the store on April 1. At 2,000 square feet, the Noe Valley location is nearly three times the size of his Alameda shop.

“I am in San Francisco, man. This is one of the world’s great cities. And I am sitting in the oldest butcher shop in the city. It was kind of hard to pass up,” said Samiljan.

At the newly remodeled store, he sells



Dave Samiljan says he and his staff of four butchers will be happy to trim pork chops, chicken, steaks, sausages, or whatever his customers wish at his newly opened shop on Church Street, Baron’s Quality Meats.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

products that are all natural, meaning no hormones, antibiotics, or pesticides in the feed given to the animals. He carries a lot of organic and certified non-GMO products, and sources from producers in Northern California, the Midwest, and as far away as Europe and Japan.

“All of the meats are non-confinement, meaning nothing kept in a cage or crate of any kind,” he explains. “The product line I carry comes with a price tag.”

In early April, for instance, he had for sale Alaskan wild-caught halibut (\$32.99 per lb.) and Creekstone Farms cowboy steaks on the bone (\$18.99 per lb.), double-cut pieces of meat that can feed two people. A more unusual cut for sale was the onglet (\$17.99 per lb.), which Samiljan describes as a “really funky muscle” that tastes like a very tender hangar steak.

On the lower end of the price scale, Samiljan offers several “secret butcher cuts,” like a Denver steak (\$11.99 per lb.), which is good for stews, or a chuck eye steak (\$9.99 per lb.), which he says is “like eating a baby ribeye but at less than half the price.”

He carries Mary’s organic whole chickens (\$4.39 per lb.), which his staff of four butchers is happy to cut up however a customer likes. He also stocks boneless chicken breasts (\$8.89 per lb.) from the same company.

As for fish, Samiljan was selling last month wild-caught filet of sole (\$19.99 per lb.) and farm-raised steelhead trout (\$17.99 per lb.). He expects to carry sardines and smelts when they come into season, as well as Dungeness crab over the winter months.

He makes his own sausages (\$10.99 a pound) in flavors like cheese and parsley, Andouille, chorizo, and bratwurst.

“My sweet Italian is the best sweet Italian in the world,” boasts Samiljan. “We stuff them here. My sausages are great.”

Come Thanksgiving, Samiljan will have all natural turkeys available for order. At Christmas he carries prime rib and then filet mignon for New Year’s.

He is planning to use the walk-in cooler located in the outdoor patio behind the shop for dry-aged beef. At 12 feet by 6.5 feet, the cooler can “fit tons of meat,” he says.

Samiljan plans to add “grab and go” items in the coming weeks, such as meats already marinated and ready for the barbeque. Eventually, he hopes to acquire a liquor license. Sometime later this year, he will shutter the store for a few weeks in order to replace the refrigerated cases, which now have glass that frosts to the point of invisibility.

After less than a month of operation, the store has already exceeded its owner’s expectations.

“Business has been strong with a lot of

room for growth,” says Samiljan, who spends roughly two hours commuting to the shop in the mornings.

Most gratifying has been the reception from customers in the neighborhood.

“They have been so nice to me. I am really floored,” Samiljan says. “I don’t expect people to throw rocks at me. But everyone who walks in says they are so glad to have a butcher back.”

Baron’s Quality Meats is open daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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In March, Camille Seiberling, longtime owner of the boutique Mabuhay, shifted the focus of her wares from children’s clothes and toys to beauty and health products.

“Call it a rebirth,” says Seiberling, 44,



At the new Mabuhay, Camille Seiberling is offering several lines of organic cosmetics and skin care products, as well as a selection of handmade jewelry, plants, and gift baskets.

Photo courtesy Mabuhay

with a smile. Her business has been in its diminutive location at 1195 Church St. since 2008. “We still have a few toys, hats for kids, and sunscreens, but what we really want to do is serve families, especially moms. They need to take care of themselves too!”

Indeed, the decision to transform the shop might have something to do with the growth of her own boys, Griffin, 9, and Rocket, 5. “Basically, I grew up. Everybody did. I grew up and the kids grew up.”

When the San Francisco native first opened Mabuhay—which is Tagalog for “long life” and honors her Filipina grandmother—she carried children’s goods, as the shop before hers had. (That was Petits Ninous.) But in her heart, Seiberling wanted to concentrate on her passion: skin care and beauty products.

“We’re transitioning from bibs to makeup bags,” she says, pointing to one of her handmade goods by San Francisco’s Love Laurel Boutique. The zipper pouches come in a variety of patterns and colors.

“Laurel is a local maker who created organic cotton baby bibs for the old store,” Seiberling says. “I asked her if she could think of ideas for the new concept and she said, ‘Let me make some makeup bags for your makeup store.’”

Supporting local products made in California and Hawaii is one of Seiberling’s goals. She also wants to carry items made by women, as well as those that are organic. To that end, she’s curating cosmetics, lotions, and cleansers with certain parameters. The shop carries Naked Truth Beauty and its “socially responsible cosmetics,” Habit nail polishes, and Han Skin Care Cosmetics. For sun protection, she offers Coola Sun Care from San Diego.

From Hawaii, there are lotions and mists from Island Soap & Candle Works. “Plumeria is my signature scent!” Seiberling says. She insists the Surfer’s Salve is a great alternative to Neosporin for cuts and burns. “It’s all my kids will use.”

Additionally, customers will find a selection of necklaces and earrings that have caught Seiberling’s eye during her travels—she went to Japan twice last year. In general, Mabuhay’s prices run from \$5 to \$45, and some of the jewelry can be as low as \$12.

Seiberling also carries a few succulents and air plants. Before Mabuhay, she had a plant- and floral-arranging business called It’s Growing.

As part of the “rebirthing” process, Seiberling painted the walls, which had been yellow, a soothing pink called conch shell. The color is accented by warm, subtle gold and wood tones throughout the store. A gilt-framed poster from the Women’s March by artist Jessica Sabogal, depicting the cherubic face of a child and the tagline “Women Are Perfect,” is a centerpiece of the boutique’s decor.

“I did all the work myself,” says Seiberling. “That was important to me.” She also replaced all the furniture except for the wrap counter, which her uncle, Reginald Guerrero, had made for her. Her husband, Daniel Seiberling, a video game designer, revamped the store’s logo.

Mabuhay is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday and Monday by appointment. The shop accepts cash and credit cards.

Loyal customers of the old Mabuhay will receive 10 percent off their first purchase in the new store. Also, for Mother’s Day, the shop will offer three special beauty baskets featuring a choice of plants and natural beauty products. A basket can be custom designed if ordered before May 14.

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Auditorium Free Play	3-4 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.
Little Kickers (ages 4-7)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Karate Kids (ages 6-12)	5:30-6:30 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	3-8:30 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.
Pickleball (all ages)	1-3 p.m. FREE
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE
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	12-3:30 p.m.* No open gym thru 4/8
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.* No open gym thru 4/8
Auditorium Free Play	12-4:30 p.m.*
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE
QuickStart Tennis (age 7-9)	1-2 p.m.

SUNDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

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May 1: Caroline Eden introduces Samarkand: RECIPES and Stories from Central Asia and the Caucasus. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

May 1, 8, 15 & 22: The Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) Club meets Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 1-22: GALLERY SANCHEZ exhibits "Reflections," artwork by Kristin Kyono and Nathalie Fabri. Reception April 30, noon-2 pm; weekdays, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

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

May 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.

May 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.

May 1-Aug. 1: Elementary and middle school girls can submit short films to the second annual Noe Valley GIRLS FILM FESTIVAL, scheduled for Sept. 9. For info: nvqff.com.

May 2: The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 2: Peter Gethers discusses MY MOTHER'S KITCHEN. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Eureka Valley Library tells TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

May 2-30: 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.

May 3: Folio Books celebrates Children's Book Week with a PAJAMA PARTY story time with Gennifer Choldenko. 6 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

May 3: The Noe Valley Library hosts a CRAFT WORKSHOP for adults on decorating a votive candle holder with vintage stamps; all materials provided. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

May 3 & 17: Children ages 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 6:30-7:30 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: 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.

May 3-31: Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

May 3-31: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com

May 3-31: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesday, 4 to 7 pm, through November. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

May 3-31: 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.

May 3-31: History group Shaping San Francisco offers free PUBLIC TALKS on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. 518 Valencia. foundsf.org.

May 3-31: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

May 3 & June 7: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBThistory.org.

May 4: "STAR WARS: May the Fourth Be With You" at Charlie's Corner Bookstore features story times at 10 am, noon, and 3 pm; costumes encouraged. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

May 4, 18 & 25: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 4-25: Bring your storehouse of knowledge to TRIVIA NIGHT on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

May 4 & June 1: Liz Stone joins other comedians at "Comedy Gold" on the first Thursday of the month, 9:30 pm. Valley Tavern, 4054 24th. 285-0674; lizziestone@gmail.com.

May 5: The free ROTUNDA DANCE performance at City Hall features the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts World Music and Dance Program. Noon. dancersgroup.org.

May 5-26: Shout "BINGO!" at St. Paul's on Friday nights at 6:45 pm (doors open at 5 pm); snack bar available. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.

May 5-26: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett with artists Don Prell, the late Jimmy Ryan's spin-off bands, the Scott Foster Ensemble, and the 230 Jones Street, Local 6 Literary Jazz Band, featuring Dorothy Lefkowitz. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

May 5-26: Chris Sequeira leads a free Friday KARAOKE for adults gathering at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061.

May 5 & June 2: Ian Stallings Design GALLERY features a new artist opening on the first Friday of the

month, with a 6 to 8 pm reception. ianstallings.com. 3848 24th. ianstallings.com.

May 6: A benefit for Rocket DOG RESCUE will be held, from 9 am to 4 pm, at Vanguard Properties, 3848 24th. 756-8188; rocketdogrescue.org.

May 6: An OPEN HOUSE, featuring the work of artists Leonard Breger and Beth Pewther, includes tours, conversation, and tea and cookies the first Saturday of the month. 10 am-1 pm. 80 Bronte. 826-2952; artfools.com.

May 6: The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 6: FIESTAVAL at Fairmount Elementary School features live music, a butterfly tent, games, crafts, and food. 11 am-3 pm. 65 Chenery. 695-5669.

May 6: Attorney J. Scott Weaver from the SF Tenants Union leads a free EVICTION WORKSHOP. 1-2 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Reserve a spot at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 6: The Community Music Center Solera Singers perform at the CINCO DE MAYO Festival. 2:30 pm. Valencia between 21st and 24th.

May 6-27: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live music from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

May 6-27: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

May 6-27: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 7:30 to 10 pm; refreshments available. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

May 7: Historian Evelyn Rose leads a 1.3 mile walk, "A Trestle Ran Through It: Early Days of GLEN PARK Village." 9-11 am. Meet at the Glen Park BART Plaza. Reserve at glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

May 7: MAPAMUNDI Kids opens the BlaBla shop-in-shop, especially for ages 1 to 3, with readings, a raffle, and refreshments. 11:30 am-2 pm. 1306 Castro. mapamundikids.com.

May 7 & 21: 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.

May 7-28: 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.

May 8: The Noe Valley Library hosts a Personal DIGITAL ARCHIVING workshop; bring a USB flash drive and your photos and documents. 1-3 pm. 451 Jersey. Preregister at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 9: PFLAG meets at the Women's Building, 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsof.org.

May 9: Lynn Downey discusses "LEVI STRAUSS: The Man Who Gave Blue Jeans to the World" at the SF Museum and Historical Society. 7:30 pm. 460 Arguello. 537-1105, ext. 100; sfhistory.org.

May 9-June 3: SF WOMEN ARTISTS present "OUT-rageous," a juried all-media exhibit. Reception May 11, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

May 10: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group at the Noe Valley Library meets from 6:15 to 8:15. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 10: Local PLAYWRIGHTS from EXIT Press discuss their work. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

May 11: 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.

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



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TUE MAY 2	PETER GETHERS • MY MOTHER'S KITCHEN: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER, AND THE MEANING OF LIFE • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • A funny, moving memoir about a son's discovery that his mother has a genius for understanding the intimate connections between cooking, people and love.
WED MAY 10	OFF-SITE EVENT! • JOSHUA MCFADDEN • SIX SEASONS: A NEW WAY WITH VEGETABLES • BOOK LAUNCH PARTY AT THE PERENNIAL. 6:00-8:00 P.M. \$24. • Join Joshua McFadden, chef and owner of Ava Gene's in Portland, OR for the launch of his new book <i>Six Seasons</i> . McFadden has been called "a vegetable whisperer" and in <i>Six Seasons</i> , he channels both farmer and chef. Buy Tickets: www.eventbrite.com/e/book-launch-party-at-the-perennial-joshua-mcfadden-six-seasons-tickets
MON MAY 15	DANA CREE • HELLO, MY NAME IS ICE CREAM: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF THE SCOOP • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • With more than 100 recipes for ice cream flavors and revolutionary mix-ins from a James Beard-nominated pastry chef, Dana Cree explains not only how to make amazing ice cream, but also the science behind the recipes so you can understand ice cream like a pro.
TUE MAY 16	MICHAEL RUHLMAN • GROCERY: THE BUYING AND SELLING OF FOOD IN AMERICA • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • In <i>Grocery</i> , bestselling author Michael Ruhlman offers incisive commentary on America's relationship with its food and investigates the overlooked source of so much of it—the grocery store. Ruhlman proposes that the best practices for consuming wisely could be hiding in plain sight—in the aisles of your local supermarket.
SAT MAY 20	LILY DIAMOND • KALE & CARAMEL: RECIPES FOR BODY, HEART, AND TABLE • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • Born out of the popular blog <i>Kale & Caramel</i> , this sumptuously photographed and beautifully written cookbook presents eighty recipes for delicious vegan and vegetarian dishes featuring herbs and flowers, as well as luxurious do-it-yourself beauty products.

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Painting by Tej Greenhill

Local artists explore the theme of what is beautiful within a framework of what appears dangerous, ugly or menacing. Alternately, these artists portray "pretty" subjects in atypical ways with the show Beautiful Beasts. Reception: Friday, May 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Artisana, 3927 24th Street.

May 11-June 29: CREATIVITY EXPLORED hosts an group exhibit, "Black White." Mon.-Fri., 10 am-6 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

May 12: The Noe Valley Library screens the 1962 FILM Whatever Happened to Baby Jane, starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 12, 13 & 15: The Resound Ensemble performs a choral CONCERT, "Ai'yu: Songs of Transcendence," at 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. resoundensemble.org.

May 13: The Fair Oaks STREET FAIR features food, music, and over 100 garage sales between 21st and 26th streets, 9 am-4 pm.

May 13: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on the second Saturday of the month. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyrecenter.com.

May 13: 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.

May 13 & 27: Children ages 4 and up can read to a dog named Stanley at PUPPY DOG TALES. 4:30-5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 14: A MOTHER'S DAY celebration at Charlie's Corner Bookstore includes activities, stories, and snacks, all day. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

May 14 & 28: Noe Valley political action group ACTION SF meets from 3 to 5 pm at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. actionsolidarity@gmail.com.

May 15: ODD MONDAYS hosts authors Erika Atkinson, Michael Helquist, Andrew McIntyre, and Laynie Tzena. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (rsvp jlsender@webtv.net). Call 821-2090 to confirm; oddmondays.com.

May 15: Dana Cree introduces Hello, My Name Is ICE CREAM: The Art and Science of the Scoop. 6:30-7:30 pm.

Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

May 16: Michael Ruhlman discusses GROCERY: The Buying and Selling of Food in America. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

May 16: Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. SF Police Academy Community Room, 350 Amber. 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

May 17: A children's COOKING WORKSHOP for ages 6 and up features Chinese scallion pancakes. 3:45-5 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Reserve a spot at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 17: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads The Leftovers by Tom Perrotta. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 17: Supervisor JEFF SHEEHY speaks at the general meeting of Upper Noe Neighbors. 7 pm. Upper

Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. 756-4455; uppernoeneighbors.com.

May 18 & 20: The Bay Area VOCAL ACADEMY performs Handel's "Alcina" and "Say It with Music," an Irving Berlin revue. Thurs., 6:30 pm; Sat., 7 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. bayareavocalacademy.org.

May 19: The Randall Museum offers a walk around Corona Heights Park, "BIRDING the Hill." 8 am. Meet in the Museum parking lot, 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

May 19: ARTISANA hosts a reception for "Beautiful Beast," an exhibit by local artists. 5-8 pm. 3927 24th. 500-2257; artisanafunctionalart.com.

May 19: Sheila Grau discusses Polar Distress at the BOOKWORMS Club. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477, http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bookworms-club-tickets-25485102628

May 20: Castro Community on Patrol offers a new patroller TRAINING from 1 to 4 pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/patrol-volunteer-basic-training-class-058-tickets-31603104737.

May 20: An Open House to dedicate artist Amanda Lynn's MURAL celebrating the lives of Julee Pygen and Kendra Fallon runs from 1 to 6 pm; ceremony at 4 pm. 333 27th. skymemorialfoundation.org.

May 20: Lily Diamond introduces Kale & Caramel: RECIPES for Body, Heart, and Table. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

May 20: A NEON WALKING TOUR, "Market-Mission-Castro" runs from 5 to 7 pm; start location is given with reservation at neonbook.xyz.

May 20: GRANT JAMES and his Band perform standards of the 1940s and 1950s in "A Night of Romance" at the Noe Valley Town Square. 5-9 pm. 24th between Sanchez and Vicksburg. noevalleytownsquare.com.

May 20: The RESOUND Ensemble performs at the Other Minds Festival. 7:30 pm. Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th. resoundensemble.org.

May 20: Blues/bluegrass group Dirty Cello performs a CD release concert at 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

May 21: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC hosts a concert by the Farallon Clarinet Quintet. 4 pm. Pre-concert talk by Scott Foglesong at 3:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcn.org.

May 23: Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC Club holds its regular monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Social hour 6 pm; program 6:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. ToddsDavid@gmail.com

May 24: Charlie's Corner Bookstore honors L. Frank Baum's birthday with WIZARD OF OZ story times at 10 am, noon and 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

May 24: The RESILIENT Diamond

Heights work group meets on the fourth Wednesday from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

May 25: Joel Selvin discusses ALTAMONT: The Rolling Stones, the Hell's Angels, and the Inside Story of Rock's Darkest Day, in conversation with radio's John Hell. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

May 26: HERCHURCH offers a Women's Drumming Circle on the fourth Friday. 6-7:30 pm. 678 Portola.

May 27: Volunteer at JURI COMMONS for a 9 am to noon workday, with coffee and pastries. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th. Dave@schweisguth.org or meetup.com/Juri-Commoners.

May 30: The Noe Valley Library hosts a Color Diffusion BUTTERFLY CRAFT workshop for ages 4 to 7. 3-4 pm. 451 Jersey. Preregister at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

May 30: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

May 30: Folio Books' third community OPEN MIC features poet Tongo Eisen-Martin with host Wayne Goodman. 7 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

May 30: Kristine Poggioli and Carolyn Eidson discuss "Walking SF's 49-Mile Drive" at the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

June 3: The 11th annual Noe Valley GARDEN TOUR, "Tour de Fleurs," features nine diverse stops. 10 am-4 pm. Tickets available after May 20 at local stores, or friendsfnoevalley.com.

June Soon

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **June 2017** issue, distributed the first week of June. The deadline for items is May 15. Please email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.



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Adult Craft Night: Decorate a votive candle holder with vintage stamps; all materials provided. Space is limited, so register by calling 415-355-5707 or asking at the info desk. Wednesday, May 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Learn how to knit or crochet or work on your project on the first Saturday of every month. The library has supplies to practice on but you can also bring your own yarn and needles or hooks. Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Free Eviction Workshop with San Francisco Tenants Union: Attorney J. Scott Weaver, co-author of the 20th edition of *California Tenants’ Rights* and a housing activist for over 40 years, answers eviction-related questions. Saturday, May 6, 1 to 2 p.m.

Personal Digital Archiving: Bring your photos and/or documents to this Digital Inclusion Week workshop and the library will show you how to scan and save the digital files to your USB flash drive and upload the files to image-hosting or -sharing websites. Call 415-355-5707 to sign up for a 30-minute time slot. Monday, May 8, 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The library screens the 1962 thriller *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane*, starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford as a former child star and her paraplegic sister. Friday, May 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

The Noe Valley Book Discussion Group reads *The Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta, a novel about life on earth after a rapture-like event; look for copies of the book at the library’s circulation desk. Wednesday, May 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Discuss outstanding works of writing at the **Great Books Discussion Group** sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco. For information contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, May 10, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

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MORE BOOKS TO READ

Take Long Strides This Summer

A novel featuring a female medical student turned sleuth in 19th-century Scotland, the story of a publisher who stood up to censorship in the 1960s, and the tale of a “bad” kitty who must prove she’s worthy of being a cat are among the good reads selected this month by Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr, our mentors at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library. To check on the books’ availability, call 415-355-5707 or take a stroll to the branch at 451 Jersey St.

Meanwhile, you’ll want to sign up for **Summer Stride 2017**, the San Francisco Public Library program that awards raffle prizes and a tote bag (decorated with artwork by children’s book illustrator Lizi Boyd) for 20 hours of reading from May 13 to Aug. 20. Anyone—of any age—can take the reading challenge. Pick up a tracking sheet and Summer Stride instructions at local branches or online at www.sfpl.org. Please note: the Noe Valley branch—and all other San Francisco libraries—will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Adult Fiction

- A female medical student in Victorian Edinburgh investigates shady dealings in *The Wages of Sin* by Kaite Welsh.
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Adult eBooks

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- Author Margaret George describes the childhood of a Roman emperor in *The Confessions of Young Nero*.
- *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the North Pond Hermit* is Michael Finkel’s account of a man who successfully lived outside society for 27 years.

Children’s Fiction

- A family (and a sock monkey) check their bags, go through security, and board a plane in *The Airport Book*, by local author/illustrator Lisa Brown. Ages 2 to 6.
- *Even Superheroes Have Bad Days*, written by Shelly Becker and illustrated by Eda Kaban, can help kids overcome negative feelings. Ages 4 to 7.
- Written and illustrated by Nick Bruel, *Bad Kitty Takes the Test* reveals whether a young feline who just loves birds can renew its cat license. Ages 7 to 10.

- A girl tries on dresses that disguise her as someone else, in the new fairy tale *If the Magic Fits (100 Dresses)*, written by Susan Maupin Schmid, illustrated by Lissy Marlin. Ages 8 to 12.
- In *The Luckiest Scar on Earth* by Ana Maria Spagna, a 14-year-old girl trains for national snowboarding championships. Ages 11 and up.

Children’s Nonfiction

- After you figure out the creature that goes with each eye, learn exactly how eyes work in *Whose Eye Am I?* written and photographed by Shelley Rotner. Ages 4 to 8.
- Updated from the original 1976 edition, *Find the Constellations*, by H.A. Rey, gives clear charts, besides facts and figures, about planets and stars. Ages 8 to 11.
- *Maker Lab: 28 Super Cool Projects—Build, Invent, Create, Discover*, by Jack Challoner with a foreword by Jack Andraka, includes instructions for a race balloon rocket car, a volcano, and a lemon battery. Ages 8 to 12.
- *Game On! Video Game History from Pong and Pac-Man to Mario, Minecraft, and More* by Dustin Hansen, gives the history and trivia of video games. Ages 9 to 18.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Children’s Cooking Workshop: Chinese Scallion Pancakes (Cong You Bing). Professional cooking teachers and co-owners of *A Little Yumminess* Simran Singh and Stacie Dong will lead this workshop for kids ages 6 and up. Please reserve your spot by calling 415-355-5707. Class will be limited to 12 participants. Wednesday, May 17, 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Color Diffusion Butterfly Craft: This hands-on art project on Tuesday, May 30, 3 to 4 p.m., is aimed for children ages 4 to 7, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Preregister by calling 415-355-5707. Maximum 12 children.

Children ages 4 and up can read to a people-loving dog named Stanley at **Puppy Dog Tales**, on Saturdays, May 13 and 27; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call 415-355-5707 to reserve your session.

Join Children’s Librarian Miss Catherine for stories, songs, and small movement at **Toddler Tales**. These half-hour story times are geared to children ages 16 to 36 months, accompanied by parent or caregiver. Thursdays, May 4, 18, & 25; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films: Children ages 3 to 5 years with parent or caregiver are invited to the library’s short film program. Thursday, May 11; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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Celebrate Chinese Cooking

Stacie Dong and Simran Singh, founders of locally based *A Little Yumminess*, will present a Chinese Cooking Workshop for kids at the Noe Valley Library on May 17 (see above). In the meantime, the two are pleased to share a favorite recipe created by Ron Dong, Stacie’s father. Ron bought his Noe Valley home as a bachelor back in the 1960s, and Stacie’s parents still live there. Stacie spent many hours of her youth in the Noe Valley Library and was a schoolmate of Peter Brunn, son of Sally Brunn, whom the branch is named for.

Ron Dong’s Hong Kong-Style Noodles and Broccoli

Look for Hong Kong-Style Pan Fried Noodles at any well-stocked Asian market. While you can substitute other cooked noodles, no other noodle will get quite the same effect. To make this dinner even more quick and easy, try using packaged shredded carrots and pre-trimmed broccoli available at most grocery stores, or even take advantage of trimmed or prepared veggies from the salad bar.

Ingredients

- 1 14-ounce package of Hong Kong-Style Pan Fried Noodles
- 1 pound broccoli, trimmed into small, bite-sized pieces
- 3-4 scallions (white and light green parts), thinly sliced, about 1/2 cup
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and shredded, about 4 ounces
- 3 cups mung bean sprouts, about 6 ounces
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon oyster sauce, or more to taste
- Shredded rotisserie chicken (as much as you like)
- Vegetable oil for oiling the pan and for drizzling the broccoli
- Salt for seasoning the broccoli

Method

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly coat a sheet tray with vegetable oil and place it in the oven to preheat while you prepare everything else.
2. Check the instructions on your package of noodles. Most require dropping into boiling water for 1 minute, then draining. Once you have prepared the noodles according to the directions and drained them well, place them in a big bowl.
3. Add the thinly sliced scallions, shredded carrots, and bean sprouts. Drizzle the whole thing with sesame oil, soy sauce, and oyster sauce; then toss well and set aside.
4. In a separate bowl, drizzle the trimmed broccoli with a small amount of vegetable oil and season with a big pinch of salt and toss well to coat the broccoli.
5. Place the broccoli on one third of the preheated sheet pan (use care as the pan will be hot!). Spread out the broccoli in this section of the pan so it gets maximum contact with the hot surface. Mound the noodles on the other side of the pan.
6. Bake for 10 minutes, then turn both the broccoli and the noodles (keeping them on separate sides of the pan) and bake for another 5 to 10 minutes. If you prefer even crispier noodles and more deeply roasted broccoli, you can bake for an additional 5 minutes.
7. To serve, top noodles with some of the roasted broccoli and shredded chicken. Serve additional soy sauce and oyster sauce on the side.

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Noe Active Valley

By Mazook

LET THERE BE LIGHT: The Noe Valley Town Square at 24th and Sanchez has been officially “activated,” as has spring, which arrived in April spreading lovely cherry blossoms throughout Downtown Noe Valley.

Most significant was that after months of delay, PG&E finally turned on the power to the square. The delay had been creating problems for Residents for Noe Valley Town Square and other groups planning events for the new park. The space had been open since October and was functioning on candle power.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* aired the issue in a front-page story April 13. It seems the square’s lighting system—and that of the Randall Museum in Corona Heights and a homeless shelter in Dogpatch—was being held hostage by PG&E. According to the *Chron*, this had to do with friction between the power company and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which offers cleaner energy through CleanPowerSF.

“I had red-flagged this issue when I first took office back in January,” says our District 8 Board of Supervisors representative, Jeff Sheehy. “Both the Town Square and Randall Museum are in my district, and I was getting no response from PG&E since my inquiries about these delays in early March. It is very frustrating when a fight between the PUC and PG&E is at the expense of our Noe Valley community, when all that needed to be done [by PG&E] was to connect the power lines to the Town Square’s electrical box.”

Seven days after the *Chronicle* story ran, the utility’s trucks appeared at the plaza and

hooked up the wires to the box. Now the lights are on. For the square anyway.



SQUARE SCOOP: Thanks should go out to Noe Valley Association executive director Debra Niemann, who was asked by newly appointed Supervisor Sheehy for suggestions on the needs of our neighborhood. One of the things she requested was money for the “activation” of the Town Square.

“The Noe Valley Association was looking for City Hall funds to help with ideas to activate our new park, that is, to bring events and activities and programs to the Town Square that will engage people and help our merchants, which all reinforces a strong sense of community in our neighborhood,” explains Niemann.

Supervisor Sheehy confirmed that \$24,000 had been granted to the NVA out of the “discretionary funds” in his budget, for purposes of facilitating activities at the Town Square. (Note: each member of the board has a discretionary fund for use in their district.)

Things *are* getting active. In April, the square hosted a S’Mores & More Campfire with prizes for the best-dressed camper. “A Night of Romance,” with music for dancing, will be held at the square on May 20.

Town Square programming director Leslie Crawford says she had heard from several of the 250 people who attended the “Town Square Dance,” the park’s first big gathering, held in November. And what they told her was they wanted more events like the square dance. For a list of the events being planned, and the scoop on how to set up your own event, see Richard May’s Town Square story on page 7 of this *Voice*.



SIT, STAY: The Noe Valley Association has also obtained \$22,000 from City Hall via the San Francisco Office of Economic Development. That will help pay for new furniture for the two parklets on 24th Street, one located across from the Town Square and the other near Noe Street.

“The new furniture will be the same style as we have now,” says Niemann, who wrote



Twenty-fourth Street denizens woke up on April Fool’s Day to see a hole where two storefronts used to be, at 3904-06. A new open space? Not for long. Over the next 14 months, the property owners will erect a new building, which will have three residential units and a ground-floor commercial space.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

the grant request to the OED, “but gray in color, and we are also adding umbrellas for both parklets but each on separate stands.”

The NVA has also added eight new benches for you to sit on in our quaint little village, adding to the other 20 that have been installed by the NVA since 2005.



FARMING IN THE RAIN: Winter flooding had a serious impact on a group of farmers who operate a stand at the Noe Valley Farmers Market, Happy Boy Farms. Their 250-acre farm in Watsonville was inundated by the February rains, as well as flooding from a nearby river.

Not-so-happy spokesperson J.B. Ingraham said, “We were literally trying to keep our heads above water and we had about 100 acres under water.”

Ingraham said the fields at one point were under 10 feet of water and they lost crops including cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, and carrots. “So sales went down by over \$150,000. On top of that, it is real hard to stay out of the negative in the winter months, [and there were] damages to structures and equipment, and then we had to reallocate

field space for our crops. And we still have 60 very damp acres.”

Happy Boy sought help with a GoFundMe campaign. Ingraham reports that they have a goal of \$125,000, and have so far raised over \$35,000, “so we can fix the tractor, pay the labor... for the upcoming season, and buy the fertilizer.” Over 400 donors have participated so far.

At the farm, the first thing they did was plant fast-growing crops. By the end of April, they were able to fill their stand with yummy baby greens, radishes, and some great sugar snap peas.

Check out at gofundme.com/happyboy-farms.



PLANT-BASED PROVISIONS: The new cafe at the corner of Church and 25th, Le Cupboard, stands a good chance of opening in May. Lots of foodstuffs were being delivered in April, along with a string of socially conscious messages like “If you care about social progress, you must dig into the food system.” Translation for us eaters: they will serve only plant-based, organic, non-dairy food (in Noe Valley from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., says business developer Romain Vionnet).

Le Cupboard already has a restaurant in Eureka Valley, on Market Street at 15th. Since taking over the Church Street space, they have added a wall of refrigeration units and an online menu that certainly grabs your attention (see lecupboard.com).

For breakfast, consider the Cairo: eggplant and seksu (couscous) falafels with shredded kale, cherry heirloom tomatoes, and Romesco jam. Lunch? Perhaps the Jerusalem, which is an eggplant caviar and tomato jam tart on a crunchy seksu and whole-wheat crust, or the Marrakesh, an almond butter Medjoul date bowl with cinnamon, walnuts, and coconut yogurt.

The restaurant was somewhat inspired by the words of Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Google’s parent company, Alphabet, who has made a career of predicting how technology can change the world. One of his top 10 predictions is that plants will re-

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RUMORS

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place meat and lessen the greenhouse gases and costs associated with meat production.

Le Cupboard therefore is on the cutting edge, so to speak.

Down the street at 1361 Church St., the former home of Fattoosh, the rumor that it will become a pizza place seems to be true. The Department of Building Inspection logs show a complaint was lodged on April 14, when the front window was removed and a wood-burning pizza oven was apparently moved into the premises. Public records reveal that the business entity at that address is called SALMSU LLC. Attempts to locate the LLC agent, Maurizio Lantorno, have proved unsuccessful. If he reads this, please contact the *Voice* and let us know what's happening. Is it going to be thick crust or thin, and will anchovies be available?

As for the deli/wine/groceries shop Bom Dia, which closed over a year ago on the corner of 29th and Sanchez streets, store operator Shivani Ganguly responded last month to my Rumors queries: "I'm no longer involved in the store. I'll forward your message to the people who are!"

I ain't heard nothin' yet.



RENTAL HEALTH: The space recently vacated by Green 11, on 24th near Noe streets next door to Just for Fun, is being offered for lease. The rent being asked for the 300 square feet is \$1,800 per month (gross lease), according to our real estate man at RMC Management, J.J. Panzer.

"This is a retail space with a 14-foot frontage on 24th Street, a use which the building owner wants to continue, and the rent is negotiable depending on the business," says Panzer. "We have received many inquiries from people in the service business, like hairstylists, nail salons, or professional services, with only two inquiries so far for retail. One wants to open a space sell-

ing musical instruments with lessons for 'music therapy,' but he was somewhat vague on his business plan or investment plans. The other was a fellow who wanted to open an exotic tea shop, but he had no business plan."

After over 30 years in the 'hood, Radio Shack will be history at the end of May, according to the cashier at the Noe Valley store, 4049 24th St. As we reported here in April, the company that owned Radio Shack went bankrupt in February and is attempting to "reorganize." The Noe Valley store survived the first round of nationwide store closures. However, it did not survive the second cut, and the lease was terminated through bankruptcy court. Ergo, "For Lease" signs should be posted for this retail space in the near future.

It appears that the space vacated by DavidsTea (24th Street across from the Town Square) is still for rent, and although the building owner says there are some interested parties, nobody has signed on the dotted line. Stay tuned on that one.



NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T: It took one day to demolish the two small stores next to St. Clair's Liquors, near the corner of 24th and Sanchez. After an exhaustive two-year permit process with the city, the two vacant stores were gone by the end of the day Friday, March 31: *poof!* It was no joke the following morning, April Fool's Day, when those trekking to the Farmers Market saw the gap.

According to Mousa Khouri, he and his brothers took over St. Clair's back in 1992, and remodeled those two small stores in 1998. Now, he says, approval of the permits has cleared the way for their project: a new building with three residential units (two one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom) upstairs and a 1,500-square-foot retail space at street level. Khouri says the construction should take about 14 months. Good luck.



KUDOS GO OUT to Noe Valleons Nick

O'Neill and Rebecca Kaufman, who after working on the Clinton 2016 presidential campaign created a political activism site called 5Calls.org. The group provides scripts to make it easier for people to call their congressional representatives on issues they're concerned about.

Hoodline had a great story on them on April 11, written by Carrie Sisto. According to the piece, "This brainchild of two local technologists has facilitated over 1 million calls."

Perhaps the irony of the story was that the couple, who have lived in Noe Valley for the past 10 years, were then facing eviction from an owner move-in.

Speaking of activism, Noe Valley's Action SF did a great job organizing a group to walk in the March for Science on April 22. Also they sold yard and window signs, and from the proceeds will donate over \$400 to the Council on American-Islamic Relations

(CAIR). You can catch one of Action SF's regular meetings on Sundays, May 14 and 28, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Noe Valley Library.

Kudos also to Noe Valley attorney Charlie Spiegel. At a May 12 gala, he will receive the Groundbreaker Award from Our Family Coalition, an LGBTQ family organization that works on advocacy, education, and community-building. Spiegel helped found OFC as well as Gay Future Dads, which supports prospective and new gay fathers.

And kudos have to go out to Mission High students for winning the boys state high school basketball championship, the first for a public high school in San Francisco. Many readers of the *Voice* were at one time Mission High Bears themselves.



THAT'S 30. See you next month. Same time. Same place. Ciao.



The Noe Valley group Action SF was well represented at the March for Science held April 22 on Market Street. Organizers made signs, which they sold to benefit the Council on American-Islamic Relations, their good cause of the month.

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 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
 Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131
 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
 Address: 560 Duncan St., SF, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

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

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

Friends of Billy Goat Hill
 Contact: Lisa and Mo Ghotbi, 821-0122
 Website: www.billygoathill.net

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

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

Friends of Noe Courts Playground
 Contact: Laura Norman
 Email: lauranor@yahoo.com
 Address: c/o Friends of Noe Valley, P.O. Box 460953, SF, CA 94146
 Meetings: Email for dates and times.

Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)
 Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
 Email: info@friendsofnoevalley.com
 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 (Upper Noe Rec Center)
 Contact: Chris Faust
 Email: info@noevalleyreccenter.com
 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
 Contact: info@glenparkassociation.org
 Website: glenparkassociation.org
 Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131

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

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association
 Contact: Dr. Lisa Fromer, president
 Email: fromer3@gmail.com
 Meetings: Quarterly. Email for details.

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

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

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

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

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 Contact: Rachel Swann, 225-7743
 Meetings: Last Wednesdays, Old Republic,

4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.
 Website: www.NoeValleyMerchants.com

Noe Valley Parent Network
 An e-mail resource network for parents
 Contact: Mina Kenvin
 Email: minaken@gmail.com

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

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

Residents for Noe Valley Town Square
 Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
 Email: noevalleytownsquare@gmail.com
 Website: www.noevalleytownsquare.com
 Meetings: Call for details.

SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores
 Contact: Gideon Kramer, 861-2480
 Email: safecleangreen@bigfoot.com
 Website: www.safecleangreen.com

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

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

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