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## Traffic Circles Coming to Page and Waller Streets

For the past two years the S.F. Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) has been planning to install Traffic Circles (sometimes called "roundabouts") in our neighborhood, subject to final approval by neighbors in each affected block. Concrete circles in the middle of each intersection would replace existing stop signs at intersections on Page Street from Shrader to Scott, and on Waller Street at Pierce and Steiner. Signal intersections at Page-Masonic and Page-Divisadero, and the T-intersection at Page-Stanyan are not affected.

The city plans to implement the project over the next six months, funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Neighbors along the route became aware of these plans when DPT mailed a notice about the project. About 100 neighbors attended DPT's community meetings in early March, where project details were explained.

There were strong reactions, both of concern and support, toward the project among neighbors attending the public meetings. Here is further information about the project:

- A total of up to 11 permanent traffic circles are planned for the Page Street intersections at Shrader, Cole, Clayton, Ashbury, Central, Lyon, Baker, Broderick, Scott and the Waller Street intersections at Pierce and Steiner
- Temporary trial or demonstration circles first will be set up at five intersections for 30 days starting in May. These will be on Page at Clayton, Ashbury, Lyon and Scott, and on Waller at Steiner.



An electronic depiction, provided by DPT, simulates the proposed traffic circle at the intersection of Clayton and Page.

- The trial traffic circles won't look exactly like the permanent Circles. They are designed to give drivers, cyclists and pedestrians the opportunity to use them, and to observe their effect on traffic flow in the neighborhood.
- After the 30-day May trial, residents in the immediate area will vote by mail (one vote per residence) for or against the one or two circles nearest their residence. Simple majorities of those voting will determine whether each traffic circle is built.

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## Planned Opening of Walgreens Draws Overflow Crowd

Although the evening's topic was "chain stores in neighborhoods," it was no secret that the chain in question was Walgreens and that the neighborhood was Cole Valley. The February meeting of the "5 Together" organization, held for the first time in Cole Val-



Supervisor Gonzalez told the crowd that although Walgreens had followed the city's permit process to the letter, neighbors should have been notified.

ley, attracted over 150 people to the community room at Park Police Station. The announcement earlier in the year that Walgreens would move into the corner of Stanyan and Parnassus (formerly Mt. Sutro Fine Foods) had triggered widespread concern.

The panel of speakers included Supervisor Matt Gonzalez, Scott Hauge (Small business Network), Jim Rhoads (HANC), Bill Hose (Walgreens) and Karen Crommie (CVIA). In the absence of a representative from the Planning Department, Rob Eshelman, legislative aide to Supervisor Matt Gonzalez, addressed the pertinent code requirements—informing those present that because the property was already zoned for retail use, the change from a market to a drugstore did not by law require public hearing.

In response to questions about environmental impact, Gonzalez's office later reported that both Planning and the City Attorney's office have verified that this Walgreens is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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## Walgreens Update

After the February 5 meeting on Walgreens entry to Cole Valley, CVIA wrote a letter to Bill Hose, the district manager, and Phil Bolduc, the corporate real estate manager. The letter addressed the three main concerns we heard at the meeting: added automobile traffic, exterior design, and hours of operation. (See the full text of the letter on page 5.) In conversations with the two Walgreens executives, we've learned that they will take possession of the building after the lead paint is removed and they plan to open the store in September.

Our biggest concern was the impact of the added automobile traffic. Because Walgreens sees this as a neighborhood store, they envision most people walking to the store, not driving. We hope they're right. They plan to look into possible restriping schemes but



Although signs have been removed, interior renovation has not yet begun in the building on the corner of Parnassus and Stanyan.

are reluctant to do so if it means a loss of parking spaces. We reiterated the safety need for restriping so that cars don't have to back out onto Stanyan Street even if there is a loss of parking spaces. They will install bike racks, as we requested, and will look into selling Muni Fastpasses

and tokens. They will not provide their own delivery service but will investigate contracting an outside vendor to deliver prescription medicines. They will support our effort in making the area a double parking/double fine zone. After the store opens, Walgreens will revisit our request for a "Right Turn Only" sign at the exit of the parking lot. And depending on the usage of the parking lot, they will consider offering City Car Share the use of a parking spot or two.

Walgreens plans to retain the building as it is and not add any additional windows. There will be three signs: two 28 inch high "Walgreens" signs and one 12 inch high "Pharmacy" sign which will be illuminated (but with lower wattage) during business hours and turned off when the store is closed. A new awning, without writing, will be installed as well as a new ADA-compliant entry door. They will not consider changing their signage to something more consistent with neighboring commercial buildings—they want to keep their corporate identity.

The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and we have their word that any consideration of a change of hours will first be put to the neighborhood.

While we would prefer that a non-chain store was moving into the location, we hope that Walgreens will be the good neighbor that they profess to be.

—Joan Downey

*Ah, the sound of helicopters in the morning  
Bay to Breakers - May 18  
(Join the rooting section on Fell Street)*

### Traffic Circles—Continued from Page 1

■ After the voting, a public hearing will be held to confirm final locations of traffic circles and other project details. Construction and completion are projected for Summer-Fall 2003.

#### Other Details

■ Two to four stop signs will be removed, to be replaced with 8-12 new traffic signs related to the circles, at each approved intersection.

■ The budget allows only for basic circles, with no funds for designs to blend with the neighborhood, nor for ongoing maintenance. There will be no water to irrigate landscaping in the circles. DPT will work with neighbors to "adopt" their circle for these tasks.

■ No on-street parking spaces will be lost, according to DPT.

■ The project is intended to reduce vehicle pollution and to make these streets more useable by bicycles. Only limited statistical studies of traffic patterns and environmental impacts (pre- and post-construction) are included.

■ Access and response times for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles will not be affected, according to DPT.

This project will have a significant impact on our neighborhood. Please join us in actively observing the test circles and considering whether or not we want this project to proceed. For further information about the Page Street Traffic Circles project, contact the Department of Parking and Traffic at 554-2398 or [livable.streets@sfgov.org](mailto:livable.streets@sfgov.org). If you'd like information on future neighborhood meetings about the project, contact the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association at [BVNA@ix.netcom.com](mailto:BVNA@ix.netcom.com) or 431-2359.

—Richard Magary

## Cole Valley Walgreens Triggers Citywide Legislation

In late December 2002, it came to the attention of Supervisor Gonzalez's office that Walgreens intended to move into Cole Valley. By this time, Walgreens had already acquired all of the necessary permits and had done so without the knowledge of the neighbors. It was our feeling that Walgreens, knowing that a move into Cole Valley would be contentious, had a responsibility to notify the neighborhood.

In January 2003, we had a conference call with Walgreens. Their position was that they had done nothing wrong, as they were not legally required to notify the neighborhood. In response to this and other similar situations in District 5, we drafted legislation that requires notification and review procedures for a change in use to a retail coffee store or pharmacy when none existed within the preceding three years.

This ordinance was introduced on March 4 and is currently being reviewed by the Planning Department, before it makes its way back to the Board. While this legislation will be too late to apply to Walgreens in Cole Valley, it will hopefully give neighborhoods and City Hall ample notice in the future. We are also considering proposing legislation that would regulate what are known as "formula businesses" or businesses that are required by contract to adopt standardized services, methods of operation, decor, uniforms, architecture or other features virtually identical to businesses located in other communities. This legislation would not prohibit formula businesses from operating, but it would require them to look and operate differently from all other branches.

Marianne Love  
Office of Supervisor Matt Gonzalez

## Meet the Demon of Things To Do

Maryo Mogannam is on a mission. Cole Valley residents have bundles to gain. Organizing the neighborhood's first street fair leads the top of his to-do list for the Cole Valley Merchant's Association. On October 19, Cole Street will be cordoned off between Frederick and Parnassus for an all-day event called the "Heart of Cole Festival." The two-block area will be buzzing with live music, street performers and kids' activities.

"What I really hope, my real goal is to get people out on the street and redevelop a kind of community and openness and let the



Maryo Mogannam is a moving force behind the Cole Valley street fair.

diversity shine at its best. And, hey, if we're on opposite sides of the fence on different issues, we still can get along. I mean you're talking to a Palestinian here."

Maryo was born in Jordan and moved with his family to the West Portal neighborhood of San Francisco when he was young. The family opened a grocery store where he worked as a child, and by the time he was 18 Maryo said he "retired" from grocery stores. Soon after, he spent a dozen years as a customs inspector for United Airlines. Only by a fluke did Maryo reconnect with family business and happened upon Cole Valley through his brother Paul.

Paul Mogannam had opened up a creperie over a decade ago where his current restaurant Burgermeister stands. At the time Paul convinced his brother that Cole Valley needed a shipping business. Since Maryo was good with logistics and liked computers he would be a perfect fit. So the brothers opened The Postal Chase with Maryo eventually commandeering sole ownership of the business.

Since its inception 10 years ago, the Postal Chase has grown to include two additional locations in the city – one on Fillmore Street in the Marina and one on West Portal in the Sunset.

Maryo describes The Postal Chase as a small business consolidator. It offers the small or home office the ability to do big things without having to take up big space or make a big capital investment. Appropriate for the neighborhood, the business does not accommodate large companies that ship out hundreds of packages daily.

Maryo's Cole Valley location is ripe for what he calls many "countertop conferences." Sometimes he'll talk for 15 minutes with customers about anything. That type of interaction is rarely found at his other locations. At his Fillmore Street store in the Marina, he says he usually just gets a hand wave of thanks as the customers run out to their double-parked car or to some meeting. "Cole Valley's a lot more laid back. It's kind of nice like that."

Maryo, who's recently re-energized the Cole Valley Merchants Association, said one thing he admires about the neighborhood is its diversity of people and perspectives. "One day I was shipping out antiwar rally posters. The next day, someone wanted to make rubber stamps that said, 'Go War' instead of 'No War.'"

While a Cole Valley merchants association has undergone several incarnations, Maryo thinks its recurring demise has been caused by too few people doing too much of the work. Maryo, a former city supervisor candidate, is leading the charge on the latest formation of the association and insists he won't burn out.

"I am a demon of things to do. I am a Gemini, and by nature I have my hand in many different pots. I have a pretty good knack for getting things done. My biggest goal with the merchants association is to get it established, give it a good foundation and let it run as much as possible without me." He surmises that once people see the rewards of the association they will want to latch on to the success.

In addition to perpetuating an annual street fair, Maryo hopes the merchants association will work with CVIA and other resident groups to bring back the Cole Valley Easter Egg Hunt.

—Christopher Read

*In preparation for a history exhibit for the Cole Valley Festival in October, Jessica Justino is collecting old photos, film clips, or videos of Cole Valley. She'll copy or assist in copying your material. Contact her at 566-1555 or [bnhancock@mindspring.com](mailto:bnhancock@mindspring.com).*

## Focus on Haight Boozers

Over the past two years Park Police Station has developed a program to decrease the number of persons drunk in public places. When a person is arrested for public drunkenness three times within sixty days, that person is booked at the Hall of Justice and held for a court hearing.

With the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Rema Breall, a neighborhood drunk was recently sentenced to six months in county jail. This person, David Royster, has been charged with one hundred and twenty-two crimes since 1998. The majority of these charges are "drunk in public" and "nuisance." Presently, Park Station staff and Assistant District Attorney Breall are following the cases of Michael Gordon. Mr. Gordon has been arrested one hundred and five times since 1997. Again, most of these crimes are for public drunkenness and being a nuisance. Both Mr. Royster and Mr. Gordon have stay away orders from two different locations in the Haight.

Park Station continues to arrest and remove intoxicated people from the Haight Street corridor. They can be held at Park Station for a four-hour detention, brought to MacMillan Drop-In Center at 39 Fell Street, taken to the Hall of Justice or to S.F. General Hospital for medical treatment if needed.

Sergeant Mark Porto  
Park District Station

## Mount Sutro Diary

8:55 a.m. - I approach a group of people gathered at the entrance to UCSF's mountain-top housing off Clarendon Ave. It's April 5, a beautiful, clear, sunny day with very little wind, and just cool enough for pleasant outdoor work. I am going to participate in the planting of a native plant demonstration area at the summit of Mount Sutro.

As I approach the sign-up table on the sidewalk I'm asked what group I am with by the man at the table. He turns out to be a representative of an organization called Community Impact, headquartered in Mountain View, and gives me one of their newsletters. Glancing through the newsletter I see they are sort of a Bay Area Peace Corps for one day projects; there are over 40 projects listed for April, including this one. He says they have volunteers from two organizations here today—Rotary and a corporation. Rotary has given UCSF \$100,000 to pay for the plants and ground preparation.

There is a UCSF bus to take people up to the summit. I sit next to a small, shy child who turns out to be with the "Volunteer Club" of Lowell High School.

9:10 a.m. - At the summit we find a table groaning with doughnuts, chopped watermelon, pineapple, oranges, melon and strawberries as well as orange juice, tea, coffee, two kinds of muffins and energy bars. But I've already had breakfast.

9:25 a.m. - The crowd of volunteers has mostly arrived. I am amazed at the size. There must be 75 people here, maybe more. All ages, from children to the white haired. A group poses with signs saying "Tilia Corporation" and "we love you Dawn." I ask who Dawn is and get a funny look, so quickly follow up by asking if she is sick.



*Rhamnus californica* (coffeeberry) is a fast growing shrub with berries that turn from red to black. It reaches 6-8 feet and is considered deerproof.

Yes, dying of cancer they say. I ask who Dawn is and get a funny look, so quickly follow up by asking if she is sick.

Yes, dying of cancer they say.

9:30 a.m. - The UCSF community relations representative mounts a makeshift bench to welcome us. He introduces Craig Dawson, an Irving St. Merchant. Earlier, chatting with Craig around the food table, he'd told me he's been working seven years for this

day. Now he tells us all about growing up at the edge of the forest, and exploring as a child. He says the area we are in now was fenced then, first as a Nike missile guidance site and later as a UCSF lab animal care facility.

Four employees of Shelterbelt Builders, the landscape contractor, split us into to four groups to show us how to get the plant out of its black plastic pot, how deep to make the hole—not too deep or the plant will get "crown rot"—where to put the fertilizer pellet, how to tamp the dirt, and how to leave the pot upside down as a marker until you water the plant after it is in the ground. "Planting for dummies" some guy cracks, and everybody laughs.

9:55 a.m. - After scoring some brand new cloth work gloves and a hand trowel from the back of a pickup, there is a sedate stamper up the hill to where the plants are. There is an eager, competitive feeling; will there be enough plants for all these people? On the way up we pass the areas we are to attack, fields of little plastic flags of various colors stuck in the ground.

I grab two pots of sticky monkey flower, one of the few wildflowers I can recognize, because the name is so cute. I find plastic

flags in the ground matching those stuck in my pots. The holes have been mostly gouged out by a machine, which is a good thing because the ground on the top of this mountain is very rocky. I worry if my plants are high enough to avoid crown rot, or too high.

10:10 a.m. - I'm standing in the water line. This seems to be the big bottleneck of the morning. There is no piped water at the summit yet, so we have to fill our buckets from a big plastic tank in the back of a pickup, and the gravity-feed hose is very slow. I ask the young lady in line behind me about the Tilia Corp. She says they design home food preservation systems which are made for them in China.

10:30 a.m. - According to their cryptic flags, I have just planted three OE-CE's. These turn out to be "coffeeberries." I'm concerned they are under a eucalyptus, which usually is not a good thing. When I get back from the water line, which is even longer this time, some helpful soul has removed two of the three upside-down buckets marking my unwatered plants. I'm able to find the two unmarked ones anyway.



STICKY MONKEY FLOWER

*Mimulus longiflorus* is an evergreen bush, 2-4 feet, that grows on dry slopes below 5000 feet.

11:00 a.m. - It is announced that all the shrubs and trees have been planted. I have just finished planting a baby flowering currant. I was going to tackle a 5 gallon one, but had to go out and find a hole marked for it first, rather than carry the heavy thing around, and by the time I got back only the baby was left.

11:10 a.m. - I wander over to a man with a white beard in a straw hat who is assiduously weeding a rock outcrop. I ask him if he is a native plant enthusiast and he starts to explain to me why he doesn't like the term "enthusiast," so I ask him if he is Jake Sigg and he says yes. Jake Sigg is a major native plant expert and advocate in San Francisco. He shows me the difference between French broom (exotic, bad) and pea (native, good) seedlings, and between Himalaya (exotic) and native blackberry sprouts. He also tells me there are 36 native species under the eucalyptus forest on Mt. Sutro, and how he hopes a Site Stewardship program supported primarily by people living nearby can be established to start removing the exotic plants in the forest understory so the natives can flourish there. He says in other parts of the city the Site Stewards have started with a small core, and then have grown as people get to know each other and discover how fun and satisfying the work is.

11:30 a.m. - They bring down the grass plants and we are shown how to get them out of their containers, which are black plastic, but elegant in shape, like champagne flutes. The narrow bladed grasses are to be planted nearer a big wet spot and the wider bladed ones farther back. I carefully loosen the roots at the pointed bottoms, as instructed.

11:55 a.m. - We are all called together for some closing words of gratitude for our hard work. "Look at what you have accomplished," says the speaker, pointing to the field now full of plants. The crowd applauds itself enthusiastically. On the way down I take a trail I know through the forest, and see (and recognize for the first time) big coffeeberry bushes like the little ones I planted, flourishing under the eucalyptus.

—Douglas Hall

## Long and Moffitt Hospitals Ready for the Wrecking Ball

The UCSF hospitals are mandated to comply with the 1994 state law setting new seismic standards or close their doors by the year 2008. The most cost beneficial plan seems to involve the demolition of both Long and Moffitt hospitals. These would be replaced by a new facility or facilities. The two main sites under consideration are at the present Parnassus campus and at Mission Bay. Various configurations of size and function are under consideration to support



Neighbors are concerned that they will lose emergency services when the University of California rebuilds its facility on Parnassus.

the needed 650 beds. The campus at Parnassus can only accommodate a 400 bed facility. A facility of smaller size would not be able to provide an emergency room. This is of major concern to residents of the greater Haight Ashbury. The University has been meeting with a Citizens Advisory Group for several years. The plan that will be presented reflects the input from this group.

The University will have a neighborhood meeting on May 6 at 500 Parnassus, in the Millberry Conference Center at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend so that all the options can be explained to you and your questions can be answered.

—Lena Emmerly

### Park Branch Open House and History of the Haight Celebration

Saturday, June 14, 2003  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**10:30 a.m. The History of the Haight**  
Lecture and slideshow by local historian and naturalist,  
Greg Gaar

**11:30 a.m. Tie-Dye Crafts Program** For ages 4 and up  
(Preregistration required)

**2:00 p.m. Music and Social Change:  
The Haight Ashbury and Beyond**  
A panel discussion moderated by Rebecca Nichols  
featuring:

- Gene Anthony, author of "Summer of Love"
- Allen Cohen, editor of the Oracle newspaper
- Chet Helms, founder of Family Dog/ Avalon Ballroom
- Joli Valenti, musician
- Other special guests to be announced

Music and refreshments throughout the day. Door prizes!

Funded by the Friends and Foundation of the SF Public Library  
and donations from Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Merchants

## Police Commission in Haight

Park District Station's Captain Dan Lawson has extended an invitation to us to attend to the special yearly Police Commission meeting held here in the Haight on May 28 at the Park Branch Library (1833 Page St.) at 6:00 p.m. The Captain will give a report on our district to the full Police Commission and top police brass. It's a chance both to voice concerns and give credit. It also offers an opportunity for the Hall of Justice folks to see that there are families and mature people living in the greater Haight who expect the same standards of law enforcement that other neighborhoods receive.

## Action on Haight Toilet Clogged

In response to a long standing crusade to get a second Decaux toilet on the east side of the Haight's shopping district, the Department of Public Works issued a notice that four sites were being considered. At a meeting at City Hall on March 5, hearing officer Rick Cunningham eliminated one immediately because of its proximity to an ATM and heard testimony from neighbors about the other three.

People living near the sites on side streets said a public toilet should only be on a commercial street (Haight or Masonic); those on commercial streets thought it was more important that it not be in



The site last designated by the Department of Public Works for installation of a JCDecaux toilet is on Masonic near the northwest corner of Haight.

front of anyone's home. There were people who wanted it on Haight alongside Buena Vista Park; there were those who wanted it on Haight near the rear entrance to DeAvila School. But the one site everyone seemed to agree on was between Fell and Oak, on Masonic, where it bisects the Panhandle. Unfortunately, that site wasn't on DPW's list.

Another hearing is scheduled for May 7. This time considering a single site on Masonic near the northwest corner of Haight. It's in front of an apartment building with ground floor commercial space. What happened to that consensus opinion of the Panhandle location? Gonzalez aide Larry Roberts sat through the hearing and made copious notes but soon after left the employ of the city. Didn't Gonzalez get the message? Or does he feel, as DPW does, that Masonic and Haight is the best location?

To further complicate the "politics" of the issue, at a recent community meeting mayoral candidate Supervisor Gavin Newsom (District 2) weighed in on the subject saying, "It is the community that should determine the location of the toilet." Ah, therein lies the rub.

—Karen Crommie

### Public Hearing on Toilet Wednesday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m. City Hall, Room 400

The Department of Public Works will hold a hearing on the placement of a JCDecaux self-cleaning toilet on Masonic, approximately 75 feet from the northwest corner of Haight Street.

# Poll Indicates Saturday Park Closure Unpopular

Results of a recent poll conducted in early March indicate that San Franciscans appear to overwhelmingly oppose the proposed closure of John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park on Saturdays. Overall, the poll of 500 registered voters (with a margin of error of 4.4 percent) indicates that 61 percent of voters oppose the closure, while just 36 percent support closing the roads on Saturday. The roads are already closed to cars on Sunday. A whopping 78 percent indicated an interest in keeping roads in the park closed to cars on Sundays.

In Supervisor Jake McGoldrick's District 1 (Richmond), which borders the park's north side, only 22 percent of voters support Saturday closure.



The measure to close JFK Drive on Saturdays was defeated by the voters but continues to be championed by Supervisor Gonzalez.

Seventy eight percent oppose the idea, according to the poll. In Supervisor Aaron Peskin's District 3, 78 percent oppose Saturday closure and only 17 percent support it, while in Sophie Maxwell's District 10 (Hunters Point), 79 percent oppose Saturday closure and 21 percent support it.

Perhaps most startling, is the 84 percent opposition to Saturday closure registered in District 5, home of Board of Supervisors President Matt Gonzalez. Gonzalez is leading the effort to close the roads in the east end, despite the fact that it failed in two different measures brought to the voters in November 2000. Gonzalez recently proposed a new Saturday closure plan and it is currently at the Board's Land Use Committee, which includes Supervisors McGoldrick, Maxwell and Ammiano.

The numbers, which were collected by Berkeley-based Evans/McDonough, appear to confirm that San Franciscans are more opposed than ever to any plan which would close the east end of the park to cars for the entire weekend. In others words, the voters appear to be saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

—David Hatfield, Friends of Rec and Park

## The Rest of the (Above) Story

But what exactly were the questions asked in the polling of registered voters? And how were they phrased? That's what Chris Duderstadt (Alliance for Golden Gate Park) wanted to know.

First, he went to the sponsors of the poll, SFSOS (the new civic improvement organization). They refused to answer but referred him to Ken Garcia who had devoted his Chronicle column to enthusiastically reporting the poll's findings. Garcia in turn referred him to pollsters Evans/McDonough.

Duderstadt finally received a response from one of the firm's partners, Alex. P. Evans, that said, "Unfortunately, I'm unable to comply with your request at this time." One wonders why.

**Summer Children's Programs  
at the Park Branch Library  
1833 Page Street (355-5656)**

**Team up with Books  
Join the Summer Reading Club  
at the Park Branch Library**

**For all children through age 13  
June 7 - August 9**

**Thursdays, June 5, 12, July 3, 10, Aug 14, 21, 28  
at 11:00 a.m.**

*Lapsit Storytimes for 6 mos. - 3 yrs.: Share songs, and stories*

**Saturday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m.**

*Tie-Dye Craft Program in celebration of the Park Branch Open House. Pre-registration required.*

**Thursday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m.**

*Teressa Killeen "The Lizard Lady": Come meet amazing reptiles!*

**Thursday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m.**

*Rebecca Nile "The Bubble Lady": Watch her make bubble magic.*

**Thursday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m.**

*Bryce Stillwater "The Balloon Lady": Balloon twisting, magic and song bring stories alive.*

**Thursday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m.**

*Mystic Reality: Magic, clowning and circus arts presented by Alix Sutton and the Mystic Pixies.*

**Thursday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m.**

*Mark Bunnell "The Juggling Tornado": Come join the carnival of chaos.*

**Thursday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m.**

*Magician Gerald Joseph: Magic, comedy and surprising tricks.*

**Thursday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m.**

*Professor Funnybone: San Francisco's funniest ventriloquist brings his wacky cast of characters for an afternoon of comedy, magic and nonsense.*

*All programs at the Library are free!*

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## CVIA Board Actions

The following is a summary of what took place at the CVIA board meetings the last two months. Those wishing to bring a neighborhood issue before the board are welcome to do so. Meetings occur the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the home of a member. Call 362-0870 to learn the location.

### March

- Reviewed last meeting's resolutions, discussed current Haight issues, heard reports from committee heads and from delegates to 5Together and the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods.
- Agreed on support of a second Decaux toilet in the Haight commercial corridor as long as it is not in front of residential housing. Preference was on 1300 block of Haight in front of DeAvila School or on Masonic between Fell and Oak.
- Agreed that board members who were free to attend would make personal contribution of \$50 each toward a table for CVIA at the Friends of City Planning annual benefit dinner.
- Agreed to send a letter to Rec and Park asking that the space created by the Waller Street closure designated for hard surface recreation not be used for parking other than events held at Kezar Stadium.
- Discussed Rec and Park's plan to book much larger (regional) events, over 500 people, into Kezar Stadium. CVIA has supported the Kezar Advisory Committee's request for a transportation study.
- Since Walgreens has not replied to CVIA's letter of requests pursuant to the February 5 meeting, we will continue to follow up with phone calls and e-mails.

### April

- Reviewed last meeting's resolutions, discussed current Haight issues, heard reports from committee heads and from delegates to 5Together and the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods.
- Heard report from the Alliance of Golden Gate Park on the impact of cost-cutting on the building of the Concourse garage. Agreed to support their request for full disclosure of the revised budget from the "fiscal entity" of the Concourse Authority.
- Discussed Cole Valley Street Fair planned for October 19. Agreed to contribute \$100 for a table.
- Treasurer reported a generous donation of \$100 from long time member Dennis Martino.
- Reviewed the City Planning Department's new "Housing Element" and will file an objection to increasing density in established neighborhoods.
- Agreed that back issues of the CVIA newsletter would be made available on the Cole Valley Web site. ([http://members.tripod.com/~cole\\_valley/index.html](http://members.tripod.com/~cole_valley/index.html))
- Agreed to submit questions for 5Together's candidates' night scheduled for September 3.
- A letter from Claudia Abernathy, the daughter of Marie S. Mitchell, was read in which appreciation was expressed for the memoriam printed in the Winter newsletter.
- Reviewed the plan recently published by Transportation for a Livable City and agreed to write a letter expressing solidarity with its advocacy of alternative transportation but our objection to the elimination of current parking requirements until strict controls are in place to prevent abuse.

**CVIA Executive Board Members:** Chuck Canepa, Nancy Corsaut, David Crommie, Karen Crommie, Joan Downey, Lena Emmery, Carole Glosenger, Douglas Hall, Marianne Hesse, Richard Shadoian.

## What is the MCCP and Why does it Control the Concourse Garage?

In July, the Board of Supervisors is expected to approve the concourse garage environmental impact report (EIR) and a 30-year lease to the Music Concourse Community Partnership (MCCP) to build a garage in the heart of Golden Gate Park. In August the bulldozers start digging up the Concourse. The garage will be owned by the MCCP for 30 years and then gifted to the city.

To pay for the construction, the MCCP will take out a \$50 million loan at 3 percent interest. The plan is to pay for the loan with fees from the parking garage. Donations of \$36 million have been raised to pay for the garage but that money, from what we hear, will be used as collateral for the loan.

The fees for the garage will be \$2.25 hour and \$11 all day for those entering before 9:00 a.m. The garage will be open everyday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

In 1999, voters passed Prop J that promised a "pedestrian oasis" in the Golden Gate Park Concourse made possible by a privately funded underground garage.

According to the EIR, the MCCP is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, set up to manage the design, construction and operations phases of the concourse garage. Not much more is known except that it is obvious that they hold the purse-strings—and that the purse is not as fat as they had hoped for.

The Alliance for Golden Gate Park wanted to find out more about the plans and costs of the concourse garage but the fiscal entity refuses, in violation of the Brown Act, to release any but the most superficial information.

### What the Alliance does know

The design of the garage has been directed by Richard Young, President and CEO of the MCCP. The initial design included natural lighting and ventilation and many other amenities at a cost of \$60 million. The MCCP deemed it too expensive and sent the architect back to the drawing board. Natural light and ventilation were completely removed. Groundcover for the garage in front of the Academy was reduced to two feet. Only \$850,000 has been budgeted for replacement of two of the pedestrian tunnels.

\$300,000 of city funds is paying for design of surface improvements over the garage. Of much greater concern are the funds the Recreation and Parks Department are being required to commit to the "Restoration of the Concourse." Although Prop J states that, "...improvements to the surface area of the Concourse required by the construction of the parking facility shall also be constructed with funds received through philanthropic donations," we understand the cost for such "improvement" to the city will be many millions.

The Sierra Club has reviewed a financial analysis of the concourse garage and has found issues which indicate that the garage may not generate sufficient revenue to amortize the proposed nonprofit loan. This could mean that the city would have to assume payment.

—Chris Duderstadt

Note: CVIA's board voted to support the Alliance for Golden Gate Park with the following statement issued to the MCCP.

*In the spirit of open government, the Music Concourse Community Partnership should comply with the San Francisco Administration Code, CHAPTER 12L, which ensures that "nonprofit organizations with which the city chooses to do business operate with the greatest possible openness." Since the concourse is on public land, they should not be immune from any request for financial or organizational information.*

# CVIA's Letter to Walgreens

Gentlemen:

Thank you for meeting with the CVIA board and with concerned residents of Cole Valley. We appreciated your willingness to field questions and respond to complaints for nearly two hours. There are three main issues of concern to neighbors about Walgreens moving into the Stanyan and Parnassus location: added automobile traffic, exterior design, and hours of operation.

## Added automobile traffic

Stanyan Street is a two-lane, fairly busy street that is a main artery connection for traffic between the Castro via 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Cole Valley, Haight Ashbury, and Sunset neighborhoods. About 100 feet south of the proposed location there is a fire station that responds to about eight calls per day with either a fire truck or larger hook-and-ladder engine.

Parnassus Avenue is a transit corridor for three Muni bus lines. The 43-line has 10-minute headway (scheduled time between buses) during the day, the 6-line has 12-minute headway, and the 66-line, which turns on Stanyan, has a 20-minute headway. There is significant traffic traveling the route to and from UCSF Medical Center that tends to jam up west of Stanyan.

The current parking lot, which is 60 feet wide, has 11 spaces including one handicapped space and is striped for angled parking. If the lot is full, cars do not have room to turn around; they must exit from the lot by backing up onto Stanyan Street.

We understand that Walgreens plans to make deliveries up to three times a week using mid-size trucks in the parking lot. Other small delivery trucks will use the yellow zone on Parnassus. There are no current plans to reconfigure the parking lot.

Bill Hose estimates that there will be about 400 customers in the store each day. This means that a lot more people will be on that corner since the previous store had few customers. Even if a small percentage of these customers drive, the Stanyan/Parnassus intersection will be impacted. Autos backing out onto Stanyan Street, delivery trucks maneuvering in and out of the parking lot, and double-parkers will adversely impact the fire engines leaving the fire station on Stanyan Street, and the Muni busses on Parnassus.

## Some of the questions that neighbors raised are:

- How does Walgreens plan to manage the parking lot traffic to accommodate the delivery trucks – will cars be trapped in the parking lot when trucks are making deliveries while waiting cars line up on Stanyan?
- Are the delivery trucks small enough to maneuver in that space?
- If the trucks have to back out of the lot, will it impede traffic for long?
- What will happen if a fire engine needs to get by?
- What will Walgreens do to discourage double-parking by Walgreens' customers and delivery trucks?

## We request that Walgreens consider these changes to discourage car traffic and better manage the added traffic:

- Accommodate bicycle parking.
- Offer delivery service including deliveries to UCSF.
- Give a discount to those neighbors who present a valid Muni transfer or Muni Fast Pass.
- Sell Muni Fast Passes and tokens.
- Reconfigure the parking lot to accommodate better flow, so that cars do not have to back out onto Stanyan Street to exit.
- Install a "Right Turn Only" sign at the exit of the parking lot.

- Request that the area be a "double parking/double fine" zone.

## Exterior Design

The area of the proposed store location is atypical for Walgreens. It is a residential neighborhood whereas most Walgreens in San Francisco are typically found in business districts. Mt. Sutro Fine Foods had painted wall signs illuminated with 64 feet of fluorescent lighting fixtures on the Parnassus side and over 28 feet on the Stanyan side. These tube lights were 3 feet off the building and faced backward to light the painted-on wall signs up high on the building. An awning with printed advertisement surrounded the building. There are two display windows on either side of the door. The store as a whole had a small neighborhood feel – there were neither big signs nor bright lights. It's very quiet after 7:00 p.m. although there is still foot traffic.

We understand that Walgreens plans to retain the building as it is and not add any additional windows. There will be three signs: two 28 inch high "Walgreens" signs and one 12 inch high "Pharmacy" which will be illuminated (but dimmed down) during business hours and turned off outside of business hours. The fluorescent lighting will be removed. The awning will stay without any writing on it. The exterior color will be similar to the current color. The only other exterior change will be stone-colored tile up to 3 feet along the bottom edge. The interior, exterior, sidewalk, and parking lot will be kept clean and free of debris. A satellite dish for inventory control will be installed on the roof.

What size satellite dish will be installed and will neighbors experience any interference with their reception because of it?

## We request that Walgreens consider these changes suggested by the neighbors so that the store is better integrated with our residential district:

- Keep the exterior design consistent with neighboring commercial buildings. Consider a painted Walgreens sign instead of the plastic illuminated sign normally used. Big corporations, like McDonalds, change their signage in European cities to blend in with the character of city—so why not Walgreens changing for Cole Valley?
- Limit signage in size and illumination and limit exterior lighting at night so that there will be minimal impact on nearby residential housing.

## Hours of Operation

Mt. Sutro Fine Food's hours were 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and other stores in the area close between 8:30 and midnight.

We understand that Walgreens' hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These hours may change, shorter or longer, if the local shopping patterns warrant.

If the store is opened longer it may adversely effect the quality of life of the nearby residents, so we request that before changing hours, Walgreens hold a neighborhood meeting to get input.

We look forward to your response to our questions and concerns in this letter, and to further discussion with the hope that Cole Valley residents and Walgreens can come to an understanding that will insure both the acceptance by the neighborhood and the success of the store.

Sincerely,  
Joan Downey, CVIA President  
Copy: Supervisor Matt Gonzalez



**Would you like a copy of this newsletter sent to a neighbor? Leave a message at 431-1414 with their name and address and consider it done.**



## Curb Natural Areas Program

*Ed. note: The article below represents one side of a long running controversy. A rebuttal will appear in the August issue.*

Most San Franciscans want to preserve remnants of native vegetation, protect biodiversity, and prevent endemic species from going extinct. So why is the Natural Areas Program (NAP) so controversial? In short, because:

1) NAP plans call for the destruction of “non-native” vegetation and animals. The Management Plan calls for the destruction of many Monterey pine, Monterey cypress, and eucalyptus trees. Girdled trees and/or stumps are already easily found in Natural Areas at Lake Merced, Tank Hill, Bayview Hill, McLaren Park, and Mt. Davidson. NAP plans also call for the “removal” of ducks, geese, cowbirds, frogs, turtles, and feral cats. Many San Franciscans like these trees and animals in their parks.

2) The sand dunes that are natural to much of San Francisco are not suitable for public parks and recreation. Many old photographs show the blowing sand of original San Francisco. The public can now see an example of an artificially constructed sand park called “Parcel 4” at the corner of Balboa and Great Highway.

3) The NAP is large, and growing. Natural Areas already include over 1000 acres of San Francisco’s 3000 acres of park land. The Recreation and Parks Department has written plans to acquire much more, including grounds of Laguna Honda Hospital and Camp Mather near Yosemite Park. Most Natural Areas designated by NAP are NOT remnants of native vegetation.

4) NAP plans are not supported by science. The NAP plan has not been reviewed by their own Scientific Advisory Board. Eminent ecologists have described the NAP Management Plan as, “not viable ecologically, economically, or culturally” and “spinning out of control . . . overreached far beyond its goal of preserving the remnants of natural vegetation.” A member of the Scientific Advisory Board to NAP says, “I have read this plan and it is without scientific basis.”

5) The public is often denied access to public parks which have been claimed by NAP. When a park is turned into a native plant garden, other uses are often excluded. Examples are the fence and boardwalk at Parcel 4 and the planned fence around Pine Lake, which will prevent access to the lake shore.

NAP continues to alter public parks without any publicly established plans. The Green Ribbon Panel, selected by Rec and Park to automatically endorse their plan, has been disbanded. Until the Citizens’ Advisory Committee, established by the Board of Supervisors, presents a Natural Areas management plan which has been vetted by both scientists and the public, NAP should refrain from cutting or girdling more healthy trees, restricting access to public spaces, killing or removing animals, and from expanding into more public areas.

—Keith McAllister

### Police Commission Meeting

May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Park Branch Library

ground floor community room

1833 Page St.

(between Cole and Shrader)

**Ready or not, here it comes...  
The Haight Street Fair is Sunday, June 8**

## Music in BV Park Returns

The second annual afternoon of Music in Buena Vista Park is set for Friday, May 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the lawn at the summit of Buena Vista Park. The 36 acre city park is at the eastern end of Frederick Street, just a few blocks after it passes through the heart of Cole Valley. All entrances to Buena Vista Park lead uphill to the summit, though the most convenient for this event is at the intersection of Buena Vista East/West at Upper Terrace. Muni’s 37 Corbett bus line serves Cole Valley and also runs near this entrance.

Last October, over 300 people showed up for the first annual Music in Buena Vista Park. This year’s free-admission event will feature live music by Motown Review, who sounded just the right notes for some of the successful Music in the Parks series around



*Last year’s gathering demonstrated Buena Vista Park’s untapped potential as a site for neighborhood cultural events.*

the city last year. Wine, fruit and cheese, sandwiches, and other refreshments will be available at reasonable cost, or bring a blanket and picnic basket with your own provisions. It’s a great opportunity to mingle with neighbors, to stroll and catch the panoramic views of the city, bay and ocean from atop the Park; or to just relax and “mellow out” on Friday afternoon.

This year’s event also will feature the unveiling of a new aerial map of Buena Vista Park. The map is being permanently installed at the summit by Friends of Recreation and Parks (FRP), the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (BVNA), and the Recreation and Parks Department. FRP and BVNA are lead sponsors of the event; CVIA is a proud co-sponsor, along with our neighbors in the Mt. Olympus Neighbors Association (MONA). For more information contact BVNA at BVNA@ix.netcom.com or 431-2359, or FRP at 750-5224.

We hope to see you there, at Music in Buena Vista Park on Friday afternoon, May 23.

—Richard Magary, Buena Vista Neighborhood Association

### Save Those Last Thursday Nights

Captain Dan Lawson holds community meetings on the last Thursday of every month. He and his staff review criminal activity, park events and the general safety concerns of residents. Plan to attend each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Park Police Station, 1899 Waller St. at Stanyan.

**June 26, July 31, August 28**

Call Sgt. Mark Porto for details: 242-3032

**Note: There will be no meeting in May.**

## Postscripts

If you were wondering where the Easter Bunny was this year, **Joan Downey** solved the mystery. The annual Easter egg hunt in the Carl Street Muni Park simply didn't take place. The sponsors, **Vierra and Friends** (85 Carl) along with **Burgermeister** and **Tully's**, decided to take a break this year as did the Easter Bunny (really **Robert Service**, hair stylist at Vierra). The annual Easter egg hunt was started by Vierra and Friends 10 years ago for children of the shop's customers. Each Easter it attracted more people, until it became so big "it just wasn't the same anymore." Call it bunny burn-out. Belated thanks go to Vierra and Friends and especially to Robert, for his years as Cole Valley's Easter Bunny.



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**Richard Magary** tells us that the **Randall Museum's** "reopening" was a great success. Even **Mayor Willie** showed up and reminisced about taking his kids there in the 60s and 70s when he lived on Masonic. District **Supervisor Bevan Dufty**, who lives around the corner, also appeared disbursing his usual bubbly vibes.

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Several months ago CVIA president **Joan Downey** attended a meeting called by mayoral liaison **Olivia Swilley** with Cole Valley merchants to discuss a **Cole Valley Street Fair**. The merchants have since then investigated all the costs involved and have decided to go for it. (See the article on **Maryo Mogannam**, page 3.) The consensus is that the October 19 event will raise visibility for their services and also say "thanks" to the neighborhood. Whatever. I'm just glad they're doing it.

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**Eos** fans had nowhere to eat when Cole Valley's upscale restaurant closed in January for refurbishment. **Arnold Wong** and company finally got the message that, as good as the food was, the industrial look needed a little warming up. With a nod to the tapas trend, they've added more "small plates," which they've always done exceedingly well. Now if they'd just lay carpet.

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**The Incredible Dog Challenge** will take place in **Sharon Meadow** Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10. The dogs participating are among the best trained in the world. The free event will be televised for future prime time viewing. But don't bring your dog, it only makes for embarrassing comparisons.

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The city issued the second draft of its new "**Housing Element**" (blue print for development of residential housing) in February and neighborhood residents are deeply resentful over the increase in density earmarked for the old neighborhoods with "transit corridors" and the elimination of parking requirements for various new living units. Working from statistics gathered during boom times, the policy makes compromises designed to remedy a "housing crisis" and ignores the widespread impact to the look and feel of the city. There are plenty of places to designate for increased density like 3rd Street, Mission Bay and the former Hunters Point Ship Yard, but leave the old neighborhoods alone. Whew, it's good to get that off my chest.

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**Nancy Corsaut**, our newest board member, has taken on the task of distributing "welcome" packets to new homeowners within CVIA's

boundaries. Along with the latest CVIA News, these packets consist of a city map from Rec and Park; the Haight Ashbury Merchants' Guide; a CarShare brochure; the Rec and Park Dog Policy brochure and more. Please let us know ([cviasf@aol.com](mailto:cviasf@aol.com)) if we missed one of your new neighbors.

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There was so much objection to the plan floated by Rec and Park to allow events drawing megacrowds into **Kezar Stadium** that the proposed change in policy has been tabled for the time being. The transportation plan requested by the **Kezar Citizens Advisory Committee** revealed a nightmarish traffic jam any day such an event would occur. But Kezar neighbors be alert. These things have a way of coming back on the agenda when no one is looking, like during Christmas week.

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**Lena Emmery** has heard reports of identity theft from neighbors who have had letters taken from their mail boxes. She advises spending the time and money to secure your mail box before this happens to you. Be sure to check with the post office as to suitability of any new mail box before you install it. They have lots of rules.

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When you have a problem it's always good to have the name of someone in **Supervisor Gonzalez's** office you can talk to. That name would now be **Marianne Love**, who has taken the place of former administrative aide **Larry Roberts**. At the present time Gonzalez's legislative aide remains **Rob Eshelman**, although he's leaving too.

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Rec and Park tells us that the long planned closing of **Waller Street** between Kezar Drive and Stanyan will go out to bid in June with an estimated construction period of September to January (2004). Due to budget cuts, they've scaled down the project to include only the road closure and completion of a multiuse pathway connection. Both fixed and removable bollards (yes, that's the word) will bar the western end of the street.

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And it seemed like such a good idea. The herd of goats hired by the Water Department to clean up the wild area above **Lake Laguna Honda** (7th Avenue) fulfilled their task so well that "scorched earth" was the descriptive term that first came to mind. Environmentalists saw red and ordered the cloven-hoofed gardeners back on the truck to Chico.

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On Wednesday, July 16, **Enterprise for High School Students** will celebrate 25 years of participation in the Summer Gardening Program at Buena Vista Park. That's how long groups of students have been working alongside park staff learning valuable work and team skills. Congratulations on a job well done.

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During the weeks when "Fajitagate" was front page news, Park Police Station's **Captain Dan Lawson** let us know that "many of our officers are feeling bad and embarrassed regarding the current crisis in the SFPD. Our goals continue to be to enforce the laws professionally and be sensitive to the needs of our community. What none of us wants is to lose the confidence and trust you have in us. We remain accountable to the citizens we serve." The Captain didn't have to say

anything and yet he did. We appreciated it.

—Karen Crommie

# Letters

(Excerpts from longer letters)

*I strongly feel that our neighborhood urgently needs a full-service pharmacy. Let the profit and loss of business take care of the viability of Walgreens in our neighborhood. Indeed, I can assure you that failing to be profitable, Walgreens will find other venues that better serve their business need. If they can, in the process of establishing a location at Parnassus and Stanyan, make money, provide jobs, pay city taxes, take care of a property that might otherwise decay and deliver much needed goods and services to a neighborhood which will help make life more affordable in San Francisco, then more power to them. We, as San Franciscans must deal with reality responsibly. Putting our collective heads in the sand at the direction of a handful of chicken-little alarmists will only hasten our demise as a great city.*

Ted Loewenburg

*I personally feel that there can be NO pedestrian Oasis at the Concourse, if the "cross-Park" traffic is allowed to continue the way it now does. There has to be a way for visitors to the Museums who need motorized assistance (the aged, infirm, busses of children, etc.) to pull up to the front door. I see the creation of a "Concourse By-Pass Boulevard" as the ideal. It would connect Ninth and Lincoln traffic to 8th and Fulton traffic, by going east of the Academy of Science.*

John Barry

*On the issue of tolerance for sidewalk and driveway parking, I hope CVIA will NOT moderate its opposition to vehicles, no matter if their drivers "thoughtfully" allow for pedestrians and wheelchairs.*

John Zaugg

*It is ironic that in the mailer [regarding traffic circles] that DPT recently distributed, the pedestrian is not mentioned once. This is most unfortunate because these traffic circles will require a heightened awareness on the part of the pedestrian. One's peripheral vision will be more heavily relied upon since traffic will be approaching at unaccustomed directions. The sense of vulnerability for older people will increase with the knowledge that traffic will, in theory, not be obliged to stop.*

Jack Fahnestock

Full text can be requested from [fahnestk@earthlink.net](mailto:fahnestk@earthlink.net).

## Corrections

In an article on the Haight's Hippy Gourmet television show (Sunday's at 6:30 p.m. on Cable channel 29) the host was incorrectly identified. His correct name is **Bruce Brennan**.

The story about the N-Judah on page 8 incorrectly implied that Muni will be removing the line's Willard Street stop. It should have said that Muni is *considering* removing the stop.

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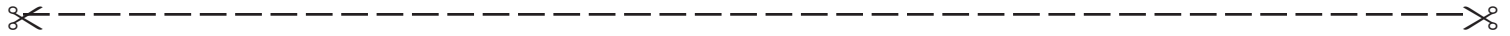
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be constructively involved in San Francisco's governmental process. Annual dues are \$20.00. Membership provides contact with other responsible neighbors, a quarterly newsletter and participation in an active forum for effecting change. If you would like to become a member, please send in your dues with the form provided.

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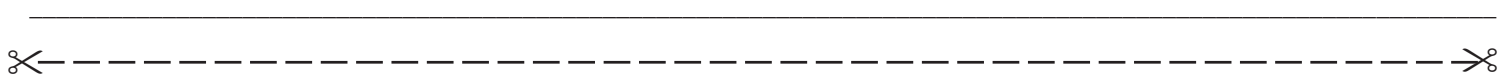
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