

NEIGHBORHOODS

THE HAIGHT

Charade. A new shop at 1740 Haight, Charade, offers all sorts of artwork — all from San Francisco artists. Paintings, drawings, photographs, wood artwork, ceramics, jewelry, wall hangings are some of what is available. They also sell artwork of prisoners from various state and federal institutions. Sandee, co-owner, is an ex-convict herself and tells us that displaying prisoners' work is vital to an understanding.

Storefront Classroom is a bi-monthly utopian newspaper. The same folks who do that are putting together a Traveling Gestalt Circus. They are now recruiting new members and partners "to add their energy and fantasies to this totally new experiment." The name of the game is multimedia utopian art, and every art form is welcome. To find out more, call 566-6502 or write c/o Storefront, Box 1174, SF 94101.

Bones. "Get up and boogie," shout the words to the song. And if you're like we are and can't resist an evening of imbibing and hard dancing... head for Bones. A gay men's disco located at 1840 Haight. The drinks are good, and the music will get into anyone's bones and have you out there on the dance floor with the best of them.

Remember, there's a cover charge, and you must have proof of age at the door. Once you get in, look for Lee. One of the best bartenders around.

My Fair Valley. Things are looking bright for Cole Valley, that compact, intriguing neighborhood a few blocks up from Haight Street. Houses are being painted, new trees have been planted.

There's somewhat of a problem, though, with—(how to say it?)—dog shit. Particularly in that stretch of sidewalk from Bradley's to Cole Valley Liquors to Courtneys—these three establishments are delightful inside, but why let the outside go to the dogs?

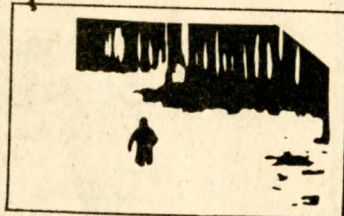
Tassajara Bread Bakery, Le Mistral restaurant, I Scream, and Say Cheese are drawing many new shoppers into Cole Valley. This can only be good for everyone in the area. Also, there's excellent browsing at Charring Cross Bookstore and wander down the aisles of Cole Street Hardware. Good wine can be

Register. The August 2 repeal election is coming up. Predictions are for a light turnout and a subsequent conservative vote. This might very well mean defeat of those same district elections that were voted in last November. And that, folks, isn't good. So come out and vote, even if you are leery of the whole political process. Having district elections for the Board of Supervisors is vital for our neighborhoods. It's better to have a representative who is one of us than one who has "progressed" from a fine alienation from his people. Register soon (as soon as possible) at Middle Earth Bookstore, the Public Library (on Page Street), Terry Hallinan's office on Haight Street, and other places, wherever and whenever. For more info on this upcoming fight to retain district elections, call Richard Ross at 621-9553.

gotten from Cole Street Liquors. And Bernice Moore, an excellent antique store newly moved here from the Inner Sunset, stocks some find goodies and knick-knacks (and also frame pictures).

Parking is a problem. Meter violations are common. And merchants park for long periods in front of their shops. Both cause shoppers to be out of parking space. It would be better for merchants to park elsewhere and let the people in.

The new River City Deli at Cole and Waller has opened. Try their delicious homemade salads and soups.



New owners have come into the Other Cafe—food and entertainment will continue as before, but with a different accent, we're sure. Kay Moran, founder of the Other, moves on, with our best wishes.

Soccer. The Haight/Ashbury People's Soccer Team is hoping to represent this district in a soccer league soon. But they need support and help—uniforms, insurance, transportation are necessary, and so they are seeking a sponsor for their team. "The cost of becoming a semi-professional team is beyond the personal reach of the team members," they tell us. All are welcome to come to practice sessions on Saturdays, in Golden Gate Park (on the fields near the children's playground), from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. And for any help in sponsoring the team, call Constantino Danatien at 731-6990.

Youth. The Earl Paltenghi Youth Center mural has been completed

at Belvedere and Waller St. Depicting the past, present and future, this is the third major mural project in the Haight Ashbury funded by Revenue Sharing. A dedication and celebration of the mural will be held on Sunday, June 5, 12:30 p.m. at the site of the mural, Belvedere and Waller Sts. Special guests will include the artists Charles Lobdell, Mrs. Evangeline Montgomery of the City Visual Arts Commission, representatives from Neighborhood Arts, and representatives from the major Haight Ashbury groups and organizations.

Refer all questions to Odis Cook 431-6568, or Judy Moser 664-5575.

NOE VALLEY

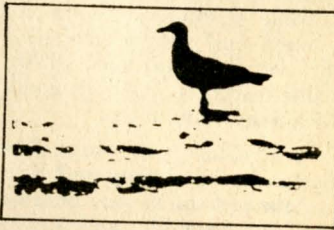
Meats. If you're just not into chain store shopping for fresh meats and fish, head over to Ver Brugge at 3939 24th Street. A real old fashioned meat market, and they have fresh fish daily caught from their own boat. There's also a fine deli selection and BBQed chicken for some fast eating for those who don't have time to fix their own.

Common Scents. It's just plain good sense to stop into Common Scents at 3920A 24th Street for your toiletry and bath needs. There are soaps, lotions, hair conditioners, shampoos and much more to pamper yourself with. Many of their products are made by a cosmetic chemist in Berkeley and come in a variety of scents and mixtures.

As well as these and natural oils, there's a fine selection of natural bristle hair brushes. And if you're wondering what to get Dad for Father's Day, they have an extensive array of shaving brushes, and even a special travel model.

Glass. Have you recently been through a shattering experience? Don't worry, Noe Valley Glass can fix you up. They've got glass for everything from windows to shower doors. And at prices that won't break your budget. They're fast and efficient and can generally fill your needs on the spot.

They also handle auto glass, but can only do that by appointment. So stop by and see them at 3915 24th Street, or call 285-3181.



Cookware. One of the best selections of gourmet cookware and accessories is available at Brigitte's, 3845 24th Street, right on the corner. And with your purchase, don't be surprised if Brigitte decides to share one of her fantastic recipes with you. An added, and most welcome, bonus for that very special meal.

There's also an outstanding collection of mugs, crystals, baskets, candles and china. There are unique items to please most shoppers, and the store is well laid out to make browsing and serious shopping a pleasant experience.

Hot Air. Just who are the World Headquarters S.F. International Hot Air Balloon Racing Society people, and how do you find them? And a special congratulations to Patti and Barry Wood of the Wooden Heel for their great open house on the 22nd. Many a passerby walked away smiling from a glass of bubbly.

Colorcrane. If you're an artist or photographer (or have dreams to that effect), stop into Colorcrane at 3957 24th Street, open 7 days a week. Aside from the usual art and photo supplies, they also have some specialty items. There's dyes for both painting and fabrics, canvas at incredibly low prices, silkscreen and calligraphy supplies.

They also carry Kodak's new ASA 400 color film, a revolution in high speed color photography. There's a great window display showing just what can be done with this new film. And if that's not enough — they're running a fantastic display on Luxo lamps, 15% off. And there's a mat cutter

in the back that you're welcome to come in and use. A great and friendly store.

Body shape. Get that old body back in shape at George's Noe Valley Auto Works, 4050 24th Street. If your car has suffered the "bumps and dents of outrageous misfortune" (to badly paraphrase it), George is the man to fix you up. He offers complete auto body repair, painting, and free estimates. You can call ahead to arrange a good time to see him (282-2665). He also will help you with restoration of your favorite old car.

SF Music. For a complete selection of band instruments, acoustics, harmonicas and recorders,

step into SF Music Shop at 4107 24th Street. Larry will help you choose the instrument you need to suit your ability and budget. And you can try out the instruments so you can get a good feel about what you're buying.

For those you think who could use a little extra instruction, they also offer music lessons, conducted in a back room of the store.

INNER SUNSET

Breakfasts. For those of you who've wandered around the Inner Sunset-Haight area looking for a

good early breakfast, the Front Room (1385 9th Ave.) is for you. They recently opened for breakfast, have a wide selection, and plenty of room to eat comfortably. Everything from good eggs to pancakes—plus some unique offerings, like banana pancakes and vegetarian omelettes. Peter, co-owner of the Front Room, started serving breakfasts because he couldn't find anywhere good to eat in the mornings. Also, Peter's a good person to meet—cheery and helpful. And if you don't think that means anything in the dismal morning, think again.

English Tavern. Robert's restaurant, a new eatery, has planted itself in the Chelsea Pub at Sixth and Irving. The two owners, Robert Warner and Robert Mammone, felt the dark wood atmosphere of the Chelsea, which serves a mixed crowd of easy going folks, was the perfect spot for their well-rounded fare. Beer batter cod and silver dollar chips, sandwiches and shish kabob are all served at a price a few bucks will cover. The

turkey salad, Mammone's creation, is spiced with raisins to make it mildly sweet. Roberts is open from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. For the closest thing to an English tavern in the Haight-Sunset, Robert's at the Chelsea is the place.



Plants and Photography. Photo Synthesis is a plant store where a wide selection of lush, green plants surround a small photographic gallery. If you are a serious photographer interested in exhibiting your work, contact Buck Hammond at Photo Synthesis.

There are lots of other things to

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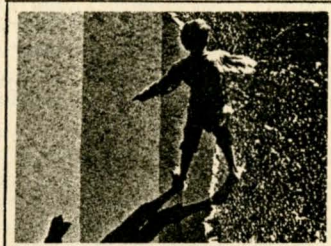
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enjoy. Outside, unusual cacti and succulent plants soak up the sun and enjoy the drought. Inside, each green plant has been individually selected to insure that only the healthiest are sold. There are shells and other things from the sea, like Venus Combs and Porcupine fish. There are plain and fancy baskets and decorative pots in all sizes and colors.

The owners are experts who will tell you just about anything you need to know about taking care of houseplants. They have a small reference library and a few carefully chosen books for sale. And there are good services included like delivery, decorating and making house calls.

Donuts. The largest selection of donuts around is Donuts & Things, at 9th Avenue and Judah Street. Gary Noe, the friendly co-owner, tells us about that famous 2-doughnuts-for-one deal that happens occasionally in the late evening. Also, rotating every week for six weeks, are special sales with prices something 50% lower than usual. One week sees

a sale in fill doughnuts, another in cake doughnuts, and so on. Or how about a free drink with an old fashioned steamed hot dog (100% beef); or an orange freeze week where the price is cut from 75c to 49c? Their best sellers, Gary tells us, are apple fritters and crisp buttermilk doughnuts. It's all quite a treat—and everything is made fresh daily. Stop in. Gary's



in and out of this and several other Doughnuts & Things throughout the City, with several more in our areas (18th & Castro, 9th & Clement). But he finds time to sponsor a youth baseball team, help a friend set up a restaurant near San Jose, and talk to the Bystander. The last, with all our questions, must be the hardest.

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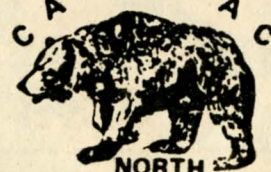
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EUREKA VALLEY

Aquarius. If you were walking down Castro and couldn't find Aquarius Records, don't fear. They merely moved across the street to 595 Castro. And the new shop looks fantastic. Everything well laid out so that you can find exactly what you're looking for — from the latest new releases to used albums.

The staff is helpful, courteous, and well informed. The prices are good, and the selection fantastic. Our congratulations to owner Chris on his new move — and a good one at that. And, they're open 7 days a week.

Paperback Traffic. If you're like we are, and just can't resist browsing in bookstores, then Paperback Traffic is the place to go. For new books you'll want Paperback Traffic 1 at 535 Castro. They've got a fine selection, of the latest releases, as well as a comprehensive stock of gay literature. There's also some fine photography on display to brighten up your flat.

Or, if the desire for a book is there, but the budget falls behind, cross over to 558 Castro to Paperback Traffic 2. This is one of the few used bookstores we've found (on either coasts) that is really complete. All the books are separated into sections just like a new bookstore, so you're not required to dig through piles looking for a possible find. Before you go in, check out the bin by the door for bargains as cheap as 50c.

Coffee. From French Road to Decaffeinated, Cameo Coffee has a fine selection of coffee beans, but much, much more. The walls are covered with huge jars storing an incredible variety of teas and fresh herbs and spices. There's literature explaining just what combinations are best for what

ails you, and Susan and the rest of the staff are a good source of first hand information.

They're located at 535 Castro in the Eureka Arcade. Just head back into the Bakery Cafe and it's right on the left. Don't let the size of the shop fool you, they've got a huge stock.

Beads. From the tiny little beads made popular in the 60's to beautiful scarabs, this store has everything for the craftsman — professional or amateur. There's all sizes, shapes, colors and materials available. And Marguer-



ite has provided handy trays for sorting and counting to make dealing with the little pieces easy and efficient. So if you want to make something special for yourself or friends run down to 417 Castro for some incredibly good buys in beads.

Jambalaya. Need some extra seating and can't find anything you can afford? Jambalaya, at 432 Castro, has a recent shipment of 2 different styled chairs priced under \$50. They're simple, comfortable and adjustable. They also have lots and lots of new stock including place mats, glass china and much much more.

Don't forget to stop in—and say hi to Charlie.

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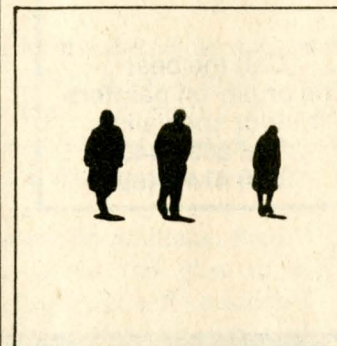
AT LARGE

Register. For the sake of keeping district elections, register. The August 2 election, and particularly Proposition A & B, is the focus of the current battle for decent representation on the Board of Supervisors. But you must register. People in alternative life styles tend to look at the political process as so much guff to avoid. But in this election, we can all insure that our representatives live among us, and share our "differentness" and our wariness toward special interests. You don't have to vote—contrary to what we hear all about us, people should be free not to have to vote. But this election is different. It will determine the structure of our whole political process — neighborhood-oriented, or city-wide (with its insensitivity to local needs.) Think of voting. And register in your community.

Gay Day Rally. The 4th annual is being planned for Civic Center Plaza on Sunday, June 26th. The Gay Liberation Alliance annually celebrates the victory of the gays at the Stonewall Bar on Christopher Street (in 1969).

Charles Reich, of "Greening of America" fame will speak on June 7 concerning the nature of per-

sonal relationships. This is put on by S.F. Gay Rap, meeting at the First Congregational Church at Post & Mason Street. On Tuesday, June 21, Armistead Maupin ("Tales of the City") will talk about his writing and answer questions. More programs. Call Paul Gibson, 661-2191.



An unusual program in classical music, complete with costumes and instruments from the period, is offered by the S.F. Early Music Society. Muse will perform medieval and renaissance secular music. "Art music" rather than "street music," the program will feature pieces by Machaut, Dufay, Josquin, Monteverdi, Weelkes, and others. The five artists in Muse will use voices, recorders, crumhorns, percussion, harp and fife. Place: Church of the Advent, 261 Fell. Call 431-1974, 863-3560. Time: Sunday, June 5, 8 p.m.

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