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Black History Event

f you were near John Muir School on the afternoon of Sunday, February 26th, it is likely that you saw a parade of neighbors and friends into the auditorium, and heard cheering and clapping throughout the afternoon. The event: "Gathering Our Youth Through Positive Beginnings", the 3rd annual Black History Celebration sponsored John Muir Principal, and Dei Ashcraft, Director of Western Addition Beacon Center, headquartered at the school, for arranging the space. Dozens of our youth, neighbors and friends were able to participate in a program that focused on the youth, and showed respect for some of the many positive role models in the community.



One portion of the Queen of Sheba skit shows the Queen (portrayed by Asha Hannah) and her court. This popular part of the Black History Month program included a procession through the auditorium, presentation of gifts to the queen and a narration of the importance of the Queen of Sheba to many cultures in ancient times.

by SF Western Addition Drill Team/Drum Corps and Hayes Valley Community Partners. This event has grown from its beginnings in the Community room at Hayes Valley South to filling the auditorium at John Muir with close to 200 people!

Ms Ruby Johnson, Director of SF Western Addition Drill Team/Drum Corps worked for months planning the event, with help from other agencies participating in Hayes Valley Community Partners (including HVNA). Particular thanks go to Ms Wheaton, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi presented a Commendation to Alvilla Campbell, a beloved neighbor in Friendship Village. This was followed by a community presentation to Ms Campbell as thanks for her good example to youth and to all of us in living a good life everyday. Her words were inspirational to all. Skits included Queen of Sheba, Rosa Parks (on the 24 Divisadero!), March on Washington, and Harriet Tubman. There are community speakers such as Charles Spencer, and performers such as Lady Gwen and Sis Cheryl from Hayes Valley Christian Fellowship.

Cecelia Sheppard and Clara McDaniel acted as emcees throughout the event, with a theme that ran all afternoon "What Would The World Be Like Without Black People?"

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President's Column

By Paul Olsen



Thank you for your confidence in the workings of Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association. The slate of Board members selected by our Nominating committee was unanimously approved by the membership at our February meeting. There is more information about the new Board elsewhere in the Voice. Please read each of the articles in the Voice to get info on happenings in the 'hood. These include the Black History Month event, the proposed development at 1844 Market, community events, and more.

I have now served on the Board for 4 years. this last as President. In that time I have gotten to know more and more of the people who make up this very dynamic and diverse neighborhood. I have also gotten to know many of the people outside of the neighborhood who affect our lives, such as elected officials, the hard-working folks at many City agencies, civic groups, and others. While we don't always agree on everything, there is one thing that I hear consistently: HVNA is a very effective voice for the neighborhood. This is due to the hard work of many people. I appreciate the wonderful people who have served on our Board and our committees, and urge everyone to become as involved as possible in the workings of the organization as we move further into the year.

I look forward to seeing you around the 'hood!

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Upcoming HVNA Meetings
Thursdays, 7-8:30pm
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Afrocentric Parenting Classes

Classes are FREE & Meet the DHS Requirements for Family Reunification

The sessions will take place on Tuesdays, May 2–June 20, 2006 from 1–3 pm at Bethel AME Church. For registration information call 415.776 4439.

Give Till It Hurts

Actually, it doesn't hurt at all, but it can help many people. We're speaking of the Blood Drive sponsored by Volunteer Match. On Thursday, April 6th, there will be a donor van in front of their offices at 385 Grove Street from 9am-Noon. Schedule a time by visiting www.bloodheroes.org and entering Sponsorcode "VolunteerMatch".

Pet Peeves

We're all getting a little cranky as the weather switches back and forth from sun to rain, and that applies to our pets, too. After being cooped up indoors, they are eager to run through the neighborhood. As we let them enjoy the great outdoors, please be sure to see that they are not ruining other's enjoyment.

Most of the neighborhood has little space for plantings, and each of our parks is a true oasis. As responsible pet owners we need to be sure that our dogs' enjoyment is not at the expense of neighborhood children. Please be sure that your dogs are within your control at all times and that you clean up after them.

Many of our neighbors have street trees, and some have landscaped the small area in which they grow. One exuberant dog can destroy months of toil. Pay attention to areas where your neighbors have been gardening, and keep your pets from ranging too close. That way all of us can enjoy the outdoors!

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Black History Month



Alvilla Campbell makes heartfelt remarks after receiving presentation from Hayes Valley Community Partners representatives Sandra Bolden and Ruby Johnson at the Black History Month event.

In answer to this question, throughout the program the emcees listed the many inventions of African Americans over the years, including the comb, clothes dryer, refrigerator, traffic light, and the elevator, to name a few.

HVNA Board members were busy at the event, too. Richard Johnson managed the sound system, Paul Olsen and Jim Warshell helped with serving the soul food supper, and Horus Tolson conducted the SGI-USA Chorus. Ms Ruby's vision, combined with the collaboration of the organizations within Hayes Valley Community Partners, made for a memorable event.

Hayes Valley Playground Fundraising



Recycle your old cell phones and help the Hayes Valley Playground

■ You can recycle and help raise needed funds for one of the neighborhood's great resources, the Hayes Valley Playground. Bring empty inkjet cartridges (in a zip-lock bag) and old cell phones to the playground, and staff will ensure they go to the right place. If the playground is closed, or you need some groceries, there is a drop off box at the Hayes Market right across the street from the playground.

Benefits to the playground include prompt payment for donated items. Benefits to the community include supporting this great resource, reducing pollution and saving energy. For more information, contact JaNet Morris at 415.554 9526.

Work for Beauty

Improvements in Our Parks

That does that mean? It means that our Beautification committee and other neighborhood groups are hard at work beautifying our neighborhood. In the past few weeks, more than a dozen rhododendrons were planted on the hillside in Koshland Park, and a new layer of mulch lifted a bucket at a time onto the hill. The newest addition to the Park is another truckload of bark chips, lifted into place also a bucket at a time by volunteers from the neighborhood and beyond.

Volunteers make a difference at **Koshland Park**

Rebecca Bozelli and Suzi Paladini, along with Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group Director Barbara Wenger, have taken the lead in improving Koshland Park. The second Saturday of each month there is a workday at the Park. February and March saw our area gardener and others from Rec and Park, volunteers from Neighborhood Parks Council, Walden House, International Schools, HVNA and more doing everything from digging holes to pulling weeds. It was

interesting to watch HVNA Board members Jim Warshell, Richard Johnson, Ed Bedard and Paul Olsen load buckets of mulch, one shovel at a time, and then lift those buckets to other volunteers on the hill. No one needed a trip to the gym that weekend! The March workday in Koshland Park has just passed, but more fun in the park is scheduled. See the calendar for the specific dates, including a pruning day in May, guided by Friends of the Urban Forest.

Green Space at Hayes Valley Playground, Too

Gail Baugh has been helping coordinate workdays at Hayes Valley Playground as well. Check the calendar for dates to help in that effort. Last year kids in the neighborhood grew strawberries and sunflowers (among other efforts) at the Playground, and the excitement as they came toward harvest was electric.

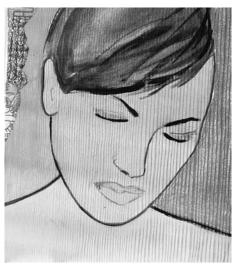
Please email Jim Warshell, Beautification committee chair, at beauty@hayesvalleysf.org for more information on efforts in the neighborhood. We can use your help, and your ideas, and you will meet some terrific people, too.



Students from the International Schools hard at work during March workday at Koshland Park.

Third Fridays Art Reception

Once a month, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi hosts an art reception in his office. These events take place on the third Friday of each month from 5pm to 8pm at San Francisco City Hall, 1 Carlton B Goodlett Place, Room 282.



Gold Face Eyes by featured artist Shiva Pakdel

The March 17th reception features artist Shiva Pakdel and honors International Women's Day and the Nourouz (Persian New Year.) Shiva Pakdel grew up in Abadan, Iran and combines East and West history, art and culture in her art. For those of you who missed this event, her works can be viewed at www.shivapakdel.com.

The next art reception will be on April 21st and the public is invited to attend.

Be a NERT!

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) is holding sessions throughout San Francisco, and the training is FREE! The goal of the program is to help citizens be self sufficient in a major disaster situation by developing multifunctional teams cross-trained in basic emergency skills.

Our area will be hosting its sessions on April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9th at Ella Hill Hutch from 5pm-8pm. To enroll, please leave a message to reserve space at 415-970-2024 or email sffdnert@sfgov.org. Please provide name, phone number, location and start date of the class. More information will be available at the HVNA meeting in March.

New HVNA Board for 2006

Membership Elects Diverse Board to Represent Hayes Valley

t the annual meeting in February, the slate of Board members selected by our Nominating committee was unanimously approved by the membership! This group represents some people who have previously served on the Board as well as others who have been active in the neighborhood.

have been active in the neighborhood and on committees. In appointing the Nominating committee, President Paul Olsen and the Board of Directors gave them the charge of promoting the diversity of the neighborhood.

Nominating Committee Had a Great Pool of Candidates

The nominating committee consisted of Chris Pederson, Ed Bedard, Gail Baugh,

Hasinah Rahim and Ruby Johnson, all active in the neighborhood and on various committees and organizations in Hayes Valley. As they reported at the annual meeting, they had a great pool of interested candidates, and put together a great slate for membership consideration. One interesting thing about the slate is the number of new members and the number of returning members who have agreed to take on new responsibilities. There are five new Board members, and 4 members whose roles on the Board are new to them.

This year's board is made up of Paul Olsen, President; Frances Neagley, Vice President; Warren Dewar, Treasurer; Richard Johnson, Membership Secretary; Jason Henderson, Corresponding Secretary; Adam Millard-Ball, Recording Secretary; at large members Ali Shabahangi, Ed Bedard, Gerri Hayes, Jim Warshell and Robin Levitt; and associate members Horus Tolson and Sirena McCart.

Hayes Valley - A Very Special Place to Live

Olsen's statement sums up the feelings of the entire Board very well. He says, "This next year, our hope is to continue combining the social aspects of the neighborhood with the nuts-and-bolts aspects. The beauty of our neighborhood is in more than its architecture – it is largely in the people of all walks of life who live, work, worship and enjoy recreation here. HVNA and its committees must continue to work toward more involvement of all our neighbors in the community. Our goal is to continue being supportive of the wonderful people from throughout our neighborhood who make this a very special place to live."

Outgoing Board Members Instrumental in Our Success

Chris Pederson, Leigh Stackpole and Patricia Walkup rotated off the Board as of the election, although each has pledged to remain involved on committees and as active neighbors. Each of our

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retiring Board members has been instrumental in the successes we have had in the past. We owe each of them a large debt of thanks, and know we can count on their continued involvement in the neighborhood.

After the vote, those attending were able to socialize with both the incoming and outgoing Board members while enjoying dessert

provided by Citizen Cake. The compliments regarding Board members rivaled those regarding Citizen Cake's pecan sandies! The new Board is already involved in planning for the future. While space does not allow for an in-depth look at each Board member, more information may be found on our website, www.hayesvalleysf.org.



Board members Paul Olsen and Jim Warshell take a break from serving attendees at the Black History Month event in February. Olsen and Warshell are among the many Board members who can be found at events throughout the neighborhood. (They are more often seen with gardening gloves!)

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Meeting Highlights

he March meeting of HVNA will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at the First Baptist Church, 7 Octavia Blvd. The meeting runs from 7-8:30 pm and will focus on diverse aspects of our neighborhood. There will be a presentation on Living Streets and a possible pilot project on one of our alleys to show how this can enhance the livability in a dense neighborhood. We have asked for a presentation from BayRock Residential, the developers of 1844 Market St, the former Sue Mills property, which includes a large expanse on Market St next to the LGBT Center. There is also significant frontage along Waller St., which is where the parking entrance will be located. The proposal is to construct a 114-unit, 8-story, 80 foot tall residential building with about 5,470 square feet of ground floor retail space on Market Street. The developers will be going before the Planning Commission on April 6th, and this will be a good opportunity to see their current proposal. Also on the agenda will be representatives from OES and NERT discussing emergency preparedness. With the 100th anniversary of the '06 Fire and Earthquake soon upon us, we all need to be aware of how we can better prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies.

The April meeting of HVNA will be held on Thursday, April 27th. At this meeting we will have a presentation on the traffic survey of our neighborhood soon to be completed by the City. With the opening of Octavia Blvd, transit through our neighborhood has changed greatly. This has affected private vehicles, MUNI, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as neighbors who report incessant noise and difficulty exiting driveways. SF Bicycle Coalition has asked to speak about changes to the bike lanes on Market St, too. We are also planning a neighborhood-oriented emergency preparedness presentation. This will build on the details from the March program, and help us to be prepared at our neighborhood level.

We encourage you to attend, and participate, in these meetings.

S.F. Sewer System Master Plan Project

■ We rely on our sewer system everyday. Every time you flush your toilet, wash your dishes or take a shower, your wastewater and storm water are transported through over 1,000 miles of pipelines under the City, to three wastewater treatment plants. Harmful pollutants like oil, debris, dirt, and pesticides are removed before the water is emptied through large pipes into the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay.

Right now our sewer system is old with many of our City's sewers approaching 100 years of age. In January 2006, the SFPUC launched the S.F. Sewer System Master Plan to address these issues and much more. The Master Plan will be a long-term response to the City's wastewater needs to take us through the next 30 years.

We invite you to join us at one of the following Master Plan Public Workshops. Learn more about your sewer system, get involved early and make sure your voice is heard.

- Saturday, March 25th, 10am-12:30pm, at the Alex Pitcher Conference Room at the Southeast Community Facility on 1800 Oakdale Avenue.
- Tuesday, March 28th, 6pm-8:30pm, at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium on 99 Grove Street.

The same information will be provided at each meeting. Visit www. sfsewers.org for more information.







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HVNA Membership Form

Join Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association. Just return your completed form with a personal check made payable to Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association.

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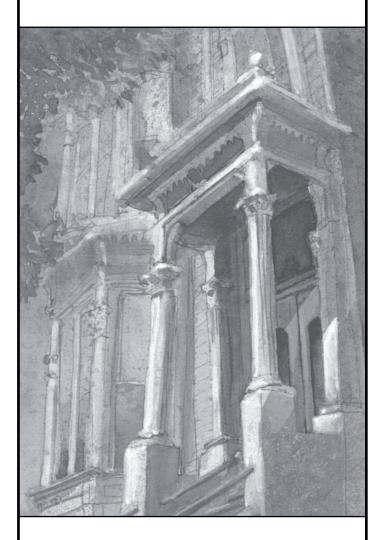
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03.23, Thursday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting

7 Octavia (at Waller) Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org Topics: Living Streets, Emergency Preparedness



04.03, Monday 7-8pm

H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee 1st Monday of each Month Korean American Community Center 745 Buchanan (at Grove) Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

04.05, Wednesday **7-9**pm District 5 Together

1st Wednesday of each month Northern Police Community Room 1125 Fillmore (at Turk), parking Contact info: www.sf5together.org

04.06, Thursday 9am-noonVolunteerMatch Blood Drive

Donor Van in front of 385 Grove Street Schedule a time by visiting www.bloodheroes.org and entering Sponsorcode "VolunteerMatch"

04.08, Saturday 11am-2pm

Koshland Park Work Day

Meet at Koshland Park basketball court Corner of Page and Buchanan Help make your park a clean, green and safe space. Contact info: Rebecca at rabozzelli@Yahoo.com or 987-0433

04.13, Thursday 6-7pm

Northern District Community/Merchant's Work with police, city attorney & district attorney's offices to find permanent solutions to ongoing safety issues.

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Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum

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04.15, Saturday 9am-noon

Hayes Valley Playground Work Day

691 Hayes Street (at Buchanan) Volunteers needed to help clean, green and beautify our local park. Contact Info: Gail at 626-6120

04.27, Thursday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting

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Pruning Workshop in Koshland Garden with Friends of the Urban Forest:

Koshland Park, corner Page/Buchanan Contact info: Rebecca at rabozzelli@Yahoo.com or 987-0433

05.11, Thursday 6-7pm

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05.25, Thursday 7–8:30pm H.V.N.A. General Meeting

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