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For Rent A Sign of the Times

For Rent signs are becoming more common in the neighborhood as the economy cools. On www.Craigslist.org, a community-oriented website, the number of Apartments for Rent and Rooms for Rent postings has risen dramatically.

In August of 2000, there were fewer than 500 postings a week advertising apartments for rent. In August 2001, there were over 3,000 postings per week for apartments. The Rooms for Rent category has increased to over 2,500 postings weekly in August 2001, up from around 500 postings weekly in August 2000. As the number of listings grows, asking prices are slowly dropping. Bad news for landlords; good news for renters.

Getting There On Time MUNI's Performance Improving

The latest report on MUNI shows the transit agency making improvement in reaching performance goals. From an average of 50% on-time arrival at the beginning of the year, the agency managed to reach an overall 65.5% level by mid-summer. In some cases, better maintenance and scheduling made the difference; in other cases transit schedules were revised to more realistically reflect actual performance. The Metro trains now are on-time 63% of the time. Diesel coaches arrive on-time 67.8% of the time. The electric trolleys 66.1% of the time.

By reaching a system-wide goal of 65%, MUNI has reached one objective established after the voter approved Proposition E that aimed to reform MUNI. The goal is for MUNI to reach an 85% on-time performance rate by 2004. For Eureka Valley, the biggest improvement has come through the addition of Muni Metro Castro Shuttle which runs only between the Castro and Embarcadero stations during morning and evening rush commutes.

Want to avoid waiting around? Try <http://www.nextbus.com/> for satellite-tracked arrival times for the Shuttle, K, L, M, N & J metro trains.



Hundreds gathered on the lower terrace of Dolores Park to enjoy the afternoon San Francisco Mime Troupe shows on Labor Day Weekend.

Ark House Program Director Quits

Thomas Landry, program director of the The Ark House facility at 2500 Market, has resigned. His letter is reprinted below:

Dear neighbors,

I want to let everyone know that I have decided to resign as Program Director. I want to thank all the neighbors for working with me to ensure a successful program at the Ark House. Earning the trust and respect of the neighbors was one of the high points in my role as Program Director.

I wish the Ark House continued success in making a positive difference in the lives of LGBTQ young adults. Over the next several weeks I will work to ensure a smooth transition to the new people or person hired by the Ark of Refuge.

Regards,

Thomas Landry

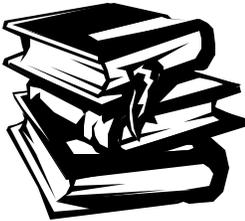
EVPA thanks Tom for his hard work and wishes him continued success. The newsletter will announce his successor as soon as announced.

The all-volunteer Neighborhood Advisory Board has an opening for someone who wants to help keep The Ark House program strong and focused. If you would like more information on how to participate, please email GSerina@aol.com or call 552-9625

Test Results Released Local schools still struggling

The state's Department of Education has released the results of state-wide testing that took place last spring. The information below shows comparisons to national averages. Here's how schools within EVPA's boundaries performed in 2001 versus 2000:

	Reading '00/'01	Math '00/'01	Lang. '00/'01	Spelling '00/'01	Science '00/'01	Soc. Sci. '00/'01
Everett Middle Grade 8	30/28	36/33	30/30	31/28	-/-	-/-
Harvey Milk Civil Rights Elem. Grade 4	33/41	30/23	34/34	36/43	-/-	-/-
Mission High Grade 11	12/15	34/33	22/21	-/-	22/22	28/34
Rooftop Elementary Grade 4	78/71	63/61	73/64	71/71	-/-	-/-
Grade 8	82/80	78/88	83/84	63/65	-/-	-/-
Sanchez Elementary Grade 4	30/26	35/36	35/31	33/26	-/-	-/-



The percentages are the national percentile ranking. Scored on a scale of 100, the numbers show how that grade at that school performed versus the national average. The results are online at www.sfgate.com/news/star/

New Gay Men's Health Clinic Coming to the Castro

A city-funded HIV prevention/management program is being proposed for 4122 18th Street, near Collingwood (the former Stadlander's Pharmacy site, now vacant).

The program, aimed at HIV positive and negative gay men, is exploring a variety of formats that combine health clinic services with a general 'sex positive' ambiance. It will provide services on a drop-in basis and by appointment. Hours of operation have not been set.

The City currently operates "Health Center #1" at the corner of 17th Street and Pond Street also providing HIV and STD services. Issues that may concern EVPA members about the new facility include proximity to Collingwood Street that already houses several service providers, and objections from other neighborhoods, which say their HIV education and testing needs are unmet. Deborah Levine, consultant to the project and author of *The Joy of Cybersex*, will present to EVPA membership at the September 20th general meeting.

FYI: Officer Nominations in October/November

EVPA's annual election of officers will be held at the November general meeting. Nominations for positions can be made at the October or November meetings. The elected positions are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and the three board members whose terms are expiring. Questions? Contact the Internal Affairs Committee at herbcohn@pacbell.net or 621-6637.

School Supply Drive

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy is holding a Back-to-School Supply Drive to help ensure students have the everyday items they need. If you are able to donate any of the items listed below, please drop them off at the Principal Sandra Leigh's office at 4235 19th Street. Call 241-6276 for information.

- ✎ Pencils
- ✎ Pens
- ✎ Colored Pencils
- ✎ Crayons
- ✎ Paper
- ✎ Folders
- ✎ Binders
- ✎ Art Supplies
- ✎ Glue
- ✎ Scissors

S.F. Ranks #5 on Kid Friendly List

A recent survey of 25 major cities ranked San Francisco fifth in overall kid friendliness. The environmental organization Zero Population Growth looked at 17 quality of life indicators to reach its conclusions. The report did note that San Francisco has the fewest children per capita than any other city in the state. Census figures show the under-18 population is 112,802, down from 116,883 in 1990. The area in which San Francisco ranked best was in children's health. See the report at www.KidFriendlyCities.org.

2001 Officers & Board Members

President	Lion Barnett
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Recording Secretary	Mike Babbitt
Treasurer	Heide Chipp
Board Members	Drew Bertagnolli
	Nila Camino
	Herb Cohn
	Michael Crawford
	Joe Foster
	Judy Hoyem
	Rachel Resnikoff

EVPA Bylaws to be Revised for First Time Since 1975

EVPA's Internal Affairs Committee has completed the arduous task of revising and updating the organization's bylaws. Please attend the General Meeting on September 20th to vote on this important item. EVPA's Board endorsed the revision at its September 4th meeting. Voting is for EVPA dues-paid members only.

This insert will explain the significant changes being made to the bylaws, along with the reasoning behind the changes. Please write down any questions and bring them to the general meeting September 20th.

The revised document accomplishes the following:

1. Clarification of the two types of membership in the organization (Individual and Household) along with the right of every member to receive a copy of the bylaws and a membership roster.
2. Clarification of voting rights by tying them to dues status.
3. Provide for a method of member resignation.
4. Designation of the Internal Affairs Committee as the organization's Nominating Committee. Most organizations have a nominating committee to run elections, and develop board candidates. The Internal Affairs Committee will take on this job.
5. Establishment of term limits for both officers and board members. Term limits encourage participation in the running of the organization, while allowing termed out board members to run for another position.
6. Delineation of specific duties for each of the officered positions. These duties are mostly a codification of what is currently practiced.
7. Establishment of an annual budget requirement.
8. Expansion of the pool of organization check signers. While the Treasurer will still sign checks, obtaining the second signature will now be an easier job.
9. Revision of the organization's committee structure. This revision will correspond to the committees currently in use, and includes the requirement that each committee be chaired by a board member (as mandated by membership at the beginning of this year.).
10. Establishment of the order of business for general meetings. This section also requires that the agenda for General Meetings be set 7 days prior to the meeting.

Complete copies of the proposed bylaw revisions are now available online (www.evpa.org/revision.pdf) or by calling 621-6637 and leaving a message for mailing.

Please take the time to consider these changes. A lot of work went into preparing this document, and your vote regarding it is important. Please attend our September meeting to participate in this process.

PCS Antenna Proposed in Firehouse

Metro PCS has filed an application to install a wireless antenna at Fire Station #6 located at 135 Sanchez, just north of Market. The proposal by Metro PCS is to "flush mount" a total of 9 panel antennas on the existing Fire Station tower. They would not extend above the top of the existing tower, and would not increase the current height of the building.

Once the antennas are installed, they will be painted to match the field color of the tower so that they become visually integrated into the building's elements. Representatives from the installing firm, Tetratech Wireless, will be on hand at the EVPA's September 20th general meeting to discuss the installation and address any member concerns.

Wells Fargo Returning to Castro Street

Wells Fargo Bank is opening a retail branch at the former Headlines retail space in the 500 block of Castro. It should be open by the first of the year. Representatives of WFB attended the last EVPA general meeting and described their plans. Members asked the designers to be aware of security and vagrancy issues when creating the ATM foyer. Wells Fargo will continue to operate its ATMs on Market Street as well as its Safeway express bank.

John Frank Restaurant Adding Small Patio

John Frank Restaurant, 2100 Market @ Church & 14th Street, has received a City permit for a small outdoor seating area to be located in their parking lot. The small patio will have a stucco wall surrounding it. The EVPA Board has expressed support for the project with the provision that the valet service may not offset any parking space lost to the new construction by using on-street spots or other parking lots.

Agenda for General Meeting

**September 20, 2001, 7:30 pm; EVRC Gym
100 Collingwood ST between 18th & 19th**

Key Items:

1. Bylaws Revisions 7:30 pm (see article)
2. Gay Men's Health Clinic Presentation 8:30 pm (see article)
3. MetroPCS Antenna Presentation 8:40 pm (see article)
4. Regular business

Have Fun & Make Money

Sunny Fall weather means it's almost time for the annual Castro Street Fair, slated for Sunday, Oct. 7 from 11 am until 6 pm. The Castro will be filled with sizzling food, cold drinks, live music, dancing and all merriment that the Castro neighborhood can muster. Each year the Fair raises funds for non-profits, including the EVPA. The more volunteers we can muster, the more money EVPA will raise and be able to use for projects. Come have some fun, get some sun and help out the EVPA by contacting lion_barnett@dph.sf.ca.us or 255-3624 (work phone with voice mail). More information on the Fair itself at www.CastroStreetFair.org

Where in the World is Eureka Valley?

The Eureka Valley Promotion Association encompasses neighborhoods commonly referred to as Castro, Upper Market, Twin Peaks and, of course, Eureka Valley. Membership in EVPA is open to anyone who lives, works or owns property within these boundaries: Dolores Street, 22nd Street, Twin Peaks, and Duboce Avenue. It's the heart of the City!

See your place from space. Click on www.mapquest.com and enter your street address. When it shows the street map, click the Aerial View tab for an actual satellite photo of your place.

Handy Resources for Home

Report Litter	28-CLEAN
Report Graffiti	241-WASH
Police Non-Emergency	553-0123
Help A Homeless Person	431-7400

(City's First Response Outreach Team)

Caring for an elderly parent or friend? Find resources on in-home care and community-based care for seniors in San Francisco at www.sfgetcare.com. If you are caring for someone outside S.F, the National Council on Aging has a new website to help seniors and their family members determine eligibility for Federal and State benefits. Click on <http://BenefitsCheckUp.org/>

Used motor oil and latex paint can be picked up for free by calling 1-800-449-758. The materials will then be disposed of safely. It's all part of the City's Hazardous Waste Management Program.

How Many Homeless are There?

The City is launching its 2001 Homeless Count on October 25th from 8 pm until midnight, and is seeking volunteers to assist in the effort. The measurement helps allocate City resources. Call the Mayor's Office on Homelessness at 252-3136 or MayorsOffice_Homelessness@ci.sf.ca.us

Davies Campus to Evolve Over Time

At a Community Meeting on August 21, officials of California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) revealed more details of their developing plans to consolidate and coordinate medical services at Davies and CPMC's other facilities (Childrens/Marshall Hale hospitals on California Street and Presbyterian hospital in Pacific Heights).

Over the next 6-8 years, existing Davies buildings will be retrofitted to meet current seismic requirements and the new operating plan. There also may be some new construction at Davies, though no additional parking spaces are planned. Davies will emerge by 2008 as CPMC's continuum of care facility for all of the city, with in-patient beds primarily for skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and perhaps psychiatric care. Medical offices to support these activities also will be at Davies.

The facility is projected to experience significantly increased activity loads (patient and visitor numbers, pedestrian and vehicle traffic, etc.). The Davies Emergency Room would be closed by about 2008, replaced by an urgent care center, probably operating on less than an around-the-clock basis. Then, true medical emergency patients would go to a new CPMC major acute care hospital at the current Childrens campus in Laurel Heights.

CPMC will hold more Community Workshops, and will begin filing city and state permit applications for the project this fall. For more information go to CPMC's website at www.cpmc.org; contact Ann Moser, CPMC's director of public affairs at mosera@sutterhealth.org or 415.923-3921; or EVPA member Richard Magary at magaryr@ix.netcom.com or 415.431-2359.

Pets Are Wonderful Support Seeks Support

When someone falls ill, the companionship of a long-time pet provides comfort. The organization best known for helping ill pet owners with emotional & practical support is PAWS. The organization will soon be moving from its 16th street location and seeks donations of: 1800 square feet of office space, a 16-port Ethernet hub, white copy paper, Pentium laptop computer, surgical masks, scoop litter, Advantage flea medication, and Petromalt. Call 415-241-1460 or e-mail info@PAWSsf.org.

Photo Contest Become Famous

Take a photo that shows the **Best Aspects of Life** in the neighborhood and send it to us!

If we use it you will receive absolutely no money, however, you'll have the glory of seeing it in print along with your name. E-mail it (high-resolution) to Michael@sfCHATcafe.com or mail to CHAT, 498 Sanchez ST San Francisco, CA 94114.

General Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the last general meeting are not currently available. Our congratulations to Recording Secretary Mike Babbitt and board member Nila Camino for tying the knot in Fiji! Minutes will be presented in a subsequent, post-honeymoon issue.

Upcoming Meetings

September 20

General Membership Meeting

October 2 Board of Directors

October 18 General Membership Meeting
Board & Officer Nominations

October 30 Board of Directors

November 15 General Membership Meeting
Elections!!!

December 4 Board of Directors

Committee Reports

Internal Affairs

The work of the Internal Affairs Committee comes to the forefront with the first Bylaws revisions since the 1970s. Please see extended article in this issue for details on how your association is updating itself.

Utilities, Transportation & Neighborhood Commerce

The Committee is opening a dialogue with other neighborhood groups to build consensus on elements of "good neighborhood business." Progress will be reported, as information is available.

Membership & Promotion

The M&P continues to enhance the design of the newsletter, is beginning work on a membership packet, and will soon update the website. Organization membership continues to grow. Cub Reporters for the newsletter wanted. Tell us what you think about the new format: Michael@sfCHATcafe.com

Want to get involved in EVPA s committees?

E-mail us at info@EVPA.org. **Committees:** Utilities, Transportation & Neighborhood Commerce, Planning, Public Health & Safety, Education & Recreation, Membership & Promotion, Finance, and Internal Affairs.

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Deadline for the next issue is **October 1**. Ads may be submitted electronically.

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If your address label below indicates that your membership is expiring (the code is yyyy mm), please renew now!

OR If you'd like to become part of EVPA's work in your neighborhood, please join EVPA today!

Reason #2 To Join or Renew

To get positive things done in your community!

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Address Service Requested



The summer sun attracted hundreds to "Dolores Beach" (aka Dolores Park) this Labor Day Weekend. People worked on tans, kids and parents grilled out, and dogs played ball.

Membership Application

Or join online at www.EVPA.org

Name: _____
First Last

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Address: _____ Apt. _____ Cross Street: _____
City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code _____

Day Phone:(_____)_____ Evening Phone:(_____)_____

Email Address: _____
(EVPA does not share your contact information with other groups)

My concerns/interests for our neighborhood include: _____

I am interested in working with the following EVPA Committees:

City Planning/Zoning Transportation/Utilities/Neighborhood Commerce
 Public Health/Safety Education/Recreation Membership/Promotion
 Finance Internal Affairs

How did you hear about EVPA? _____

Annual Membership dues are \$15 per calendar year for individuals or \$24 for households. EVPA is a non-profit California corporation.

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