

OBITUARIES

EVARISTO VASQUEZ Honored by tres amigos

Evaristo Vasquez said on his death bed that he wanted to meet his grandchildren in Fresno whom he'd never even seen, and he promised to stop drinking. But it was too late.

Years of heavy drinking caught up with the congenial 5-foot-1 Mexican American and he died Sept. 13 of liver complications at S.F. General Hospital. He was 68.

"I visited him in the hospital," said Liz Del Gadillo, his social worker of four years. "I had been worried about him for some time. He was such a sweet, sweet soul. I asked him to promise to quit and he said, 'I promise.'"

She was one of five mourners seated in a circle at Mr. Vasquez's memorial in the small Listening Post room at the Ambassador Hotel where he had lived for just one week.

One resident said she didn't know him, but thought it important to be there because "we're all family at the Ambassador."

Mr. Vasquez had lived at least four years at the Franciscan Towers on Turk Street. But the apartment building burned April 5 and owner TNDC sent residents to its other SROs to live. Mr. Vasquez was at the Le Nain on Eddy and Polk before being sent Aug. 11 to the Ambassador. One week later, he was taken by ambulance to S.F. General, where he was in and out of intensive care. His family came from Fresno to visit him.

Three of his drinking buddies at the memorial had not known he was hospitalized and were shocked to hear he died.

"He didn't bother anybody," said one who had known him three years. "He was a good friend to me."

"He didn't argue with anyone," said another. "But alcohol was his temple. I told him, 'Be careful — too much is dangerous.'"

The third amigo, Ricardo, talked softly at length in lilting Spanish, at times gesticulating with gentle hand movements. Del Portillo, teary-eyed, interpreted much of it.

Ricardo said Mr. Vasquez, whose people came from Oaxaca, was a day laborer who bonded with others while hanging out on Cesar Chavez Street waiting for work. Ricardo had known him 16 years and in that time Mr. Vasquez had stayed in every shelter in the city, he said. He and his friends made sure that when Mr. Vasquez was intoxicated they got him shelter and food. They'd put him in a shower, clean him up and get him into fresh clothes.

Mr. Vasquez visited his relatives in Fresno a few years ago for a month and abstained, Ricardo said, but when he returned to the Tenderloin, he resumed. It takes trauma to change an alcoholic, Ricardo said, pulling up his right pant leg, showing a brace on his scarred leg. He injured the leg three years ago and stopped drinking for his health but he said Mr. Vasquez could not stop. At times, he invited Mr. Vasquez to his alcohol-free house for dinner and encouraged him to quit. Sometimes he allowed him to stay a week or two. Later, when Mr. Vasquez's friends would find him drunk on the street, they'd take care of him.

Rev. Glenda Hope, who conducted the ceremony, said to the three, "He was lucky to have such good friends as you, and I thank you."

They nodded. After her closing remarks, they shook her hand. ■

— TOM CARTER

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San Francisco Animal Care & Control Pet Pride Day 2011

Sunday, October 30, 11am – 3pm, Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park
For more information visit: http://helpacc.org/petprideday/Pet_Pride_Day_2011.html

Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco

The Redevelopment Agency, on behalf of Community Facilities District No. 1 ("CFD 1"), is requesting proposals from California licensed landscape contractors who possess a Class C-27 license or equivalent to provide landscape maintenance and other related services. Responses to (RFP) will be accepted until November 4, 2011, 4:00 p.m. Copies of the RFP packet are available at 1 South Van Ness Avenue, Fifth Floor, or online at www.sfgov.org/sfra. Questions? Please contact Audrey Kay, Property Management Supervisor, (415) 749-2485.

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Mayor's Office of Housing/ Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Residents, business owners, representatives of community-based organizations and other stakeholders are invited to attend a community meeting being convened by the Citizen's Committee on Community Development, Mayor's Office of Housing, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development to solicit ideas concerning San Francisco's FY '12-'13 RFP's for our city's Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2011; 6:15pm-8:15pm at Donaldina Cameron House, 920 Sacramento St. San Francisco, CA 94108. For more information visit: www.sfgov.org/moh or call 415-701-5500

Dept. of the Environment

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Still every year we send 400,000 TONS of material to the landfill, 2/3rds of which could be recycled or composted. We need your continued support and participation to remain on the path of success. If you have questions about what to put where, check out the EcoFinder at <http://www.sfenvironment.org/>

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The San Francisco Department of Public Health Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program offers benefits to low income pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, postpartum mothers and women with recent pregnancy terminations; infants and children under the age of 5 years. Benefits include nutrition, breastfeeding education and support, supplemental foods and referral services. WIC staff speaks English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Cambodian. For more information, please call (415) 575-5788. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

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