

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ART EVENTS

People in Plazas summer concerts at Mint Plaza, off Fifth and Mission streets, noon-2 p.m.: July 6, Manteca, Latin jazz big band from Canada; July 13, Pat Wilder, gospel and blues vocals and guitar; July 20, Caliente, 10-member Latin jazz band; and July 27, Bolero y Mas, classic Latin jazz and Cuban salsa.

People in Plazas summer concerts at U.N. Plaza, noon-2 p.m. July 10, Presence Felt, R&B; July 17, Hi Watters, Surf rock; July 24, Little Brown Brother, Pinoy jazz; and July 31, Colin Williams, New Orleans, blues and Latin jazz.

EXIT Theatre, *Angel of the Poor*, a comedy by Austrian playwright Clemens Berger, produced by OneHeart Productions, EXIT Studio, 156 Eddy, July 6-15, Thu., Fri., Sat., 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. Tickets: BrownPaperTickets.com (1-800-838-3006); *ENRON* written by Lucy Prebble, directed by Ben Euphrat. West Coast premiere of OpenTab Production's dark, comedic view of the people behind the greatest corporate crime in American history. EXIT Theatre, 156 Eddy, July 12-Aug. 17, Thu., Fri., Sat., 8 p.m. Tickets: www.enron2012.com.

Main Library films: Set in San Francisco, *The Maltese Falcon* (1941) July 5, noon-2 p.m., Koret Auditorium. John Huston's noir classic stars Humphrey Bogart as private detective Sam Spade searching for his partner's killer. *Vertigo* (1958) July 12, noon-2 p.m. James Stewart and Kim Novak star in Hitchcock's obsessive tale of passion and dizziness.

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOUSING

Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., Dorothy Day Community, 54 McAllister St. Call: 421-2926 x304.

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of the month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

CBHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5-7 p.m., 1380 Howard St., room 537, 255-3695. Consumer advisers from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1010 Mission St., Bayanihan Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough St., 5th Fl. Call: 905-6264. Family member group, open to the public.

SAFETY

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team training (NERT). Central city residents can take the S.F. Fire Department's free disaster preparedness and response training at neighborhood locations. www.sfgov.org/sffdnet, or Lt. Arteseros, 970-2022.

SoMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 538-8100 x202.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of



Pat Wilder, a blues, gospel, and rhythm and blues singer and guitarist, plays July 13 at Mint Plaza.

the month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com, a districtwide improvement association.

Central Market Community Benefit District, board meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., 3 p.m. Information: 882-3088, http://central-market.org.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy St. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Works to protect SoMa resources for all residents. Gene Friend Rec Center, 270 Sixth St. Info: Tim Figueras, 554-9532.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District. Full board meets 3rd Monday at 4 p.m. Call 292-4812 for location or check

nom-tlcbd.org.

SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudine del Rosario 749-2519.

South of Market Project Area Committee Housing Subcommittee, 1st Wednesday of the month, bimonthly 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom St. Health, Safety and Human Services Committee 1st Wednesday after the 1st Monday bimonthly, 1035 Folsom, 6 p.m. 487-2166 or www.sompac.com.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon, Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Information: 928-6209.

Tenderloin Neighborhood Association, 2nd Friday of the month, 842 Geary St., 5 p.m. Nonprofit focuses on health and wellness activities to promote neighborly interactions. Info: tenderloinneighborhood@yahoo.com.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

Mayor's Disability Council, 3rd Friday of the month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, 2nd Thursday of the month, 9 a.m.-noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. Monthly programs, 965 Mission St. #700: Senior Housing Action Committee, 3rd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Call for health program and Senior University: 546-1333 and www.sfsan.org.

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Braving Market St. crazies to make a pretty penny

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an 800 and 5150 to me. Send us some security, man."

Still, their dreams of enrichment were undimmed. "We come out of this store, people be offering us \$1,000-\$2,000 for the pair," Jordell noted.

As the week wore on, the line outside Shiekh Shoes began to draw daytime attention, as well. The strategy of the young friends was to misinform in case the truth about the quick profit would add to the competition.

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SHOE ENTHUSIAST

To the pedestrians who questioned, "What's on sale?" they answered, "Air Jordans." Someone asked, "When?" and they replied, "Sunday" — the day after the announced sale date. With only 3,000 pairs of Air Yeezy II rumored to be distributed nationwide, the Oakland lads were taking no chances.

"You've got to stay on the phone, on the computer. You've got to be watching all the time," Anthony said. By midweek the Internet carried a story that a rogue pair of Air Yeezy II had drawn an eBay bid of \$90,000. In the fine print the hint was buried that Kanye West himself had pumped up the price.

"It's going to be snakes on a plane out here," Anthony said. "It already is,"

Ikem agreed.

The growing solidarity of the hardy campers was impressive. Together they had drawn up a list marking their respective places and they were guarding each other's turf. They all programmed emergency SFPD telephone numbers into their cell phone. They even knew to summon the Tactical Squad, the fast responders to street dustups.

The campers had appointed prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges among themselves to argue and settle any disputes about line ranking or the loss of position through an overlong meal break. Almost all were veterans of retail queues. Internal bickering had to be quickly and efficiently squelched or it would hurt the chance to snag the swag, whether concert tickets, Apple's newest gadget or the hottest sneakers in pop culture.

Inside the shoe store Manager Stephen Ebinuwah was cool. He refused to reveal the store's intentions. "Don't even know if we're going to get any," he answered to endless queries of when Air Yeezy II would arrive and how many would be for sale. He did know that his store, one of 127 in the nationwide Shiekh kingdom, was the only place in San Francisco that had any shot at the new product.

As sale day approached — Saturday June 9 — Anthony reviewed exit strategies with Jordell and Ikem. In their minds they had the shoes in hand and needed a plan to get out of the store and home safely with their hard-earned prizes.

"Maybe they let us out the back," Anthony said. His associates, thinking



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Shoe-in: Ikem Ezekwo, Anthony Huges and Jordell Bevineau stand in front of Shiekh Shoes on Day 2 of their Market Street marathon to buy a pair of collectible shoes.

Stevenson Street might be a mob scene too, vetoed that idea.

"We could run to BART," he said, motioning to the subway entrance a few doors down toward Fifth Street. "They got security there." The three collapsed in laughter at the thought of sprinting into a BART station, Air Yeezy IIs in hand, fleeing the mob lusting after their score.

Around 6 a.m. Saturday, the early planning paid off. A quartet of older, rougher guys tried to muscle the line, claiming first spots. Someone in line punched in the SFPD numbers. Before officers arrived, the strangers sidled off.

Two hours later they returned, threatening violence. Again, the cops were called and this time they con-

fronted the would-be thugs, reminding them of the certainty of urban rules, especially the concept of orderly lines. No officer invoked the city's sit/lie rule. Civility was restored.

The door to Shiekh opened at 9 a.m. and the patient purchasers were finally allowed in. Anthony, Jordell and Ikem each got their pair of Air Yeezy II at \$250 plus tax. "Not sure if anybody behind us in line got any, though. Love them," Anthony said. They packed their gear and hightailed it back to Oakland.

The next day, Anthony sold his pair of Air Yeezy II for \$1,800. Jordell sold his for \$1,300. Ikem kept his. He'll take them to New York when he starts school this fall. ■