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**Daly's kickoff party;
Profiles of contenders**

EXIT² Central City

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**A plan to secede
Make TL a city
with its own mayor**

BINGE

They're baaack! That quirky collection of live performances called the San Francisco Fringe Festival hits the stage Sept. 4 and for 12 days will bring several thousand Fringers to the neighborhood.

In the 11 years since EXIT Theatre has been presenting the Fringe, it has expanded its own venues into a complex able to handle 35 shows on a rotating schedule — three theaters in two locations a block apart: EXIT Theatre and EXIT Stage Left at 156 Eddy and EXIT on Taylor at 277 Taylor St.

Another 20 shows will be staged at seven other theaters around the city in the festival's Bring Your Own Venue segment. While the Fringe Central shows at the EXITs each run 60 minutes or less, the Own Venue shows either run longer or require unusual locations or sets.

The shows are not selected by audition; rather it's first come, first served. A group from Los Angeles — neo-SURREALIST SYSTEMS pRESENTS: "Hoe-Down!!!!" — has the application process down. This will be its ninth appearance at the S.F. Fringe.

Frequent Fringers will also remember four-time performers Banana, Bag and Bodice — formerly of San Francisco now of New York — staging "Gulag Ha Ha."

All shows are bargain-priced at \$8 or less with the entire box office going to the performers. If you want to binge on the Fringe, pick up a Frequent Fringer pass to 10 shows for \$55.

Check out the Fringe Festival Web site at www.sffringe.org. ■

— Geoff Link

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FRINGE

TL sidewalk cleaning gets \$90,000 from city

The Tenderloin Sidewalk Improvement Program will keep its cleaners rolling next year with a \$90,000 addback from the Board of Supervisors. The final celebration can't come, though, till the mayor signs off on it; only then will Public Works direct the funds to TSIP.

TSIP's scrubbing carts are a familiar sight on Tenderloin sidewalks as they scrub-a-dub everything in their paths to a more palatable patina.

Shawn Collins, director of TSIP, called the money "crucial." "It's exciting to be able to continue the public/private partnership as we've done the last few years," he said. TSIP's goal

is to be "sponsored" more by area merchants and property owners than to depend on city money.

DPW has been amenable to coordinating its street cleaning with TSIP's schedule, and the neighborhood benefits, said Collins.

Ed Lee, director of DPW, agrees. "Trash knows no boundaries," he said. DPW's machines concentrate on gutters and streets, while TSIP's machines deal with sidewalks. DPW's Green Machines are too heavy for the Tenderloin's sidewalks, so TSIP's lighter-weight machines take on that task.

TSIP is a model commu-

nity cleanup program, Lee said. Letters from neighborhood merchants, property owners and residents groups helped to get the addback. "We all prayed together; it was badly needed money," Lee said.

The addback was awarded for various reasons, said Richard Allman, TSIP board treasurer. On June 1, at a Department of Public Works and Public Protection Commission hearing, TSIP was presented as a model community-based cleaning program, he said. "Isn't that wonderful? The Tenderloin being the model for once."

Supervisor Chris Daly also

helped get the DPW funds for TSIP, said Allman. "Chris Daly took the lead in supporting services like this."

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TSIP got \$10,000 less than it asked for from the city, Allman said, so to meet the projected program budget of \$325,000, contributions from area property owners and merchants will have to increase. If the neighborhood doesn't "buy in to it," Collins said, "they are taking

advantage of us."

The DPW money in part will be used to hire a TSIP trainee from San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners who will be hired full time.

Madeline Panaligan, manager of Up and Away Café at Turk and Jones, a particularly ripe spot, said that TSIP's extra cleaning helps business. "It's very important for the neighborhood," she said.

Now that the supervisors have given TSIP the funding, said Allman and Collins, area merchants and property owners must "step up to the plate" and add their two cents (or more). ■

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