

Kim snags Sanders' blessing, shares his spotlight

Senator's endorsement a bonanza for D6 supe's campaign fund

By MARK HEDIN

DISTRICT 6 SUPERVISOR Jane Kim made national news in May when Bernie Sanders endorsed her bid to replace termed-out Mark Leno in the California Senate.

Kim was one of eight state-office candidates nationwide who got the Vermont senator's nod. His press release cited her work as a civil rights attorney and advocate for affordable housing and fair wages in San Francisco.

Sanders, who has Kim's backing in his presidential bid, didn't mention Kim's leading role in the Twitter tax break, or that she made the Citizens Advisory Committee a rubber stamp for city deals with tech companies.

Kim is running to replace Leno, who's being termed out after eight years in Sacramento. Her chief rival is District 8 Supervisor Scott Weiner, who also got a U.S. senator's endorsement, Dianne Feinstein's.

Besides Kim, Sanders spoke up for House of Representative candidates in South Carolina, Justin Bamberg and Terry

Alexander, Clara Hart in South Dakota, Joe Salazar in Colorado, David Bowen in Wisconsin, Carol Ammons in Illinois, and, in his home state of Vermont, Chris Pearson, who, like Kim, is a candidate for the state Senate.

The Chronicle reported that Kim and Sanders met during the latter's campaign rally in Vallejo on May 18, where they discussed the cost of college educations. Kim has called for making CCSF free for San Francisco residents, while Sanders had advocated for free tuition across the board at U.S. public colleges and universities.

Sanders' endorsement gave Kim's campaign a tremendous financial boost. According to political consultant Storefront Media's Julie Edwards, "It was incredible. We've received donations from more than 10,000 individuals since the email (Sanders' endorsement) went out. Each donation averaged about \$5.

"Our opponent is backed by big corporations, but Jane has that strong grassroots support here in San Francisco and from people all over the country who believe we need to do more to help working families, not special interests." ■



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District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim, actor Danny Glover and presidential candidate Bernie Sanders listen to a question from the audience at Allen Temple Baptist Church in East Oakland on Monday, May 30.

GOOD NEWS

By MARJORIE BEGGS

POP-UP FOR THE PEOPLE A temporary oasis in the Tenderloin's fresh-food desert appeared May 25 when Bi-Rite Market staff brought deeply discounted fruit and vegetables for a two-hour, pilot pop-up sale at Arnett Watson Apartments, 650 Eddy St. More than 30 residents living at this 83-unit Community Housing Partnership property — supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families — showed up to buy 150 pounds of potatoes, peaches, snap peas, salad mix and more. CHP gave each adult resident \$10 worth of tokens and each kid \$5 to buy the produce — carrots for 25¢ each, strawberry baskets 2 for \$5, for example — that filled two 6-foot tables and sold out. Bi-Rite plans to be back at Arnett Watson for five more pop-ups this year, one a holiday market in November or December. If it continues to be a hit and runs smoothly, the high-end Mission District market will offer pop-ups as part of its community donation program. Elsewhere in the TL, food pantries offer fresh produce from the Food Bank for free to folks in 21 SROs.

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LOCAL ARTISTS San Francisco Arts Commission Galleries in 1986 presented its first Chain Reaction, a group exhibition that mimics a chain letter: A small group of selector-artists chooses other artists to exhibit who then choose other artists and so on. This year's Chain Reaction 12, presented in the Arts Commission's new main gallery in the renovated War Memorial Veterans Building, features the work of 21 emerging and mid-career San Francisco artists. The seven arts luminaries invited to initiate the chains were Oakland Museum of California Curator Rene de Guzman, Laurie Lazar and Darryl Smith from the Luggage Store Gallery, Kevin Krueger and Jorge Garcia from Alter Space, Margaret Tedesco from 2nd Floor Projects, artist Lynn Hershman Leeson, and arts professionals Maysoun Wazwaz and Rhiannon MacFadyen. The free exhibition opens June 10 with a celebration, 6-8 p.m. at 401 Van Ness Ave., and runs through Oct. 8. Gallery hours are Tue.-Fri., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: sfartscommission.org/gallery.

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SUMMER JOBS AND BEYOND

The city's Youth Jobs+Initiative kicks off its fifth year this summer, helping 16- to 24-year-olds find summer jobs and paid internships and year-round employment. The collaboration among United Way of the Bay Area, city departments and private employers helps about 5,000 young people yearly to get work experience.



COURTESY OF DAVID BAYUS

Still from David Bayus' short film Hermit, part of SFAC's Chain Reaction 12 exhibition. Animated figures navigate a contemporary, surrealist environment.

Among the many jobs posted: The Hyatt Hotel has internships open, Starbucks is looking for baristas, Bi-Rite wants an ice cream scooper, Safeway a cashier and Applebee's a server. Major program

funding comes from JPMorgan Chase, PG&E, Starbucks, Bank of America and Enterprise. Info: sfyouthjobs.com or call 3-1-1 or 2-1-1. ■

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