

# Central City Extra wins 4 Press Club awards

By MARJORIE BEGGS

CENTRAL CITY EXTRA once more took home kudos from the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club's annual event honoring regional journalists for excellence in their craft. At the Sept. 30 luncheon in Redwood City, The Extra won four awards in the non-dailies newspaper category for stories and graphics published in 2015.

Mark Hedin's "New super smack puts Public Health in crisis mode," his September story about increased overdoses in the city by fentanyl-users, won in the news category. Designer Lise Stampfli-Torme's digital illustration of naloxone, the antidote to heroin overdose, accompanied Hedin's story and won in the editorial cartoon category.

John Burks won for "I can still hear it," his personal remembrance of The Blackhawk, the "scabrous" Tenderloin

jazz joint that opened in 1949. Burks became a regular patron after moving to San Francisco in 1959 and was there when it closed in 1963. His story, a winner for a feature story of a light nature, appeared in the July Extra.

Tom Carter and photographer Paul Dunn's profiles of diverse central city residents won in the series category: "Curran House," featuring the Filipino Listana family, in the April issue; "Latina with a cause" in June, the story of single mother Morena Perez from El Salvador; "Being Muslim in TL," the September narrative of the Kaids, a Yemeni family; and December's "The second wave," John and Van Nguyen's tale of coming to the Tenderloin from Vietnam in the 1990s.

More than 100 journalists from 29 news organizations in 11 Bay Area counties competed in the contest. Their 241 entries were judged by press clubs in Cleve-

land, Florida, Houston, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Orange County and San Diego.

This was the 39th Greater Bay Area Awards program of the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club, a professional organization of journalists, artists and others working in newspapers, television, radio, magazines, public relations and on the Internet.

Since its first issue in 2000, The Extra has been regularly reporting on the life — and death — of the people, projects and businesses that comprise the central city, San Francisco's lowest-income neighborhood. ■



Prize winning illustration by Lise Stampfli accompanied Mark Hedin's Super Smack story, also a winner.



John Burks' reminiscences of the legendary Blackhawk jazz club in the TL.

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**New super smack puts Public Health in crisis mode**

Heroin-like opiate fentanyl's punch fast, can be lethal

By Mark Hedin

**A POWERFUL DRUG** is causing the party in San Francisco. Fentanyl, a synthetically produced blood-white, fine-powder opiate, is "the scariest one out there," according to Dr. Phillip Coffin, director of substance use research at the Department of Public Health. "It's the only one we measure in micrograms instead of milligrams," Coffin said. "You just can't snort it (measure an appropriate dose) in the streets." Fentanyl is "up to 100 times more powerful than morphine and 30 to 50 times more than heroin," according to a March news release by the Drug Enforcement Administration. "There is a white powder 'HEROIN' going around that is causing a lot of folks to overdose," reads a flyer distributed by the Homeless Youth Alliance and San Francisco Needle Exchange. "This heroin has been tested and is fentanyl, a really strong opiate. So if you are using it, please don't use alone and remember you can always call 911."

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**DIVERSE CITY**

Nabihah Kaid, from Yemen, could not allow her face to be photographed, so helping with her Muslim faith. Here she cradles Lucky, the pet of a Curran House neighbor, a friend of her 7-year-old son.

Tom Carter and Paul Dunn won for their Diverse City series.

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