COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community discussion about the problems at the JC Decaux toilet at Boeddeker Park and possible remedies, Wednesday, July 7, 5:30 p.m., 301 Eddy Community Room. More information: DPW director's assistant: 554-6919.

Help plant trees in the TL and Lower Polk, Saturday, July 31. Meet at 8 a.m. at Boeddeker Park. Pot luck lunch follows planting, co-sponsored by North of Market Neighborhood Improvement Corp., Lower Polk Neighbors and Friends of the Urban Forest. More information: Elaine Zamora (440-7570) or tenderlointreecampaign2004@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOUSING

Consumer Housing Group, 1st Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., Mental Health Association, 1095 Market St., Suite 408. Contact: 241-2926.

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

Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., 111 Jones. Contact: Belinda Lyons, 241-2929.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. CMHS advisory committee, open to the public. Contact: 255-3474.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 1095 Market, Rm. 609. Contact: 241-2926.

CMHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30, CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Contact: 255-3428. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

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

SAFETY

SoMa Police-Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6 p.m. Location changes monthly. May meeting is at The Arc, 1500 Howard at 11th Street. Contact: Lisa Block, 538-8100 ext. 202, or Jan Rasmussen, 553-1155.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Contact Tim Agar, 674-6142, or Lt. Juanita Hodge, S.F. Fire Department, 558-3456. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com. Districtwide association, civic education.

Mid-Market Project Area Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Contact Carolyn Diamond, 362-2500. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Eighth street.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Contact Jerry Jai at 358-3956 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact: Betty Traynor, Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260 ext. 101.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Contact: SOMPAC office, 487-2166.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact 474-2164. TL 2000, jobs, neighborhood planning.

Tenderloin Merchants Association, contact Jamie Cutlip, 553-4433 ext. 22 or jamie@urbansolutionssf.org.

Boeddeker Park cleanup, 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by the Friends of Boeddeker Park. To RSVP to work or for information, contact Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

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

Tenderloin Police Station Seniors and Disabled Meeting last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Concerns specific to seniors and the disabled.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 975 Mission #700. Fundraising, first Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pedestrian Safety, second Friday, 10 a.m.; Sr. Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Health, last Thursday, 1:30. Information: 546-1333.

SUPERVISORS' COMMITTEES City Hall, Room 263

Land Use Committee McGoldrick, Maxwell, Peskin, Monday, 1 p.m.

City Services Committee Dufty, Ma, Hall, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Budget Committee Daly, Sandoval, McGoldrick, Thursday, 1 p.m.

OBITUARIES

AUSTIN "TEX" ENGLE
Seemed to have nine lives

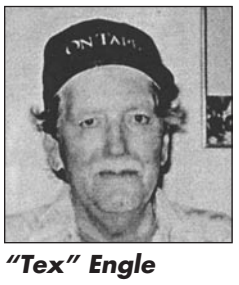
At a June 9 memorial in the residents' kitchen of the Ritz Hotel, a few fellow tenants gathered to share memories of Austin Engle, who died in early June at age 70.

"He was a damn good man," said one.

"He was a strong man, but also kind and gentle and very congenial and courteous," said another. "Once he got locked out of his room with not much on, so I gave him a bright red shirt. He always said 'thank you' and 'please.' "

Mr. Engle, a former iron worker and leather crafter who had lived in the Tenderloin since the 1970s, moved to the Ritz in 1994.

"He liked living here," said the hotel social worker, "and he always paid his rent on time so he could come back here. He was a colorful person with lots of stories, a person who seemed to have nine lives."



"Tex" Engle

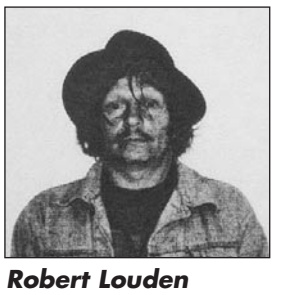
Mr. Engle is survived by a son, Kevin, and his ex-wife, Linda.

— *MARJORIE BEGGS*

ROBERT LOUDEN and PAUL ROACH
Well-liked SRO residents

Robert Louden and Paul Roach were both well-liked residents of the Lyric Hotel who were remembered at a memorial service that took place in the hotel's lobby on June 18. Services were held jointly because both men died – Mr. Louden at age 49 and Mr. Roach at 48 – of natural causes within a short time of one another. About 30 people attended.

The Rev. Glenda Hope conducted the service in which both men were remembered as pluses for the Lyric Hotel community. "Paul was a wonderful person," said one resident. "I first met him in '79, when I first got [to San Francisco]. He broke me in and showed me how to live on the streets."



Robert Louden

Speaking of Mr. Louden, another mourner said he "thanked the Lord Robert is no longer in pain. He suffered a great deal of pain," he told the audience. Robert Louden was also remembered for his love of music.

Paul Roach

Robert Dutra, the former program director for the Lyric Hotel, said both men lived longer than they might have because they had moved into the Lyric. Mr. Louden became a resident in April 2000 and Mr. Roach exactly one year later. "The streets would have taken a lot of people a lot sooner, if it hadn't been for the Lyric," Dutra said.

Robert Louden was born in Mississippi and grew up in Chicago. Paul Roach came from Illinois.

A woman who was not a Lyric resident asked the audience's permission to sing a spiritual in memory of Mr. Roach. She sang "In My Father's House, there are many mansions," a cappella and with great feeling. The Rev. Hope concluded the service by reading from the Book of Psalms.

Afterward, light refreshments were served. ■

— *PHIL TRACY*

Photos from flyers at the services.

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