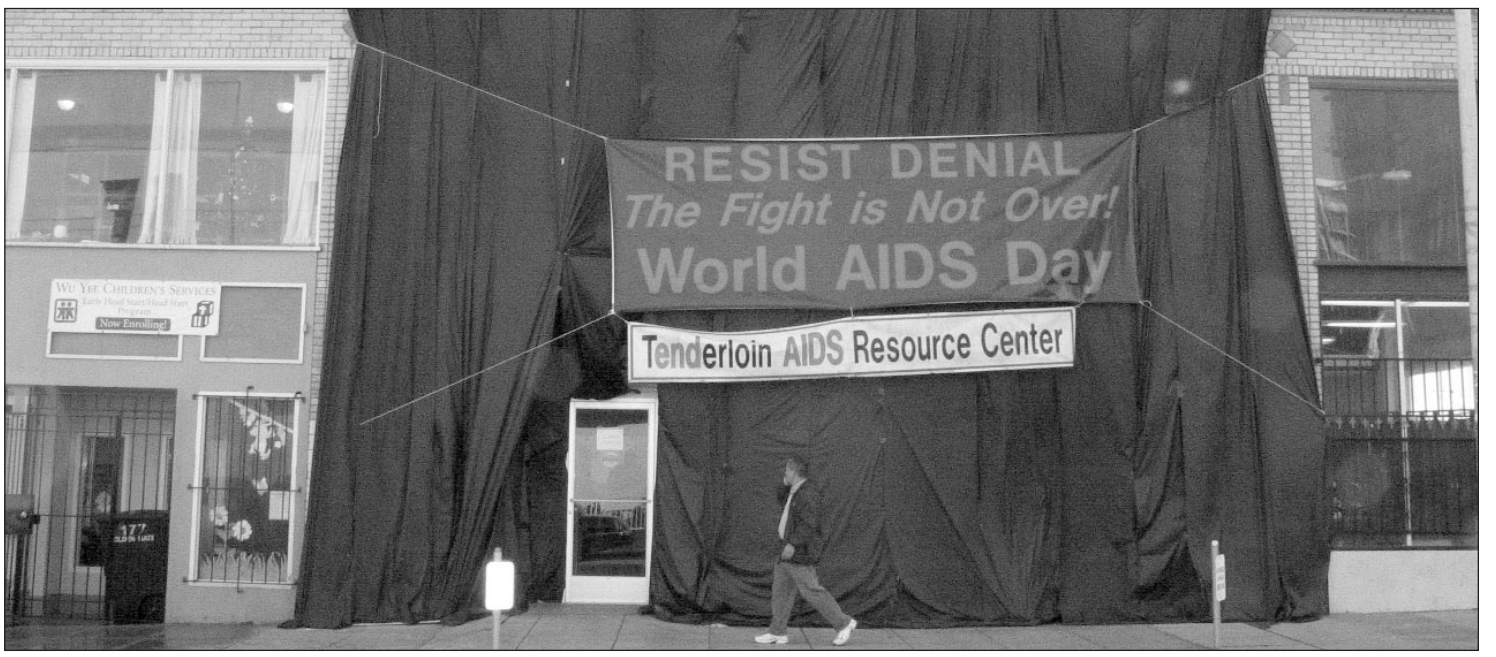

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TARC veiled its Resource Center *in black Nov. 24 in honor of World AIDS Day. Neighborhood service providers estimate that currently as many as 2,500 Tenderloin residents are living with HIV or AIDS, and another 1,200 people living here have HIV and don't know it.*

COMMUTING COPS CITE NEIGHBORHOOD OFFENDERS

At a Nov. 3 Tenant Associations Coalition-sponsored Community Courts Forum — to familiarize TAC members and others with the courts' principles, operations and participants — someone asked about typical cases heard. Co-presenters Lisa Block, TL/SoMa court liaison, and Angela Louie from the D.A.'s Office of Neighborhood Safety said shoplifting and possession of marijuana are the biggies.

"What about the gray area of someone carrying marijuana who has a card showing it's for a medical reason?" asked Susan Bryan, Alliance for a Better District 6 co-founder.

Block said that generally isn't a problem and that the community courts are "understanding."

"But what about the police, who write the citations in the first place?" Bryan pressed. "Many of them commute to San Francisco. They have a suburban outlook — everyone who lives here looks like a criminal to them."

Gulp.

"The captains can guide their officers to be more sensitive," Louie responded.

David Villa-Lobos of the Community Leadership Alliance said Southern Station is "very good about acting in concert with the courts, but that's not happening as much in the Tenderloin."

Block countered, "We've invited several Tenderloin officers to come to court, to get them more involved."

— *MARJORIE BEGGS*

CAN'T DO CONDOS

Ever mindful of the gap between the haves and have nots, Chris Daly, who pulls down a $90,000 supe's salary, told the Hotel Tenants convention at St. Boniface that 85% of the city's new market rate housing construction is condos. And they're all out of his reach.

"No way can I afford one," he said. "They are being built for colonizers, if you will."

That's gentrification to the first power.

— *TOM CARTER*

TOO CLOSE FOR DALY

Supervisor Chris Daly can't be a part of any deliberations by the Board of Supervisors or any of the committees he serves on that deal with the Octavia Boulevard project that channels Bay Area freeway traffic into western San Francisco. The reason: The house Daly owns on Stevenson Street is within 500 feet of the freeway and the $25 million project, which begins at Market and goes to Hayes. The city attorney said Daly's participation would be a conflict of interest because a vote could influence his property values.

It's a good recuse to go fishing.

— *TOM CARTER*

TRILINGUAL LIAISON

Meet Jason Chan, the mayor's new District 6 and Filipino American community liaison. He's fluent in Tagalog, Chinese and English, and worked formerly in youth and community development programs.

"I hope to maintain the level of integrity and dedication you expect from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services," Chan wrote in an e-mail to District 6 folks. "I promise to make myself available whenever you are in need of assistance."

You're on, Jason. Take him up on it at 554-6253 (office) or 845-4713 (cell).

— *MARJORIE BEGGS*

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