

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

11th Annual Tenderloin Community Health and Safety Fair, Sat. Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Tenderloin Community Playground, 570 Ellis Street, between Leavenworth and Hyde. There will be medical screenings for adults, children and seniors. Get blood pressure checked, free dental screenings for kids, sign them up for Headstart, register to vote and learn about emergency preparedness, MediCal, food stamps and tenants rights. And get a massage.

Chinese Art Exhibit at the Luggage Store, 1007 Market St. Sept. 8-Oct. 14. "The Amber Room" features four Chinese artists, two from Beijing and two from Los Angeles, who created works in response to the original gold and mosaic masterpiece of Baroque excess that disappeared from Catherine Palace in St. Petersburg in 1941.

Dinosaurs: Ancient fossils, new discoveries at the California Academy of Sciences, at 875 Howard St. Walk among dinosaur, reptile and bird models and see a 700-square-foot diorama that duplicates life from 130 million years ago. Watch a mechanical model of a T. rex skeleton walk in place. The exhibit opens Sept. 16 and goes to Feb. 4. On Thursday, Sept. 21 admission is pared to \$5. A "fossil special" is \$2 margaritas between 5-6 p.m. The Academy is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. www.calacademy.org.

Karkhana, Asian Art Museum, through Nov. 5, exhibition of 12 miniatures created collaboratively by six contemporary Pakistani artists who live around the world. Karkhana is an Urdu term for workshops in which various artists produced traditional court paintings. Information www.asianart.org/Karkhana.htm.

Moon Festival, Sat. Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Tenderloin Children's Playground, 570 Ellis St. The 27th festival will have free food, interactive recreations and lantern-making in the morning for the evening lantern walk. It is sponsored by the Vietnamese Youth Development Center. Contact: Maria Su, 771-2600, ext. 102.

Seventh Annual Expo for the Artist & Musician on Sept. 16, 11-6 p.m. at SomArts, 934 Brannan. This all-day affair is to help creative people find resources. It features more than 100 Bay Area arts organizations, free workshops, performances and hundreds of local artists and musicians. Bring portfolios and music demos. Seminars on marketing art, finding grants, making demo tapes, artist's legal issues and the history and future of the arts in the Bay Area. Admission is \$2, but no one is turned away.

Sights Unseen runs Sept. 2-March 25, 2007, at the Asian Art Museum. Of the thousands of recent museum acquisitions, 41 have been chosen by the curators to on display for the first time. The exhibit explores the diverse cultures of Asia, transcending many beliefs, times, and regions.

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOUSING

Supportive Housing Network, 4th Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., location TBA. Contact: Alecia Hopper, 421-2926 x302.

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, celebrates 8th

anniversary with the various candidates who will be on the November ballot. Noon, Wednesday, Sept. 6. 201 Turk Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training, facilitate communication.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

CBHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30 p.m., CBHS, 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.

Health & Wellness Action Advocates, 1st Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928. Contact: 421-2926 x306.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, Quaker Center, 65 Ninth St., noon-1:30. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Contact: Aaron Wagner, 703-0188 x304.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 870 Market, Suite 928. Contact: 421-2926 x306.

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Contact: 255-3474.

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

SAFETY

Crime and Safety Committee, meets bimonthly on the Wednesday after the first Monday, SOMPAC, 1035 Folsom, 6 p.m. Information: 487-2166 or www.sompac.com.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Contact Lt. Erica Arteseros, S.F. Fire Department, 970-2022. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

SoMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location changes monthly. To receive monthly information by e-mail, contact Lisa Block, 538-8100 ext. 202 Lblock@iisf.org.

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

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. Civic education.

Boeddeker Park cleanup, 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by Friends of Boeddeker Park. To RSVP, to work or for information, contact Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 931-1126.

Central City Democrats, meets four times a year, 301 Eddy St. Community Room. Addresses District 6 residential and business concerns, voter education forums. Information: 339-VOTE (8683)

or centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com.

Community Leadership Alliance, a chartered Democratic organization. Quarterly informational forums with guest presenters and speakers, sharing news of upcoming events, proposals, resources. Meetings are first Thursday in Jan., April, July, Oct. Location information: David Villa-Lobos, admin@CommunityLeadershipAlliance.net.

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: 931-1126.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SoMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 554-9532.

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 10th streets.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact: 820-1412. TL 2000, neighborhood planning.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, 1st Thursday of the month, noon. For location contact Elaine Zemora, district manager, 440-7570 x21.

SoMa Leadership Council, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., The Arc, 1500 Howard St. at 11th. Emphasizes good planning and good government to maintain a diverse, vibrant, complete neighborhood. Contact: Jim Meko, 624-4309 or jim.meko@comcast.net.

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

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police Station community room, 301 Eddy. Contact Paul Bains at 358-3981 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues.

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.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 965 Mission #700: Pedestrian safety, third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Senior Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Information: 546-1333 and www.senioractionnetwork.org.

SUPERVISORS' COMMITTEES

 City Hall, Room 263

Budget and Finance Committee Daly, Duffy, Peskin, Thursday, 1 p.m.

City Services Committee McGoldrick, Duffy, Ma, first and third Monday, 1 p.m.

Land Use Committee Maxwell, Sandoval, McGoldrick, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Dope dealer gets 5 years for 8 rocks, cash

Deputy D.A. urged neighborhood activists to lobby judge for maximum penalty

BY JOHN GOINS

JONTAE Bailey, a drug dealer from Oakland, was sentenced to five years in state prison by Judge Charlotte Woolard on Aug. 9 after he was caught by Tenderloin police and convicted of selling crack on Taylor Street. But the judge refused to read letters from the Tenderloin community against the defendant and had discouraged people from crowding the courtroom, though the prosecutor had urged them to show up. The judge held sway and the courtroom was nearly empty as she meted out justice to Bailey for selling eight rocks of crack.

Deputy District Attorney Richard Hechler had asked that Bailey, who was on parole when he was arrested, and, Hechler said, had previously been to prison for a drug-related offense committed in Alameda County, be given the maximum sentence.

Hechler had attended a Tenderloin Police Station meeting and called on the crowd to be present at Bailey's sentencing hearing. He said they should write to the judge about the drug problems in the Tenderloin and their letters would be helpful

when she rendered her decision.

When this reporter asked Hechler after the hearing why the judge refused to factor in the Tenderloin community's response, Hechler said Judge Woolard had already decided that Bailey's case merited a strict sentence and therefore the community's input was not required.

Bilen Mesfin, deputy public information officer for the district attorney's office, described the case: "The defendant was arrested Jan. 4, 2006, after a San Francisco police officer saw sales activity on the unit block of Taylor Street in the Tenderloin. The defendant ran and during the foot chase that followed, the arresting officer was struck by a hit and run driver. The officer was not injured and continued to chase the suspect. Just before ducking into a doorway, the defendant discarded eight individually wrapped rocks of cocaine base. After retrieving the rocks, the pursuing officer struggled briefly with the defendant before three additional Task Force officers helped him subdue the defendant. A booking search netted \$733.00 in small denomination bills."

Bailey's defense attorney said his client "merely

ran from the police," and does not have "a substantial history of violence."

"I have no family in San Francisco whatsoever," said Bailey, who asked that he be paroled in Manteca, where his mother lives.

"The people have no objection to that," Hechler said.

Judge Woolard said she had no objection either, but stood by her ruling that Bailey receive a maximum of five years in prison, saying it was "the appropriate decision and should be upheld."

In a telephone interview, Hechler would not reveal when or where Bailey had previously served time in prison. When asked if Bailey was a "big time" drug dealer in the area and merited a large community turnout during his sentencing hearing, Hechler said only that Bailey "had been seen making five sales" within "a few minutes" and had been caught with "\$733 in small denominational bills."

"The jury found the defendant guilty of the two charges (selling crack cocaine and resisting arrest) after deliberating for two hours. The guilty verdict followed a six-day trial," the district attorney's office reported. ■