

GOOD NEWS for...

CENTRAL CITY EXTRA Geoff Link, editor and publisher of The Extra, has won the Northern California chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists' 2009 Unsung Hero Award for creating and guiding the paper, which began publishing in 2000. "Through its community-oriented reporting and a dedication to providing nuanced coverage of a marginalized community, the paper publishes local news, human-interest profiles and obituaries with humanity, intimacy and candor," the Society's announcement said. An accompanying letter to The Extra noted that Link had been chosen unanimously by the SPJ board to receive the award, which will be presented at a Nov. 10 ceremony. Link is the executive director of the 37-year-old nonprofit San Francisco Study Center, which publishes The Extra and provides organizational development, editorial and graphic services to community. He also is a full-time copy editor at the San Francisco Chronicle.

OUR GREEN CANOPY

Abused by vandals who rip their limbs off for amusement, 35 Tenderloin trees mostly ruined by such vandalism will get replaced Oct. 10. Volunteers organized by the TL CBD will join Friends of Urban Forest to plant the Brisbane Box, Primrose and Evergreen Pear trees, using a grant from software giant Oracle that will cover the cost of the trees, sidewalk preparation and follow-up care — \$235 per tree. The Friends' Heidi Lakics, who combed the neighborhood to identify the distressed arbors, is heading up the replanting. Brisbane Box with its reddish bark and big, oval-shaped leaves is the most common tree in the neighborhood; its greatest attribute is that it grows fast and tall, the quicker to escape abuse. "Also, it keeps its canopy all year," Lakics said. "But we do want variety in the neighborhood." The CBD, which has helped plant 138 trees over four years, says all the TL sidewalk locations for planting trees are taken, due to the prevalence of subterranean basements. To add more green, DPW in August put 24 yellow planter boxes, each with two palm trees, on sidewalks at the Ellis and Jones streets intersection. Volunteers for the Sat., Oct. 10 planting should report to the CBD office, 134 Golden Gate Ave. at 8 a.m.

If you have some good news, send it to tom@studycenter.org or marjorie@studycenter.org



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Where are you?

THE Tenderloin is home to many of the city's architectural treasures. Central City Extra challenges readers to identify the buildings based on the architectural details pictured here.

The first two people to correctly answer all eight buildings will be honored at a guest luncheon in November.

Submit your written responses with addresses of

the buildings to Marjorie Beggs, San Francisco Study Center, 1095 Market St., Suite 601, San Francisco, CA. 94103, or email her: marjorie@studycenter.org.

Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number. Deadline: Oct. 23, 2009.

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