Seniors all but snubbed by the tech tax breaks

Elders are largely left out of CBAs

By Mark Heddy

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By Tiffany Apczynski

Years-long wait for room of one's own

Living on this inner-city island of poverty, elders struggle to make ends meet while the sea of corporate wealth that has already swamped western SoMa surges north of Market Street, pushing the fringes toward the fabric. Our portrait of the central city includes profiles and demographic data, housing options, and details the meager, city-sanctioned aid the seven tech companies with million-dollar payrolls dole out to seniors to mitigate the social and psychological effects of their tax break.

It’s not that the CBAs haven’t done some good. They have. But the neighborhood needs more than crumbs, consultation and cleaning up litter.

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Three years ago this month, the Twitter tax break was signed into law, and the Tenderloin’s fate was sealed. Central City Extra and New America Media are using that historic moment as a jumping-off point to examine the effects of the central city’s transformation on seniors.

Twitter led the way for uncounted companies, including a slew of app makers and programming schools plus the restaurants and bars plying $14 cocktails and other businesses that follow the money. Market Street went from blight to boom in two years. After three decades in the darkness, elders struggle to make ends meet while the newcomers have seemingly limitless financial potential.

The safety net for seniors, disabled, homeless, people in recovery and other vulnerable populations has been damaged since the Twitter tax break.

At this three-year milestone in the speedy gentrification of San Francisco’s central city, the Extra and New America Media are collaborating to describe the change and show its effects on those who live and work here, especially seniors, who subsume on fixed incomes while the newcomers have seemingly limitless financial potential.

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 Farmers market vendor to reopen Manor House

Menu prices will rise but be ‘reasonable’

By Tom Carter

A s John Akins contemplated re-opening the noted Manor House restaurant on Jones Street — a favorite of seniors that has been shuttered more than a year since Mimi Yee gave it up — one thing was clear: menu prices will be higher.

‘I have reasonable rates for the neighborhood,’ says Akins, who expects to open in mid-March. ‘I can’t have Mimi’s prices — they’re reflective of 15 years ago. If there are 15 items on the menu, for example, four or five will be low-cost so anybody can afford it. But they won’t be like before.

‘The $5.50 breakfast, no way I can do that. The variables have gone up. I can’t afford to give it away, but I’m not there to gouge anyone.’

Yee quit Manor House Feb 18, 2013, because of her husband John’s declining health. He had been the main cook, standing for long hours six days a week.

The closing ended a bittersweet story of triumph where a Chinese American woman was cleared away from the upper Van Ness ave. and up-the sidewalk drug dealers.

Through perseverance, honesty and treating everyone with respect, she did, manage a skid row eatery with no idea of how to handle the often rough clientele, but she knew she would have to earn their respect.

‘By toM Ca rt e r’

Yee kept menu prices amazingly low because TNDC, the building owner, gave her a break on the rent with her guarantee to keep prices down for hundreds of old-timers and other habitués of the city’s poorest neighborhood. And Manor House was sold in the fabric of the community, even known in the East Bay TNDC Executive Director Don Falk begged her to stay. But she couldn’t.

“We were determined to replace Mimi with someone else who would serve the community like she did, offering food security,” says Falk. ‘We passed up a lot of other offers, but John gave us the opportunity to adhere to that vision so we offered him a below-market rate, too.’

Akins, a strapsling ex-doctor, was standing in his Heart of the City Farmers Market stall arranging pastries and amiably chatting with anyone who came near. He has sold his baked goods there for 18 years — the $3.50 sweet potato tart is his best seller — and in November he will have 19 years at the Alameda Farmers Market. He also has a small hole-in-the-wall restaurant on Lombard near Gough called Golo. His business card bills it a boutique cafe.

‘Akins didn’t know 210 Jones St. was available. ‘A friend who knew I was looking for a restaurant told me in June,’ Akins says he never talked to Falk but rather to Kirsten Fletcher of Ventura Partners, a Santa Cruz real estate development outfit with an office at 466 Ellis St. The company manages TNDC’s commercial portfolio. Some years ago, it surveyed the availability of fresh food in the Tenderloin for TNDC and researched a prototype supermarket that could serve the neighborhood.

‘When Akins signed his seven-year lease in December it was agreed that prices at Manor House would be reasonable.

Akins never met Yee, never ventured into the Manor House, either, he says. All he knows is what he found when he went inside to begin a modest renovation and to replace some equipment in the 49-seat cafe. It turned out to be a $12,000 cleanup job.

‘I was shocked at what I found,’ Akins says. ‘The stove was still plugged in — the place was so dirty. I’ve never seen anything that needed that much work.’

Department of Public Health inspectors’ scores for Manor House usually were mid- to high-80s, an ‘adequate’ range. But the website says Golo scored 86 in June but 91 in January 2013 and it had 98 in 2011.

Akins will shop at farmers markets, Restaurant Depot, San Francisco Produce House and Costco, similar to where Mimi shopped. He hasn’t decided his menu yet, but plans to open six days a week, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., maybe dinner to go.

Mimi was open six days a week but closed at 3:30 p.m. She was afraid of the neighborhood when the sun went down. What about operating in the rough neighborhood? Akins was asked.

‘Yes, the belly of the beast,’ he says, ringing up a sale from an 18-year customer: a lady he had been teasing. ‘But I feed people. I’m not there to do battle. I’m a small businessman there to feed people. The peacemaker is food.’

Can’t go without:

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I’ve been living in the Tenderloin since April, 2005 having moved here from the upper Van Ness Ave. and upper Polk St. districts, where I lived since 1965 when I moved to San Francisco. It’s a great place to live, mainly because of its sense of community and diversity.

The Extra’s reporting about the TL is excellent, right on and very, very important. Kudos to Geoff Link’s “My Take” article on Twitter and Mark Hedin’s articles on CBAs and the Grant Bldg. I read the S.F. Chronicle every day and I don’t think they’re covering these issues as thoroughly as The Extra is. I also liked the obits on Collyne Cook by Marjone Bege and Al Shapanus by Mark He din. As a senior I feel I got to know them even though I never met them.

Please keep up the excellent work!

— Ed Bellber

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Seniors wait years for affordable housing

Price is right, but short supply can’t meet high demand

By Marjorie Dengo

YOU’RE ELDERLY and you’re looking for a studio or a bedroom in the central city where rents are low and transportation is good. Your income is low, say $20,000.

The Extra tried to determine your chance of finding a safe, affordable, permanent home through your own efforts. There was no sure way to do it, even a well-lighted place. The answer, unsurprisingly, is not good, unless you’re prepared for a long wait on housing waiting lists.

The area is dense with thousands of affordable units in buildings owned by nonprofit or for-profit developers or the government — public housing. But most units are already taken and waiting lists are closed. The list of applicants, often longer than a building’s total units, have become unmanageable. When they open, they open gradually. Applicants who are severely disabled, homeless or veterans, sometimes get extra points that advance their place on the list.

6 NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS

Information about housing for low-income seniors is most readily available from nonprofit developers. Their mission is to serve the community and they work hard to get out the word about vacancies and lists. Six of those nonprofits have the lion’s share of units in the central city: Tenderloin Neighbor- hood Development Corp., Mercy Housing, TDODCA’s Chinatown Community Development Center, Community Housing Partnership and Asian Inc.

TNDDC is the largest, with 2,354 units in 29 properties, most in the Tenderloin. Some are for families only, others for formerly homeless seniors. They target people with mental and physical disabilities, others seniors. Nine TNDDC buildings, with more than 1,200 units, have units appropriate for seniors.

One of those nine, the only Hotel at 34 Turk St. has an open waiting list — not for a vacancy, just to be on the list for a room. Put in an application and, if you meet the income criteria, you’ll be put on the first-come, first-served list. When a room does open up, TNDDC will select a few names, see if the applicants are still available, interested and fit the criteria. If you’re No. 1, the spot, when it opens, is yours.

112 APPLICATIONS FOR THE DALT

The Dalt, a 177-room SRO with a guarded history past including a mur- der rampage in 2003 when it was under a for-profit owner, now looks more than presentable and has a good reputation among tenants. Its waiting list has been open and closed several times since last year and the current round closed Feb. 21. Before it closed, 24 people were on the list; 112 new applications came in on this round.

A Dalt room without a private bath rents for $525. The applicant’s income has to be at least $9,500 a year or no more than $34,000 to qualify for that rent. For a room with a bath — there are only 28 — the rent is $596 and in- come must be at least $10,728.

Many Dalt residents pay less than those rents because 44 of the rooms are “project-based voucher” units sub- sidized by HUD Section 8. The vouchers, available through the SRO, have two requirements: Applicants must work, and tenants pay 30% of their income. These rooms have their own waiting list.

‘A person applying to us must be more on than one list for a single build- ing, depending on the unit’s require- ments,” says Brandon Flannery, TNDDC’s compliance manager. “One property might have four or five ways for us to get people into housing.”

He wouldn’t venture a guess about the time it might take — months? years? — to get a room at the Dalt.

The number on the waiting list varies at other TNDDC buildings: 554 for 9-Farrell Senior Housing, 104 for Mara Manor, 406 at Civic Center Residence. A whopping 2,611 qualified for the lists at 107-Polk, a spacious, 116-unit building built in 2008 on the fringe of the Tenderloin. Not only TNDDC has scant to offer.

Mercy Housing has five buildings in the central city at which many, and in some cases all, residents are seniors. Not one property has an open waiting list, and the longest list — 827 — is for 160 Witt Senior Community at 66 Ninth St., which opened in 2010. The building has 107 units, is HUD-subsidized, and resi- dents pay 30% of their income.

Mercy’s Presentation Senior Com- munity at 301 Ellis houses 124 seniors with 489 renting. Rents are 30% of in- come. Only five or six units turn over annually in this HUD Section 202 build- ing. Section 202 subsidies nonprofits’ capital expenses for senior supportive housing and helps subsidize tenants.

The story is the same for other Dier.

Gentrification keeps retired Korean barber in housing limbo

By Arena Lee

YOU NG TAEK LIM for 25 years cut hair at his own shop in the Tenderloin. Today he sleeps on a mat- tress in the living room of his one-bedroom apartment, which he shares with another elderly Korean to keep up with rising rents.

Lim says the tech boom has heightened his feelings of financial insecurity and social isolation.

“The Bible keeps me company, especially during the holidays,” says the 75-year-old Korean immigrant. “Sometimes I’ll go fishing on Pier 39.”

Lim arrived in San Francisco from South Korea in 1981 with his then-wife and three sons. He soon opened a barber shop on Ellis Street in the center of what was then, as now, an area known for prostitution, drugs and poverty.

He named his shop OK Barber.

The neighborhood’s low rents allowed Lim and other entrepreneurial immigrants to set up shop here. He eventually banked enough to buy a small condo with his family on Eddy at Larkin Street.

In those days, more Koreans were living in the Ten- derloin. “We used to call that building across the street the ‘Kamichi apartments because there were so many Koreans living there,” Lim notes, pointing to a building directly across from his one-time business.

Kimchi, a fer- mented cabbage dish, is a staple of Korean cuisine.

FEWER KOREANS IN TENDERLOIN

Today the Korean community in the Tenderloin has largely disappeared, replaced by a growing Latino popula- tion. There are fewer Korean businesses. The area has gentri- fied.

“I knew nothing other than my home and my barber shop,” explains Lim, whose neatly coiffed hair and tanned skin belie his age. After his divorce in 1997, Lim sold his condo. He now sees public housing as his only hope of escaping the financial downward cycle.

But for Lim, the uncertainty over when and where he can apply is the new rule.

He applied 10 years ago, and is still waiting.

26,000 ON WAITING LIST

San Francisco Housing Authority officials say it’s hard to know how much longer it will be before Lim is placed.

Of the Housing Authority’s 40 properties across the city, only two are in the Tenderloin.

Demand, meanwhile, continues to rise alongside home prices and a rental market that’s highest in the na- tion.

Rose Dennis, a Housing Authority spokeswoman, says applicants are given priority based mainly on age, income, disabilities and whether they are veterans.

But with 26,000 households on the waiting list, Den- nis says the SFHA stopped taking applications for public housing in 2010. It closed applications for Section 8 hous- ing in 2001.

For Lim, the uncertainty over when and where he will eventually be able to settle is a daily struggle. “I feel like a U-Haul truck pulls up outside my place,” he says.

As he speaks, a U-Haul truck pulls up outside his place.

Two young men hop out and begin ferrying their belong- ings up the flight of stairs to their new $2,400/month one-bedroom unit. It’s cheap as San Francisco prices go.

Asaren Lee is Korean media monitor and reporter for Near America Media.

Young Taek Lim sits in a familiar chair in his old barber shop on Ellis Street that he had for 25 years. It is now called YSA Barber Shop. Lim has been on the public housing waiting list for 10 years.

PHOTOS BY PAUL DUNN

Gentrification keeps retired Korean barber in housing limbo
Jose Mendez, 64, had a bad accident on the job 10 years ago and can no longer work. He now lives on a fixed monthly income below the federal poverty level.

**Retired groundskeeper lives on $868 monthly**

By NIGOC NGUYEN

Mendez, 64, has lived at the Hartford Hotel on Geary near Larkin for seven years. Having lived on the street and in shelters, Mendez gratefully has a roof over his head. His room is small, but it has a bathroom. No kitchen, but roof over his head. His room is small, shelters, Mendez is grateful to have a room made there.

Cutting board perched on a wooden stool, he cuts cilantro, onions, jalapeños and limes to make ceviche — a dish of raw fish cured in citrus. Mendez's version will have “seven jalapeños and limes to make ceviche,” he says. He bought a wooden stool, he cuts cilantro, onions, jalapeños and limes to make ceviche.

When he became depressed and turned to drugs and drinking. He eventually lost his family and became homeless. He spent the next six years on the street and bouncing from shelter to shelter. He eventually found a home in the Hartford.

“I waited three years to get this room,” he said.

**$38 TO SPEND EACH WEEK**

Mendez lives on $868 a month from Supplemental Security Income. The money gets directly deposited and is managed by Tenderloin Housing Clinic (THC), the nonprofit that operates the Hartford Hotel and other properties under city contracts. Every month, he says, THC automatically deducts about $580 for rent and a bit more for utilities. Mendez gets what’s left $38 every Thursday.

He typically spends most of it on groceries, with $50 a month going towards paying for his medicines and $15 for laundry.

“As soon as I get my check, I go to the store,” he said. “I have a list. I buy this and this and that, and the next day my wallet is empty. But I have support for the week. Then I wait all Thursday for another check.”

Mendez says he stretches the money by volunteering at food pantries at St. Anthony’s and Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, where he can sometimes bring food home. He also relies on those places for donations of clothes, bar soap and a toothbrush.

Mendez keeps a small Bible rests on a nearly made bed Dishes, cups and silverware are stacked in plastic baskets on top of a dresser.

It’s not always easy to maintain cleanliness, though. Two adhesive ‘bug’ strips behind the fridge collect scores of roaches. And, Mendez says, until recently, he had a bedbug problem.

Still, he takes the annoyances in stride. He says he focuses on what’s important.

“I love it here, because everyone treats me good,” he said. “I don’t want to fight anybody. I’m kind to everybody.”

Ngoc Nguyen is environment editor of New America Media and lead NAM editor on this report.

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**Nonprofit housing senior**

**Gauging poverty**

**Elder Index realistic feds rate not**

By PAUL KLEYMAN

A LONG WITH the War on Poverty, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) turns 50 this year. But most economists agree the measure has failed to keep up with changing times. It increases a bit each year for inflation, but the original formula remains flawed.

That’s why in 2011 California became the first state to adopt a new, more accurate measure, the Elder Index, as a planning tool for service agencies for seniors.

Developed by the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Elder Opportunities for Women’s Elder Economic Security Initiative, the measure is being applied nationally.

The Elder Index shows that people 65-plus in California need two to three times the income that the federal rate suggests will cover today’s costs for food, health care, housing, transport and other basic needs.

Back in 1964, government economists based the measure on the assumption that food accounted for one-third of household budgets. To determine a typical poverty level, they calculated the price of the lowest-cost market basket and tripled it to get a subsistence-level household budget.

That became the federal poverty line. It doesn’t even include health care costs.

In pricey San Francisco, for instance, the FPL for one person is $10,890. But the Elder Index for a single renter here needs $29,144 — almost triple the official amount — just to get by. The discrepancy, according to a center for Health Policy Research, which calculated the numbers for each California county.

Using the Elder Index, UCLA found that half of California seniors are struggling to make ends meet, while the FPL, which remains the official gauge for determining eligibility for many public benefits, shows only 9% of the state’s seniors are impoverished.

Although the study did not drill down into each neighborhood, U.S. Census data show that official poverty levels for elders in the central city are 52.6%, compared with 15.6% citywide. Even with the area’s subsidized rent, 2 in 3 central city seniors live hand-to-mouth.

Check these online resources for more information:


Paul Kleyman is director of Eth- nic Elders Newsbeat at New America Media and a NAM editor on this report.
Running the numbers on central city seniors

There are 4,343 people 65 and older living in ZIP code 94102. That comprises much of the Tenderloin, including the debilitated-for-decades Lower Eddy/Leavenworth portion, which 15 years ago was the target of a major neighborhood improvement project funded by the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund. The citywide numbers in the charts are based on the 2010 Census population for San Francisco of 809,240.

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ors’ best bet to luck into a room of their own

information to the Office of Housing and updates monthly.

For general, practical information about the housing application process, a good online source is openhouse-sf.org, a nonprofit that helps LGBT se-
niors find affordable housing and social services. But the information is general, concise and clear, and a good place to start looking.

PURGE LISTS EACH YEAR

Housing providers try to purge their lists annually by sending letters to applicants to see if they’re still interested, a Sisyphus task. At the same time, they know they’re operating in a saturated market, so they encourage anyone searching for low-income hous-
ing to put in multiple applications. The result: lots that exaggerate the number of those out looking but typically are so long they discourage seekers.

A few nonprofit developers with open waiting lists do have vacant units. Chinatown Community Develop-
ment Center, which owns 25 proper-
ties citywide, has four in the central city and two with open lists. At the 96-unit William Penn Hotel on Eddy Street, rooms ranging from $460 to $551 a month require income to be 1½ times the rent, up to a maximum of $36,050 a year. The William Penn’s list has been open for a year, according to its receptionist, with two units vacant.

“We have many moving in and out,” she said. About 60% of the residents are seniors. The hotel is part of Public Health’s Direct Access to Housing pro-
gram for chronic inebriates, formerly homeless and other adults at risk.

CCDC’s Turk Street Family Housing’s list also is open with studio rent at $899, minimum income $21,336. Turk Street also takes Section 8 housing choice vouchers — vouchers that are transferable and can be used at any property that accepts them. The Turk Street recep-
tionist said no studio units are avail-
able but that 30 or so people are on the waiting list — low, he said, because the building is being renovated.

300 APPLIED FOR 2 VACANCIES

The waiting list at Canon Kip Commu-

nity House, 705 Natsoma St., closed Febr. 28. The 103-room SRO opened. The first 100 on the list who opened. The first 100 on the list who are eligible will be placed in a lottery this month. Last April, when Canon Kip had two vacancies, 500 people applied. Asian Inc. has 10 affordable hous-
ing properties citywide. The five in the Tenderloin — with 161 units, studio to three-bedrooms — have open waiting lists and all accept Section 8 vouchers. Studio rents range from $862 to $1,050. Though a handful of units are open among the five, Asian Inc. estimates the waiting list for 575 Eddy St., with the top studio rent, at six months to three years.

1,546 NEW APPLICATIONS

In December, Community Housing Partnership purged its waiting list to get it to a more manageable size for the 241 units in its four Tenderloin SROs — the Senator San Cristina, Iroquois and Jordan residences.

“We had 2,340 people on the list, and we got it down to 280 active names,” says CHP’s Anna Bolton, a veteran Tenderloin organizer. “Active means they’re next in line to be processed, but in the last 90 days, we’ve also gotten 1,546 new applications.” At the end of Febru-
ary, there were 16 vacancies, she adds, but all had tenants ready to move in.

Rent at CHP’s four buildings, list-
ed as 50% of income, are subsidized by HUD with vouchers handled by the S.F. Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority is what HUD calls a Public Housing agency, and, according to Rose Dennis, Housing Authority spokesperson, is responsible for overseeing almost 10,000 vouchers for low-income housing and 40 public housing sites citywide.

Only two of those are in the Ten-
derloin and are specifically for seniors: 72 studios and 24 one-bedrooms at 350 Ellis St and 77 studios and 23 one-bed-
rooms at 600 Ellis St. Also, South of Market are the two huge Clementina Towers, each with 539 studios and 72 one-bedrooms for seniors.

That’s more than 800 public hous-
ing units in the central city. Chances of getting into one in a S.F. Housing Authority public housing waiting list in 2010 when it reached 31,000 applicants, many with more than one household member. The waiting list for Section 8 housing vouchers was at 12,000 when that list closed 13 years ago.

40,000 LETTERS IN 6 LANGUAGES

The agency is aggressively purging its lists now. Dennis says. “In October, we sent out 40,000 letters in six lan-
guages asking if people wanted to stay on the two lists. Only a few letters came back with nonworking addresses and more than 25% of people responded.” She encourages all on the list to contact sfa.org.

“SFO is so scarce in the city that the competition for it is high-pitched,” she says. “If we don’t hear from you by December this year, you’ll be removed.” Among the 6,476 households living in public housing citywide, 60% of the residents are elderly and 70% disabled.
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**RICHARD FEAR**

**A Tenderloin love story**

Richard "Tank" Fear and Tanya Oli- ver met years ago at the Wharf and became a source of a sizable group of homeless people who slept by the bell tower, a small wooden chapel at Pier 45, until they were given the task to work for America's Cup.

"He'd panhandle at the Wharf for money or food," Oliver said before Mr. Fear's death from an apparent heart attack at the Arlington Hotel. "He was good at it. Affably chatting in a hoarse, gravelly voice with the birds perched in his earring, he was an attraction." Oliver said he was pretty well known. "What's goin' on, big guy?" they'd say. He loved people and kids and animals.

She marveled how generous he was. The lab always gave the food away to people who needed it, and he gave me anything he found. He supported us."

Beery cited "liberal volunteerism" in and out of prisons for 20 years. His body was covered with tattoos, some of which he himself had gotten, said which is where he got the nick- name "Tank." He was born in San Berna- rrdino, and had a brother and sister social workers couldn't locate.

"And when he first came to the Arlington he'd still go stay outside. I'd get angry and try to make him stay in. But he enjoyed the outside — until his health got worse."

Indeed, their loud, raging argu- ments a couple of years ago got her kicked out of the Arlington. She learned from Mr. Fear's health issues that street living exter- nated. Even so, he had been a man of written and oral organization in his life; adjusting to an SRo roof wasn't easy.

"He had never stayed in one place very long," Oliver said. "He rode trains and bus across the country, all the United States, and he was

**Kneau says Salesforce is "sort of the Mercedes of corporate giving. They give a lot in a short period of time; they give a lot of money." Hiltion Hotel and Giving Tree have also been ac- tive.**

At Episcopal Community Services, Bruce Beery, director of development, said the last fiscal year, they served 9,628 seniors, including about 200 in supportive housing. Episcopal Community Services operates on a $1.9 million budget, mostly from federal contracts administered by the city, but generates $1.2 million of that through individual donations and foundation grants with corporate philanthropy ac- counting for a smaller piece of the pie, Beery said.

"We want to help the city to do tech companies to pay their taxes and not throw a thousand dollars here or there but to create a cohesive plan with serious funding for housing and jobs," Jessica Lehman.

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Eaton recalled how friendly Mr. Fear was to everyone, though some- times his temper flared and he shouted gruffly at people, but he never failed to apologize, and so generally, she said, you could see the sorrow and regret in his eyes. He bore a resemblance to Santa Claus, she said, and despite his de- teriorating health he remained optimis- tic. He was pursuing his Giants dream, a task made more difficult by his illitera- cy. At the hotel's canned food giveaways he'd choose by the label image. His sense of humor was constant, said a man who worked at a SoMa health clinic Mr. Fear frequently said. "He always showed it, and I really admired that about him."

"He was the son of God," Mr. Fear said. Mr. Fear nodded. "I didn't even want to go to the store. I was going there about (about his death), I almost didn't come, but I'm glad I'm here."

**'We want tech companies to do their part in the community'**

Zendesk 'catered our holiday party,' Trotter said. and on Feb. 28, Mayor Lee and District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim were on hand at the lab as Zendesk, the lab and District 6 supervisor Jane Kim were launched www.link-sf.com, a low-in- come database accessible from mobile devices. Twitter hosted a "Wom- en and Tech" event and consulted with the tech community on a Twitter feed and social me- dia strategies.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ARTS EVENTS
This Woman’s Work: Cape Plays Women’s Herstory Month, March 14, 1099 Market St., 7–9 p.m. Reception for artists from Hospice of Humboldt’s Community Arts Program and group exhibition. “Ube Roi!” through March 9, EXOT on Taylor. 277 Taylor St. Original play by Alfred Jarry premiered in Paris in 1896. Modern adaptation by Cutting Rail Theater with a translation by Rob Mirose. Info: theatrelumin.org.

“Pretty In Ink” author Triva Robbins, March 27, Main Library, 6–7:30 p.m. Latino Historical Preservation and A B, discusses her history of women cartoonists, dating back to 1936. Book sale follows the event. An exhibition of the book runs through June 1, Main Library. 4th floor. Info: stpl.org.

The Right Now Improv Trio. March 29 and 26, 8 p.m. Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy St. Info: thirdsrid.org.

“Mommy Queerest.” March 29, Exit Studio, 156 Eddy St. One-woman comedy by Kat Evasco and John Cadot, performed by Kat Evasco, presented by Guerilla Rep and DIVERT. Info: thirdsrid.org.


REGULAR SCHEDULE
HOUSING
Tenant Asscociation of San Francisco. 1st Wednesday of each month, noon, 209 3rd St. Community Room. Contact Michael Nalty, 387-6257. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Healthcare Action Team. 2nd Wednesday of month, 1010 Mission St., Bayview Community Center, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call James Chinnow, 734-0188/9.

Boarding and Cluttering Support Groups. Weekly meetings at various sites, conducted by Mental Health Association of San Francisco. 870 Market St., Suite 500. Info: 421-2465 or mentalhealthinfogroupsearch.org.

Mental Health Board. 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30–8:15 p.m., City Hall, room 278. OBOR advisory committee, open to the public: 255-3574.

Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition. 4th Thursday of the month at 2:15 p.m., Keiry Culien Community Building, 220 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor auditorium or 5th floor gym. Public meetings to discuss legislation that encourages corner stores to sell fresh food and reduce tobacco and alcohol sales. Info: Jessica Estrada, mercado@yaho0.com, 771-2600.

SOMA Community Policiy Relations Forum. 1st Monday of each month, 6–7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 518-4100-4020.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting. Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 201 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 345-7930. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
Alliance for a Better District 6. 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nalty, 410-1560 or elt districts SOMA@yahoo.com, a distinctive improvement association.


Friends of Beedeker Park. Meetings continue during park renovation. 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., 10th Cafe, 236 James St. Info: Betty Traeger, 931-1126.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board. 2nd Thursday of month, 5 p.m. Work to promote SOMA resources for all residents. Gene Friend Rec Center, 270 Sixth St. Info: Tim Figueroa, 554-9652.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District. Full board meets 3rd Monday at 4 p.m. Call 292-4812 for location or check nom-tlcbd.org.

Safe Haven Project. 4th Tuesday of each month, 3 p.m., 510 Ellis St. (Senator Hotel). Contact: 563-2020, 15, or central@safehavenproject.com.

SOMA Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee. 2nd Thursday of each month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudine de Parias, 701-5580.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative. 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m., Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Info: 826-1412.

Tenderloin Neighborhood Association. 2nd Friday of month, 842 Geary St., 5 p.m. Nonprofit focuses on health and wellness activities to promote neighborhood interactions. Info: tendermilenighborhoodassoc@yahoo.com.

SENIORS AND DISABLED
Mayor’s Disability Council. 3rd Friday of month, 12–2 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 584-8198. Open to the public.

Senior & Disability Action (formerly Planning for Elders/Gender Action Network), general meeting, 2nd Thursday of month, 9 a.m.–noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1767 Franklin St. SDA Housing Collaborative meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m. Health Care Action Team meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 1010 Mission St., (Bayview Community Center). For info about SDA’s Survival School, University and computer class.


DISTRICT 6 SUPERVISOR
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HOUSING APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY BUILDINGS (SRO’S)

Please go to 241 6th Street, San Francisco, CA for applications
The TODCO SRO Housing Waiting List is open, for the Knox and the Bayanihan House. If your name is currently on any TODCO Housing Waiting List and you would like information on your current status please call the TODCO Marketing Office at 415-957-0227 on Fridays only.

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