We don’t use giant kids or kids in nightclub attire. ... If the person asks their age, they never lie. They use e-cigs, which previously had enjoyed relative immunity from laws that were enacted before ‘vaping’ came along. The targeted merchants were selected at random by a city contractor from DPH’s constantly updating list of tobacco retailers — as of April, there were 924 in the city. Derek Smith, health educator at the Tobacco Free Project, said: Fifteen retailers — nearly 1 in 5 of those checked — were cited for selling to minors. In the Tenderloin they were: New Princess Market (900 Eddy St.), Tobacco Barn (733 Polk), and Woerner’s Liquor and Salem Grocery, both in the 900 block of Geary. In SoMa, Rite-BY-Grocery (22 Sixth St.), City Wine & Spirits (805 Howard) and the Shell and Chevron stations in the 1200 block of Harrison also were cited: ‘I tell the industry: We’re not trying to trick you,’ SFPD Lt. Dave Falzon told the Extra. ‘We don’t use giant kids or kids in nightclub attire. They never lie. They use lawful IDs or have no ID at all. If the person asks their age, they don’t lie.’ Falzon, who said he initiated compliance operations more than a decade ago, said that when the police are checking compliance with alcohol regulations, the decoys are older, but for tobacco, the typical age is 15 or 16. Many are the children of other officers, he said, or came to the program from high schools via their interest in law enforcement or criminology. They wear body wires and an undercover officer is present to make the citation should a violation occur. The citation process is twofold: The store clerk who sells to a minor is issued a score of countries. Morena Perez can see the Tenderloin and downtown from a Taylor Street balcony on Curran House, the nonprofit family apartments where she and her children have lived for 10 years. This story is one of a series in The Extra on the Diverse City that is the Tenderloin, a many-splendored center of cultures of color and ethnicities from far and wide. It’s the most racially and ethnically diverse neighborhood in San Francisco. The residents of Curran House, TNDC’s first family housing, are a microcosm of the Tenderloin’s diversity: African Americans and Latinos each comprise just more than 25% of the Curran population, with residents coming from a score of nations. Morena Perez from El Salvador represents one Latino culture at Curran House and in the Tenderloin.
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A misdemeanor ticket, which can be adjudicated in community court, Falzon said. But the retailer faces the suspension of its tobacco retail license, typically for 20 days.

That part of the process is handled by the San Francisco Department of Public Health, a division of Public Health. Retailers can contest their citations at an Environmental Health Code Article 19n, which stipulates that some local health offices can take their case to a hearing, and five more have yet to have their day before Aragon.

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June Weintraub, an Environmental Health program manager, said that four cited retailers, as well as 10 others, to date, could be appealing their citations.

“if the citations are new, the number of smartphones in use is rapidly increasing, with a vow to "make technology less scary to neighborhood residents. 

"St. Anthony's is thrilled," said Karl Robillard, senior manager of St. Anthony Foundation. "They've been able to leverage the support operations of the Tenderloin Lab to help to keep helping the digital divide in the Tenderloin itself when that gap was a deep, deep chasm."

In 2007, the Tech Lab quarters were cramped, and the computers were refurbished castoffs donated by Goodwill. Technology was ascending, but the Tenderloin had remained in the everyday life of the Tenderloin had not yet happened. As the Exta reported, St. Anthony's had incorporated the lab into its health code article 19n, which stipulates that some local health offices can take their case to a hearing, and five more have yet to have their day before Aragon.

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Smith said DPH had conducted two surveys of retailers last year and found that the number of retailers selling vaping products grew from 357 in January to 548 by mid-February.

The rising popularity of e-cigarettes, which allow users to get a nicotine fix without actually burning tobacco — in stead, a battery-powered device injects a nicotine-laced liquid — has pumped in new millions into the always resourceful tobacco industry, and presented new challenges for those seeking to reduce tobacco use and improve health.

"The reason the citations are new," Smith said, "is because the law is new. Last April, the state passed an anti-tobacco Health Code Article 19n, which stipulates that e-cigarettes be treated just like traditional cigarettes in the eyes of the law."
Salvadoran single mother heads family, helps others

From El Salvador to sanctuary

The most dramatic result of El Salvador’s 15-year civil war was the flight of nearly 1 in 5 Salvadorans from escalating violence and death. By 2004, that flight of two million had topped up to four million and became sanctuary cities where city employers are not required to check the immigration status of people they serve. The first, where the greatest number of Salvadoran refugees settled was Los Angeles in 1979. Ten years later, San Francisco became a sanctuary city. Now more than 160 cities and counties in 40 states attract the most famous Salvadorans of all, creating a 1996 federal law requiring the officials to report to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Department.

San Francisco’s official policy is to ignore that responsibility. Mayor Ed Lee and Police Chief Greg Suhr are known to ignore federal requests and, as a result, more than 70 Salvadorans have been deported or detained. The federal government knows that the city is not doing its job. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the city alleging that it is violating the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The lawsuit alleges that the city is violating the law by not detaining Salvadorans who are seeking asylum and by providing them with information about the asylum process. The city is facing a $1 million fine if it does not comply with the law.

Salvadorans often come to San Francisco because it’s easier to find work here than in El Salvador. They also come to see their families who have already settled here. The city is a safe haven for them, away from the violence they faced in their home country. The Salvadoran community is the largest in the country outside of El Salvador.

The community is known for its strong sense of family and community. They have created organizations to help each other, such as the Salvadoran American Leadership Network (SALN) and the Salvadoran American Community Council (SACC). These organizations provide legal assistance, education, and social services to the community.

Salvadorans also face discrimination and bias in the criminal justice system. They are often stopped and searched by police, even when they are not suspected of any crime. This has led to a higher rate of arrest and imprisonment for Salvadorans in the city.

Salvadorans have a strong sense of community and are known for their hard work and dedication. They have made a positive impact on the city, contributing to the economy and culture. However, they still face many challenges, including discrimination and bias in the criminal justice system.

Salvadorans are an integral part of San Francisco and have made a significant contribution to the city. They have helped to shape the city’s culture, economy, and society. Their presence is a reminder of the importance of diversity and inclusion in our city.

The American Community Survey, which works with the U.S. Census Bureau for population updates, says 14% of San Francisco’s 2015 population was Hispanic, with half from Mexico, half Latino. The leading Latino nationality, Salvadoran, is 2%, or 14,370. Last fall’s loudly Engineal sale and other Salvadorean and Latins largely asked thousands more.

Few Salvadoreans live in the Tenderloin. Perez believes, as she found no Salvadorean-owned businesses here. Crona neighborhood, don’t break out the ‘Latinos of or Hispanic’ category into nationalities. Juan Carlos Carbon, a project manager focused on sections of the central city neighborhood for the Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development, says it’s his ‘understanding’ that ‘most of the Latinos residents of the neighborhood are from the Ecuavent and Guatevan area.

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Our SF community welcomes thousands of guests during the month of Pride.

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He gave you love when you didn’t have love for yourself,” Santos recalled.

Mr. de Ruijg, the youngest of four children who grew up on a ship as a young man. He met the late poet Ron Schreiber in the Netherlands, and his friendship with him brought him to London and then New York in the 1960s before a long stretch together in New York, Mass., near Boston, where Schreiber was chair of the English Department at the University of Massachusetts.

When his relationship with Schreiber ended, Mr. de Ruijg shared an apartment with his friend for a few years with Santos and then moved to San Francisco. He worked as a tailor at one point opening his own shop with five female employees, “his girls,” Santos said he called them.

He was a fashionable dresser — pictures show him wearing flowing crimson robes — and acted as a tailor for the clergy of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, officiating and honor him at a memorial service and his longtime friendship and a love for yourself,” Santos recalled.

Similarly, Craig continued, “It didn’t matter what his finances were. He was always in a good mood. If someone said something negative, he would make it into a joke. He knew all the bus drivers and was comfortable everywhere he went.”

He lived at the bottom, so he didn’t take life for granted,” said Robert Craig, an apartment building manager at Canon Kip and Bayanihan House.

Mr. de Ruijg was always courteous to her when they’d pass, though “he had his moments.” She remembered the day that he moved in — his mother was with him — and that most of the time he worked at Canon Kip he left the building early and was gone most of the day.

“I think he knew a lot of people in the neighborhoods around here and that’s where he spent his time,” she said.

Spousa Rosnoza, Canon Kip case manager, said Robert and Nico “a gentleman, who didn’t fight with anyone” and who always said hi to staff and neighbors.

The Extra asked Spousa and other staffers about the significance of the water gable on the table. It’s related to the candles, she said. They light the way for the soul after death, and the water drowns any evil spirits that might try to find the soul from rising.

“Jesus water is about life,” another staff member said — a fitting symbol for hope for mourners.

— Marjorie Beggs
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS
HireEvent, June 9, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Hotel Whitcomb, 1233 Market St. Meet Bay Area employer recruiters ready to interview all job seeking experience levels. Complimentary resume critiques by employment experts. Dress professionally. Info: JobHunt.com, call “Job Fair”, or call 866-444-5287.

Small Business Ownership workshop, June 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Main Library, Room A/B, presented by Fran of the Bay Area. Starting a business from scratch, buying an existing business or franchise, key options, myths, misconceptions. Info: sbpil.org.

City Hall Centennial Celebration, June 19, 6-11 p.m., Civic Center. Free entertainment, food activities, activities for 100th anniversary of the “People’s Palace.” Info: sctyhpalace100.com.

ARTS EVENTS
“Laal Batti Express” (Red Light Express), June 6, 3:00 p.m., EXIT Studio, 156 Eddy St., free. Written, directed, performed by ten daughters of sex workers in Kamathipura, Asia’s infamous red light area. Advance required to reserve to red light express.org.

California’s Wild Edge: The Coast in Prints, Portray and History: exhibits by award artist Tom Kilkon, through July 5, Main Library, Critical, 601 Van Ness Ave. and 549-5942. Hannah read works and talk with Kilkon, June 23, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium.

OUTSpoken: Portraits of LGBTQ Luminaries, City Hall, 4th Floor, North Light Court, downtown knock posters, June 9, 10, photographs by Roger Erickson, internationally recognized photographer and Bay Area activist. Info: Name read works and talk with Erickson, June 23, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium.

REGULAR SCHEDULE
HOUSING
Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of each month, room 201, 10th St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8237. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
CBHS Client Council, 3rd Tuesday of month, 3-5 p.m., 1380 Howard, Room 515. Consumer advocates from self help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome. Info: 255-3699. Call ahead as meeting location may change.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1099 Mission St., Boardroom Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call James Christou, 703-0184.

Noheading and Caring Support Groups, weekly meetings at various times, conducted by Mental Health Association of San Francisco, 870 Market St. Ext. 508. Info: 421-2026 or mentalhealth.org/group.

Legal clinics, 4th Thursday of the month, 507 Polk St., 10 a.m. -noon. Legal help for people with psychiatric disabilities or in need help with an SSI work review, sponsored by People with Disabilities Foundation. Sliding scale fee. By appointment only. 931-3070. Info: pwf.org.

Mental Health Board, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advocacy committee, open to the public. Call 255-3474.

Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Kinkly Gulen Community Building, 200 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor auditorium or 9th floor gym. Public meetings to discuss legislation that encourages corner stores to sell fresh food and reduce tobacco and alcohol sales. Info: Jessica Estrada, jessica.huntington@gmail.com, 361-3443.

SAFETY
Sofía Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m., Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 810-7001 x202.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 201 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 345-7020. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-1560 or sf_cityhall100@yahoo.com, a districtwide improvement association.

Central Market Community Benefit District, board meets 2nd Tuesday, Hotel Whitcomb, 1237 Market St., 2nd floor auditorium, 7 p.m., 190-3698, centralmarketdistrict.org.

Community Planning Workgroup, 4th Tuesday of each month, 5 p.m., Alexander Residence Community Room, 230 Eddy St. Join Sofía and TI residents group to discuss effects of development in their neighborhoods. Info: Alexandria Goldman, TNDC community planner, 255-3091 or agoldman@tndc.org.

Friends of Bodecker Park, 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:30 p.m., park Clubhouse, Eddy and Jones. Info: Betty Tranor, 933-1135.

Gree Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of each month, 5.5 p.m. Works to protect SoMa resources for all residents. Gree Friend Rec Center, 270 South St. Info: Tom Ferguson, 504-9632.

Safe Haven Project, 4th Tuesday of each month, 3 p.m., 519 Ellis St. (Senator Hotel). Contact: 563-320, x135, or centralcitysafehaven@gmail.com.

Sofía Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee, 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudine de los Rosario, 701-5800.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. Room, Tenderloin Police Community Room, 201 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Info: 840-1452.

SENIORS AND DISABLED
Mayor’s Disability Council, 2nd Friday of each month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 504-6790. Open to the public.

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