Thành Nguyên, who prefers to be called John, and wife, Van, kneel in prayer at St. Boniface Catholic Church, where they attend Mass and work for Franciscan Charity.

The second wave

Those in wake of boat people trapped in food

By Tom Carter, Photos Paul Dunn

JOHN NGUYEN has just returned from his massive mailing project in San Jose and slips into a seat at Manganeto restaurant on Larkin Street, which has a granite pillar outside that holds a marble, mythical lion welcoming all to Little Saigon. It’s not a spot he’d normally pick for a late lunch. He likes things a little higher end, places that speak more to his aspirations, like the Bistro Cafe in the Westfield mall overlooking Market Street or the Samovar Tea Lounge in Yerba Buena Gardens with global cuisine and tea pairings and a grand view of the glittering cityscape.

‘I don’t want to be reminded of what my parents went through’ he says, ordering banana blossom salad and a large vegetable dish. ‘But they loved this area and kept coming back to eat at the restaurant where they worked. I don’t know why.’

They were dishwashers at Thém Ky, a restaurant around the corner on Ellis Street. It was hard work, long hours, little pay. John and his parents arrived from Vietnam in 1992. It was a struggle to find work, nearly impossible to learn the language and a daunting daily ordeal to face Tenderloin street life. ‘I remember my grandfather standing in line at Glide for free food, and it was pretty good. He was happy. But I remember him as a powerful man — we always thought he could move the Earth.’

In Saigon, the grandfather had his own business, selling refrigerators and refrigeration systems. But the city fell in 1975, and the Communists jailed him for three years as ‘a capitalist pig’ for ‘being a businessman,’ John says.

‘They canteen the language, was getting old and didn’t find the success he’d had in Vietnam.’ ‘It’s sad,’ John says. ‘He died a broken man.’

Even so, his grandfather put in the paper work to get the family to San Francisco and succeeded. It took 10 years.

Not that much has changed in the Tenderloin over his 23 years here. John says, ‘A lot more building,’ he says with a shrug, but ‘it doesn’t seem to be affecting those street people. The world is moving on without them. I see them every day and I’d be a teenager — the same blank looks back at me.’

The soup kitchen lines too just as long, if not longer. ‘So many’ John says. ‘There should be a place for them. Why are they suffering like this? This is one of the richest nations, and people are living in the street — and they speak perfect English and have the ability to work — and they don’t have a house. I don’t see it as much wherever I travel.’

Moreover, he thinks the TL’s Vietnamese population, an estimated 3,500, is dwindling.
Extra writers, artists snag 5 journalism awards

Central City EXTRA earned five awards at the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club’s annual event in early December honoring regional journalists for excellence in their craft. Three of the awards were for news and features and two for compelling imagery — all were published in 2014.

A first-place award went to page designer Liz Stampfl-Torme for her "Shadow of tech" graphic and layout, illustrating Jonathan Newman and Editor and Publisher Geoff Link’s report on how the tech industry has renewed central Market Street, but to date has left the Tenderloin largely unchanged except for forcing out the nonprofits that provide a safety net for the needy.

The Extra took second place in three story categories for nondaily newspapers: news, feature/specialty and business news/tech. All of the stories examined aspects of tech’s effects in the hood.

And Paul Dunn’s photos of youth in the Tenderloin received third-place honors for photography illustrating Tom Carter’s report, "1,100 kids missing," that investigated the ‘disappearance’ of hundreds of neighborhood young people who had been counted in the census as living in the Tenderloin, but were under-reported in city services calculations after gentrification hit.

Marjorie Beggs’ "Homeless to healthy" piece about Project Senior Vitality, a program at Curry Senior Center that gives elders high-tech equipment to help them stay on top of their well-being, received a second place and appeared in the October issue.

In the same issue, Mark Hedin’s ‘Disabled snubbed by Uber, Sidecar, Lyft’ was another red-ribbon winner. It exposed how app-based ride services that have gutted the taxi industry refuse to serve disabled people, which is illegal under federal law but goes unpunished by fawning local authorities.

Another second-place winner by Hedin, "Tax break tech hiring a bust in the Tenderloin," published in September, showed how, despite city-extracted pledges by Twitter and other tech companies to partially fuel their growing startups by hiring from the hood, that hasn’t happened.

Thirty-five news organizations from 11 counties competed in the contest. Their nearly 400 entries were judged by press clubs in New Orleans, Cleveland, Florida and Southern California.

The San Francisco Peninsula Press Club is a professional organization that includes journalists, artists and others working in newspapers, television, radio, magazines, public relations and on the Internet. The Dec. 5 event in Redwood City was its 58th Greater Bay Area Awards program.

For 15 years, The Extra has been covering the central city. It is the only newspaper that regularly reports on the multi-billion-dollar Twitter tax break and its ensuing gentrification of the lowest-income neighborhood in San Francisco, where economic inequality in the city is most obvious.

— Mark Hedin and Geoff Link
Earthquake-era home in Tenderloin sells to developer who hopes to tear it down

By Brittany Hopkins

IN 2001, Central City Extra stumbled upon a little-known fact: There were only four single-family homes left in the Tenderloin. Soon, however, the count may drop to three.

After purchasing the property at 611 Jones St. for $5 million in August (nearly 20% more than the original asking price), the new owner has submitted plans to raze the existing single-family home and construct a 13-story residential development with 17 units.

While the Preliminary Project Assessment application offers few clues as to the site's proposed future, the accompanying site plans by Kotas/Pantaleoni Architects include a rear yard, gym and bicycle parking on the first floor; eight floors of one-bedroom apartments ranging from 675 to 727 square feet; two-story lofts with three bedrooms each; and a roof deck.

The property is located within an RC-4 District, which prioritizes high-density residential space supported by commercial use. However, the initial plans do not include commercial space. It also sits within the 80/13/90T Height & Bulk District, meaning the Planning Commission will need to approve the proposed 150-foot height.

This is not the first time redevelopment plans have threatened the future of this single-family home. Central City Extra reported in 2007 that the previous owner of 611 Jones St., which also happens to be the only wood-frame single-family home in the neighborhood, had drawn up plans to demolish the building and construct a 10-story condominum building with nine units.

While the project received the Planning Commission's approval, the combination of issues regarding its rear yard and the financial aftermath of 9/11 and the dot-com bust led to its abandonment.

The 109-year-old home's days may be numbered, but there's still time to spend the night inside a piece of Tenderloin history — if you have a bit of cash to spare. The home has been available as a vacation rental for years and is still listed on Flipkey for $590/night, which is up from $450/night three years ago.

Brittany Hopkins, Neighborhood Editor for Hoodline, posted this story December 14, 2015. Hoodline is Central City Extra's online partner.

611 Jones St., top, one of just four single-family homes still left in the TL, sold for $5 million in August and may soon be razed to make way for the 13-story apartment building proposed in the architect's elevation.
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People long to get out of the crowded, messy conditions, he says, and he does, too.

"Yes, I want to. If I could, I would have been gone a long time ago," John's mailing in San Jose went out to 30,000 Vietnamese Americans and supporters, a holiday plea for donations to the relief work in Vietnam that his employer, Franciscan Charity, does. It's a high-ceilceing space beneath the Mardi

lac Academy in the St. Boniface building on Tenderloin Avenue. John, his top manager, is also the charity's chief fund-raiser. It was reorganized and revitalized the charity a few years ago, taking it from a one-man program — founded in 2004 by a Franciscan priest — into a $5 mil

 lion annual operation with a staff of eight. Its mission is to help disadvan-
taged Vietnamese children, and has 20 projects in place. A rate card in the of

cice shows what earmarked donations provide: $100 buys a wheelchair or eye surgery, $5,000 pays for heart surgery, $5,000 builds a water-purifying system. It's a big impact in Vietnam, John says. He's motivated by the thought that "there might be a boy out there like me."

His wife is project manager for out-

reach, which can mean assisting flood victims who lost their homes or grants for women to learn sewing skills. They work also with Catholic-run orphanages. One of the long-term results is aiding pregnant Vietnamese girls. Fran-
ciscan Charity supports their decision to keep the baby or give it to an orphanage.

"When they hold the baby, most keep them," John says. Then the charity helps them get on their feet financially. "But some don't and give it up. They don't want to face the shame" of being an unwed mother. Charity is foreign to the Vietnamese, making John and Van's choice of em-
ployer a bit unusual. Philip Nguyen (no relation), director of Southeast Asian Community Center on O'Farrell Street, explains: "There is no charitable consciousness in Vietnam." he says. It's the thing we learn from this country. That's why a lot of Vietnamese go back to help out. Any charity in Vietnam comes mainly from the U.S.

John was born in Saigon the year after the North Vietnamese took over. Now, it's Ho Chi Minh City, but to those who have left, it's forever Saigon.

"It was a mess over there," John says, speaking rapidly, sometimes tripping over words. His parents had quickly married because his mother feared the Communists would make her marry someone she didn't even know. Their mother standing on a pile of garbage looking up at the planes going overhead, begging for a place to live, is an image that has stayed out of there. That was my childhood.

The Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian communities that make up the Tenderloin have different ethnicities to come to the Tenderloin in significant numbers. As the city's cheap- est neighborhood, it had the added at-
traction of being close to Chinatown with its similar cultural roots.

The 2010 census showed 12,971 Vietnamese living in San Francisco. Philip

 Nguyen says it's higher. The Southeast Asian Community Center he runs was founded in the 1980s by Vietnamese refugees and immigrants to help their countrymen assimilate. Philip served on the committee overseeing the 2010 U.S. Census in San Francisco and Alameda counties.

"It's more like 14,000," he says, citing reasons for the disparity. A number of the immigrants are monolingual and re-

clusively identified as Chinese. The census doesn't call out the Tender-
loin, but Philip estimates its Vietnamese population is around 5,500. The biggest community in the U.S., however, is in San Jose: 100,000.

When Vietnamese Americans in the TI, a financial sweet spot, sometimes after years of living eight to 10 in a room, all adults working two, sometimes three jobs, they move out of the city to where "they think their social status will be better off." And they understandably want a larger house for an expanding family," says Philip. The choice three de-
decades ago was Oakland. Philip says, then it shifted to San Jose, which was near Sil-
icon Valley where "jobs were abundant."

Over his 19 years in the northwest section of the Tenderloin, the neighbor-
hood's prosperous quadrant, Philip has seen dramatic changes Vietnamese busi-
nesses have surged with an estimated 500 — in Little Saigon — amid a recal-
caling homelessness in the ever-filthy streets. The TI's Vietnamese population has leveled off, he says, predicting that Sacramento will see the next influx.

The Tenderloin will begin to draw more "middle-income people," and the new California Pacific Medical Center on Van Ness should become a significant employer. Philip believes.

John disagrees that the Tenderloin's Vietnamese population is stabilizing. He sees a serious decline at church where he and Van sing in the 20-member St. Boniface choir for the Sunday afternoon Mass said in Vietnamese. He's been with the choir since he was 16, she joined four years ago.

"Young people don't come to the Vietnamese service anymore. They want the English one as part of their assimila-
tion," he says. So the older people are dy-
ing off. "I feel (the population) is shrinking. At least at my church, it's in crisis."

Even so, the smaller congregation of 200 today swells to 400 at Christmas time with Vietnamese returning to the Tenderloin from across the city. A major stumbling block to the hoard for the immigrants has been lan-
guage. Even those here 10 or more years have trouble, Philip says.

In John's middle school in Saigon, where two-thirds of the students were named Nguyen, Russian or English was the foreign language option. If you didn't take Russian, like the politically-correct majority did, "you were looked down on," John chose English, anyway. "But that was the king's English and didn't help much here because it caused pro-

nunciation problems." It didn't dampen his desire for things American, though. Some Saigon families, he says, would buy toys and pictures of the Yukon, harsh punishments, kept secret libraries. When John had saved enough pennies, he could rent the Jack London stories his father had recommended. "I read them all," he says. In Vietnamese.

And he concedes he perhaps orders too much food when he eats out be-
cause of its scarcity in his youth, much like London's character in "Love of Life" who was starving in the subzero Yukon, finally got rescued, then afterward never seemed to get enough to eat.

John's path when he arrived in San Francisco was paved by his aunt and uncle. They had been translators for the CIA and got out with a U.S. attaché just before Saigon fell. Had they stayed, they "would have been condemned as spies." The couple found jobs as restaurant dishwashers for three years. The aunt who had better English, then became a bank teller. They sent money back so the rest of the family could come here and they became John's closest advisers in his assimilation.

John went to Newcomer High School in the Fillmore District. It was designed to improve immigrants' English speaking and understanding. He later graduated from Lincoln High.

His parents sent him after school to the Vietnamese Youth Development Center on Eddy Street for two years. The Tenderloin nonprofit that now serves 500 mostly Vietnamese youth with a spectrum of languages, job training and other support programs, was created in 1978 to serve the incoming Vietnamese youth.

"They wanted me to be a leader," John says. "But I was too shy, and my En-

lish wasn't that good." John wrestled with nuances, too, like just saying no.

"(Vietnamese) people don't say 'no' to your face," he says. "It's disrespectful and considered uneducated. You have to find a way to let someone down easy. You're always looking to see that you don't offend the person you're talking to so it's important in our culture."

He hasn't kept track of the teen-
gagers who attended VYDC with him, but he knows some joined Vietnamese drug-selling gangs, some got married, and very few went on college. Their priorities were high, however, and he

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Thinh Tuan Nguyen and his wife, Van Le, top, review donation documents re-
cently at Franciscan Charity on Golden Gate Avenue and, below, chat with Curran House manager Tammy Wallace. left.

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They're politically active, plus work for a charity.
had role models from the church con-
gregations and the communities. The ‘well-to-do’ with a
good moral compass’ about 30 of them,
doctors, dentists, scientists, real
estate agents. She stays in touch to learn from
them. ‘Good habits,’ he says, ‘rub off on me.’

John went to City College, then to
San Francisco State University. Comput-
er-savvy, he wanted to be a doctor but
found a chemistry class he was color
blind. He switched majors and got a de-
gree in corporate finance in 2007. It was
a huge year in which he started paying
off a $40,000 student loan and moved
his wife here from Vietnam to live with
him and his parents, and they moved
into Curran House.

He had met Van on a trip back to
Saigon in 2004. They kept communicat-
ing through ‘chat rooms and messaging
programs to avoid the Communist gov-
ernment firewalls.’ He returned in 2006
to wed, but opened a can of worms. Van
was a doctor; a liver disease specialist
at one of Vietnam’s biggest hospitals,
where it was common for three
patients to occupy a single bed and for support
ning family members to be sleeping on
the floor. With a shortage of doctors,
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Couple break cultural mode

27,700 residents where the average income is $21,185. A concern of John Nguyen’s is how to protect the poor people who have lived here a long time. “People are coming in with money. Nothing we can do about it. It’s frustrating. We love the city and want to be here,” he says.

Another CBD concern is Little Saigon. Business falls off after dark — there’s plenty of lunchtime foot traffic — but “people are afraid of the Tenderloin at night,” John says. It looks certain that it will get improved lighting. But poster designs to promote it, that the CBD solicited from artists, so far have missed the mark.

“They’re too complicated,” John says. “I don’t know what they mean. It misses the point.”

John and Van visit many restaurants, not so much in Little Saigon, where Van does weekly grocery shopping, but on occasion the Pakistani and Indian restaurants on Mission Street, and Sunday mornings the Oriental Restaurant on Market Street near Seventh for dim sum. And they make an occasional trip with a friend to Balboa Park to try their hand at tennis.

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• December 1
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**NANCY TYNAN Knocked out, never woke**

A weekend Tenderloin resident was dead and her 18-year-old alleged attacker may be facing a long prison stretch after arguments in October evening on a Nimitz Bruno bus.

"It's a double tragedy," social worker Andrea Mitchell, who tutored Mr. Faison, said. "He died from the worst possible of accidents where Mallory spoke extemporaneous poetry and British poet John and Killah were inseparable. They graced a poster from Glide's Celebration pet awareness campaign. Below: Iris Hill, defendant in Tynan's killing.

"Her and I stripped together at Market Street Cafe," said David, "and then at the Mentone, David said, but Ms. Tynan offered 'one of those amazing opportunities to help someone who appreciated it.'"

She was very neighborly, Mitchell, her closest neighbor, said. "From the first day, she was very attentive, friendly, checking to see if I needed anything. I'm very appreciative of that. I saw a very kind, generous person. She did go to the store and insist on bringing something back. Then he waxed philosophical.

"I learned to cry. That keeps me out of prison, keeps me from killing someone else. When we love someone, we can't bring them back, but we can learn something and carry it forward."

"The only thing positive I can say is another woman at the memorial said, 'that she didn't think she could do it.' She went on to say how much of a talent she had for cooking, 'but at least he had a recipe book for the cooking he loved.'"

She said, "I don't know how many books he had, because of his reading struggles, but at least he had a recipe book for the cooking he loved.'"

I don't know how many books he had, because of his reading struggles, "Mr. Faison was doing what he loved most on Aug. 10, riding his bike down 10th Street in S.F., when he collided. Passeggeri gave assistance and called 911, but he couldn't be revived. Mr. Faison was 51 years old.

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Housing planned for post office site

By Brittany Hopkins

The S.F. Planning Commission June 11 approved the demolition of 101 Hyde St after determining that the post office on that site was underutilized and should be replaced with housing. The following is excerpted from Brittny Hopkins’ Dec. 2 Hoodline posting, “Tenderloin & Mid-Market Residential Development Update: Winter 2015.”

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ARTS EVENTS

O Glorious City. 100 drawings by Jeremy Fish, first artist in residence at City Hall, commemorating City Hall’s 100th birthday, on exhibit through March 25, 2016, on the building’s ground floor and in the north light court, and in posters on 40 downtown kiosks. Info: doitcommission.org.


SPECIAL EVENTS

Interfaith Homeless Memorial, Dec. 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza. Annual service sponsored by the San Francisco Night Ministry and San Francisco Interfaith Council honors those who died on the streets in 2015.

Christmas at Glide, 360 Ellis St.; Dec. 19, 9-11:30 a.m. (free giveaway), Dec. 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., House of Prime Rib luncheon; Dec. 25, 7:30-9 a.m. breakfast; 9 and 11 a.m. celebrations in the sanctuary; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Christmas dinner; Dec. 30-4, 4-6 p.m., Kiva celebration with music, games, storytellers, drumming and a holiday meal.

Christmas at St. Anthony’s, 150 Golden Gate Ave. Dec. 19-24, curbside donation drive, 9 a.m.-midnight; Dec. 25, Christmas Day meal, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Special events through Jan. 16; First Unitarian Universalist Society, 1187 Franklin St., Feb. 7-Feb. 27.

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Regular Schedule

HOUSING
Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco. 1st Wednesday of each month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-9327. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
CBHS Client Council, 3rd Tuesday of month, 5-7 p.m., 1380 Howard, Room 515. Consumer advocates from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome. Info: 255-3895. Call ahead as meeting location may change.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of month, 1010 Mission St. Bayview 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 Liza Montano, 546-1243 x475.

Roarding and Cluttering Support Groups, weekly meetings at various times, conducted by Mental Health Association of San Francisco, 870 Market St., Suite 125. Info: 427-2656 or mentalhealthsf.org/group-search.


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

Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, 4th Thursday, 3 p.m., Kelly Cullen Community Building, 220 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor auditorium or 5th floor gym. Public invited to discuss legislation that encourages corner stores to sell fresh food and reduce tobacco and alcohol sales. Info: Jessica Estrella, jessica.healthmental@gmail.com, 581-2483.

One of 100 images by Jeremy Fish, City Hall artist in residence.

SAFETY
SaMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 538-8750x202.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of month, 6 p.m., police station community room, 301 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 340-7200.

DISTRICT 6 SUPERVISOR

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of month, 5 p.m. Works to protect SaMa resources for all residents. Gene Friend Rec Center, 270 Sixth St. Info: Tim Figueroa, 554-9532.

Tenderloin Community Benefit District. Full board meets 3rd Monday at 5 p.m., 55 Taylor St. Info: 221-4817.

Safe Havens Project. 4th Tuesday of month, 3 p.m., 519 Ellis St. (Senator Hotel). Contact 563-3206, x115, or coco@sfhsa.org@gmail.com.

SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee, 3rd Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudia del Rosario, 701-5580.

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Mayor’s Disability Council, 3rd Friday of month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call 554-6189. Open to the public.

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