I n a narrative rivaling Warren Zevon’s sardonic “Lawyers, Guns and Money,” UC Hastings’ public safety officers request to carry firearms incited forward Sept. 9 at the law school’s Board of Directors quarterly meeting.

Supporters of the request stressed how well-trained and cop-savvy the officers are who toil for Hastings yet how woeful the probable outcome should an aggrieved shooter show up on campus with the officers weaponless.

Bill Palmini, Hastings’ chief public safety officer, a 44-year veteran of police work, opened by acknowledging that when he came to Hastings 5½ years ago he would not have supported his officers’ request to be armed. “They simply weren’t qualified to have firearms then,” he said. Now, however, his officers are public police academy graduates and trained to handle weapons properly.

Palmini — whose 35 years with the Albany Police Department included volunteer work in which he and a partner, dubbed "Elvis and the Lawman," performed musical drinking-safety tips for teens — cited the Tenderloin’s sky-high crime rates and raised the specter of an “active, perhaps suicidal, seedy young man” opening fire.

Like life here, dying’s different than in any other neighborhood

T he Tenderloin, a rough place to live and a hard place to die, is 20 years less here, but this story attempts to detail the neighborhood’s main causes of death, and to put them in perspective with what kills people in the city as a whole.

In San Francisco, a man’s life expectancy is 78 years, according to the Department of Public Health. Women usually live at least five years longer.

It’s 20 years less here, ” in the Tenderloin, says Dr. Ana Valdes, medical director of St. Anthony’s 2-year-old free clinic; an upgrade of its medical services for the destitute going back 53 years. The clinic on Golden Gate Avenue is across from St. Boniface Catholic Church and near St. Anthony’s Dining Room, renowned for its daily bread lines. The clinic sees nearly 500 patients a month, all are poor, 25% homeless, and the majority are alcoholics.

Men are dying in their 40s and 50s,” Valdes says. “For women, maybe 60s.”

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MICHAEL AND JOHN NULTY, twin heavyweight activists who fight for Tenderloin improvements, got a big pat on the back Sept. 26 when four dozen supporters honored them at a four-hour Alliance for a Better District 6 fundraiser in the 24th-floor Sky Room at U.C. Hastings Law School. The event was to recognize the brothers’ collective 70 years of community service. Police Chief Greg Suhr, a neighbor when the Nultys were growing up, showed up early, and former TL Capt. Gary Jimenez was present along with current TL Capt. Joe Garrity, who later pulled door prize tickets. Health Commissioner Jim Illig was master of ceremonies. Gov. Jerry Brown sent a framed certificate of commendation as did Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Ed Lee and other major pols. Public Defender Jeff Adachi brought his framed tribute and state Sen. Leland Yee, long a Nultys ally, arrived late with a lengthy tribute to John Nulty.

Central City Extra was among the numerous neighborhood organizations piling on the honors. Perhaps the best compliment came from entrepreneur Brian Sheehy of the North of Market Business Association, who has opened two bars in the TL in recent years: “We learned in the neighborhood, go see the Nultys first.”

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Community Boards: 35 years settling neighborhood feuds

BY BRIAN RINKER

The Tenderloin and surroundings are among the most ethnically diverse and crowded parts of San Francisco. It’s surprising that sometimes people don’t see eye to eye and conflicts arise. But what happens when the conflict isn’t a criminal offense and a civil suit will only make matters worse?

In this case, where Community Boards comes in.

Community Boards, a nonprofit Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) organization, helps settle disputes without courts, judges and lawyers. It’s funded by the state, thanks to foundations and individual donors. For 35 years it has offered citywide mediation services and training.

Community and neighborhood courts also fall under the ADR category. But unlike neighborhood courts, Community Boards cases are all voluntary disputants who agree to try to work it out. And Community Boards doesn’t judge, it mediates.

Staff and volunteer mediators handle everyday problems: arguments between neighbors, loud-night parties, people claiming they are trained to be neutral but empathetic with both sides.

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Nikaein, 32, says the guests were young foreigners who like to party, get drunk and throw fresh meat at her bedroom window.

She was furious and, as president of her building’s homeowners association, decided to do something. She filed a complaint to the motel manager and filed police reports, but to no avail.

The manager eventually banned Nikaein from his property.

During the filing of a police report, one of the officers referred her to Community Boards. The majority of referrals to Community Boards come from police officers and visitors to their website. All other referrals are by word of mouth.

Nikaein contacted Community Boards, and mediation with the motel manager was set up. The session lasted 1½ hours. The motel manager became very responsive.

Community Boards did a really good job mediating and making sure both sides heard each other,” says Nikaein. There have only been a couple of problems since mediation, on each occasion the motel manager was quick to remedy the situation.

Nikaein thinks they should set up Community Boards offices in the Tenderloin.

“It’s very cost-effective,” she adds.

Garrison said Community Boards wants to reach out to more people in the Tenderloin, especially to the residents and management of SROs because that is where the majority of complaints come from.

Donald Proby is one of the 300 in a pool of volunteers that Community Boards draws from. He lives in the Civic Center/Tenderloin area and has mediated many cases over the years. He believes that the amount of SROs are unique in San Francisco, Proby says. “But at the heart of it, these are the same basic human emotions and basic human conflicts that can be found anywhere in the city.”

Hastings cops want to be armed

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One major change is the President’s Public Safety Officers Association. Whether the primary need to arm the officers was to protect a neighborhood crime or to counter neighborhood crime or to counter an active shooter on campus?

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Death comes decades earlier in Tenderloin than outside. Dr. Joseph Pace at the Housing and Urban Health Clinic gives time-poor men and women the patience to deal with time-poor patients and the true pain they carry. "It takes a lot of imagination to understand their pain," he says. "People have to understand the patients' need. They’re not just numbers." 

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... men and women were: 1. AIDS/HIV; 2. depression; 3. schizophrenia/psychosis; 4. diabetes; and 5. hypertension. Staff of Glide’s HIV screening and referral program, one of 19 in the city, estimates 2,000 HIV carriers live in the Tenderloin. That’s roughly 1 in every 15 people in the neighborhood, or 6.67%, and triple the citywide 2.25% rate, based on 18.5% HIV carriers, according to DPH’s 2010 ‘HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Report.’

The report says 48% of people living with HIV are men who have sex with men, 24% are men who have sex with women and are injection drug users, 13% are injection drug users, and the remain-der are in seven other much smaller cate-gories. While the Castro district has the preponderance of carriers, the Tender-loin leads all districts with the number of injection users, as reported by clinics. Also, ‘The Tenderloin has the highest number of homeless injection drug users newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 2006-10,’ the report said.

Glide sometimes refers HIV/AIDS patients for treatment to S.F. General Hospital’s Ward 86, the city’s leading treatment center, but more often to the closer Tom Waddell Clinic at the western edge of the Tenderloin. Pace says that among the 3,000 patients seen annually at the clinic, there’s consistently a case-load of 30 to 50 AIDS patients. The lead-ing causes of death for AIDS patients are liver disease and complications from substance abuse, he says.

**CLINICIANS’ CONSENSUS**

There are five major medical clinics in the Tenderloin, two are run and three are private. Clinic staff consensus suggests AIDS contends as the No. 1 killer with myriad cancers, diabetes, heart disease and liver damage, not neces-sarily in that order. However, mortality rates for diabetes and its complications are five times the city average and asthma is yet another complication.

Outside of neighborhood clinic sta-tistics, hard medical data and mortality rates for the Tenderloin don’t exist.

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In that event, people are actually bet-ter off living outside, she says. But home-lessness is a downward spiral. It can take a whole day to get into a city-run shelter. ‘Some,’ she notes, ‘are allowed to sleep in parking lots, instead of doorways.”

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Any recitation of ZIP code data for causes of death is skewed by geography. Two leading causes of premature death are 1. HIV: 2. heart disease, 3. poison-ings, 4. alcohol use, 5. cirrhosis of the liver. The report noted that the Tenderloin “is more plagued by sub-stance abuse than San Francisco as a whole” and ‘injection drug use con-tributes to HIV transmission.’

It’s difficult enough to live on the street and maintain good health. But to recover from bad health out there is tougher.

‘It’s hard to stay on that path to recovery when there’s so much anxiety around you — people throwing up in the street, shooting up on the sidewalk, says Hill at Glide. Dope peddlers are everywhere, offering to ease suffering for a few bucks.

**CHILDHOOD ABUSE A Factor**

The outlook for the average long-time poor man or woman who seeks help at a Tenderloin medical clinic is troublesome and not hopeful. When Pace has asked a patient’s back-ground and how he or she became homeless, many tell stories of violence from early childhood, ruthless abuse by parents or other relatives, “all sorts of things,” he says.

So they try to escape their emotional demons with feel-good or deadening substances off the street.

The clinic doctors refer to a ‘dose response curve,’ in prescribing patients’ medications. The worse the childhood experience the heavier the dose of what-ever is prescribed. Disasterous childhoods lead to alcohol and drug abuse as adults, then to heart disease, HIV/AIDS, dia-betes, cancer, lung disease from chronic-inflammation, arterial surges and chronic-inflammation.

‘My opinion has been shifting on this over the last six months,’ prescribing pa-tients’ medications, Pace says about what he now considers an undeniable correlation. ‘I think we underestimate the patients and the true pain they carry. They do their best with what they’ve been dealt — and there’s more to know than we see — and the problems affect learning, too. The violence and drug trade keep fueling a fire when people are trying to survive.”

Glide’s Hill believes her average client reads at the fifth-grade level and suspects many have been victims of violence and sexual abuse as youngsters. Such details contribute to the clients’ lack of trust and demo-nstration. In the UC doctoral program she pursues, she has learned as a rule of thumb "you have to ask a woman client nine dif-ferent times if she has the truth come up" because "women are shy, and sometimes can’t find the words.”

**UNLOCKING THE PASSION**

‘It takes a lot of the passion he has for his work all the way over to the neighbor-hood. The passion has been reduced, as the neighborhood treatment, look, feel and guidance, giving him a time-out approach.

‘Unlocking the passion isn’t easy.’

Valdes, 43, shown here with Dr. Sonia Bledsoe, has been a St. Anthony medical clinic patient 10 years and attends educational pro-grams on how to avoid a potentially lethal lifestyle. A native of El Salvador, Trinidad is glad she and her children qualify for the free clinic, where Spanish is spoken.

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Tenderloin's soiled sidewalks comes

pop-up arts in a box.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN JANONIS
Safe Passage artist

Tenderloin strollers won’t see John Janonis’ colorful Thanksgiving window drawings this fall, but schoolchildren and other pedestrians may soon see his vivid green sidewalk design that will mark the neighborhood’s Safe Passage route.

The proposal to paint the 11-block route, based on a design Mr. Janonis created last year, was at the Arts Commission awaiting approval when he died Aug. 3 in his SoMa hotel room. Cause of death has yet to be determined. He was 67.

But the painting will still get done, pending design approval, expected in October.

“We can still do this to honor the design he created,” said Dina Hilliard, executive director of the TL Community Benefits District, which made the proposal and budgeted $6,000 for Janonis to do the painting.

“We’ll be hiring an artist to do it.”

Safe Passages, a pilot project involving the CBD, police and several community groups, provides kids with an 11-block safe route to and from Tenderloin schools along Golden Gate Avenue, Turk, Eddy and Ellis streets between Leavenworth and Jones streets, with an additional block on Ellis extending to Hyde. Volunteers and police will be present at some intersections.

Mr. Janonis’ death further delayed the project that had already run past its June deadline. Hilliard said the CBD will “regroup on the timeline.”

Mr. Janonis, at 6-feet-2 and 240 pounds, was a bearded bear of a man who lived 16 years at the Covered Wagon Hotel on Folsom Street. He did commercial sign work, sets for small theaters, silk-screen T-shirts, murals, buttons and, according to his resume, was a street vendor five years. He also was a professional dog-walker.

For years during the holidays Mr. Janonis had contracts with clients including TDNC to paint Thanksgiving and Christmas scenes on their street-level hotel windows. Thousands saw his work.

Jeff Buckley, Central City Collaborative executive director, knew him six years. Mr. Janonis attended collaborative meetings as the Covered Wagon Hotel’s tenant representative. Last year he redesigned the collaborative’s logo, but the Passages design, Buckley said, was by far Janonis’ best work.

“It was his crowning jewel,” Buckley said. “It’s like the yellow brick road, and it has things written in it for kids to remember. He was so talented. And, unofficially, he was our artist-in-residence.”

The project calls for slip-resistant material over acrylic green, red, blue and yellow paint to be donated by a local paint store, that will go down on one sidewalk of a block. Mr. Janonis’ design will be fixed using three plates, or stencils, none larger than 3-by-5 feet. Each block will take 15 to 20 stencils.

Mr. Janonis looked “like a lumberjack,” an incongruous sight when walking six or seven dogs on leashes. He was also an avid gardener, a former coordinator and a member of SoMa’s Howard Langton Community Garden at Folsom and Langton streets.

“I was looking forward to seeing the look on his face when Safe Passages was completed. Buckley said, “It’s sad he won’t see it.”

The project is designed to end June 2012, or earlier, if the paint fades out. Then, the CBD will determine from feedback if the community felt that it was served and proceed accordingly. Even so, one of several community give-back requests to California Pacific Medical Center is that it bankroll making the design permanent by “burning it into the concrete,” Hilliard said.

A memorial for Mr. Janonis is planned by his family members for Dec. 14, Buckley said. It will be held at the Langton garden.

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EVARISTO VASQUEZ
Honored by tres amigos

Evaristo Vasquez said on his death bed that he wanted to meet his grandchildren in Fresno whom he’d never even seen, and he promised to stop drinking. But it was too late.

Years of heavy drinking caught up with the congenial 5-foot-1 Mexican American and he died Sept. 15 of liver complications at S.F. General Hospital. He was 66.

“I visited him in the hospital,” said Liz Del Gaddillo, his social worker of four years. “I had been worried about him for some time. He was such a sweet, sweet soul. I asked him to promise to quit and he said, ‘I promise.’”

She was one of five mourners selected to place a circle at Mr. Vasquez’s memorial in the small Listening Post room at the Ambassador Hotel where he had lived for just one week.

One resident said she didn’t know him, but thought it important to be there because “we’re all family at the Ambassador.”

Mr. Vasquez had lived at least four years at the Franciscan Towers on Turk Street. But the apartment building burned April 5 and owner TNC Redevelopment Agency sent some of its 400 or so residents to live. Mr. Vasquez was at the Le Nain on Eddy and Polk before being sent, Aug. 11, to the Ambassador. One week later, he was taken by ambulance to S.F. General. Where he was in and out of intensive care. His family came from Fresno to visit him.

Three of his drinking buddies at the Ambassador made sure that when Mr. Vasquez’s friends would find him drunk on the street, they’d clean him up and get him into fresh clothes.

Mr. Vasquez visited his relatives in Fresno a few years ago for a month and abstained, Ricardo said, but when he returned to the Tenderloin, he resumed. “It takes trauma to change an alcoholic, Ricardo said, pulling up his right pant leg, showing a brace on his scarred leg. He injured the leg three years ago and stopped drinking for his health but he said Mr. Vasquez could not stop. At times, he invited Mr. Vasquez to his alcohol-free house for dinner and encouraged him to quit. Sometimes he allowed him to stay a week or two. Later, when Mr. Vasquez’s friends would find him drinking on the street, they’d take care of him.

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“He didn’t bother anybody,” said one who had known him three years. “He was a good friend to me.”

“He didn’t argue with anyone,” said another. “But alcohol was his temple. I told him, ‘Be careful — too much is dangerous.’”

The third amigo, Ricardo, talked softly at length in Spanish, at times gesticulating with gentle hand movements. Del Portillo, teary-eyed, interpreted much of it.

Ricardo said Mr. Vasquez, whose people came from Oaxaca, was a day laborer who bonded with others while hanging out on Cesar Chavez Street waiting for work. Ricardo had known him 16 years and in that time Mr. Vasquez had stayed in every shelter in the city. He said and his friends made sure that when Mr. Vasquez was intoxicated they got him shelter and food. They’d put him in a shower, clean him up and get him into fresh clothes.

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Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Training (NERT).
City residents can take the S.F. Fire Department’s free disaster preparedness and response training at neighborhood locations. Schedule details: www.sfgov.org/firetraining, or Lt. Arteseros, 970-2022.
Solfa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 538-8100 x202.
Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 3rd Edgy St. Call Susa Black, 343-7300. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
Alliance for a Better District 6, 1st Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or info@allianceforabetterdistrict6.com. Focuses on neighborhood improvement and enhancement.


COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING
Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., Dorothy Day Center, 54 McAllister, Call: 421-2920 x804.
Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of the month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 329-8307. Tenant unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
CBHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5-7 p.m., Howard St., room 537, 257-3695. Consumer advisers from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome.

Health & Wellness Action Advocates, 1st Tuesday of the month, 5-7 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market St., Suite 1095, 421-2920 x804.
Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1010 Mission St., Bayview Health Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on improving community health outcomes, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning, health education. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

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