TNDC mulls grocery store as data roll in

Win Carter

TNDC is buying the largest vacant lot left in the Tenderloin and beneath 12 stories of affordable family housing will be the full service grocery store that residents have hungered for — if plans work out.

The site is the parking lot at Eddy and Taylor streets, kitty corner from TNDC headquarters.

TNDC, nonprofit owner of 25 buildings, got $5.5 million from the Mayor’s Office of Housing to start the project that may cost $75 million. TNDC wants to designate 5,000 to 15,000 square feet of retail ground floor space for a grocery. But that’s not big enough to interest a chain grocer, which would need a store at least twice that size.

Coincidentally, on Dec. 9, City Planning announced for public review an environmental impact document for a similar project on the southeast corner of Van Ness and Sutter, near enough to attract some Tenderloin customers. The 13-story mixed-use building would have 15,800 square feet for a ground-floor grocery store.

For months TNDC has researched the feasibility of a grocery store in the Tenderloin. They surveyed for food availability, distributed questionnaires to residents and conducted focus groups. Now, most results are in and TNDC is analyzing data while trying to market the idea.

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TNDC’s researchers used the map that ran with The Extra’s “Where to get it fresh” article in July.

The Extra brings some of its ‘07 stories up to date

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O.J.’s FIRE SURVIVORS
Back home at the Moderne Hotel

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I’ll never forget my first visit to Canon Kip at Eighth and Natoma streets. It looked like a drafty-concrete warehouse and I couldn’t spot a front door. A plain metal double door down the alley looked like a service entrance. I gave it a try — and walked like Alice through the Looking Glass into a wonderful place and time: a genuine Community.

One room off the hall was filled with middle school kids sitting quietly at desks doing homework. In the large back room were seniors, relaxing after the lunch program, waiting for bingo. In the big gym, a group of kids were shooting baskets at one end and a team was practicing plays at the other.

Filipino, black, white, just like the neighborhood.

I found my way down the hall to Gene Coleman’s office, a small side room. From behind a crowded desk surrounded by stacks of paper he greeted me with that big, warm smile that everyone who ever met him will never forget. I was the newbie, the one who produced me to the group. The ladies were general gathering place, and Gene introduced me to the group. The ladies were very polite and kindly welcomed me, asking when the new building would open and how they could apply. But one fellow immediately challenged me with a combative question. We were going to move the people back into Wood House that the Redevelopment Agency had displaced 10 years earlier when it tore down the old Third and Fourth Street hotels.

I don’t recall my answer, though only about a dozen finally moved back, but it was definitely a poor one because he charged forward, called me a “puck,” and took a roundhouse swing at my jaw. Gene effortlessly pushed me back just enough so it missed, stepped easily in between and said, “Now Ieland, he’s new, give him a chance.” It was Lee Meyerzove, longtime and very vocal SoMa resident and moderator of the KPOO radio broadcasts of Board of Supervisors meetings in City Hall in the decades before SFGOV TV and Webcasts. (TODCO’s Leland Apartments on Howard Street near Sixth is named in his memory; he passed away in 2005.) Welcome to the hood.

Lee was one of the Canon Kip “regulars.” Most any day you could find him there talking about the latest neighborhood news and gossip with Enrica Sabala, Isabel Ugat (TODCO’s Hotel Isabel at Seventh and Mission streets is named in her memory).

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TNDC’S grocery idea meets neighborhood buzz saw

Residents resist another liquor license in alcohol-soggy hood

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

STEVE WOO. TNDC’s new liaison to the Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, brought a sample four-page Food Assessment Survey to the November meeting in hopes of getting it distributed to more residents.

The 35-question survey asks people how often the respondents eat, how hard it is to find that food near where they live and an estimated cost of stores they prefer to shop in. In 2008, the city will hold an assessment in every Tenderloin neighborhood.

“We’re looking at the idea of putting a grocery store at our planned building at Eddy and Taylor,” Woo said, “so we’re evaluating if people need food of what people live in the Tenderloin.”

TNDC’s proposed 19-unit family apartment building at 108-186 Eddy and 238 Taylor — estimated completion 2011 or 2012 — will have enough ground-floor commercial space to accommodate a large grocery store, he said.

That touched a raw nerve in the room. At least two people around the table were churned over an ordinance introduced in May by Supervisor Michela Alotto-Pier. It exempts grocery stores larger than 5,000 square feet from moratoriums on new liquor licenses that the city imposed eight years ago, including parts of the Tenderloin. The TL’s moratoriums from 1999 were an “abuse of power,” Woo said.

“I see this as an absolute betrayal of our neighborhood,” resident David Baker said. “We have this moratorium, and now we’re being asked to overlook it to get groceries to open here.”

But we need that exemption as an incentive to bring a grocery store to the Tenderloin,” Woo protested to Baker.

“I’m sorry,” Baker shot back. “I don’t think that argument holds water. We’re conceding points without data and it’s sending the wrong signal. What difference does one more place selling liquor make?”

Several studies show that the “just one” idea may complicate. The Extra found a reference to a 1995 report in the American Journal of Public Health about liquor outlet density; it estimated that in a typical Los Angeles County city of 50,000 people with 100 alcohol outlets and 570 assaults, adding one outlet completed a 3.4 more assaults annually.

Another article by the same author in the 1999 Journal of Studies of Alcohol used the same basic set and estimated that each new alcohol outlet added 2.7 vehicle crashes. “Outlet” was not defined.

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JOBS-SEEKERS

It was the other SRO — standing room only. When Community Housing Partnership kicked off its newest service, CHP Enterprises, training and employment in property management for formerly homeless people. Clients, staff, government officials, others’ reps and other well-wishers jammed the 201 Turk St. community room Nov. 29 to hear about the program, whose startup is being funded by $550,000 from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Community Services and $94,000 from REWE, a private foundation. Enterprises’ first 18 graduates will become desk clerks at four Tenderloin hotels and apartments managed by Chanatrayi Communities. Enterprise’s Faye Vaillancourt, director of property management, said, “I’m glad we jumped on the bandwagon. It helps us build a sense of family and gives hope for the residents — the new employees are models for our residents.”

The Enterprise’s first employees, Cherrie Pittman, told the audience that the program’s done more than just give her a job. “We can help others,” she said. “We all came from the same situation.” CHP is looking for other nonprofit and private housing providers citywide that need desk clerks and maintaining and cleaning staff. Enterprise information: 749-2798 ext. 361.

TNDC’S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

A Hollywood Dance party has donated $5,000 to the 225 kids at Boeddeker Park’s TNDC’s After School Program in New Delhi, India. The event was held Nov. 11 at the New Delhi restaurant is for 300 children of Harijan street cleaners, “untouchables” in India’s caste system.

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SANDY BORRES

Two years ago, the city hired the Conservation Corps to remove the deteriorating playground area next to the park’s basketball court and behind the Chinatown Recreation and Park District’s building. The area will be transformed in 2008 into a new playground, according to Betty Traynor, Friends of Boeddeker Park.

The city okayed for five neighbors a new, large grocery store, he said. “It did well,” he said. The board passed the ordinance with an amendment introduced by Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval. Exempted stores can’t sell malt beverages with more than 5.7% alcohol, wine with more than 15% alcohol (except 2-year-old or older bottled wines), or hard liquor in bottles smaller than 100 ml, or 660 ml, or less than a pint.

In late November, Woo told the Extra that the grocery store for Eddy and Taylor was still in the dreaming stage. Meanwhile, since TNDC started distributing the food surveys in mid-October, he’s gotten back 150, some from tenants of TNDC-owned SROs but more from families who live in Tenderloin apartments.

“They’re the ones who have a shop for a lot of food and are cooking meals in their kitchens,” he said. “Carrots and sticks work in low-income areas. The first 200 people to complete the survey got $10 safety gift certificate.”

When the surveys stop coming back, results will be tallied and made public, Woo said, though he didn’t know in what form. The survey was created by TNDC with Public Health Law & Policy, an Oakland-based nonprofit that provides communities campaña to improve residents’ nutrition, control tobacco use, and find solutions to other health concerns.

Www.tlfutures.org — is up again and with new features: interactive community calendar, bulletin board, useful links, site updated daily. Check it out.
I’d like the stewed Tenderloin, please

Eating out at Donut World really does give food for thought

By Ed Bowers

I once knew a woman who wouldn’t go out to eat with a man unless she was going to bed with him because, she said, eating is an intimate experience. At the time I found her statement odd. I eat out a lot. In fact, except for candy bars and donuts I secretly consume in my room in The Zoo – what I call where I live on Hyde Street, surrounded inside and out by drug-addled morons suffering various stages of dementia – I only eat out. Also, I understand that this is an art column, not a restaurant critique, so I will get to the art part. In the meantime, bear with me.

Eating in America is a social thing. People love to eat together. Often I eat solely out of necessity, but because so do most of the time in restaurants, it is impossible for me to avoid the social thing. Every day I see people sitting at tables and lunch counters chewing on food, some of them having the time of their lives, others suffering terminal depression, a large percentage clearly out of their minds. This forces me to observe their behavior up close. Lucky me.

From what I’ve seen, there is a horrible racial divide in this city, and it can clearly be seen in restaurants and cafes. So there it goes. Now I’m not talking about art or food, I’m writing about racism. But I’ll get back to art and food later. Please be patient.

A few days ago I was eating breakfast at 3 p.m. at the L&M Café at 1081 Market St. when two African American women approached the counter; one demanded a bagel. Unfortunately the kind she wanted was not available; this put her in a bad mood. Finally settling for another flavor of bagel, she began demanding a lot of free condiments to go with it. When the Asian woman referred to how she didn’t want “…those people…” in her establishment, the young woman’s radar caught the racism and she got mad. I left to go to work so I don’t know what happened after that.

And people wonder why I’m a nervous eater.

At any rate, the reader must be wondering, “What the hell does this have to do with art?” The answer to that is simply: People think art exists only on the stage or in the museums or in books. But art is a function of the human mind, and quite frankly a lot of art is an ugly projection revealing unpleasant aspects of consciousness, painting on its neurons a myriad of concepts many of them sad, or violent, or disgusting.

But viewers, who take the time to apply thought and insight to the work at hand, get an aerial view of the production and gain insights impossible otherwise.

And that’s what I would like people to do in their daily lives. Look around at what’s at hand, respect it as a spontaneous creation of human mind, and try to think deeply about the meaning of this creation and the reasons behind its performance.

This is especially important if you live in the Tenderloin, considering that this is where a lot of ruined artifice that have been rejected by the major museums have come to be stored, if you get my metaphorical drift.

But all artifacts have one thing in common: the human mind. And out of that mind comes a production in which everybody human is involved. It is impossible to avoid who we are.

Your mind is the same as my mind, just a variation on a theme. We’re in this together, ladies and gentlemen, and we’d better pay attention to the script.

The hostility and hatred between human minds is not going away by itself. We are going to have to acknowledge an intimate and unavoidable connection between each other and think deeply about why we act toward each other the way we do or this production is going to turn into a tragedy.

That is what is so great about the Tenderloin, above all other neighborhoods, the actors on this stage are playing their parts upfront and to the hilt. Ironically, in a zone full of castoffs, nobody here can afford the luxury of disconnection from others.

So the drug-addled morons, and the angry races, and the restaurant owners all eat together, one way or another. And the woman I once knew who would only eat out with a man she was going to sleep with had a point. Sharing food with someone is an intimate experience.

Except she was also wrong; the real food is human thought, and we are all irrevocably dining off the same plate.

Ironically, one week after writing this article I was having a drink at the 21 Club on the corner of Taylor and Turk in the heart of the Tenderloin at midnight when I looked up and noticed every damn race in the world standing around smiling at each other and laughing.

Did something go wrong a long time ago with the human mind? Does it have to be drunk to get along with itself?

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A PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Defenestration building faces eminent domain vote

BY TOM CARTER

The Redevelopment Agency Commission will consider starting eminent domain proceedings in January to buy the gutted and long vacant Hugo Apartments for $3.25 million after SOMPAC, its community advisory committee, recommended the move at its November meeting. Redevelopment has been trying for years to get the owners — the David Patel family — to fix up or sell the blighted four-story building at Sixth and Howard streets. Emery since a 1987 fire, the building has been famous since the quixotic art project called Defenestration went up on its outdoor walls in 1997. If the commission votes yes on a “resolution of necessity” at the Jan. 15 meeting, the eminent domain hull will start.

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EE five residents who fled their smoked-filled Moderne hotel rooms Oct. 12 when a $2 million fire broke out in Original Joe’s below them returned to their rooms in a week after the Red Cross relocated them temporarily in other SROs. With their own rooms in shambles, the returning residents were given other rooms in the 30-room hotel. A month after the fire, some were still transferring possessions left behind.

“Just trying to salvage a few things,” said Geoffrey Rayner, one of the five who was standing inside his bathroom. “I was at a small desk, the only object around him that wasn’t overturned in the fire-fighting frenzy. A 5-foot-wide hole had been poked in the ceiling.

Rayner, 77, has lived in the hotel 20 years. He came here from London 45 years ago and worked as a bookkeeper. “I’m getting mostly notes and papers,” he said, happy to be relocated in the slightly larger Room 15.

Restaurant workers told the Chronicle the fire started in or near an exhaust flue above the kitchen. The Fire Department said the damage to the restaurant and hotel was $2 million — $1.5 million of it structural, Lt. Mindy Talmadge told The Extra, and contend $2 million — $1.5 million of it structural, Lt. Mindy Talmadge told The Extra, and told The Extra, and

The Moderne Hotel, on the second floor at 162 Taylor St., would be a flophouse by any definition and function. The fire reduced it further. Broken windows and parts of destroyed walls in the dimly lit, narrow hallways and broken windows elsewhere are boarded up with plywood. The stench of wet-dogged, burned material fills the air. Dirt and grime are everywhere on the flimsy, deteriorating carpet, but there’s no loose glass. Some rooms have gaping holes in their ceilings where rain poured down the morning after fire fighters had finished hosing it.

Built in 1910, the building is owned by restaurateurs John and Marie Duggan who bought it in 1998. “Hey,” said a large man passing in the hallway, “the firemen bust my door down and management hasn’t fixed it. Me and my wife have to live behind that.

“This has been a hell hole since the fire,” said a woman nearby.

Rayner with others fled the building. While he waited 45 minutes in the rain unsupervised, paramedics checked him — he needed no treatment. Others had ducked inside Daddas Market on the corner and watched the fire fighters. Police report they found an unattended 2-year-old wandering among the fire engines.

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After the fire, Johnnie Callan, 54, stayed a week at the Auburn Hotel on Minna Street and used the clothing voucher he was given at a Geary Street thrift store. Callan said he had been in his Room 30, dressed in short pants and a shirt when he smelled the smoke before he saw it rolling out from around the floor pipes leading to his sink. His lights were out. Charging out of the door he saw the hallway filled with smoke under the fluorescent lights. He didn’t know which way to turn.

I thought I was in a towering inferno,” Callan said.

He hobbled to the right using his cane to stabilize his prosthetic foot and soon came across firemen who took him out.

He returned later to fetch a few things, but his room is a mess with the mattress ripped up, and the wall and large holes in the ceiling. One resident’s computer, DVD player and television disappeared from his room, he said, and the man moved out to try to find comparable $150-$160 a week rent elsewhere.

“It’s funny, but before the fire everyone sort of passed in the hallway with their heads down, but anything,” Callan said. “Now everyone’s talking to each other. So I guess some good came out of it. We’re all saying to each other, yeah, like ‘how you doing’?”

SOMPAC votes to buy the Hugo for $3.25 million

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start taking people’s property.”

The fair market figure came from a professional appraisal. The Chronicle reported four years ago that the owners’ asking price was $4 million. In 2000, Redevelopment paid $1.8 million for the two-story SRO hotel diagonal across the intersection, then tore it down and built the eight-story Plaza Apartments.

If eminent domain proceedings are approved in January it is tantamount to Redevelopment owning the Hugo owners, forcing them to sell. The case would go to a judge and a jury would decide the building’s fair market value. Mike Grasso, Redevelopment’s liaison to SOMPAC, said. If it does buy the Hugo, Redevelopment would build affordable housing.

Anytime during eminent domain proceedings, the owners can strike a deal to sell to another buyer or draw up plans with financing to renovate or build anew, and the case would be dropped. The agency prefers that to acquiring the property, Grasso said.

“This is not a trend,” he emphasized.

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and others. You didn’t need a newsletter, you just went to Canon Kip to find out what was going on. And over the next five years I got to know the larger SoMa community network that revolved around the Community House.

Right across Eighth Street was Westbay Filipino Multiservice Agency’s Teen Center. Not only did the kids go back and forth daily between the two, but so did the staff. Just out of college they got a job with Westbay, moving to work at Canon Kip after a few years of experience. Or vice versa. Ed del la Cruz, its longtime director, seemed to be at Canon Kip as often as Westbay (he passed away in the early 1990s). There was no organizational rivalry or “turf.”

EVERYBODY KNEW EVERYBODY

Most of the seniors played bingo and worked at St. Patrick’s Church on Mission Street whose longtime pastor, Monsignor Clement McKenna, was also a TODCO board member. He had spearheaded the parish’s development of Alexis Apartments senior housing on Fifth Street, opened in 1974 with resident programs provided by Sisters of Mercy living at the rectory (now all passed away).

Or they could choose the Salvation Army Senior Activities Center in the former Mission-style Southern Police Station on Fourth Street that the Redevelopment Agency had granted to the Army along with its Silver Reedence senior housing site, completed in 1972. Bingo and dancing were not allowed, but the lunch program and pool tables were always full. Maj. Evelyn Dexter (long since retired), who only wore her uniform for official Salvation Army work, was very modest, but its principal and longtime teachers cared. The nearby Filipino Education Center on Harrison Street provided bilingual support for immigrant children. Three generations of SoMa kids had passed through by 1980, plus two or three more by now with more to come. Throughout most of the '80s, Dr. Ruth Hill provided the only private psychotherapy for kids in SoMa through a city-funded program at Bessie.

EVERYONE CARED

At Canon Kip, everyone was a social worker, official or unofficial. Gene Coleman’s formal degree from Findlay College in his home state of Ohio was a BA in Social Work. But titles didn’t matter. The office manager did social work. The teen program staff did social work. The meal program staff did social work. The meal program staff did social work. The meal program staff did social work. The meal program staff did social work. The meal program staff did social work. The meal program staff did social work.

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Reagan’s presidency also marked the appearance of widespread homelessness in American cities. It was a shock, and churches throughout the nation opened emergency shelters that first winter of 1982. As Bishop William Swing recalled years later: ‘The mayor of San Francisco [Diane Feinstein] asked Grace Cathedral to help with the ‘temporary’ and new problem of homelessness. On the first night we housed forty. On the second night, two hundred fifty. Today, one thousand one hundred fifty in eight locations. A vacation was born for us. Churches throughout the diocese followed suit and housed homeless.’

POLITICS OF THE TIME

President Johnson’s War On Poverty in the 1960s pioneered federal funding for important new central city programs. Canon Kip was the first location of the South of Market Health Center (now located near Seventh Street and the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program (whose young attorneys then represented Yerba Buena residents against the Redevelopment Agency)— the all-too-effective legal advocate for poor people. Ms. Feinstein made sure to neuter in 1981 in his first year as president because they had sued him successfully when he was governor.

Canon Kip: The glue that held the community together. The Isabel Hotel at the corner of Mission and Seventh streets was named for SoMa stalwart Isabel Ugat, see inset.
Coleman, that the center might want to move elsewhere if future demographic change dis-

pleased its low-income residents. He served since its founding. Coleman, however, feels the center should stay where it is and fight those changes. Swing called me and said, “We’ve lost the Tenderloin, we’re losing the South of Market, and we may have to move the center to follow our constituents.” My position is that if we lose the South of Market, there won’t be any constituents left — not in San Francisco any-

“Canon Kip can go back to serving a very small, distinct population group, without any ado-

hopeness in the name of “cost effectiveness” — changed it to a per-ride payment. A businessman would have to work to stay in the city.

Killing it Slowly

Which is exactly what happened. The gym was closed and converted to a full-time home-

silver, June 1983: “The truth is the sanctuary has severely affected its community. The staff

advised its board of directors in a Canon Kip deficit. The Episcopal bishop’s proposal to stop the faith center’s funding has dropped over 60%. Recreation time to preserve the housing, jobs, small business, public transit, and traffic patterns that are con-

munity organizing meetings during these years, and Gene Coleman frequently was the 

The Bayanihan (hotel, which TODCO built) has revived it to provide a site for 105 units of new SRO low-

As the friends grazed on a spread of salami, chicken, shrimp and an assortment of dips and drinks, the reminisc-

and beaming under a fetching white fedora rested on an

A 26-by-30-inch color photo of Coleman in a gray suit

The Leland Apartments at 560 Howard St. were named for feisty Canon Kip regular Lee Moyerzoo, see inset.

No one wanted to turn the gym into an ad hoc shelter at the end of 1982. The city’s new South of Market Recreation Center opened at Sixth and Market streets in 1985-86. Canon Kip’s senior programs dropped, leaving only the senior programs until the center finally closed its doors in 1989.

In 1992 the old building was demolished to provide a site for 185 units of new SRO low-

income supportive housing for “dual-diag-

hospice/homeless, dishonorably keeping the name Canon Kip Community House. A small replacement senior center was rebuilt within its ground floor and continues to function today. The gymnasium was functionally replaced by the city’s new South of Market Recreation Center that opened at Sixth and Market streets in 1985-86. It helped make SoMa a vibrant, diverse community.

He was too young (to pass),” said John Elberling, TODCO executive director who planned the get-together. “But he didn’t exactly lead a temperate life.” John Behanna, a Canon Kip board member 1985-90, and a former president, said he first met the charismatic Coleman one night in a cigar-smoke-filled room where he was playing poker. “I never knew he was a founder of TODCO,” Behanna said. “I had no idea he was so competent.”

“TODCO,” Elberling said. “Canon Kip was a hub of activity. There’s no spirit now. We have our vision. It is different from the visions and plans of the Redevelopment Agency and the developers. We have no choice but to put forth to the public, in a meaningful way, our own vision of the South of Market and the need to preserve the housing, jobs, small business, public transit, and traffic patterns that are conducive to saving and enhancing the neighbor-

Reminiscing

“There was a lot of spirit in those days”
When Redevelopment bought the corner property in 2000 for $1.8 million, TODCO was the only outfit answering the request for proposals to build low-cost housing there. The nonprofit planned to build 115 units and an underground theater it would sell Bindlestiff for $1. A deal fell through when the Planning Commission rejected TODCO on a 4-3 vote, then decided to create Redevelopment’s own nonprofit developer.

Bindlestiff’s negotiations are headed now for “a happy kind of ending,” Alex Torres, the board member, said in an interview. The partner Bindlestiff is looking to is Arthouse, an arm of California Lawyers for the Arts. Torres hopes the long-vacant theater, with its entrance and box office upstairs at 185 Sixth St., will open by July. It would then finally end what late SomArts Executive Director Jack Davis called Bindlestiff’s long “heroic struggle” to stay alive by “reinventing themselves in a drowsy neighborhood.”

From the outset, the band of artists had little experience raising money or even making a profit. But they met their evolving financial obligations with the agency’s help. The group is one of the Plazas’ underground theater shell. And their organization was often in disarray. More than once Redevelopment gave Bindlestiff second chances by extending deadlines.

The Bindlestiff name was bestowed by a Canadian drama teacher who started the small group on pennies in 1989 in an impoverished storefront on the threadbare Plaza Hotel. Filipino artists got involved in 1997, becoming the resident company and performing in the black box theater.

Redevelopment decided to reclaim the property so that Bindsitff could stay if it wants the proposed $1-a-year lease to Bindlestiff all but back in business.
to compare with what they found. The survey report referred to it as ‘the Chronicle map,’ though the Chronicle had never been cited.

The TNDc-hired investigators found only 14 stores that sold a dozen or more kinds of fruits and vegetables. The Extra’s summer survey found 24 with that many items.

The map designated approximate locations of stores but didn’t list addresses, and investigators didn’t ask for them. Puzzled how there could be such a discrepancy in data, the Extra reporter retraced his steps in early December and found two erroneous addresses on the list and two groceries that at this time do not offer 12 items. But 20 (see accompanying list) did still feature 12 or more items.

The highlights of TNDc’s survey:

• The selection and availability of fresh produce is relatively good, especially given most TL outlets are mom-and-pop.

• All the fresh food is of relatively good quality with produce scoring the highest. Average quality of all food scored 3.6 on a scale of 4.

• Store sizes vary, but the average grocery in the Tenderloin is 1,764 square feet, an urban contrast to the average 10,000-to-20,000 square feet of what the industry labels a ‘small grocery store’ in suburbia. The average American grocery store is 48,750 square feet, the survey report quotes the Food Marketing Institute.

• Of the 122 items in a ‘healthy market basket,’ according to the USDA’s Thrifty Food Plan, only 15 could be found in 11 of the 12 stores they found that carried a dozen or more fresh items.

20 that sell it fresh

H ere are addresses of 20 TL grocery stores that have a dozen or more fresh fruits and vegetables, although the offerings may vary because of seasonal availability.


—TOM CARTER

The Right Way Market on O’Farrell Street was part of TNDc’s survey that found the Tenderloin’s fresh produce to be good quality.

TL TECH LAB HOMELESS

S.F. Network Ministries Computer Training Center and St. Anthony Employment Center/Learning Center had hoped to join forces and, by September 2006, to launch S.F. Tenderloin Tech Lab with enough room for more than 50 computers so locals could drop in or take classes. But Dey’s Death and Detroyin’s two computer repair.

“No scoop here,” says Network Ministries Director of Technology Victor Galvan. “We’re just listening word on our hopes for a location. They’ve come up empty in their search for an affordable space.”

—MARJORIE REGGS

POT CLUBS: ‘ESCALATING WAR’

The Tenderloin finds itself now with just one medical pot club in the wake of a threatened letter from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in December implying a crackdown on property owners who house dispensaries in the city.

Tariq Alazraie, 48, shut down his 120-124 Mason St. dispensary that served 800 Tenderloin residents in October. That leaves Sanctuary at 669 O’Farrell St. as the TL’s sole dispensary. (Sanctuary needs to clean one more red tape hurdle to function under the city’s tighter pot club controls that all clubs face.)

Shortly after, Alazraie shut down his other two dispensaries — on Divisadero and Valencia streets — just ahead of the warning letter the DEA would send to San Francisco property owners leasing to pot clubs.

The tipoff came in the Chronicle’s Dec. 5 Matter and Ross column. It said DEA letters would soon go out to 80 owners of buildings housing mar- ijuana dispensaries. The letters would warn that owners are in violation of federal laws against mari- juana, medical or otherwise, and can face fines, prison and ‘forfeiture of assets.’ Since 1996, state law has allowed dispensing medical marijuana but federal authorities have been trying to shut it down.

As of Dec. 20, no central city pot club owners or landlords had received a DEA letter.

‘We have good support from the city,’ said Tembel. ‘And if you just follow the rules, I think you’ll be okay.’

Belch believes the feds are using a scare tactic.

‘They just want to take out the big boys — we don’t have any money and not much inventory,’ he said.

‘They’re going after illegal people, those who aren’t doing things right. Unfortunately, there’s still that element and it’s dark cloud above us.’

‘We’ve talked to our landlord and he hasn’t received the DEA letter. And I haven’t heard of any- one locally who has.’

TRACK STAR STILL SHINING

Ten-year-old Crystal Webb, the MacanDo Tenderloin Track team star featured in the August issue, still maintains a heavy schedule after her memorable track season, her mother Yvonne Webb reports. Crystal was the first track member in the Boedeker/Park team’s history to qualify for national junior competition. Competing in Illinois in July, the fifth-grader threw a 12-pound iron ball 23 feet 4 inches to win third place in the bantam girls shot put category.

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Anh Le, right, with Al Stewart, left, and SAV President Bill Price, led Volunteer and Intern for Tenderloin Health and program managers about plans for Tenderloin Health. Also provide For a schedule of our current groups or for more information Come talk with Tenderloin Health’s Board Client Representative(s) call 415.431.7476 or go to www.tenderloinhealth.org Date/Time: Orientation: Harm Reduction Therapy Center @ Tenderloin Health Date/Time: Topic: Doctor/Patient Relationship 220 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Topic: Coping with the Holidays Date/Time: Monday, December 17, 3 pm - 4 pm Client Advisory Panel Come talk with Tenderloin Health’s Board Client Representative(s) and program managers about plans for Tenderloin Health. Also provide input on new services and how we can improve. Date/Time: Wednesday, December 12, 11:30 am - 1 pm; Wednesday, December 26, 11:30 am - 1 pm Volunteer and Intern for Tenderloin Health Orientation: Sunday, December 9, 12 pm - 6:30 pm Tenderloin Health Outreach and Community Events December 2007 Health Promotion Forum Topic: Coping with the Holidays Speaker: Perri Frnaskoviak, Ph.D., Harm Reduction Therapy Center @ Tenderloin Health Date/Time: Tuesday, December 18, 12 pm - 1:30 pm HIV Treatment Forum Topic: Doctor/Patient Relationship Speaker: Robi Gomulski, Gilead Sciences Date/Time: Monday, December 17, 3 pm - 4 pm — Marjorie Beggs

COMMUNITY COURTS

In 11 neighborhood community courts, panels of residents hear misdemeanor cases — petty gambling, graffiti, loitering, shoplifting, assault and battery, alcohol and minor drug violations — and sanction the violators by ordering them to pay restitution to victims or do community service. There were 12 courts when 2007 started.

Now there are 11 with the consolidation of Tenderloin and SoMa community courts. Eihel Newlin, director of the D.A.’s Office of Neighborhood Services, and Jackson Gee, the D.A.’s director of Community Courts and A.P.I. Safety Programs, coordinate the work of the courts with California Community Dispute Services.

“The Tenderloin and SoMa panelists consolidated them for the sake of efficiency,” Newlin said.

Both central city courts started operating in June 2002. In 2003, their first full year of operation, SoMa heard 1,123 cases, 75.5% of the total. The next year, the SoMa court was down to an average of 80 cases a month, while the Tenderloin held steady. Not anymore.

According to Gee, in the first 11 months of 2007, the D.A.’s office had referred only 702 cases to the TL/SoMa court.

In July, long-time TL/SoMa community court panelist Mark Ellinger told The Extra that the court was hearing far fewer cases per meeting, and he fingered the D.A. for the fall-off: “I don’t speak for everyone, but the D.A.’s office is turning its back on our courts and it’s insulting to a lot of us,” Ellinger said.

But in December, when The Extra talked to Paul Henderson, deputy head of administration in the D.A.’s office, he put a positive spin on the court’s shrinking numbers. Misdemeanor citations and arrests across the city were down, Henderson said, and he summed that it was also true for the Tenderloin.

The D.A.’s referral rates to community courts stayed about the same, Henderson said, despite lower citation and arrest rates. Finally, the no-show rate for people elected to go to community court was up, again city-wide, which would translate to fewer cases actually being reviewed in community courts.

“D.A. Harris is absolutely committed to this program. And it’s hugely important that those 702 cases didn’t clog up the criminal court,” he said.

The Extra took a look at police incidents reports for the last few years to see if the numbers of ‘Part II’ felonies-misdemeanors — were dropping in the Tenderloin. In fact, they’ve risen.

In 2005, misdemeanors in the Tenderloin went from 409 in January to 599 in August, a slight dip. The next year, the tally was 388 crimes in January and 379 in August. But in 2007, the crimes jumped from 391 in January to 451 in August. These figures sounded correct to TL Capt. Gary Jimenez. “My understanding about the consolidation,” he told The Extra, “is that it was because the Tenderloin had fewer cases compared to SoMa, not because citations were down, at least not in the Tenderloin.”

Ellinger reiterated his position: “It’s just a lot of smoke from the D.A.’s office. They know it’s not politically smart to admit that they’re trying to shut down community courts by reducing the number of cases they refer to us.”

“But, it’s just not true about the show rate,” he said. “Our no-show rate in the Tenderloin and SoMa community courts has always been way less than 10% — so small as to be insignificant.”

UPDATES: Community courts in decline

JUSTICE CENTER TRIAL RUN

The Community Justice Center will start operating sometime in January, a five-case-a-week trial run at the Hall of Justice. Mayor Newsom announced Dec. 6. Come April, the city will sign a sublease on the second-floor space at 555 Polk, between Turk and Golden Gate and plans to open the center there in July.

It is expected to hear 40 cases a week drawn from violations in the TL, SoMa, Civic Center and Union Square — where more than a third of the city’s quality-of-life offenses occur, according to a mayor’s office press release.

Supreme Court Commissioner Ronald Albers, named to lead Newsom’s fledgling Community Justice Center, said in the release that it will handle “low-level offenders,” not those picked up for violent felonies or infractions.

But despite a year in the spotlight, the offenses the center will tackle weren’t listed and no one The Extra spoke with knew what they would be.

One thing is sure. They won’t be the misdemeanors the mayor initially intended. California law says people who get drunk or pee in public can’t be taken straight into custody and marched into court, a fact Newsom didn’t learn until months after he started touting the Manhattan Midtown Community Court, which operates that way, as a model. But in San Francisco, after cops cite public drunks and bowel evacuators, they give them 45 days to show up in traffic court. Other citations or arrests for misdemeanors go to the D.A.’s office, which decides whether the case should go to community court. The Justice Center will provide another option.

Paul Henderson, deputy head of administration in the D.A.’s office, says the main difference between community court and Justice Center cases is that the latter ones will be charged — that is, arraigned with a formal petition — not uncharged like those in community court.

“After the police arrest or cite someone for a misdemeanor, they draft a report,” Henderson said. “Someone in the D.A.’s office reviews it and determines if it’s appropriate to be evaluated in community court. If so, it’s referred to community court with...”

2 one-bedroom “Below Market Rate” for-sale units available in the Hales Warehouse: 410 Jessie Street, SF

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Open Houses will be held of 410 Jessie Street on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 18, 6pm to 8pm
- Thursday, January 19, 1pm to 2pm
- Saturday, January 18, 10am to 2pm

Applications due by 5pm on Monday, January 28, 2008 in 545 Minna Street, SF 94111.

Please contact Martin Building Company for an application and more information: (415) 437-3700, martinbuilder.org.

Units are available through the San Francisco Mayor’s Office of Housing and are subject to remaining other restrictions. Visit http://www.sf.gov for program information.
CHEAP EATS AT THE LUNCH STOP

That low-slung, boxy structure next to the Federal Building that wears the bizarre jazzy past and its increasingly positive identity consistent with [the other locations]. Instruction begins January 14. Noncredit courses are free. Select the courses you want below and go directly to class. For more information call (415) 561-1878 or visit www.csfu.edu

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS
First Community Justice Center town hall meeting, Tues., Jan. 15, 5:30-7 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, to get residents' input on the planned center, including the creation of a Community Advisory Board for the center. Information: Lisa Lightman, Mayor’s Office of Public Policy and Finance, 554-5262.

City College classes in the TL. Free GED, computer, typing and ESL classes start Jan. 14 at City College Alemany campus site, 750 Eddy near Van Ness. GED class Monday through Thursday, 6:30-8:35 p.m. Information 561-1878.

Central Market Community Benefit District launch and open house, Jan. 17, 9-30-11 a.m., Hotel Whitsomb, 1231 Market. Information and RSVP: info@central-market.org.

Green Your Business: How Small Business Can Make Sustainable Changes Without Breaking the Bank, a workshop sponsored by Urban Solutions, Thurs., Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m., location TBA. Speakers include Dr. Kevin Danher, co-founder of Global Exchange and executive director of the Global Citizen Center, and Liz Linale, manager at Cole Hardware, a green-certified local business. For workshop location and to RSVP: 553-4433 ext. 101 or info@urbanolutionsSF.org.

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE
HOUSING
Supportive Housing Network, 4th Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., location TBA. Contact: Alecia Hopper, 421-2926 x302.

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of the month, noon, 201 Turk Community Room. Contact: Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training, facilitate communication.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Health & Wellness Action Advocates, 1st Tuesday of the month, 5-7 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 918. Call: 421-2926 x306.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, Quaker Center, 65 Ninth St., noon-1:30. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 870 Market, Suite 928. Call: 421-2926 x306.

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Sough, 5th Fl. Call 903-6024. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

SAFETY
Safety for Women in the Tenderloin, every 3rd Wednesday, Central City SRO Collaborative, 259 Hyde St., 4-6 p.m. Informal, friendly environment, refreshments, gender sensitive to LGBTQ community and sex workers. Discuss how to make Tenderloin SROs safer for women. Information: Lauren Edwards, volunteer campaign coordinator, 775-7110, ex. 102.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Call Lt. Erica Artesereso, S.F. Fire Department, 970-2022. Disaster preparedness training for the Fire Department.

SoMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location changes monthly. To receive monthly information by e-mail, contact Mental Amity, 538-8100 ext. 202 or mamitai@isf.org.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy, Call Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com. Districtwide association, civic education.

Boeddeker Park cleanup, 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by the Friends of Boeddeker Park. To RSVP to work or for information, Call Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260.

Central City Democrats, meets four times a year, 301 Eddy St. Community Room. Addresses District 6 residential and business concerns, voter education forums. Information: 339-VOTE (8683) or centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com.

Community Leadership Alliance, CLA Community Advocacy Commission monthly meeting, City Hall, Room 204. Subcommittee meetings and informational forums held monthly at the Tenderloin Police Station Community Room. Information: David Vela-Lobos, admin@CommunityLeadershipAlliance.net.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact: 952-4866.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SoMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 538-8100 x302.


North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District. Call Elaine Zamora for times and dates, 440-7578.

SoMa Leadership Council, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., The Arc, 1500 Howard St. at 11th. Emphasizes good planning and good government to maintain a diverse, vibrant, complete neighborhood. Contact: Jim Meko, 624-4309 or jim.meko@comcast.net.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Health, Safety and Human Services Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday after the first Monday, 1035 Folsom, noon. Information: 487-2166 or www.sompac.com.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy, Call at 355-3596 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues.

SENIORS AND DISABLED
Mayor’s Disability Council, 3rd Friday of the month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, Rm. 400. Call: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary’s Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 965 Mission #700. Pedestrian Safety, third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Senior Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Information: 546-1333 and www.seniorsactionnetwork.org.

SUPERVISORS’ COMMITTEES
City Hall, Room 263
Budget and Finance Committee, Daly, Duffy, Ammiano, Mirkarimi, Eisbrink, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Land Use Committee, Maxwell, Sandoval, McGoldrick, Monday, 1 p.m.

CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

REGISTER AND VOTE.

Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Early voting at City Hall begins January 7, 2008.

Last day to register to vote is January 22, 2008.

You must re-register if you have moved, changed your name, or want to change your party affiliation.

Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is January 29, 2008.

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党派联盟及“拒绝-到-状态”选民

The February 5, 2008 election is a “modified” closed primary. If you registered to vote with a qualified political party, you can only vote for candidates from that party. If you declined to state a political party when you registered, you can vote for candidates from one of the following two parties:

* American Independent Party
* Democratic Party

All registered voters may vote on ballot measures.

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Party Affiliation & “Decline-To-State” Voters

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