Some say permit process could cut the outlets to 10

**LOW-PROFILE South of Market**

Pot club bent on being the city's prototype dispensary under new medical marijuana regulations got its permit approved 6-1 by the Planning Commission in January. It's a hearing process that will weed out most of the pot clubs in San Francisco.

The Green Door is the third to get the nod among 27 existing clubs that most truthfully and be heard by June 30 if they want to remain in the evolving medical pot business. Owners and planners say that some won't bother; others won't measure up and that no more than 10 will make the grade.

The Green Door made it by following the letter of the law. The pharmacy's professionalism and charity, and said, "Please keep up the pharmacy's professionalism without any adverse effects on their community." Supervisor Chris Daly wrote to the commission urging approval. She praised the Green Door's "safe and affordable access for the disabled." Operators needed FBI background checks and they have good security. Operators need-ed FBI background checks and they had to go before the Planning Commission.

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It's a gem South of Market and adds good character to the neighborhood.

**Sr. U in Action**

Bayview residents left their Senior University session to protest in front of FoodsCo supermarket.

"It just wasn't clean enough, not like Bell or Safeway or the other FoodsCo on Folsom Street." Among the things the seniors wanted to present the stuff to store manager Ric Clonce.

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FoodsCo manager Ric Clonce refunds the protesters' money for the spoiled food.

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Time capsule from 1912 unearthed by St. Anthony’s

BY Marjorie Beggs

The Salvation Army discovered a 1,500-gallon drum filled with oil last summer when excavating at 240 Turk St. Now, St. Anthony Foundation has found its own piece of history: a 28-by-8-by-8-inch sealed copper box buried beneath the floor at 150 Golden Gate Ave., the old Knights of Columbus building.

The building was being demolished when workers noticed a metal plate in the floor of the marble lobby. Under the plate, which read “Knights of Columbus, the contractor found the box and opened it,” Paula Lewis, St. Anthony’s operations director, told the Tenderloin Futures Collaborative in January. She was reporting on the progress of the new home of St. Anthony’s admin offices, social services and a temporary dining room, a four-story building scheduled to open next year.

At the meeting, Lewis gave The Extra a rundown of the time capsule’s contents:

The invitation to the 5 p.m. laying of the cornerstone on Feb. 11, 1912, articles about the event in The Examiner, a copy of the S.F. Call, a photo of a ceremonial silver trowel, made by Shreve & Co. Jewelers, used to lay the cornerstone, and a roster of the original members of the S.F. Council of Knights of Columbus, the Catholic fraternal organization, chartered in 1912.

“Then there’s an adding machine tape-like list of names, but we don’t know who the people are,” Lewis said. “Maybe those invited to the cornerstone laying were.”

The box also held a copy of Columbus, the Knights’ publication, a 1912 Progress magazine online and then but a Central City Extra needle mag. Pages from the Boston Globe and the Brooklyn Daily Eagle were in the box, too. “We have no idea why those East Coast papers were included,” Lewis said. “Maybe to give the idea of what was going on elsewhere.”

The Extra hit the microfiche in the periodicals section of the Main Library and did some sleuthing. According to a Feb. 12 Call article, the cornerstone-laying event was a huge event. After a benediction at St. Mary’s Cathedral, cars full of dignitaries and thousands of marchers paraded along Van Ness to Market, up Jones and over to Golden Gate to assemble at the site. Archbishop Patrick Michael Riordan, the city’s second archbishop who served from 1884 to 1912, recited prayers and “with a silver trowel his grace spread the cement that will bind the stone,” the story referring to the head of the new Republic of China.

Lewis said St. Anthony’s has not decided yet what to do with its time capsule.

The cornerstone-laying ended with the entire assemblage, estimated at 5,000, singing “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

The ceremony was big, but not big enough to make the front page of the San Francisco papers. There, readers learned that supervisors were planning to drive loan sharks out of the city; a motorman on the Haight Street trolley line found a $1,380 bill on his streetcar, burglars in Oakland, tunnelling 50 feet from a church into a bank, fleed when the air got too foul; and bidding at the U.S. Custom House was fast and furious, up to $40,000, for a “famous” Russian art collection.

The Call — 56 pages for 5 cents — ran a bird’s-eye-illustration of what the upcoming 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition would look like.

Only the Chronicle ran a story about the most important international news of the day: the end of the 268-year-old Qing, or Manchu, Dynasty, the last of China’s imperial dynasties that ruled for 2,000 years. “President Sun Yat Sen is in absolute control,” the story reported, referring to the head of the new government.

Surprise! Muni needs a system-wide overhaul to increase ride- ship and lower costs. That was the message that Peter Strauss, Muni’s manager of service planning, brought to the Collaborative in January.

In a sleek presentation, Strauss highlighted the early findings and goals of the Transit Effectiveness Project — an 18-month joint effort of the Municipal Transpor- tation Agency, Muni’s overseer, and the controller’s office. Project Manager Julie Kirchham joined Straus for the presentation.

The project was launched last summer and will end in December with recommendations on how Muni can improve “mode share” — bureaucracy speak for increasing the number of people who choose Muni to get from here to there.

People take 4.5 million trips a week!
Market Street tribute to historic bandit/poet

BY MARJORIE B. EGGS

When Prop E passed, Muni met its sched-

Late pull-outs from the terminal are way up.

dependability of schedules — is tanking.

fraction faster than in 1999.

Muni vehicles hovers around 8 mph, just a

per trip is up 30%; system productivity is

the East Bay. Muni's is $1.75 per passenger

Washington, D.C., Seattle or AC Transit in

Database. And Muni buses' cost-effective-

double that of New York City residents,

annual rides per San Franciscan, almost

budget, Straus said, with funding from Prop

they ride Muni and, if they don't, why they

“We've already done a random phone sur-

bikes.

2.8 million or 62% are by car; 892,000 or

Transit — 92% of those are on Muni, 8% on

Among the other 3.7 million travels,

and A.F. Evans portfolios, Williams later told

and No Stopping signs, it almost melts into

and Los Angeles commemorate people and

elsewhere in San Francisco and in Oakland

charged to the transit system to attend meet-

25 years ago, he encouraged people who

The 7x7, at 476 Eddy, another TNDC

shops on the project,” Straus said. Because

and in Santa Cruz, and handles both TNDC

of vehicles keeping consistent intervals, thus

avoiding bunching and big gaps. But from

2001 to 2006, headway adherence rose only

from 65% to 69%.

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buildings and two 40-foot buses were

of Murieta's story/myth, and

Death’ by Pablo Nerada is the most well-

known account of Murieta’s story/myth, and

has been interpreted in song by many, includ-

including Victor Jara. Jara, like as Murieta is

both a hero and a victim, thus the plaque's
dedication to him.

Muni plaques are tied more
closely to their location.

One in San Francisco, at Justin Herman

Plaza, reads “1986/1993, Mark Gonzalez vs. Justin Herman.”

According to a 2003 posting in the
online Skateboarder Magazine, “In ’86, Mark Gonz

goled from the top of the wave in the

Vuillinourt Fountain.) It was the stage

Thus, The Gonz Gap was born. It

instantly became a benchmark gap for the

next decade, and in ’93 Gonzalez became

the first person to kickflip it.”

Maupin’s five Bay Area plaques, includ-
ing the Jara dedication, were installed as

part of “International Waters,” an exhibition mounted last summer by Steven Wolf Fine

Arts at 49 Geary.

Maupin, who manufactures and installs all
the plaques himself, hasn’t had any com-

plaints from authorities, he says, though he’s

had to replace a few that were taken or
damaged.

“As a former graffiti writer, I understand

how to be rather inconspicuous,”

George’s Gourmet Deli faces the

Splendor & Death plaque, but owner Marv

Billatora, standing behind the counter mak-
ing sandwiches and pouring coffee, pretty

much ignores it.

“One day it was just there,” he said. “I have

no idea what it means. Sometimes cus-
tones ask, and I just say, ‘I don’t know’.”

Maupin’s other plaques can be seen at

www pedestirancontemplationonplaque.com/

main.html.
Seemed to know a way to deal with it. They'd avoid them. They'd avert their eyes from racism in this room, 'steward said. 'I'll walk out.'

'Or I'll try to row it out,' added Yoko Takahashi. 'If they'll listen to me, I'll tell them it's wrong. But I'm not going to waste my time on someone that's hopeless."

Racism is illegal,” said Jacqueline Byrom, who played the mayor in a previous mock election. "But it's not really the law that's important. It's what's in the heart that matters."

"At some point, the wheels of justice turn and everyone is prepared to be treated at the next session to deliver their three-minute speeches - and I was given my say, even if I'm not a significant other, Ava Handy Beckham, a vocal supporter of Muni."

"I decided to be a leader, you have to take care of yourself first,” Yoko Takahashi said. "I'm tired of fighting." Byrom's passion was evident in her words, "Who is that?"

"It's shocking to others."

"With special familiarity (among blacks). It's a significant other, Ava Handy Beckham, a vocal supporter of Muni."

"It's a fight for fresh food in Bayview shows grassroots guerrillas in action."

"In the Diversity discussion in the Dorothy Day dining room fiddling with a tape measure while trying to translate."
BY TOM CARTER

Dodge leaves Central City for Oregon farm life

Sam Dodge has a way with words, and he uses them to great effect. He talks about the green pastures of Oregon, the beautiful scenery, and the sense of freedom he feels there. He describes how his life has changed since moving to Oregon, and how he feels more at peace with himself. He also talks about the challenges of living on a farm, and how he has learned to adapt to the new environment. Overall, he seems very content with his life in Oregon, and he hopes to continue living there for many years to come.
BY T OM C ARTER

from the medical examiner's Web site, show that Statistics from 2001-04, the most recent available 20 years, Meyer said. Center for Health Statistics. The December and January, according to a study Meyer said, because no one has investigated it. These calls are very worrisome. Starting in November, and trailing off in December, up with his parents about being gay. But he couldn't patch things out with people.”

He set down his skateboard and backpack and jumped. Salam Perez saw it. He works at GoCar Rental at the one, he had a small man plummet and, clearing the eight-foot sidewalk, land in the street 50 yards away. A small crowd gathered as Perez as to why. “To be out that far, he didn’t,” Mr. Perez said. He leapt. The security guard found his things on the roof. I was very affected. I closed up the shop and went home.”

The Star held a memorial service with 15 resi- dents, hotel employees, men- tal health workers and Mr. Des Voignes case worker present. “He was a nice young kid,” said desk clerk Mr. Okada was 40 and a loner who, known to many at the Tenderloin Health Center for men, hotel employees, mental health workers and Mr. Des Voignes case worker present.

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“I don’t think anyone really knew what he was. And you can always patch things up with people about being gay.”

The hotel asked the Rev. Glenda Hope to con- duct his memorial. Afterward, she and three others went upstairs with their hands on the door of 518. Mr. Okada’s room, blessed it, a practice she said that some who might feel a suicide room is “haunted” or “bad luck.” Mr. Des Voignes’ room was 511.

Mr. Des Voignes was born in Hayward but raised in Amador County where he was a Boy Scout then a member of the Amador High School baseball team and the school band. After serving in the Navy, got an AA degree from College of Diagee in Illinois and attended the University of Illinois. Then he headed back to Chicago.

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April along with December averaged less than eight suicides. In separate years, March, August and twice in September led in suicides; the average was 13. San Francisco’s annual suicide average was 106. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded the Ameri- can Journal of Preventive Medicine. The most suicides occur in April.

In 67 stories reporting suicides between Nov. 8, 1999, and Jan. 15, 2000, nearly half (55%) attri- buted suicides to the ‘holiday blues.’ When there are ‘no suicides on a holiday,’ the report said, ‘news affidavit lend to express surprise.’

Moreover, ‘only 25% of the stories identified depression or other chronic mental-health condi- tions as the most common underlying cause of sui- cide,” even though most people who commit sui- cide have been diagnosed with a mental illness. There’s no scientific explanation why spring is the peak time for suicide, Meyer said, but finding a study to find out why. Meyer said, “Suicide still has old religious attachments attached to it involving sin and guilt,” she said. “It’s shamed-

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We have an excellent blueprint,” he said. ‘And if the city wants more dispensaries we can provide them with the right way to do it. I’ve learned a lot and because I’ve done it myself, I’ve probably saved myself $50,000 in lawyers’ fees.”

Two of Mr. Farley’s friends elaborated on his optimism. “He was a really good man and he's won the race,” said one. “He wouldn’t want us to be unhappy.”

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BOBITUARIES

MARK SIMON
ANDY FARLEY
GEORGE ALLEN VOLANTE SR.

Our years are soon gone. . .” spoke Father John

For those who fought back, outside, a 60-foot garage roof six days before Christmas. We were so close. He was only 11 months older than me and we were raised pretty much together in the Tenderloin, in a dysfunctional family. After our mother abandoned us, we were sent to foster care in California.

But in the last two years, he’d stayed out of prison, said she. “I was so proud of him. He no longer seemed angry and scared. He had a girl-

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COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOUSING
Supportive Housing Network, 4th Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., location TBA. Contact Alicia Hopper, 421-2926 x502.

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

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Health & Wellness Action Advocates, 1st Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928. Call: 421-2926 x306.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, Quaker Center, 60 North 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: Aaron Wagner, 703-0189 x206.

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: 258-3474.

SPECIAL EVENTS
A free weekend at the academy. District 6 residents can enjoy their turn of free admission at the California Academy of Sciences in the BLD block of Howard Street on Feb. 16, 17 and 18, as part of the rotating Neighborhood Free Days program established eight years ago. Free admission is by ZIP code. With valid ID such as driver’s license or utility bill, these ZIP codes work: 94102, Accompany children (up to age 17) do not need ID.

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National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Fl. Call 928-6844. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

SAFETY
Crime and Safety Committee meets bimonthly on the Wednesday after the first Monday, SOMPAC, 1035-Folsom, 6 p.m. Information: 487-2166 or www.sompac.com.

North of Market HERT, bimonthly meeting. Call Lt Erica Arturos, S.F. Fire Department, 970-2022. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

Softi Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7 p.m. Location changes monthly. To receive monthly information by e-mail, contact Lisa Block, 238-8100 ext. 202 or lblock@softi.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_distr

tel@yahoocom. 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 Council, 625-3252.

Central City Democrats, meets four times a year, 301 Eddy St. Community Room. Addresses District 6 resident and business concerns, voter education forums. Information: 339-8076 (8683) or centralsidedemocrats@yahoo.com.

Community Leadership Alliance, CLA Community Advocacy Commission monthly meeting, City Hall, Room 604.

Centers for Health Improvement Quarterly event, second Thursday, 10 a.m., Clinic West Center, 2nd floor, 1100 Brannan St.

Community Leadership Council, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035-Folsom, 3rd floor. Meeting place changes monthly. To receive monthly information, Call 522-4866.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SFoma resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 554-9532

Mid-Market Project Area Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Padma Hotel, 1337 Market. Contact Carolynn Diamond, 362-2050. Market Street improvement on Fifth to Tenth streets.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Call 339-1412. Neighborhood planning.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, 1st Thursday of the month, noon. Call Elaine Zamora, 440-7170.

Softi Leadership Council, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Arc, 1500 Howard St. at 11th. Emphasizes good planning and good government to maintain a diverse, vibrant, complete neighbor-

hood. Contact: Jim Meek, 624-4239 or jimmeek@comcast.net.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Call: SOMPAC office, 487-2166.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Call at 308-5995 for information. Network of residents, nonprofit

its and businesses sharing information and taking on neighbor-

hood 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., in 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: 546-1332 and www.senioractionnetwork.org.

SUPERVISORS’ COMMITTEES
City Hall, Room 263

Budget Committee
Daly, Dwyer, Peskin, Thursday, 1 p.m.

City Services Committee
McGollar, Dwyer, Ma, first and third Monday.

Land Use Committee
Maxwell, Sandoval, McGollar, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

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