Landlord pulls plug on Mason Street pot club

Dispensary mainly serves residents of Tenderloin SROs

BY TOM CARTER

MEGA-LANDLORD CitApartments withdrew its support of a Mason Street marijuana dispensary in one of its buildings, claiming it hadn’t known the pot club existed, although the landlord had signed off on it.

The Planning Commission was set to approve the application for the 120-24 Mason Street Dispensary when the application was pulled after Planning received a letter dated May 4 from the landlord’s lawyer saying the pot club was unauthorized.

But the dispensary’s owner, Tarig Alazrak of Café.com, asked the commission on May 17 to instead hold the application in abeyance to give him time to try to change the landlord’s mind — and he was hoping to avoid paying another $6,594 for a new application fee. The commission complied.

CitApartments, also known as Skyline Realty, is the empire of 89-year-old Mission District-born Frank Lenbhi. Skyline owns about 150 buildings all over the city, mostly apartments, also including eight hotels and a couple of office buildings. The city attorney sued the company and CitApartments in August allegedly for illegally converting residential hotel rooms at the Gaylord Hotel, four blocks from the dispensary, into tourist rooms after intimidating tenants to vacate, then charging four times the rental rate, breaking multiple state and local laws. In 2005, the Board of Supervisors passed tough rules to control the growth spurt of pot clubs. More than 50 previously licensed dispensaries must reapply to the commission before June 30 if they want to stay open. The first to apply, Green Cross, was turned down for a dis...

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Pop. 808,644

S.F. still growing and U.S. census starting to adjust

BY TOM CARTER

The California Department of Finance estimates that San Francisco has a record 808,644 population and has been growing steadily since 2000. At the same time, the U.S. census has been showing shrinking numbers — 76,000 or more each year since 2004, saddling San Francisco with the image of a major city on the decline like Boston.

Who’s right?

Neither the state nor the U.S. census staff wants to claim victory. But in 2000 the state started with the fed’s count of 776,733 people in San Francisco and made its annual estimates, county by county, using many different ways to calculate the comings and goings of the populace. The state’s more meticulous system suggests its numbers are closer to reality.

For sure, San Francisco is no longer shrinking. Even the feds, as of June 1, now seem to agree. After meeting with the state’s demographic experts in November, the census folks reversed their string of five declining estimates and pegged San Francisco’s population at 744,041, up from 739,426 where it had bottomed out the year before.

Outside a Mission district political rally on June 2, Mayor Gavin Newsom was asked if he knew the city’s population. He shot back:

“No.

There are about five different figures floating around — 746,000 is one — but there’s not one figure everyone agrees on. “Would it surprise you to hear the population is 809,000?” the reporter asked.

“No.”

Newsom was shaking hands outside before going into the Women’s Building auditorium on 18th Street to attend a rally for District Attorney Kamala Harris. The Central City Extra explained that the figure came from the California Department of Finance. “It’s the old census numbers that are contradicted,” Newsom said. “I always say it’s between 750,000 and 800,000. Now you’ve added another number. And I’m going to quote you. He added with a grin, “I like the higher numbers. I never did subscribe to the decline.” Then he turned and went inside.

Wide discrepancies concern both the state and the feds, especially the gap in California’s population. The Finance Department has California at 37.7 million, 1.2 million more than the U.S. census. Finance and census staffs began meeting last November to discuss this embarrassment. Comparing the complicated methodologies will lead to changes, state sources say. It will save some professional face and get federal funding streams — that include state population in their formulas — on a more accurate track.

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The first community cleanup day of a small slice of SoMa took place May 31 as 60 or so people gathered at Tutubi Park, at the corner of Russ and Minna streets. Sponsored by Asian Neighborhood Design, the cleanup was restricted to Minna between Sixth and Seventh streets and the stretch of Russ between Minna and Howard.

The work force was composed of neighborhood volunteers, including residents of Minna Park family housing complex, a 25-unit building along with Tutubi Park, which was built by AND in 1999. Other agencies providing volunteers included the Safety Network, the Department of Public Works, Rec and Park and the Employment Training Center trainees of AND, whose program teaches building skills, chiefly for use in the construction industry.

A major contributor to the turnout, according to AND’s Nicole Combs Walker, who organized the event, was United Players, a Soma program of violence prevention and leadership training that put 25 to 30 young people to work. Rudy Corpuz, founding director, referred to his group as “a tribe” and said its mission is to “save our communities.” The sentiment is best summed up by the slogan on the group’s black T-shirt, “It takes the hood to save the hood.”

Tutors swept streets, painted over graffiti, touched up the park fence and cleaned up the park. After introducing city officials and the seven team leaders, Walker thanked the AND Latin house band and said, “Okay people, let’s green.”

Grant Din, executive director of Asian Neighborhood Design, said this was the group’s first time organizing a cleanup in SoMa, though AND had participated in cleanups in other neighborhoods.

He said the group recently relocated to 1021 Mission St. and had worked with several other architectural projects in Soma besides the Minna Park family housing complex.

Tutubi Park is private, a part of the housing complex and designed as one of the housing’s main egresses. Thus, city rules prohibited Rec and Park from taking the park over. Din said it serves as a semi-private park for the project residents who each has a key. The fence is not to keep the neighborhood out but to provide security for the children, including those who do not live in the complex, playing within it, Din said.

Din said Asian Neighborhood Design was started in 1973 by several Asian students from U.C. Berkeley who wanted to increase affordable urban housing stock. It eventually moved to San Francisco and has recently worked on such varied projects as Friendship House American Indian Healing Center on Julian Street in the Mission and renovating the façade of the Faithful Fools offices and copy shop in the Tenderloin.

In addition to architect design and employment training, Din said AND has programs in family and youth resources, including an after school homework club with 15 to 20 students, and a community planning program that has produced a 2005 demographic survey of San Francisco’s eastern neighborhoods (“There Goes the Neighborhood”) and neighborhood profiles of both SoMa and the Tenderloin in 2004.

All publications, plus The Material Handbook, “to share knowledge about building materials and design strategies for low income people in San Francisco” are downloadable for free from AND’s Web site www.andnet.org in pdf format.

“I got free tax preparation assistance and received $4,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits. I just called 2-1-1!”

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By law, the scores of federal revenue streams that come to the state and in some cases counties, cities and regional governments, employ the U.S. census population numbers in complex formulas. Likewise, the state revenue streams to counties, cities and regional entities use the DOF population figures, as all state departments and agencies have been required to do by law since the 1990s. The California population disparity is so great — 5% statewide and 8.7% for San Francisco — that the state and federal experts met in November to begin an unprecedented communication to get on the same page, or at least in the same chapter. They want to revise their methodologies to bring them closer.

"The numbers are really different and we are all professionals," Heim said. "We want the best methods for our clients." Heim attended the Sacramento meeting, requested by the U.S. census staff. It has led to biweekly phone conferences, she said, for more communication than any time since 1996, when the two departments first began discussing differing methodologies.

"No. 1 is to understand the methods being used because we are not on the same page," she said. "Once that's done we can look further into the data sources. They (the fed) seem to have taken more interest lately.

A report in April from the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, entitled "Which Population Estimates Are Best," tells how the federal government strayed with confusing numbers. The Census Bureau has been a source for investors, businesses and public agencies for 35 years and fingered the culprit as estimations of out-migration.

The U.S. census reported that, from 2000 to 2006, California had a net loss of 1 million residents, the article said, "unusual in a growing economy." In the same time, the Department of Finance reported a small positive immigration from other states.

"While it is possible that high housing prices currently may lead to increased out-migration," it said, "the Census data says large out-migration was occurring during the period while housing markets were surging."

Centrally, Director Stephen Levy mentioned other factors that shore up the case for the state estimates.

"The DOF numbers are more comparable with what we see with (the growth of) jobs and income," Levy told The Extra.

The article's bottom line was that "the DOF estimates are based on a richer methodology and are more consistent with recent economic and housing market trends."

"It became an issue because we have 1 million more people living in California than the census does," said Sheya. "We're getting too far apart. Our first meeting with them was in November. They don't want California to challenge the federal estimates. It was valid for a lot of them to adjust.

"So we're working on it. But nothing is solved. Maybe they can use some of our data. Now they see where we're coming from." After August 2005 story on the controversy, The Extra reported the DOF's Jan 1, 2005, population estimate for San Francisco was 799,474 and growing. At that time, it was 55,000 more than the fed's count.

Each decade, the feds announce the long-awaited census count. Then annually they revisit their methodology to tweak and refine it. Each decade, too, the state of California takes the census figure as a benchmark and, working backward, revises its estimates in relation to it. (The city's former high mark in 1954, for example, was revised much lower after the 1960 census.)

The Census Bureau operates nationally and relies on data sources that are uniform across the country. Its "immigration data" includes immigration from foreign countries and also compares federal tax data — divided and exemption information from IRS Form 1040.

The state relies heavily on Department of Motor Vehicles statistics, while the feds put their emphasis on tax returns. "And they are different population," Sheya says.

After each U.S. census, the DOF resumes its methodology, making annual estimates until the next benchmark, when the cycle repeats. In 2010, the two departments will be on the same page, and it will be known if the figure pegs the San Francisco population at over 800,000.

"We don't know if it will reach that," says
Sheya. "But our figures will be revised downward. And the census will be something in between those numbers."

The state has been revising its figures down for at least two decades, according to Heim. But if the feds change their counting system as a result of the current talks, they may find more people in the city and state than ever before, and 800,000 may hold, she implied.

The accuracy the departments seek is relative. Delayed information habitually compromises it. Heim says California’s birth and death reports lag by two to three years.

"And immigration data now is from late 2005-2006 and here we are in mid-2007," she said.

Apparently, the census has yet to catch up with the city's rebound from the population exodus after the dot com bust. And the Chronicle and Associated Press, among other news media, have reported a diploma city population that carries a negative aura that the media easily has. But other factors, more than made up for the drain, the state says, which has not reported a net loss in any year after April 2000. (See P. 1 graph.) Since that time, the U.S. census showed only declines until July 1, 2006, when the feds estimated 744,041, a mark mostly below the city's expected.

DOF's annual report on state, county and city populations in May says San Francisco at the first of the year had grown by 1.1% compared with its historic Jan. 1, 2006 estimate, 800,099 residents — the first time the city had climbed above 800,000.

By California law, all state departments and agencies use DOF figures for determining annual appropriations to city, county and regional jurisdictions, and for research and planning. The federal government, by federal law, uses its census figures to determine distributions to the states and their entities. So if the feds used DOF figures, San Francisco presumably would get millions more from the government.

Since the population factor is usually buried deep in complex formulas and dollar estimates directly tied to population are hard to decipher.

What causes the gap in estimates is the kinds of data used.

The state uses more factors and has "a closer relationship with local information," is the way DOF's John Malson, research manager over city estimates, explained the difference in The Examiner's August 2005 population story. Rodger Johnson, chief of records and research for the Census Bureau's Population Division, agreed. "The state has data not available to us," he said.

The census uses income tax information and immigration from foreign countries. The state counts births, deaths, driver's licenses, school enrollments, migration, medical aid enrollments and tax returns. Changes to the housing stock are also used. "Estimated occupancy of housing units and the number of persons per household further determine population levels," according to the state's May population report.

"The DOF figures are used widely outside of state government. Four examples DOF gave were the Center for the Continuing Study of California's Economy, Rand Corp., the Public Policy Institute of California and the California Research Board. Generally, a city's declining population is less than swell, and not just for business interests.

"Any city needs to show that it's keeping its young and talented people," says Joe D'Alessandro, president of the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau. "If it's not, it would be one more thing in the mix that people consider in coming here. I don't know the population of Atlanta, but if it's losing population because a lack of quality, it could impact my decision to go there."

"But I've heard the population is on the increase for the first time because of South of Market."

Two years ago, because of SOMA's housing boom, District 6 accounted for 35% of the city's state-estimated growth.

For brochures or promotions, the Convention & Visitors Bureau uses the census figure. Despite the finance department revelation, D'Alessandro said he won't change because "census is what the industry uses," and he wants to maintain consistency.

As the fourth largest city in California, the state reported in May that San Francisco didn't grow as much as No. 3 San Jose (1.6%), but had a higher rate than No. 2 San Diego (0.9%) and Los Angeles (0.9%), which broke the 4 million mark for the first time with 4,018,000.

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**San Francisco population history**

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Debbie Larkin and she asks all these 'what if' questions. She wanted to know how we knew those. "The medical and out of my hands. I've been here four years. I thought she was my asset," she said. Larkin told The Extra that she had not been aware the dispensary was there but that the Hilton had "no official position" on the application. And "no," she said, the Hilton had not talked to Skyline about the application.

"If this is going to portray us as anti-people in pain," she added, "that's ridiculous."

The Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Methodist Church's seemed to have some leverage. Alzuzae said his landlord asked him that Williams had to say about the application.

"We've been donating to Glide for years," Alzuzae told The Extra, trying to get a meeting with Cecil for weeks. I'm still trying. He's seen as the Godfather of the neighborhood. "If the application goes back on the calender it won't be until a month after the depart- ment mails 30-day notices.

The city backs the dispensaries but had no firm controls until 18 months ago after the Planning Department suspended the operations of the Green Cross, then located in the Mission. Neighbors complained of crime and noise associated with its client traffic.

"I support medical marijuana but we've put some common sense restrictions on it," Mayor Newsom told a roundtable meeting of the Neighborhood Newspaper Alliance on May 23 in his office. "The bad actors shouldn't be in the blossoms."

The Department of Public Health says 25 other dispensaries have applications pending still to be considered — even after the deadline, if necessary. Dispensaries originating after April 1, 2005, have to be located in Planning Department approved areas. The largest section by far is a stretch of the Tenderloin and SOMA in District Six.
KAREN WASHINGTON 

Battling with kidney disease and other medical issues, she had a home and community at the West U that he used to be a "ladies man" and although he claimed he came from a wealthy family and bragged often he bummed cigarettes and hammered away to any gly bearded -r Wm — Usually unkempt and person WxH don't hold anything against him WxH hope where the memorial was held WxH "out he wasn't a bad named rarl in the West Uotel's mezzanine library it's something that's lacking in the world W” them Hand how they had cherished her counsel WH…ne he asked Wwopei "Will you be my friendn" Wwope said then Was because she was so ashamed of her bad when -s Washington came looking for human con -eption and joined a band called…ne Wvone Wtater WH "The day he moved in Where the whole floor lit up" Wsaid Samson Whitaker WHWashington's neighbor for five years W he felt very connected to the radio world and returned W"the daugh ter wrote WH Francisco W he felt very connected to the radio world and returned W"the daugh ter wrote Wwope said "we didn't know WHRemdes was nice enough W they said W and to himself W they speculated about the most interesting stories were in his band before the 1960s WHshe said W they were beautiful W came to the hotel W to gather her belongings W the "carnations and carots" of Mr WRemdes record album and Tapes Wshe said W she was going to read the book and conclude it if she could W said Flanagan.

DUANE RUSSELL 

Athletic and outgoing — sunny WWashington met community room at 1180 Howard St W friends and family gathered May 16 to say goodbye to Duane Russell WH "the day may be the last the whole floor lit up" Wsaid Samson Whitaker WMr. Remdes's neighbor for a little more than a year at the modern 224-unit apartment building developed by TDNC and Citizens Housing Corp WH "i saw him just a week before he died W he was smiling W just knowing him gave me some peace W One of Mr. Remdes's great joys was his dog Wchica W a 6-year-old Sh-Mar and Black lab mix W he was a bit slow but if you could tell W t was a good man W and that his dog was his best friend W said resident David Garpen W Several mourners admitted they didn't know WHRemdes was nice enough W they said W and to himself W they speculated about the most interesting stories were in his band before the 1960s WHshe said W they were beautiful W came to the hotel W to gather her belongings W the "carnations and carots" of Mr. Remdes record album and Tapes Wshe said W she was going to read the book and conclude it if she could W said Flanagan.

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BRIAN BECKERLEG 

Loveable in spite of himself — Brian Beckerleg could make you smile or set your teeth on edge W when he felt good W he was talkative W and when he didn't feel so hot W he begged or roped on or fell silent W but his shortcomings didn't stop eight mourners on May 15 from giving the former homeless man a heartfelt send-off W "one of my very best friends W said a man named Carl in the West U hotel's mezzanine library when this Caring person W he didn't have a home W one person I don't have anything against him W and I hope he wasn't in too much pain when he died W"the scrag gly-bearded Mr. Beckerleg W usually unkempt and wanting to roam the neighborhood for a cup of cof fee W

In the lobby W or in the basement community room where he loved to watch television W Mr. Beckerleg often bursted into song and waved away one who would listen W or just clamped up W he claimed he came from a wealthy family and bragged that he was the only one of his kind W although Mr. Beckerleg had a home and a community at the West U he was unable to make any close friends W people said W Beckerleg not only loved to fight battles with kidney disease and other medical problems W he was 57 W On a table were a vase of flowers W two lighted candles and the hotel's Polaroid ID picture of Mr. Beckerleg W Cookies and drinks were on another table W

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The Fools faithfully display outlaw art

Copy shop exhibits S.F. State students’ artistic reactions to censorship

BY ED BOWERS

CENSORSHIP is lethal to human evolution. It hides behind good intentions, but the result is always to kill facts, suppress information, and control people into being other than themselves. Its purpose is to obfuscate awareness so that we live in the Land of the Blind controlled by those who themselves cannot see.

At San Francisco State, art student Amma C. Giger presented a work of art called "Camouflage," on lined, recycled paper from her notebooks that were communications between herself and a friend who joined the R.O.T.C. program for financial benefits.

The work is a portrait of her dressed in an R.O.T.C. uniform blown up to life-size proportions and showing her surrounded by words from her communications to her friend, some of which had verbs and nouns considered by many people to be “inappropriate.”

This work was entered at an art show at the state Capitol in Sacramento, where it was deemed inappropriate for display because of the language of the text surrounding her image. So it was then placed in a private office at the Capitol, with the door closed and the stipulation that if someone requested to see it, they could.

In other words, Giger was treated with the same respect as a pornographer in the Fifites selling shots of topless burlesque queens to high school students on a street corner in a small town.

Richard Kamler, her art instructor, backed her up by gathering together 18 other student artists to collaborate on creating a number of works of art based on the theme “Artists As Citizens Respond To Censorship.”

This exhibit was recently on display at the Faithful Fools at 284 Hyde St., and it’s one of the best exhibitions of art I have seen of late. Most art sickens me. I don’t even know anymore why I'm doing an art column. But the pieces on display in the copy shop of the Faithful Fools have integrity, humor and guts. That’s rare in the art world, which by now is mostly about interior decorating, wine and cheese.

One piece shows a fat Uncle Sam, pockets full of dollar bills, tears coming out of him, urine as well.

Another depicts the skyscrapers of the Financial District covered with money — not exactly subtle, but enthusiastically executed.

Giger’s piece was ostensibly censored for certain forbidden words, but was actually 30th from the Capitol art competition for anti-war.

That’s my opinion of course. I have no way to prove it. But I wasn’t born yesterday. If obscene words were forbidden at the state Capitol, every employee there would now be behind bars.

There was a piece at the Fools’ exhibit about self-censorship: the sculpture of a black man smiling and pretending to be happy to entertain his oppressors. That’s not just a black thing anymore; it is pretty much across the board, especially in regards to service personnel in San Francisco.

The fact that this kind of censorship is happening today indicates a metastasizing totalitarian fascism is slowly taking over the country. That this exhibit found a home in the Tenderloin is ironic, given the fact that this neighborhood is where people are confined when their politically or culturally incorrect lives and problems have been effectively censored from ordinary human consciousness.

If this neighborhood was a work of art, it would be concealed behind closed doors.

There was a reception for this event at the Faithful Fools. A number of people were there, warriors against totalitarianism. A lot of words were said. I hope they have some effect in the future.

But the real heroes of this event were Amma C. Giger, and her instructor, Richard Kamler, who backed her up when she needed support. Giger is a sincere and extremely talented young woman. She was rather self-effacing at the reception, as opposed to many artists in San Francisco who talk a lot about themselves and do very little.

The state Capitol in Sacramento is not in favor of freedom of speech. That’s obvious. They are afraid of a picture of a young woman in an R.O.T.C. uniform surrounded by words. I dare them to live in my neighborhood for more than a week. Maybe then they’ll have something real to fear.

Honors should go to the Faithful Fools for facilitating this dangerous exhibit which was on display through May 18.

I hope you checked it out. Maybe you were offended, or amused, or learned something new.

I hope so. That’s what great art is for.

At any rate, I know you weren’t bored.
**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 Ruby, 339-8357. Resident unity, leadership training, facilitate communication.

**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH**


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 Chiosini, 703-0188 x304.

Hearders and Clutterers Support Group. 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 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: 256-3474.

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 905-6264. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

**SAFETY**
North of Market NERT. bimonthly meeting. Call Lt. Erica Arteseros, S.F. Fire Department, 970-2022. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

**SOLMA 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 Amits, 538-8100 ext. 202 or thamits@ksd.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 Nutty, 820-1560 or sf_dist6@comcast.net. Districtwide association, civic education.

Boedeker Park cleanup. 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by the Friends of Boedeker Park. To RSVP to work or for information, Call Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 561-3260.

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 304. Subcommittee meetings and informational forums held monthly at the Tenderloin Police Station Community Room. Information: David Villa-Lobos, admin@CommunityLeadershipAlliance.net.

Friends of Boedeker Park. 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Boedeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact: 352-4866.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board. 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SolMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 337-8100 x202.

Mid-Market Project Area Committee. 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Contact Carolyn Diamond, 362-2500. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Tenth streets.

**SOUTH OF MARKET/TENDERLOIN COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT.** 1st Thursday of the month, noon. Call Elaine Zamora, 440-7570.

SolMa 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 Forsythe, between 6th & 7th. Health, Safety and Human Services Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday after the first Monday, 1035 Forsyth, noon. Information: 487-2166 or www.sompac.org.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative. 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Call at 358-3956 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: 554-6788. Open to the public.

Senior Action Network. general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary’s Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 966 Mission #700 Pedestrian Safety, third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Senior Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. Information: 546-1503 and www.senioractionnetwork.org.

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

Land Use Committee. Maxwell, Sandolow, McGilloldick, Monday, 1 p.m.

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**TENDERLOIN HEALTH**
Outreach and Community Events June 2007

**Health Promotion Forum**
Topic: Getting Ready for Treatment
Speaker: Tai Okamoto
Date/Time: Wednesday, June 13, 3-4 p.m.

**HIV Treatment Forum**
Topic: Living with HIV
Speaker: Nina Grossman, Tibetic Therapists
Date/Time: Wednesday, June 25, 12 noon - 1 p.m.

**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, June 13, 11:30 am - 1 p.m.;
Wednesday, June 27, 11:30 am - 1 p.m.

**Volunteer and Intern for Tenderloin Health**
Orientation: Sunday, June 10, 9 am - 4:30 pm
220 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor
lunch provided
You must preregister for volunteer trainings.
Stop in/call Emily (415) 994-1792.
For current groups’ schedule or for more information call: 415.431.7476 or go to www.tenderloinhealth.org

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