The ordinance that is to deliver San Francisco’s scruffy neighborhoods from troublesome liquor store scenes was passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 7 and is already raising concern from the store owners who become responsible for policing outside their stores. This makes them understandably nervous, the police, too. ‘I worry about owners approaching a crowd,’ TL Capt. Kathryn Brown said in an interview. ‘With drug dealing, they’re facing desperate behavior and retaliation.’

Ten Mideastern owners have been killed over the years, according to Francisco Da Costa, a Bayview-Hunters Point environmental activist. ‘Where were the supervisors then?’ he asked in the City Hall hallway after testing the ordinance during public comment. ‘What was needed was meaningful outreach, community meetings, before it was introduced. Now, there are 300 Mideastern owners in the city who are confused by it.’

The ordinance’s author, Supervisor Sophie Maxwell, has the Tenderloin, South of Market, Third Street and the Mission foremost in mind. But it remains to be seen if the $240,000 budget from the imposed $264 annual fee on each owner is adequate for enforcement. And the Arab American Grocers Association, which says it represents 425 of the city’s 914 stores that are affected, says the ordinance is unfairly aimed at them. First-time violations can cause fines up to $1,000.

‘We met with her (Maxwell) three times and her representatives five times,’ said association board member and Union Street liquor store owner Shakib Kaileh after the supervisors’ first reading on Feb. 28. ‘She has an attitude — take it or leave it.’

Maxwell claims that the measure duplicates existing federal and state laws. The grocers say it is more punitive than the Alcoholic Beverage Control’s guidelines when revoking a license. And they bitterly oppose a provision that doesn’t allow a new store owner of a problem store to start with a clean slate. ‘Opposed a provision that doesn’t allow a new store owner of a problem store to start with a clean slate,’ TL Capt. Sara Brown told a community meeting at the TL Police Station on Feb. 28 that the previous month she had six officers sidelined by injuries received from suspects resisting arrest. ‘Serious addicts are very violent,’ she said. ‘Speed-balling — heroin and methamphetamine — makes them go crazy.’

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Maxwell’s hammer
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Life on a corner: Store owner tells how rough it is
BY PHIL TRACY

Grand Liquors at Turk and Taylor streets is among the stores that Tenderloin police Capt. Kathryn Brown calls hot spots — where crowds frequently gather, drugs are dealt, sex is solicited and questionable characters loiter. These stores in the Tenderloin and similar liquor outlets in Bayview, the Mission and SoMa are the targets of a new law by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell.

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This month, Salvation Army breaks camp from its 242 Turk Street digs into temporary quarters at 1 Grove St., upstairs and downstair of the Burger King and across the street from Main Library.

Salvation Army will be billed there, Corps Lt. Roger McCort told The Extra in February, while its new, eight-story Community and Housing Center is being built.

Demolition of the five-story building that the Army has occupied since 1989 begins in April or May, he said, and the center is scheduled for completion in June 2008.

The center will have a gym, pool, fitness equipment, dance studio, classrooms, climbing wall on the roof, meeting and banquet spaces, and five floors of housing — 113 studios, three of them for staff, 27 for aged-out foster youth and 85 for adults in recovery. Of those 85 units, all are permanent housing and 43 transitional, up to 24 months.

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BY MARIJORIE BEGGS

What can’t follow the troops is the weekly food pantry, which will operate out of a space on Turk — “next door to us at the Hotdog Church,” McCort said. (That’s the Providence Christian Center at 220 Turk, aka the Hotdog Church. Its Web site is bodogchurch.com, and it was named, says the site, for its most popular meal for the homeless and poor.)

Also farmed out will be Salvation Army’s meal delivery program, moving to its service center at 50 Jesse, Sixth Street.

The Joan Cox Institute gift is another “not official yet” element, McCort said. ‘I announced it at our Feb. 24 open house, but I’ve been told the grant won’t be announced officially until April.”

‘JESUS DOESN’T PAY THE RENT”

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First study rooted in community
3 neighborhood nonprofits ensure public input on public transportation

BY PHIL TRACY

A few dozen people gathered in the St. Boniface Church community room Feb. 28 to weigh in on the future of transit in the Tenderloin. They didn't get to ask a lot of questions or make speeches but their input was noted. Whether it changes things for the better remains to be seen, but better than a stick in the eye, Rachel Hiatt, a planner for the county Transportation Authority, said the meeting was mid-way through a one-year study by the Bay Area Metropolitan Commission, one of a bundle of neighborhood-based transportation plans throughout the region, including a sister study in the Outer Mission. This is San Francisco's first official transportation study to grow from the grassroots, Hart said.

“We want to come up with a set of projects that came from your input, which can be implement-
ed in the next few years,” Hart said. The people tell the experts, not the experts telling the people.

Whether the Tenderloin community will show more foresight than typical traffic planners is any-
body's guess. But if they don't suggest a freeway through Golden Gate Park they'll come out of Caltrans.

The project acquired a community outreach team — Tenderloin Housing Clinic, Asian Neighborhood Design and the Southeast Asian Community Center — to ensure community input at every stage,” according to Chris Mills of Neighborhood Design and the Southeast Asian Community Center — “to ensure community input at every stage,” according to Chris Mills of Tenderloin Housing Clinic.

Interface with the community began with ques-
tions, some surprising and wildly inappropriate, from five people Hiatt picked out.

A home owner, Jonathan Ranney, asked if the plan could include additional free street toilets.

Indeed it could, Hart stoutly replied.

A second questioner was incensed by bicycles on the sidewalks: “Why don’t we simply fine them on the sidewalks: “Why don’t we simply fine them?”

Hiatt moved on to the next part of the program, a variation of Pin the Tail on the Donkey, but with-
out blindfolds. People formed groups of four or five around 14 stations, each with a poster on what they were to answer the questions on the posters by adhering a half-inch dot next to their answer — “for it to be a vote.

In ranking transit needs, most people favored reducing fares and crowding on Muni buses. Two groups voted for buses and bike lanes over car lanes, more room in Muni shelters.

Bonnie Nelson of Nelson/Nygard Consulting Associates, the technical team working on the plan, noted that more parking as a transit need failed to collect a single vote. “Overwhelmingly,” she said.

At one station, the question was whether there should be more short-term parking spaces for shop-
ers or all-day parking for commuters. Nearly all the 20 dots were right in the middle of the graph.

“Everybody says, ‘There should be a mix.’ We don’t really have a priority for those spaces. It should be a mix,” Nelson said. “It’s always interest-
ing when the consensus is right down the middle.

A man in the audience balked. “Excuse me. I think you’re missing something. What we’re saying is, ‘We don’t care about parking, we like public transit.’” And here — a project report shows 82% of Tenderloin households don’t have a car.

Asked to prioritize seven projects from earlier studies, people split on expanding the availability of lifetime pass for low-income people and making intersections safer with more curb bulbs and ramps.

Two write-in ideas checked by multiple respon-
ders were more pedestrian countdown signals and more bike lanes and bike ramps.

Hiatt said a $2.7 million Lifeline Grant is to be awarded to San Francisco this spring. (The Lifeline Grant is a Metropolitan Transportation Commission program to help counties provide transit services to low-income people.)

Hart is intent on applying for a piece of the MTC pie for the Tenderloin, she said.

“Even more than the money, I think the process that makes it extremely attractive to funding agencies looking to impact community transit needs,” she said.

At the meeting’s end, Nelson summarized what looks like the most important things are reducing the cost of transit for low-income people, reducing crowding on the Muni and reducing the speed of cars going through the Tenderloin. Improving the reliability of transit and improving pedestrian safety are also important to you.

“Least important was increasing the parking availability. Really, what you’re most interested in is better, cheaper, more reliable transit, and a better place to walk. Those are the priorities.”

Community involvement in the Tenderloin transit study will continue through the summer. Neighborhood walking tours and public workshops are planned for late spring. People can contact the Tenderloin-Little Saigon Neighborhood Transportation Plan through the County Transportation Authority Web site www.scta.org. To get on a mailing list for upcoming events, e-mail tenderloin@scta.org or write to Hiatt at S.F. County Transportation Authority, 100 Van Ness Ave. 26th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.
Maxwell's legal hammer may wind up with a red-ink budget

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Curtis Jones – Vietnam veteran
Luciano Moreno – Flower vendor

The friends of a Vietnam POW and a Mission Street flower vendor remembered both in memorials Feb. 17 at the Camelot Hotel. They came to the hotel within two months of each other and died two days apart. Luciano Moreno was born in El Salvador and died of cancer on Feb. 5 at age 90. His friends at the POW, died of AIDS on Feb. 6. He was 55. Both were in failing health when they moved into the Camelot Hotel: Mr. Moreno due to his health and Mr. Eagles due to his many years working for the Mission and S.F. General Hospital. He lived in an apartment building basement and was fighting cancer before moving to the Camelot. She said she and her family served Thanksgiving dinner at the hotel “with a joyful personality and his skill at cooking soul food. Just two weeks ago, he helped as a volunteer at the Senator, Iroquois and San Cristina SROs. Community Housing Partnership maintenance crew from the Senator Hotel. 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Boards of Supervisors OKs on-sale, off-sale permits for eclectic gallery

BY TOM CARTER

San Sirhed is getting two liquor licenses — on-sale and off-sale — for his upscale Gallery Market at 222 Powell St. Exactly what he applied for. And how he got them illustrates how liquor licenses are added, even in neighborhoods that already far exceed state-mandated license limits.

His applications sailed through the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 14, got signed by the mayor and were sent to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control department to issue the licenses. The ABC bows to local control — the Board of Supervisors — in granting liquor licenses. It doesn’t matter how many licenses already exist in a given area — if local government recommends approval, the ABC must issue the license. The supes voted unanimously for them.

One of Sirhed’s licenses is new, the on-sale; the off-sale is a transfer from Noe Valley. They are coming into an area that is even more oversubscribed than police reported in January when, in opposing Sirhed’s applications, they mistakenly used license data and crime stats that applied to the Tenderloin census tract across the street.

Sirhed later agreed to a number of conditions the police set, including making sure his off-sale liquor doesn’t appeal to brown bag drinkers, a questionable concern based on “Market” as part of the business name. Sirhed’s eclectic art gallery is a block from Union Square. He wants to attract shoppers and tourists with premium wine tastings and spirits to buy and take home.

Objects from activists and police stopped the applications at the supervisors City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting on Jan. 21. They said the store is in a high-crime area that is oversaturated with liquor licenses. Police showed three to four times more licenses operating in Census Tract 125 than allowed.

But Sirhed’s marble-floored gallery, in a building he says he spent $6.5 million renovating, is actually in Census Tract 117, which starts just across the street from the TL tract the police used in their negative recommendation. Triangular-shaped tract 117’s southern boundary is Market Street, north is Bush Street, which runs diagonally east to Market. Few people live in these blocks, but there are a good many businesses and apparently quite a few sell liquor.

ABC figures show six on-sale licenses authorized and 79 existing; three off-sale are allowed but 21 exist. Overall, that’s 11 times more than authorized.

Both tracts are high-crime areas, meaning the number of police calls there are at least 20% higher than the city average.

Vice police and Sirhed worked out their differences and agreed on 11 conditions to take back to the supervisors. Among them were restrictions on noise, loitering and advertising and one that prohibits Sirhed from selling single jumbo-size beers or hard liquor smaller than a fifth, but allowing 50-ml “miniature collectibles.”

On Feb. 6, the license applications again came before the City Operations Committee. With activists dropping their protests in view of the conditions to be imposed, and the Census Tract 125 figures still in the equation, the three-member committee of Supervisors Fiona Ma, Jake McGoldrick and Bevan Dufty sent the matter to the full board, which approved on an 11-0 vote.

The Gallery Market is within the jurisdiction of the Tenderloin police. Officer Mike Torres, who reviews permits for the station, had objected to the licenses at the first supes’ hearing. Torres said he saw “no benefit” to adding more licenses when “the whole idea is to have less.”

So, obviously, oversaturation and high crime are not enough to kill a license application, said Vice Crimes Inspector Richard McNaughton, but they do allow the police to add conditions that can mitigate the neighbors’ objections.

Central City Hospitality House honors 2 activists, seniors group

Central City Hospitality House, during its bowling fundraiser on March 2, named children’s advocate Midge Wilson, peace activist Father Louis Vitale and the activist group, Senior Action Network, as its 2006 “Tenderchamps.”

The 39-year-old Tenderloin drop-in center gives the awards each year to individu- als and organizations that have significantly affected the lives of poor people and the homeless. These “Champs” certainly fill that bill.

Wilson helped create the Bay Area Women’s and Children’s Center at 336 Leavenworth in 1981 and has been its exec- utive director ever since. She spearheaded the creation in 1993 of a Civic Center playground, the Tenderloin Children’s Playground at 570 Ellis in 1993 and a sec- ond Civic Center playground in 1998. Wilson and RAWCC also led the 10-year crusade to build the K-7 Tenderloin Children’s Community School at 627 Turk, which opened in 1998.

Father Vitale, 75, was a pastor at St. Boniface for 13 years before he left last year to work full time for peace and justice. A proponent of nonviolent resistance and the energetic Franciscan friar regularly demonstrates against nuclear proliferation. In January, he and 80 others were convicted of trespass charges stemming from a November 2005 demonstration, an annual protest at the controversial School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is current- ly serving a six-month term.

Senior Action Network, a 155-member advocacy group representing more than 80,000 seniors. Launched in 1990, it con- ducts educational programs about Medi-Cal and Medicare, does outreach on traffic and pedestrian safety, demonstrates for seniors’ causes, helps homeless seniors find hous- ing, and also offers a Senior University designed to empower seniors and train community organizers.

— TOM CARTER

222 Powell gets 2 liquor licenses

ATTEND A WORKSHOP AND GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR PLAN TO FIX IT

Thursday, March 23rd
Sunset Recreation Center
28th Avenue & Lawton Street
6:00pm-8:00pm
Attend a workshop and give us your feedback on our plan to fix it.

Saturday, March 25th
Southeast Community Facility
1830 Oakdale Avenue
6:00pm-8:00pm
Get info, give input at sfsewers.org

Tuesday, March 28th
Bill Graham Civic Auditorium
99 Grove Street
6:00pm-8:00pm

The city under the city needs to be fixed.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE**

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

**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH**
CMHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30, CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Contact: 255-3428. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

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

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

**SAFETY**
North of Market NERT, bi-monthly meeting. Contact Lt. Erica Artesteros, S.F. Fire Department, 970-2022. Disaster preparedness training by 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 Lisa Black, 538-9100 ext. 202. licked@sf.org.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 421-2926 x306. 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_disb@tenderloin.org.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact 552-4866.

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


North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, 1st Thursday of the month, noon, 111 Jones conference room. Interim board meeting. Contact Elaine Zamora, district manager, 440-7370.

South of Market Project Area Committees, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Contact: SOM-PAC office, 487-2166.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Contact Jerry Jai 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. 408. Contact: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary’s Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 873 Mission #700. Fundraising, first Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pedestrian Safety, second Friday, 10 a.m.; Sr. Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Health, last Thursday, 1:30. Information: 946-1333.

**SUPERVISORS’ COMMITTEES**
City Hall, Room 263 Budget Committee Daly, Duffy, Peskin, Thursday, 1 p.m.

City Services Committee McGoldrick, Duffy, Ma, first and third Monday, 9 a.m.-noon.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS
Tenant Leadership Skills Workshop, March 7-14 and 21, 447 Turk, 4-6 p.m. Central City SRO Collaborative free training for residential hotel tenants. Learn about your rights, neighborhood organizing, public speaking and more. Workshop includes light dinner. Registration: 775-7105.

Candidate Forum, March 15, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy, TL Police Community Room. Candidates for Democratic Central Committee and other offices. Sponsored by Alliance for a Better District Six, Tenant Associations Coalition, Tenant Associations Coalition PAC, North of Market Planning Coalition, Central City SRO Collaborative and Tenants Rights Association.


**Mental Health Board**
3rd Monday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHMI, 1380 Howard. Contact: Lisa Black, 538-9100 ext. 202. licked@sf.org.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F.**
2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Fl. Contact: 956-6254. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

**CMHS Consumer Council**
1st Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928.
Contact: 421-2926 x306.

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


North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, 1st Thursday of the month, noon, 111 Jones conference room. Interim board meeting. Contact Elaine Zamora, district manager, 440-7370.

South of Market Project Area Committees, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Contact: SOM-PAC office, 487-2166.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Contact Jerry Jai 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. 408. Contact: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary’s Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 873 Mission #700. Fundraising, first Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pedestrian Safety, second Friday, 10 a.m.; Sr. Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Health, last Thursday, 1:30. Information: 946-1333.

Supervisors’ Committees
City Hall, Room 263 Budget Committee Daly, Duffy, Peskin, Thursday, 1 p.m.

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