$1.4 billion plan for Van Ness hospital complex
Cal Pacific first to use city’s health impact report

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

RALPH Marchese was upbeat as he told the October Tenderloin Futures Collaborative about California Pacific Medical Center’s $1.45 billion plan for a new hospital at the site of the Cathedral Hill Hotel, formerly the Jack Tar. His Marchese Co. is the consulting real estate developer.

But he didn’t say anything about organized opposition to the plan, brewing since early last year among Cathedral Hill neighbors, or about all the legal and policy hoops CPMC has yet to negotiate — from amendments to height limitations to participation in the city’s first-ever use of a Healthcare Impact Report (HIR).

CPMC, Marchese explained, wants to raze the 10-story hotel, which fills the square block bounded by Van Ness, Geary, Franklin and Post, and build a 20-story, 490- to 650-bed hospital that would become the primary acute care and inpatient treatment facility for the four-hospital California Pacific system.

And directly across Van Ness it plans to demolish five two- and three-story buildings, on properties it’s already purchased, and erect a nine-story medical office.

The hospital and office buildings, with a total 1.9 million square feet, would be connected by a tunnel under Van Ness. A thousand parking spaces are part of the plan.

“CPMC is the largest health provider in San Francisco,” Marchese said. “It has 1,500 physicians, 47,000 ER visits, 5,004 births, 415,643 outpatient visits and 10,000 ambulatory surgery cases.”

It operates four hospitals here — in Pacific Heights, Presidio Heights, Duboce Triangle and the Mission — but all, he added, are out of date and must be seismically upgraded to meet state mandates.

“It’s rat season. Fall is a time that appeals to the roof rat that lives above ground and the sewer rat that cavorts below it. Both types, going where their hunger takes them, are in abundance in San Francisco.”

When Rec and Park custodian Hugo Berrios returned to Tenderloin Children’s Playground from a three-week vacation in August he was shocked to discover four large rats jumping around the garbage cans in the back. Among the 100 children who visit the playground daily, some had seen rats in the grass outside or traveling along the top of the fence.

“It’s rat season
Tenderloin parks, playground staff shocked at numbers

BY TOM CARTER

Tenderloin Playground Director Kay Rodrigues shows the garbage door’s steel plate and black box trap that are used to fight the rat infestation.

Photo by Henry Agosto

Photo by Lenny Limjoco

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Illustration of how CPMC’s proposed hospital would sit on the site, courtesy of Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Illustration of how CPMC’s proposed hospital would sit on the site, courtesy of Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Illustration of how CPMC’s proposed hospital would sit on the site, courtesy of Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

Illustration of how CPMC’s proposed hospital would sit on the site, courtesy of Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Illustration of how CPMC’s proposed hospital would sit on the site, courtesy of Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association.
GREENING THE ST. St. Francis Memorial Hospi-
tal wants more trees in its neighborhood and the No-
theastern Neighborhood District does, too. In a match made in heaven, the 
government gave Friends of the Urban Forest a dona-
tion and asked that money go to the CBD-to-plant
up to 40 new trees. “The hospital has always been very supportive of us,” said CBD Manager Elane Zamora. “They also want to be commu-
ity participants and help with the planning, sched-
uled for Dec. 9. There’s no charge for property owners who want to green their sidewalks with a new tree; the hospital donation pays for the tree, concrete breaking, stakes and netting. FUP will provide the expertise and Latona volunteers.
“Owners are ultimately responsible for maintenance and liability of their tree,” Zamora said, “but the CBD is deterring whether it can help the owners and take on the liability in per-
petuity for the tree.” There’s a tree-planting plan-
ning meeting Nov. 8, 5 p.m., at 118 Jones. To sign up for a tree, contact Zamora at 440-7570 x21 or e-mail her, elane@zamora.In

GREEN IS BEAUTIFUL. The mayor’s Neighbor-
hood Beautification Fund has morphed the Com-
50munity Challenge Grant Program, but the aim’s the same: Get more green businesses involved in growing public spaces, such as med-
ians, sidewalks and community gardens, and use the programs to work with businesses working togeth-
er on common issues. Groups can apply for $10,000 to $30,000 grants, in return, they have to prepare a five-year maintenance plan and match the grant with volunteer labor and donated mate-
rials and supplies. In the May 2006 cycle, the pro-
gram gave out $98,000 in grants to 28 groups. A small grant, $11,000, went to Enterprise for High School Students in a John McLaren Park summer youth employment program. S.F. Clean City Coalition got one of the larger grants, $15,000, for graffiti and litter abatement South of Market. Resident groups or business owners must apply through an existing nonprofit organization. Provided by the city. (9-4-06) This can help you find a nonprofit. For online guide-
lication deadline is Nov. 15.

KIDS ON BIKES After a three-week break, the Sa-
70n Sunday Boedecker Park children’s bike pro-
gram resumed in October with big improve-
ments. Of the many new helmets donated by the S.F. Bike Coalition and a new trailer hitch, donated by San Francisco Parks Trust, that con-
nects to the trailer. This new hitch has a bike rack: the rack and a dozen BMX bikes were purchased in 2003 through a Rotary Club donation. On Saturdays, up to 16 neighborhood kids, some with their own bikes but with no-
thing, show up at the park at 9 a.m. for an excur-
sion to the ocean. The group rides in the van to a point in Golden Gate Park where they park, then pedal to the beach and back, stopping for lunch. “Everybody’s huffin’ and puffin’ when we get to the beach,” says Boedecker Park Director Rob McDaniels who runs the children’s pro-
gram, “and, oh, that ocean smell. It’s great.” Before the program got the hitch, McDaniels transported the bikes in his pickup truck and all the kids took Muni to meet him in the park. Now, most of the kids can ride in the van, five bikes go on the hitch and the rest are stacked in the back of the van. Next, McDaniels hopes for a donation so he can buy a trailer to carry a dozen or more bicycles. In other good news, McDaniels received an award from the National Council of Teachers of English Gateway section, on Oct. 14 for his work with children.

If you have any good news, send it to mar-
fool@studycenter.org or tom@studycenter.org.

$14 billion complex evokes ‘complete outrage’ from neighbors

RULATIONS TO HURDLE After the meeting, The Extra
looked at City Planning’s July 2006 pre-EIR “notice” — a 54-
page document that lays out all CPMC’s retrofit and new con-
struction plans — and could see that the Cathedral Hill hospital will require lots of juggling of existing regulations before it passes muster. It will need land use, height and bulk, open space and other amendments because it’s within the boundaries of the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Project Area; design amend-
ments to the city’s General Plan; zoning changes; alterations to the Planning Code’s annual office limit, special consideration of the residential hotel ordinance (one of the buildings to be demolished is a six-unit SRO); and an encroachment permit agreement with the California Board of Supes approval for the tunnel under Van Ness. Without this approval, CPMC is that it will be the best case for a city-mandated Healthcare Im-

| Continued from page 1 |

“Senate Bill 1661 was introduced through grants from the S.F. Hotel Tax Fund and the Richard and Whittington Teal Foundation. The legislation gives acute care hospitals in California until 2015 to make their buildings safe in earth-
quakes and other natural disas-
ters. “The work to be done is so complex that [to comply], CPMC will have to off-load some serv-
ices from the other campuses to the new Cathedral Hill campus.” CPMC acquired the option to buy a hotel site in 2003, select-
ing it, he said, because it’s on major transit corridors and is near enough to its other hospital complexes to allow movement of staff and patients between them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

“We also believe that it can be an economic stimulator to this area,” Marchese added. Employees, patients and hospital visitors always need restaurants and sometimes overnight coordi-
 nations, plus many other services.

Chaplain Earl Rogers of the San Francisco Rescue Mission asked if CPMC has a timeline. Marchese estimated 2012 for completion, or four to five years after project approval if all the permit ducks are in a row. “Will the hospital accept Medi-Cal and Medicare patients?” asked Tenderloin resident Mark Brown. “We do at all our campuses now and we’ll continue at the new campus,” Marchese an-
swered. “Will the hospital have an emergency room?” asked S.F. Network Ministries Execu-
tive Director Glenda Hope. “The three of the four CPMC cam-
puses do and the new hospital may or may not,” said Marchese.

TNDC’s Jerry Jai asked if CPMC is considering the neigh-
borhood’s employment needs and health care needs in its planning. CPMC “has to reach out to the community,” Marchese said, adding that he expected there to be many opportunities for neighbors to voice concerns. “The EIR will be deeply scruti-
nized.”
A
ter Father John Hardin’s blessing before 200 sit-down guests and volunteers, St. Anthony Dining Room served its 33rd mil-
lionth meal shortly after 11 a.m. on Oct. 12 to Bobby Perry, a 62-year-old musician.

The congenial 6-footer was sitting at a table with three others in the far corner of the spacious 2,500-
square-foot hall. He had the disarming honesty to admit to the young
ladies, “I’m just a cheesecake, too.”

St. Anthony’s has been serving free meals to the homeless, low-income and anybody else who wants to
wait in the long line that snakes outside up Jones
Street, around the corner and down Golden Gate
Avenue every day since Oct. 4, 1950. That’s the date
Franciscan friar Alfred Boeddeker opened the doors
at 45 Jones St. and served 400 meals.

Now, 2,500 meals are served daily, 25% more
than in 2002.

The meal is served between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., except after the 15th of the month when the
crowd increases because money gets scarce. Then the doors open 15
minutes earlier.

The hippieorous Perry, a life-
long traveling musician originally from Chicago, lives around town in an old Olds. “I’ll tell you,” he’ll say. He has been coming to St.
Anthony’s for nine years, “just when I need to,” he said. Accompanying himself on guitar for the guests, he has sung jazz and blues during the meal. He also volunteers on
Thursdays to fill and distribute brown bag lunches.

Now he is struggling with a new project. He is
trying to distribute his two CDs, “Love Camouflage” and “In The City.” Perry wrote, arranged and per-
fomed all the tunes on both CDs.

“I am a musician trying to become a businessman
and start a business and a record label,” he said. “I’ve got very little money and I’m running into brick walls.

But he and thousands of others always know
where a hot meal in the Tenderloin will be.

Father John Hardin celebrates the milestone meal served to
musician Bobby Perry, his second tray of the day.

NOVEMBER 2006 / CENTRAL CITY EXTRA

Turk St. methadone clinic has ties to CMPC

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

NEIGHBORS rarely roll out a welcome mat for sub-
stance abuse providers that want to locate in their
community, so despite a David and Goliath-sound-
ing situation, Collaborative members showed little
sympathy and pinned Kletter to a different mat.

“People have been in the clinic building in the early 1980s and later bought it,” said Evan Kletter, CEO of Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment, closed its Geary facility on one day in
September, and opened the next day at 455 Turk.

“The people here write checks, and we’re open, seven days a week,” the harm reduction
frontline staff member said. “It’s a really fast transaction,” Kletter said. BAART does not provide methadone maintenance, the drug must be consumed
outside the clinic during and after hours.”

“We have 600 clients and a security guard when we’re open, seven days a week,” Kletter said. “We’re sensitive to the community, but I haven’t thought much about our responsibility to them when we’re not open.”

“Just over a year ago, we served our 32nd mil-
lionth meal,” Father Hardin, St. Anthony Foundation’s
founder, said during a mass at 45 Jones St. and served 400 meals.

Now, 2,500 meals are served daily, 25% more
than in 2002.

The meal is served between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., except after the 15th of the month when the
crowd increases because money gets scarce. Then the doors open 15
minutes earlier.

file — swoop down the aisles
of the 180 blue Formica
checkered linoleum tiles.

At the open house, he gave The Extra a
tour of the new digs. The 10,000-
square-foot two-story space, formerly a law
office, is efficiently laid out and attractive —
lots of exposed brick, olive and dark linen
printed walls, sharp black doors, nice carpet,
checkerboard linoleum tiles.

After methadone clients check in, they go
to the dispensing area to receive their dose
— a specific amount that’s computerized, based on
information collected by professional staff and entered in the client’s record. Licensed vocational nurses and
psychiatric techs, sitting at counters behind plastic bar-
ners with large holes cut in them, measure the liquid
doses into cups, which they pass through the holes.

For about two-thirds of the 600 clients on
methadone maintenance, the drug must be consumed
on the spot, and there’s no leaving inside once the
drug is ingested. The other 20% to 30% of clients
considered stable enough to do “take homes” pick up their methadone in vials.

In either case, we have a strict dosed-leave policy,” Kletter said. “I’m certainly aware now that the
community wants us to watch the people we serve, and we will.”

Central City Democrats gets official approval

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

FAITHFUL FOOLS
COPY SHOP
230 HYDE STREET (Between Turk & Eddy)
415.567.4567 PHONE 415.874.9595 FAX
copyshop@faithfulfools.org
www.faithfulfools.org
D I G I T A L D R I V E R T E C H N O L O G Y
COLOR COPIES PRINTERING BROCHURES LEGAL BRIEFS

Thank You! Your Business Supports The Mission of the Faithful Fools

Thank you to the following businesses for their support!

Central City Democrats meet quarterly, with
talks and events as well as debates and pet projects.

The Central City Democrats meet quarterly, with
monthly meeting committee meetings. Since form-
ning early last year, it has sponsored four community
and voter education events. More information: 439-
VOTE.

—Marjorie Beggs

The San Francisco Democratic County Central
Committee met Oct. 25 and charted the city’s, 28th Democratic club — the Central City
Democrats. The committee heard comments from six members of the new group, which was voted in
unanimously.

Democratic clubs work to get out the vote, dis-
tribute vote cards, endorse candidates and promote
the Democratic Party’s endorsements. Each club president becomes a nonvoting member of the
Central Committee.

“That’s really important for us,” said Michael Nulty, the new club’s secretary, who also is presi-
dent of Alliance for a Better District 6. “It means that in all committee discussions, there’s representation for our district neighborhoods and their needs.”

Other officers — all District 6 residents — are
Rick Hauptman, president, also president of North
Mission Neighborhood Alliance and a 15-year
Democratic fundraiser and supporter; Marvis
Phillips, vice president, Tenderloin block captain and former NOMPC president; and Susan Bryan,
treasurer, also treasurer of Alliance for a Better
District 6 and a NONMPC board member.

The Central City Democrats meet quarterly, with
monthly meeting committee meetings. Since form-
ning early last year, it has sponsored four community
and voter education events. More information: 439-
VOTE.

—Marjorie Beggs

St. Anthony’s serves 33 millionth meal

BY Tom Carter

Itinerant musician, 62, hits milestone with meatloaf and mashed potatoes

St. Anthony’s serves 33 millionth meal

BY MARJORIE BEGGS
Rat season: We've got 'em. The size of cats.

When rats brought death to S.F.

B 2006 is a horoscope year of the rat, a year in which many of next year's troubles will be sown. It is also a year in which many of the changes that will occur in the future will be foreshadowed. This is the year in which the rat will bring about many changes, both good and bad. It is a year in which many people will experience setbacks, but also a year in which many people will be able to overcome their difficulties and achieve their goals. It is a year in which the rat will be the dominant element, and it will be reflected in the events of the year. In the year 2006, the rat will be the dominant element, and it will be reflected in the events of the year. It is a year in which many people will experience setbacks, but also a year in which many people will be able to overcome their difficulties and achieve their goals. It is a year in which the rat will bring about many changes, both good and bad.
Imagine a neighborhood in San Francisco that has more butterflies. Rents starting at $1299! For a limited time, call now!
He had done everything he wanted to do, he said, and he'd live to 101 but he said he didn't need all that time. sponsored, said Ritz Hotel social worker William Leary. “He did the Red Sox will win again this year and (Roger) Federer doing for the city's shelter system that led a year to flowers and two lighted candles on a memorial table was for his memorial on Sept. 11. hotel sources said. She was 52. “I had the hotel looking for another when she died unexpectedly of a memorial. More than half of the Alexander’s 200 res- had a crush on him, by the way.” Everyone laughed. “He was more like a kid than anyone I ever met,” said Morgan Paris. “He was the liveliest person in a bathtub fall, his friends said. He died of complic- tions two days later at St. Francis Hospital. He was 68. Mr. Pangle, a Marine who served in Vietnam in a bathtub fall, his friends said. He died of complic- tions two days later at St. Francis Hospital. He was 68. Mr. Pangle, a Marine who served in Vietnam in a bathtub fall, his friends said. He died of complic- tions two days later at St. Francis Hospital. He was 68.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1st Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Sough. Contact Leslie Demers, 546-7572.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Sough. Contact Leslie Demers, 546-7572.

<original_text>

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

Supportive Housing Network, 4th Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 1075 Market Street. Contact Carlos Martinez, 820-0660.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Aaron Wagner, 703-0188 x304.

CMHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 421-2926 x302.

COMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

Hospitality House Exhibit, November 9, 5:30-9 p.m., 144 Leavenworth. Included are works of silent art auction and reception. Light refreshments and conversation.

THIS WEEK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SoMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Location changes monthly. To receive monthly information by e-mail, contact Lisa Block, 538-9100 ext. 202 Lblock@iisf.org.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-1700. Neighborhood safety.

TENDERLOIN HEALTH

TENDERLOIN HEALTH

Outreach and Community Events November 2006

Health Promotion Forum

Topic: Come learn about HIV Testing and Ways to Stay Safe

Speaker: Tenderloin Health Promotion Team

Date/Times: November 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

GET SAFE! Free HIV Testing 7 Days a Week

Where: Tenderloin Health, 187 Golden Gate Avenue

Get your results in 20 minutes with a RAPID test!

Weekdays: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Volunteer and Intern for Tenderloin Health

Orientation: Monday, November 12, 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

220 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor

lunch provided

You must pre-register for volunteer trainings. Stop in/call Emilie (415) 934-1792.

For current groups’ schedule or for more information contact: 415.431.7476 or go to www.tenderloinhealth.org

COMPANY: REGULAR SCHEDULE

1st Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CMHS advisory committee, open to the public. Contact: 255-3474.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Sough. Contact Leslie Demers, 546-7572. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.


Soma Police Community Relations Forum, 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Location changes monthly. To receive monthly information by e-mail, contact Lisa Block, 538-9100 ext. 202 Lblock@iisf.org.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-1700. 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_disrct@yaho.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, contact 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/registration. Information: 339-9076 (REBS) or centralkydemocrats@yahoo.com.

Community Leadership Alliance, CA Community Advocacy Commission monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Room 034.

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

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Park park events, activities and improvements. Contact: 492-4866.

Volunteer and Intern for Tenderloin Health

Orientation: Monday, November 12, 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

220 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor

lunch provided

You must pre-register for volunteer trainings. Stop in/call Emilie (415) 934-1792.

For current groups’ schedule or for more information contact: 415.431.7476 or go to www.tenderloinhealth.org

TENDERLOIN HEALTH

A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY AND THE TENDERLOIN AIDS RESOURCE CENTER

PROGRAMS • 415.431.7476 and 415.437.2900

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE • 255 Golden Gate Ave • San Francisco CA 94102

MAILING ADDRESS • PO Box 423970 • San Francisco CA 94142-9700

www.tenderloinhealth.org

Café do Brasil

1106 Market Street at Jones

Since 1989 in San Francisco

17th

Anniversary

Churrasco Dinner Thursdays to Sundays and Lunch Buffet Mondays to Fridays

HELP WANTED

CIRCULATION COORDINATOR — We need someone to distribute Central City Extra. Someone who wants a regular part-time job. The person must be willing to work hard two or three days in a row once a month.

We deliver to the Main Library, City Hall offices, Glide, all TNDC buildings, SoMa, Brainwash among nearly 150 locations in the Tenderloin and SoMa.

Pay: $10 an hour.

We need someone reliable who understands how important good distribution is to The Extra.

Call 626-1630. Ask for Phil.