

# Warfield Building owner's company bankrolls Prop D

\$455,000 in 4 months to cover ballot measure expenses

BY JONATHAN NEWMAN AND MARK HEDIN

PROPOSITION D on the November city ballot — the mid-Market marketing measure — is largely the political creature of David Addington, owner of several arts-and-entertainment properties in the area. These include the Warfield Building on Market Street that houses the rock music haven, Warfield Theater; Showdogs, the trendy hot dog eatery on the corner, and the building next door at 1028 Market.

Campaign disclosure documents filed with the Ethics Commission show that, from June 15 through Oct. 28, Addington's company, Warfield Theater LLC, contributed \$455,000 to the Yes on D Committee, making Prop. D by far the costliest item on the ballot.

When the measure qualified July 9, Addington's firm had already placed \$40,000 with Yes on D. During the next two months, he contributed \$150,000 more, then the financial infusions speeded up. After Sept. 10, the firm kicked in an additional \$185,000. On Oct. 28, he added \$80,000.

Besides the Warfield's contributions to Yes on D, the measure had received \$33,725 as of Oct. 23. Contributors include \$10,000 each from SHN Theatres, CFRI Market Street LLC, and Urban Realty.

Shorenstein Realty gave \$2,500.

The recipient of the Yes on D's biggest payout was the political consulting firm Stearns Consultants, which has received \$185,000. Of this amount, Stearns paid \$36,000 to the U.S. Postal Service for mailings, \$26,000 to Pacific Standard Press for brochures, \$20,000 to Comcast and \$6,000 to KTSF for broadcast ads.

Other major payouts included \$29,500 to Pacific Petition Inc., Autumn Press and Falcon and Associates to obtain 12,553 signatures (nearly 5,000 more than required) to qualify the measure for the ballot. Political pollster David Binder was paid \$25,000.

Among the September expenses

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Don Falk, TNDC executive director, stands at the imposing entrance to the Central YMCA, closed and awaiting renovation.

PHOTO BY LENNY LIMJOCO

# Transforming the Y

TNDC's grandest project: 174 units, major med clinic

BY TOM CARTER

THE \$95 million purchase and planned makeover of the handsome old Central YMCA — once a vibrant recreation facility and bargain hotel — will transform it into a palace for the formerly homeless, complete with a model holistic medical clinic operated by the Department of Public Health.

The combination will be unequaled in the state and, for the eventual residents, it will be the best that destitution can buy anywhere.

The TNDC project will create 174 single room occupancy units each with a bathroom and kitchenette. The clinic will serve the residents as well as once-homeless patients living in 51 other housing sites, most in the Tenderloin.

Work on the Y is to start next year and this, the largest and grandest of TNDC's properties, is to be completed in 2012.

What makes the nine stories at 220 Golden Gate Ave. a gem is the architecture. It's a prime example of the turn-of-the-century Italian Renaissance Revival, a style popular from coast to coast, and related to City Hall's Beaux Arts architecture. Completed in 1910, it is characterized by symmetry, grandiosity and elaborate ornamentation. The nation's granddaddy of such period

transformations is The Times Square in Manhattan with 652 formerly homeless, low-income or persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The Central Y dominates the block with its four imposing three-story-high columns that frame the entrance. Inside, a stunning second-floor foyer has two ornate staircases, balustrades, a palatial fireplace and classic auditorium, all redolent of the flair of 100 years ago.

The small auditorium, with a 20-foot ceiling but no permanent seating, has been earmarked by TNDC for a multipurpose room, the fancy horseshoe-shape balcony with its quirky indentation, however, has fixed seating. The space is dark and dusty now but its ornate design is as impressive as the atrium.

"They don't make buildings like this anymore," says Mara Blitzer, TNDC senior project manager. "It's a tremendous beauty, and every time I experience it, it becomes a little richer. It has quite a community history, too, the people who were touched by it."

The wealthy got behind its creation. Eminent out-of-staters and prosperous locals, eager to support the YMCA's fitness goals, gave \$500,000 toward the \$750,000 project. John D. Rockefeller heads a long list of donors inscribed on the bronze wall plaque to the left of the fireplace. He gave \$250,000 — now equal to about \$6.1 million — J. Pierpont Morgan chipped in \$25,000 and Woodrow Wilson's financial adviser, Cleveland H. Dodge, gave \$15,000.

"I love working on this project," Blitzer says. "It's very special — elevating this kind of space with dignity and beauty to provide for the most needy."

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Prop. D would create a special district for signage on a slice of Market Street.



# Capt. Jimenez moves on to city's night patrol

*Successor became a captain during chief's recent shake-up*

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

IT was supposed to be temporary when Gary Jimenez took over the Tenderloin police reins in November 2006. "But I'm giving 150%," he told *The Extra* at the time. "I'm confident I'll remain through the end of the year."

The month stretched to three years, a Tenderloin Station record. Capt. Jimenez moves to a new job Nov. 14 as one of five night captains of SFPD's Field Operations Bureau at 850 Bryant St. managing the department's patrol division. His exact assignment, still to be announced, may be as one of the bureau's two night supervisors, one responsible for patrols in the Metro Division — from the Central, Mission, Northern, Southern and TL stations — and the other for the Golden Gate Division, which includes the city's other five stations.

"I'll be roving the city, responding to all calls where a captain is needed," he told the several dozen friends, family members, colleagues and neighborhood activists at his last monthly Captain's Community Forum on Oct. 27. "It's a job I've coveted for a long time."

Stepping into the TL's top cop slot is Dominic Celaya, 48, on the force 27 years. He was promoted to captain in new Police Chief George Gascón's department reshuffle announced last week.

Transfers like Capt. Jimenez's are pretty normal. When he moves on, he'll be one of the neighborhood's longest-tenured captains.

Kathryn Brown, whom he replaced, stayed two years, eight months. Her predecessor, David Shinn, was transferred after a year and a half. Before him, Steve Tacchini was at the helm for two years, four months. Susan Manheimer, the first female TL captain, was here one year, eight months.

The popular, likeable, energetic Capt. Jimenez, 64, became an S.F. cop in 1970 and had two prior assignments in the Tenderloin: 1989-90 when he was a sergeant at Central Station — at the time there was no separate, permanent police district in the neighborhood — and two more years when the

Tenderloin Task Force was hunkered down in the basement of the shuttered Hibernia Bank from 1991 until the new station was dedicated in October 2000.

His presence in the neighborhood has been a given. He attended most social events and community meetings, and he was in the street with activists urging the creation of a full-service post office, testified at a supervisors' committee meeting about loitering laws, and much more. He talked the community

the extra mile."

"It is difficult for me to leave the Tenderloin," said Capt. Jimenez, clearly touched by the tributes. "Your support has been meaningful to me and it's been an honor for me to be here."

He introduced his personal supports — wife Helen, son Xavier and 2-year-old grandson Xavier IV — and modestly threw out some stats about his TL work: 5,000 arrests annually when he first came on board that rose to 6,500 last year; the \$688,500 in fines, and more to come, being levied on the operator of the Pink Diamonds, now closed for at least a year; and the weight he's thrown behind campaigns to improve the lives of the TL's 3,500 children such as Safe Passage, the push to ensure that kids can walk the streets with less fear.

"Don't ever lose the sense of your power, keep up the wonderful work you've done and keep fighting for the community," he told attending activists.

And for his replacement? "You gave me a chance — now give Capt. Celaya a chance."

Capt. Celaya's most recent assignment was as lieutenant in charge of the general work detail at the Hall of Justice, handling mostly assault cases. He's moved around a lot of city neighborhoods: Bayview for nine months, a community policing lieutenant in the Mission for three years, the vice unit for three years, and at Taraval and Park stations. He also spent two tours at Northern Station; in the second, 1985-90, he got his feet wet in the Tenderloin when the TL Task Force was forming to address growing crime in the neighborhood.

"I want to approach this job with that [same] Task Force mentality," Celaya told the forum. He called it "a way of thinking. We're here to do a special job."

Watch for more info on Capt. Celaya soon: According to SFPD Assistant Public Information Officer Dewayne Tully, Capt. Celaya's promotion isn't official until he walks in to take over on Nov. 14, so anything else about him is embargoed until then. ■

*Tom Carter contributed to this report.*



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

**Incoming Tenderloin police Capt. Daniel Celaya, left, with outgoing Capt. Gary Jimenez.**

policing talk and he walked the neighborhood walk, looking out for trouble and supporting his officers, whose contributions he acknowledged regularly.

"It was always reassuring to see Capt. Jimenez walking the beat," said a woman at the Oct. 27 forum. The audience burst into applause.

Capt. Celaya, there on his own time, nodded in agreement: "He has a wide reputation."

Community activist Michael Nulty presented Capt. Jimenez with an Alliance for a Better District 6 "Officer of the Year" award and a commendation from the Tenant Associations Coalition for "going

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM an email in response to Marjorie Beggs' story on new hospital plans in the October edition of the *Extra*:

I've had a chance to read the article and your reputation for evenhandedness is well deserved. Actually one of the most truly informative articles I've read about any contentious topic in S.F. A couple of clarifications:

We are not moving any beds from Davies campus to Cathedral Hill and at most only one inpatient per day from St Luke's to Cathedral Hill. . . . The CH campus is truly a replacement for services currently at Pacific and California, not the other two campuses. We will be a full three-hospital, four-campus system when the dust settles.

We've been on record for six months saying that we will not reduce a single SNF [skilled nursing facility] bed until we have an acceptable replacement, so we feel that's an important dimension to the "threat" of loss of SNF beds.

The issue of psych beds is past history. The only other psych beds in the CPMC system, formerly at the Davies campus, were consolidated to the Pacific campus with the consent of the Health Commission (and a finding of no adverse impact to citywide health) in spring 2009. No further reductions are planned before or after 2015.

Again, thanks for the fair shake.

Geoffrey Nelson  
Director of Enterprise Development  
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# TL hotels were haven for Night Stalker

*Coronado, West, Bristol among haunts during killing rampage*

BY TOM CARTER

SERIAL killer Richard Ramirez stayed at the Coronado Hotel on Ellis Street two weeks before 9-year-old Mei Leung was raped and murdered in an apartment building basement four blocks away, police records from 1984 show.

And the satanic "Night Stalker" was staying in the Bristol Hotel on Mason Street Aug. 13, 1985, about two weeks before he was arrested in Los Angeles and later convicted of committing 13 Southern California murders.

"These are the only definitive (Tenderloin) addresses we have at this point in that time period," S.F. homicide Inspector Holly Pera told The Extra. She and Inspector Joseph Toomey make up the SFPD's cold case unit, where the Leung case remained unsolved for 25 years.

But on Oct. 22, police announced that Ramirez's DNA had been identified from substances collected from the crime scene at 765 O'Farrell St., where the child was slain. Other DNA evidence suggests Ramirez may have had an accomplice, police said.

Pera said the announcement was spur-of-the-moment damage control. The Ramirez DNA discovery had been leaked to the Chronicle, Pera said, "and it was going to print a story that had some inaccurate information. We hastily called a press conference to maintain the integrity of the information. I was notified a half-hour before the press conference."

Ramirez was an occasional Tenderloin resident in 1984 and 1985, a transient who divided his time between San Francisco and Los Angeles, where he was finally arrested Aug. 31, 1985. He was convicted four years later for murders he committed June 28, 1984, through Aug. 24, 1985. District Attorney Kamala Harris could try to establish that Ramirez's murderous activities began three months earlier, using his DNA evidence from the Leung case.

In San Francisco, he preferred to rest his head in the TL's fleabag SROs. Pera's files include a March 25, 1984, medical record on which Ramirez listed his address as 373 Ellis, the Coronado Hotel. The 300 block of Ellis has long been notorious for criminal activity, and the scuzzy Coronado has built a street reputation for a wildly active drug scene, while piling up building violations.

Mei Leung was killed April 10, 1984.

"In early May, (Ramirez) was back in Los Angeles," Pera said. "He stayed until August. We know, too, he was at the Bristol Hotel on Aug. 13, 1985, then at the end of August he was back in Los Angeles."

The Bristol is at 56 Mason St., next door to what is now the San Francisco Comedy Club.

Ramirez had another favorite SRO before he was taken out of circulation: the West Hotel, once an appalling dump before TNDC bought it in 2001. The renovated West reopened in February 2005. TNDC Project Engineer Nick Griffin told The Extra that Ramirez had stayed there, and an account on the Crime Library Website confirmed it.

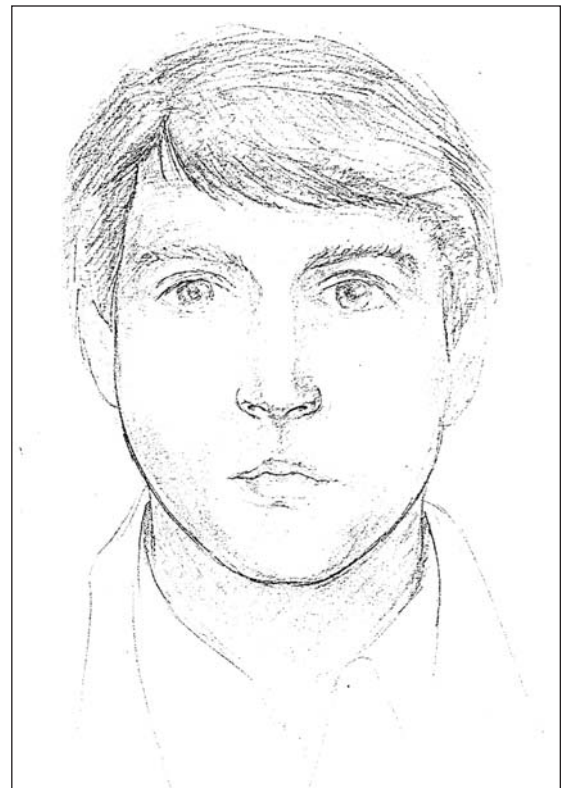
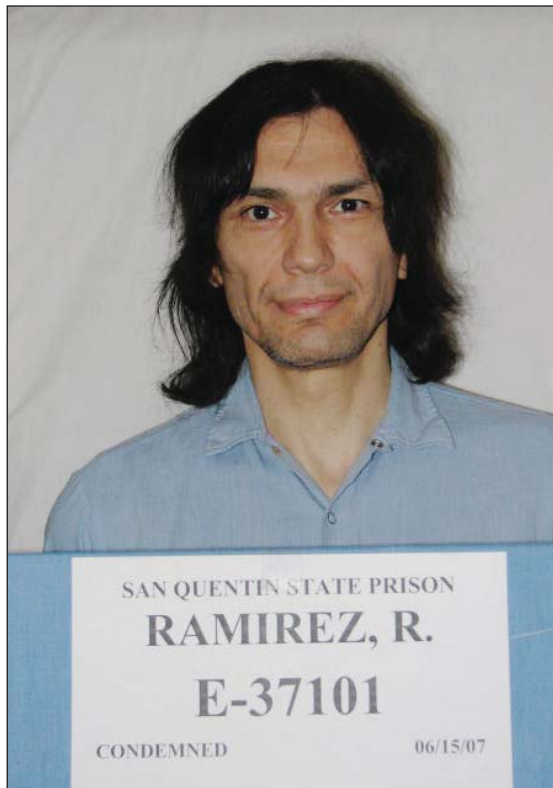
"The hotel had a reputation for being a murder hotel in the late '70s and early '80s," Griffin said in a 2005 interview with The Extra.

San Francisco police had published a description of a man they suspected of committing a half-dozen murders from February through August 1985.

A young hotel clerk at the West thought someone fitting the description was staying at the hotel and he contacted the police. They searched Ramirez's room and found a drawing of a pentagram — the telltale symbol he left at several crime scenes. Ramirez, however, had checked out hours before. He was never convicted of any San Francisco murders.

The Extra first reported on the Leung cold case in February 2008, when Inspector Toomey was invited to explain his and Pera's work at the Tenderloin police captain's community meeting. On their desk were 50 cold cases and 100 warmer ones they brought from homicide the year before when they became the department's cold case unit. Mei Leung was one of four Tenderloin cases they were pursuing, and DNA was expected to play an important role.

Pera later said the Leung case was special to her. She had once helped a group of young Vietnamese pedestrians locate their destination in the Tenderloin. The Vietnamese girl's murder had burned in her memory.



**Richard Ramirez**, the "Night Stalker," now lives on Death Row. At right, a sketch of the person of interest in Mei Leung's 1984 murder. She was 9 years old.

Leung had left her 8-year-old brother in the building lobby to go to the basement to look for a lost dollar bill. Her bloodied body was later found partially clothed and draped over a basement pipe. The police circulated a sketch of a person of interest who was seen in the building's elevator about the time of the murder.

Another cold case that's high on Pera's priority list is a 1999 murder that occurred in room 228 at the Seneca Hotel on Sixth Street. The body of Brandy Toms, a 45-year-old African American prostitute, was found beaten and repeatedly stabbed. Pera said much DNA and many broken bottles were found at the crime scene.

"She had no family and no one in her life," Pera said. "We had to be her advocate. And we like that case — I hold it dear."

After leaving the Bristol in August 1985, Ramirez didn't go straight back to Los Angeles. He arrived there Aug. 31 on a Greyhound bus after visiting his brother in Tucson, according to Wikipedia. He was by then a hunted man known as the Night Stalker, and his face appeared for the first time in newspapers and on television. Almost immediately after Ramirez got off the bus a storeowner recognized him and raised an alarm. Ramirez ran and was pursued in a long, frantic foot race that ended when a man clubbed him to the ground. Three others held him until the police arrived. Ramirez was 25.

On Sept. 20, 1989, he was convicted on 13 counts of murder, five attempted murders, 11 sexual assaults and 14 burglaries. Ramirez is now on San Quentin's Death Row. He is 49.

Although the DNA in the Leung case was sent to the district attorney, she is unlikely to pursue it because it would give an already condemned man an opportunity to extend his life through appeals. The crime scene DNA, however, may yield another match and a second suspect.

At the very least, the DNA match suggests that Mei Leung's heretofore unknown killer was probably the Night Stalker. ■



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# Health clinic on-site makes \$9

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Moving into 8,875 square feet of the main floor will be the Department of Public Health's Housing and Urban Health Clinic that is now at 238 Turk St. in the Windsor Hotel building. It was the city's first public health clinic in 20 years when it opened in July 2000. With a staff of nine, it serves patients with addictions, mental disorders and HIV infection, all residents in 30 supportive housing hotels. In the past five years, 28 more sites were added, and the number of patients swelled.

**Don Falk** examines the atrium with its handsome architectural touches of the Italian Renaissance Revival period.

A staff of 27 will run the new clinic, which will have 10 exam rooms, a spate of nursing and counseling offices. Patients will be using the handsome auditorium and the fifth-floor gym as well. Staff house calls will be about 10% of the caseload, Director Dr. Josh Bamberger says, adding that

**"It (the Y) was designed to provide housing for the homeless after the (1906) earthquake and now we will provide that again. It's poetic."**

Dr. Josh Bamberger  
URBAN HEALTH CLINIC

he expects more than 1,000 unduplicated patients a year.

"That could grow in the next three years," Bamberger says. "It's the (nation's) first integrated medical center for the formerly homeless. We've got five part-time psychiatrists, acupuncture, massage and yoga, too. We can really get to the root causes of the trauma of homelessness. It (the Y) was designed to provide housing for the homeless after the (1906) earthquake and now we will provide that again. It's poetic."

Originally known as the Young Men's Christian Association, the YMCA held the popular fitness theme foremost when it built the Y as an affordable hostelry with 103 rooms for men. In time, age and the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake took heavy tolls even as membership soared in the 1990s to 5,000, an all-time high, when it became obvious the place needed major fixing.

TNDC and AF Evans, a significant partner of nonprofits building affordable housing, bought the property in 2007 for \$12.2 million. Some of the funds came from the Mayor's Office of Housing. But times grew tough and last year AF Evans gracefully backed out of the deal. Shortly afterward, its for-profit subsidiary declared bankruptcy. TNDC gladly took on the task alone, pleased that the mayor's office wanted it to be showcase housing for the homeless.

Last year, as the Y began winding down, its era as a haven for thrifty travelers ended when the hotel section closed and soon after the small number of full-time residents vacated. Malcolm X and Willie Brown had stayed there on separate occasions.

Despite its magnificence, the building has no formal historic status. It is, however, in the Tenderloin's new historic district and remains a "local building of note on the preservationists' radar," says Blitzer.

TNDC is proceeding to protect the building's precious characteristics so it will qualify for the National Registry of Historical Places, says TNDC Executive Director Don Falk. To that end, TNDC has hired the project design team of Gelfand Partners Architects working with preservation specialists Fredric Knapp Associates.

The pool downstairs — its colorful period tiles a delight for swimmers for decades — was a conundrum. Retrofitting there will add more concrete for the building's support and squeeze the space.

"We're obligated to keep the pool, but not to run it," says Blitzer. "We don't have the staff for maintenance and we aren't set up to run a recreation facility. We're adding a lot of concrete to the walls and columns and some places we're going underground to add concrete.

"We talked about decking it over but at \$1 million that was too expensive. We'll drain it, and at the end of the day we'll close the door.



**The Y**, which was meant to promote young men's strength for its residents, and those from 51 SROs.



PHOTOS BY LENNY LIMJOCO

There are other opportunities in the building."

As an outstanding feature of the building's focus on health, it must remain for TNDC to apply to satisfy registry requirements.

"But the whole history is awesome — President Taft was there for the cornerstone," Falk said.

President Howard Taft and 2,000 onlookers attended the laying of the cornerstone and ribbon-cutting Oct. 5, 1909. Taft called the Y "a Great Character Factory." It opened Thanksgiving 1910. The cornerstone under the columns to the right of the front door reads: "THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE."

The Central Y replaced a YMCA at Mason and Ellis that burned down in the 1906 fire and earthquake.

# Warfield owner bankrolls

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was \$6,000 paid to the San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee, which resulted in a big-type endorsement by the San Francisco Democratic Party on Yes on D brochures. Two San Francisco law firms have received a total of \$46,000.

Dee Dee Workman, former San Francisco Beautiful executive director and president of the consulting firm Workman Associates, told The Extra that she joined the Prop. D effort to help obtain endorsements. Workman, howev-

er, wouldn't take credit for any particular endorsement.

"We all go as a team," she said, adding that the Prop. D crew had attended 30 to 40 endorsement meetings. "I know a lot of people, but that doesn't necessarily translate into getting their support." But, she allowed, "If I didn't know anybody, I probably wouldn't have been hired."

According to campaign finance statements, Workman earned approximately \$30,000 for her efforts. Of the people who endorsed the measure, she said, citing her

longtime activism, "I know them all." These include Supervisors Michela Alioto-Pier, David Campos, David Chiu, Bevan Dufty and Sean Elsbernd, plus District Attorney Kamala Harris.

Workman's former employer, San Francisco Beautiful, is Prop. D's main opponent, and contributed \$30,900 to the anti effort, all but \$1,070 of the No on D contributions as of Oct. 17.

"We're going to win," law school dropout Addington said the Thursday before the election in a phone interview with The Extra. He



# \$45 million project tops in state



health, will have a medical clinic as a pillar of

To be sure, there are larger supportive housing projects in New York with services and medical offices, like the Y, renaissance buildings that were historically preserved when transformed.

“But ours will be spectacular,” says Blitzer. “Ours is really special because it’s whole-person health for those struggling with chronic conditions and it’s a lot of units for desperate people — supportive housing on a large scale. It’s the biggest in the Bay Area, probably in the state, and among the most ambitious anywhere.”

Finding loans in the current business climate is hard enough; finding them for renovating a 100-year-old building for the homeless is another thing.

“The world isn’t set up to help poor people,” Falk said in October after one possible investor had spent three days vetting the Y. “We’re looking for a tax credit investor and we’ve been turned down by many — too risky investing in a renovated building. They don’t know what’s behind the walls and it could mean more work.”

“The climate is exacerbated by the way people see the Tenderloin. They’d rather do senior garden apartments in Danville.”

The project got a boost in June when TNDC received \$17 million from the state, part of the \$2.9 billion Proposition 1C funds for Housing and Emergency Shelter voters approved in 2006. This was on top of \$10 million the state gave previously.

For months Falk has been seeking companies to buy low-income tax credits. He expected the construction loan would come from Citibank.

“But Citibank is saying the state isn’t credit-worthy, and the bank needs a guarantee. So the Mayor’s Office of Housing is seeing if it can come up with one.”

Building plans call for the basement pool area to be mostly storage, maintenance and utility rooms and bicycle parking. Along with the clinic on the main floor will be 3,000 square feet for Wu Yee Childcare Center, which had been in the Y for years but vacated as the Y began shutting down. There will be a small tenant lobby, plus 1,500 square feet for retail.

The second-floor atrium will become the main residential lobby and the grand staircase that was removed from there in the 1950s will be rebuilt. Just off the atrium, a cafe with kitchen services will be able to accommodate gatherings in the nearby auditorium.

Ironically, historic pictures make the place look like the homeless are inheriting a private men’s club. A 1929 photo shows the handsome atrium-lobby with a large rug in the middle, and solitary, suited men in easy chairs reading at its edges, looking as prosperous as Rockefeller. Another photo shows the chairs occupied and gathered in front of the giant, roaring fireplace for “a fireside chat.”

A handful of SROs will be on the second, third and ninth floors. The other five floors, some with common lounges, will have 24 to 39 rooms each. Room sizes will range from 180 to 425 square feet. Each SRO room will have a phone, wood cabinets, ceiling fan, bathroom with grab bars and kitchenette for 172 formerly homeless occupants and two managers.



Common kitchens and dining areas will be on floors two and five.

Topping it off on the ninth floor will be a landscaped 2,260-square-foot roof deck with planter boxes for gardening. ■

**The auditorium** will get a face lift and provide meeting and entertainment space.

## Tenderloin residences To be served by Y clinic

**W**HEN the renovation of the Y is complete, including the addition of the Housing and Urban Health Clinic, the clinic will serve patients from a total of 51 housing sites, plus the Y residents. Twenty-nine of those sites are in the Tenderloin;

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- Arlington Residence
- Boyd Hotel
- Cambridge Hotel
- Camelot Hotel
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- Mentone
- Pacific Bay Inn
- Pierre Hotel
- Ritz Hotel
- Union Hotel
- Vincent Hotel
- West Hotel
- William Penn
- Windsor Hotel

# Prop. D — \$455,000 so far

was speaking from the one-time office of Examiner Publisher Florence Fang, from whom his Warfield Theater LLC purchased the building in 2005 for \$12 million, according to a Business Times story.

He explained his Warfield LLC’s “considerable investment” in Prop. D as “not that considerable relative to the multimillions” he and other property owners have invested in the area. His vision of a “unified signage program” offering advertisers “1,800 linear feet” of digital display space along Market Street initially, he said, might not generate much revenue, but in

time, it would come to be “a lot.”

Addington said he first met Workman five years ago at the corner of Sixth and Market, when they were on opposite sides of his position for increased signage on Market Street.

Besides hoping to “restore interest in retail storefronts,” he said, Prop. D includes monetary incentives to property owners to reopen shuttered theaters, or re-purpose those that have been converted to office or loft use for theater groups in need of performance space. The bigger slice of the advertising pie would be available to prop-

erty owners who have arts organizations at street level and for a ticket booth at Hallidie Plaza to help arts groups maximize their revenue. “The devil is in the details,” he said.

As for the marketing campaign, he laid responsibility for the 1,000 or so posters and the four or five different full-color campaign flyers at the feet of his consultants, primarily Stearns. As to the flyers’ distribution, he stated it was his impression that they were addressed to registered voters. ■

*Mark Parsons contributed to this report.*



**ALAN CLICK**  
Janitor, Eddie Money's roadie

To those who knew him, Alan Click was a light-hearted malcontent who could usually be counted on to deliver one thing: a surprise.

An offhand request for an article of clothing being worn by an acquaintance, a midnight invitation for a stroll to Ocean Beach to score popsicles, or a serious offer to smash his prized possession — a silver guitar costing \$2,000 — to pieces, all in the name of the rock 'n' roll he dearly loved.

Life for Mr. Click, his friends said, was about balancing impulsive whimsy with the more serious matters of the day.

He pulled off that balancing act one week before his death, managing to reunite with his longestranged daughter, before succumbing to cirrhosis of the liver Sept. 21. He was 56.

"He wanted to get in touch with his daughter. Maybe that was his higher calling," said Billie Jean, a resident of the Arnett Watson apartments on Ellis Street, where Mr. Click had lived since March.

Mr. Click's daughter wasn't at his memorial service, held Sept. 30 in the building's community room, but about 15 workers and residents were there to share their remembrances of him.

"He could have charmed the birds out of the trees," said Lucia Fiorani, a 63-year-old resident. "I was like a substitute daughter to him. It would be nothing for him to knock on my door four or five

times a day with the most off-the-wall invitations. One time at 12 o'clock at night he said, 'Let's go to Ocean Beach just to buy a popsicle.'"

A placard between two small floral arrangements in the building's sunny community room stated that Mr. Click lived much of his life in Colorado, where he was a public school janitor, and that he often spoke of his affection for children and the happiness and joy they expressed.

But, according to Fiorani, Mr. Click also spent years working as a roadie for 1980s rock star Eddie Money, best known for his hit song "Two Tickets to Paradise." Money could not be reached for comment.

"Alan knew Eddie Money, but he didn't care about money," Fiorani said. "He didn't want his Social Security money — he felt guilty over it and his apartment."

Urged on by those who knew him, Mr. Click eventually accepted his fate and spent his money on something he really wanted: a \$2,000 guitar.

"We were all like, 'Whoa,' " said Jeff Fortuno, the Arnett Watson's building manager. "The moment he bought that guitar, he ran to my office and asked if I wanted to try it on. 'I don't care Jeff, smash it, whatever!'"

"I was sitting in the

lobby when he bought that guitar," Fiorani recalled. "He played very well. I just didn't realize it was going to be a five-hour set."

Mr. Click also was known as a borrower: five bucks for cereal, a Giants hat a resident had picked up at the ballpark, or a shirt being worn that very moment by a friend.

"My husband Tony was wearing a football jersey Alan really liked," Billie Jean said. "Tony took the jersey off his back and gave it to Alan.

"Alan was supposed to give it back, but that's what he died wearing," she remembered with a smile. "We figured we weren't going to get it back."

Jean said Mr. Click accomplished what he wanted most: to reconnect with his daughter in Colorado.

"He said he wasn't going to die until he saw his daughter," Jean said. "When he died, he was at peace with himself." ■

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Reception** honoring Tenderloin Station Capt. Gary Jimenez for his public service on Tues., Nov. 10, 7 p.m., at the Community Room at 230 Eddy Street. Sponsored by TNDC, Tip Top Market, Alliance for a Better District 6. Refreshments served. Open to the public. Contact: 820-1560.

## ART EVENTS

**EXIT Theatre in November:** "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Lost My Virginity" by Aileen Clark and John Caldon, directed by Claire Rice, EXIT Cafe, 156 Eddy, 8:30 p.m., Thu., Fri, Sat, through Nov. 21. One woman, three languages, 21 characters and a fist fight. "The Bald Soprano" by Eugène Ionesco, directed by Rob Melrose. EXIT on Taylor, 277 Taylor, through Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Thu., Fri., Sat., 5 p.m. Sun. The quintessential absurdist masterpiece. Tickets for both at BrownPaperTickets.com.

**Annual open house and group show,** Chrysalis Print Studio at SOMArts Cultural Center, Thu., Nov. 19, 7-9 p.m., 934 Brannan. Linocuts, monotypes and monoprints by local artists, plus print-making demonstrations, food and drink. Info: 863-1414.

## COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

**Supportive Housing Network,** 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., location TBA. Contact: 421-2926 x304.

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

## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

**CBHS Consumer Council,** 3rd Monday of the month, 5-7 p.m., CBHS, 1380 Howard, room 537. Call: 255-3695. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

**Health & Wellness Action Advocates,** 1st Tuesday of the month, 5-7 p.m., Mental Health Assoc., 870 Market, Suite 928. 421-2926 x306.

**Healthcare Action Team,** 2nd Wednesday of the month, Quaker Center, 65 Ninth St., noon-1:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility

for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

**Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group,** Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928. Call for dates and times: 421-2926 x306.

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

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F.,** 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Fl. Call: 905-6264. Family member group, open to the public.

## SAFETY

**Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Training (NERT).** Central city residents can take the S.F. Fire Department's free disaster preparedness and response training at neighborhood locations. See [www.sfgov.org/sffdnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnert), or call Lt. Arteseros, 970-2022.

**SoMa Police Community Relations Forum,** 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly e-mail info: Meital Amitai, 538-8100 x202 or [mamitai@iisf.org](mailto:mamitai@iisf.org).

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

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

**Alliance for a Better District 6,** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or [sf\\_district6@yahoo.com](mailto:sf_district6@yahoo.com), a districtwide improvement association.

**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, 931-1126.

**Central City Democrats,** meets four times a year, 301 Eddy St. Community Room. Information: 339-VOTE (8683) or [centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com](mailto:centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com).

**Central Market Community Benefit District,** board meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market, 3 p.m. Information: 882-3088, <http://central-market.org>.

**Community Leadership Alliance.** Monthly meetings and informational forums, Tenderloin Police Station community room. David Villa-Lobos, [admin@communityleadershipalliance.net](mailto:admin@communityleadershipalliance.net).

**Friends of Boeddeker Park,** 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30

p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

**Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board,** 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SoMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 538-8100 x202.

**North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District.** Call District Manager Elaine Zamora for times and dates, 292-4812.

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

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

**Tenderloin Futures Collaborative,** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police Station community room, 301 Eddy. Call 358-3956 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses taking on neighborhood development issues.

## SENIORS AND DISABLED

**Mayor's Disability Council,** 3rd Friday of the month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 554-6789. Open to the public.

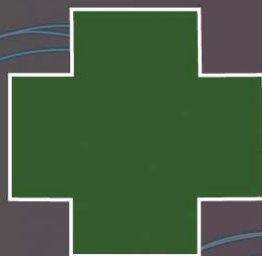
**Senior Action Network,** general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 965 Mission #700: Pedestrian Safety, third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Senior Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Information: 546-1333 and [www.senioractionnetwork.org](http://www.senioractionnetwork.org).

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