

MURDER: Tenderloin's reputation undeserved

Neighborhood ranks
No. 7 in homicides
last year, over time

BY TOM CARTER

ON the first day of this year at 3:20 p.m., 20-year-old Larry Lacy was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was sitting with another man on the sidewalk on the corner of Turk and Taylor streets in front of the 21 Club when somebody shot him to death.

Lacy lived in East Palo Alto and generally hung out in the Bayview district across town, police said. He was under a stay-away order from the court for selling dope, banning him from that part of the Tenderloin.

The shooter fled and, as with 86% of the homicides in San Francisco in 2010, no one was arrested.

"It should be noted that the victim ... was from the Hunters Point-SF area," Capt. Joe Garrity wrote in his Jan. 21 community newsletter,

"and the suspect was from Oakland. We continue to recognize that both the victims and suspects do not live or work in the Tenderloin area."

In his office in March, Garrity said, "That seems to be what's taking place and the trend in street crime." The TL has

its crimes of passion on the street and its domestic violence inside homes, "which is unpredictable," Garrity said.

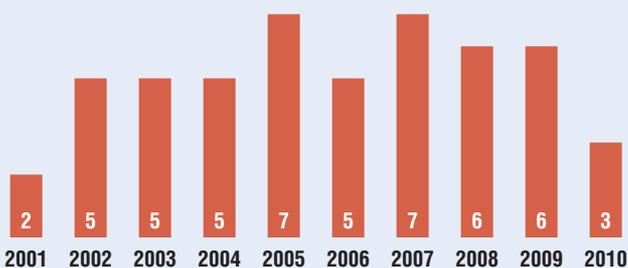
The previous homicide in the Tenderloin police district was Friday, Aug. 19, 2010, just after midnight at O'Farrell and Jones streets, four blocks away.

Based on a 10-year police report, the Tenderloin averages 5.1 homicides a year, not the city's leading district. Media reports, however, often attribute homicides to the Tenderloin because neighborhood perimeters described by the Planning Department include a few more blocks than in the police district. Two other homicides this year ascribed to the TL in media reports, one on Geary, one on Larkin, were

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The number of killings in the Tenderloin in each of the past 10 years



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'PASSION'



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Panelists Allen Ellison, Alaaeddine Sabibi, Andy Choi and Becky Schweighardt give neighborhood youngsters hot career tips at the Central YMCA's "Law-Business-Science-Computer" session.

CAREER QUEST

YMCA series
tells TL youth
much about work

BY TOM CARTER

FOLLOW your passion, be articulate — and don't be in a hurry to get there. That was the main message panelists with successful careers gave to YMCA youngsters who met on three evenings in March to pelt the pros with questions and get advice about working for a living.

Having professionals open up to kids to get them thinking about their futures was the brainchild of Adam Maldonado, a new Central Shih-Yu-Lang YMCA board member and an Alameda County deputy D.A. "It's to give them perspective," Maldonado said of bringing in professionals.

The first three Wednesday evenings in March, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., four to five panelists drew on anecdotes from their personal path to their career to tell 15 to 30 teenagers and younger kids how to get there themselves.

A congenial chemistry between the kids and pros was evident at each session, spurring a nonstop barrage of questions — some from the hip — that elicited the best from the panelists.

The panelists ranged from lawyers to computer game inventors. They didn't hold back, sometimes revealing problems and confusion they had as youngsters. Some had frittered away their high school years, until

they buckled down. Some had changed careers a couple of times before they got it right. And all said they loved their jobs.

The two no-show panelists were a video game developer and movie star Danny Glover, scheduled for the March 9 "Creative Arts/Public Relations/Television" panel but he was bumped to possible later dates because of a conflict. Glover's whereabouts were a mystery. Leah Garchik's March 11 Chron column had him spotted at See's Clement Street candy store, and a March 19 Washington Post story put him in Port au Prince, Haiti, arriving in a private jet with former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. It was uncertain if Glover would join the final panel, re-scheduled for April 6, and entitled "Civil Service/Lifesavers."

At each session, the panelists introduced themselves and summarized their backgrounds. Then the questions began. The first one, March 9, was a fastball from a teenager in the back: "As a youngster, what did you think you'd be as an adult?" Finding your niche can be a curvy road, the teens learned.

"People said I should be a lawyer," said Akilah Bolden-Monifa, 53, a CBS spokeswoman for two Bay Area television and six radio stations. "So for 15 years I was a lawyer, and a professor, and I was a good one. But one day when I was 40 I looked in the newspaper at the things that interested me most and they all had to do with publicity."

So Bolden-Monifa followed her bliss and hasn't looked back, loving the stressful work and yet having fun and meeting the stars of CBS programs, such as "America's Next Top Model" host Tyra Banks.

Fabiola Kramsky, born and raised in

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