

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Concerts Beginning Friday July 20 from noon to 1 p.m. and continuing every Friday through August, free piano concerts at the Cadillac Hotel, 380 Eddy, co-sponsored by the Tenderloin/North of Market Community Benefit District.

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

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

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

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

CBHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30, CBHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Call: 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. Call: 421-2926 x306.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, Quaker Center, 65 Ninth St., noon-1:30. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

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

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee. 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 consumers and the public.

SAFETY

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

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 Meital Amitai, 538-8100 ext. 202 or mamitai@iisf.org.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.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, Call 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 forums. Information: 339-VOTE (8683) or centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com.

Community Leadership Alliance. CLA Community Advocacy Commission monthly meeting, City Hall, Room 034. Subcommittee meetings and informational forums held monthly at the Tenderloin Police Station Community Room. Information: David Villa-Lobos, 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: 552-4866.

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

Mid-Market Project Area Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Contact Carolyn

Diamond, 362-2500. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Tenth streets.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Call: 820-1412. Neighborhood planning.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, 1st Thursday of the month, noon. Call Elaine Zamora, 440-7570.

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.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. 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.

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

SENIORS AND DISABLED

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

SUPERVISORS' COMMITTEES

City Hall, Room 263

Budget and Finance Committee Daly, Dufty, Ammiano, Mirkarimi, Elsbernd, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

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

Sampling the new night life: the techno-bars

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addicts who panhandle cigarettes outside their doors. I like decadence, but I try not to let my guard down around it; I regret it when I do.

The sign painted on the entrance says, "Love Will Solve All Your Problems." Underneath it, upside down, there is the statement, "Love Will Only Let You Down."

The 19th century didn't believe that, but people do now. Bless evolution.

Etiquette has an interior design with black glow-in-the-dark cubicles that appear larger than life and are tastefully laid out from an architectural point of view. A lot of money went into creating this scene.

Veronica and I took refuge in a cubicle with an ashtray. "How civilized," I said. "I can smoke here. This is like the past." But appearance is one thing, essence another. You cannot go back in time without consequences.

"There's no smoking in here," I heard from one of the managers, who developed a sour face when later he was forced to mop up the vomit of a young woman who threw up on the floor because she drank too much.

I liked Etiquette's ambience. Grungier than the

other clubs, its sound system played Kurt Cobain singing "Lithium."

Veronica and I danced to '80s and '90s superhits while the other customers talked. I got the best feel from this club, culturally, as far as my musical tastes go. The barflies here were dressed more casually than in the other bars and were not making a great effort to appear as anybody other than themselves.

"I'd come back here again," said Veronica, giving it the ultimate good review.

Veronica and I departed soon after the young girl chucked up her bar bill. You don't see that much in dive bars. The people there are professionals. But the Tenderloin is a multitiered school. Soon these people will learn.

CODA

After viral exposure to the techno-bars, I walked Veronica back to her hotel, and again we passed the Play-Bar where we ran into the owner, Aaron Lacs, having a cigarette on the street surrounded by his customers also having a cigarette on the street.

Lacs is sincere and well-meaning. He told me, "Music is everything to me. I love to make money. But I want everybody to have a good time."

"I love music too," I said. "Do you like Eric Dolphy?"

"I don't know who he is," the bartender answered honestly.

"He was a jazz saxophonist," I replied.

Lacs said he'd like to find a jazz sax player to play along with the music at his club. Did I know any?



PHOTO BY ED BOWERS

Etiquette: Living it up at the neighborhood's newest dance club.

POSTSCRIPT

Now I'd like to issue an invitation.

I like these clubs and I am inviting every crack whore, heroin addict, ice head, and mentally deranged derelict to enter them now! Take back your neighborhood and support its businesses!

Have fun! They can't kick you out if you have three dollars for a drink. Turning your back on these establishments could be fatal. This might be the last time you get eye to eye with half-naked women in high heels before you croak or go to jail for the rest of your life.

I currently have an idea of introducing the music of Yusef Lateef to these club owners. This extremely experimental jazz musician was way ahead of his time and if they cut his music up with techno the result would be interesting. Lateef is still alive. He's in his 80s and might get a kick out of this idea.

Do not be critical of the present. It is the future. Work with the now and see what happens. The only other choice is to die.

Or return to the 19th century.

Or, if you play jazz saxophone and can play the scales, see Aaron Lacs at the Play-Bar. You might have a future. ■

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