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Walking A Beat Isn t All Glamour.

Captain Corrales Talks with EVPA.

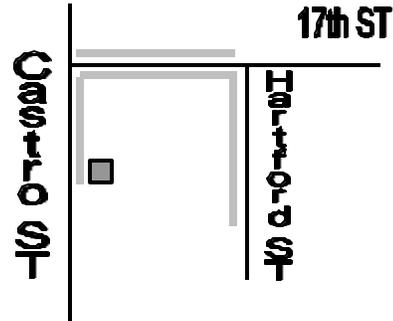
Police Captain Greg Corrales, recently assigned to Mission Station that includes parts of Eureka Valley, talked with EVPA membership about his approach to crime and homelessness at the March meeting.

I am committed to getting the job done to the satisfaction of the residents, using the resources we have, said Corrales. Describing himself as pretty much a lock them up kind of guy who spent 15 years in the narcotics squad, he is open to innovative ways to tackle issues of public drug use with a greater emphasis on medical treatment.

The issue of prostitution, homelessness and the mentally ill also was discussed candidly. I can use every law on the book to deal with prostitution and criminal conduct on anyone, including those who are homeless. But we can t round-up carts or file a 5150 on them unless they are a danger to themselves or others. A 5150 places a 72-hour (maximum) hold on a person for psychiatric evaluation. Unless violent, he or she is released in less than 72 hours with referrals to other services. Corrales said that many of the mentally ill take medication during the hold period, but stop once released. He hopes for better coordination with the Department of Public Health.

How can EVPA members help? Don t be reluctant to call the police. Place the call and let the police decide if it s a problem. That s true of aggressive panhandling which he defined as Panhandling which makes you uncomfortable. When the person is more assertive than questioning, more demanding than asking. Aggressive panhandlers often also are involved in other illegal activities.

Calling 431-7400 connects you to the City s Office on Homeless which can send a team to visit the person. If someone has passed out or appears ill, call the police at 553-0123 and indicate the person may need medical attention. EVPA thanks Captain Corrales for his visit and discussion. We look forward to working with you.



Join your neighbors on Sunday, April 28th from 8 10 am for the Castro Bubble Bath. Meet in front of Castro Theater.

It s Time for Another Bath!

Come for the Work; Come for the Food.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 28th** for the next **Castro Bubble Bath**. Meet at **8am** in front of the Castro Theater to start the morning with coffee, bagels and pastries as we begin cleaning the sidewalk up Castro to 17th, east on 17th, and down Hartford. **Everyone is welcome to join in! You do not have to be an EVPA member to participate. Just meet under the marquee.** We will have teams picking up litter and sweeping, a bucket brigade helping soap the way and scrubmasters using pushbrooms to exorcise the ick under our feet. The Department of Public Works again will be helping, and EVPA will provide supplies. Show up in clothes and shoes you don t mind getting dirty, bring work gloves if you have them (we have some) and an appetite. CHAT Café is donating refreshments for the morning, and the Red Grill is hosting a light brunch after the event for Castro Bubble Bath participants. Volunteers are needed, as well as a block captain to help along the route. Call Michael Crawford at 701-9455 for information or email michael@sfchatcafe.com

EVRC, Serving the neighborhood?

As many of you know, the Eureka Valley Recreation Center (EVRC) on Collingwood Street is slated for a major remodeling. Current plans call for closure early in 2003 with completion late in that year. This redesign will be discussed at our April General Membership Meeting by EVPA Board Member Drew Bertagnolli. Among the changes are an expansion of the interior space, a new entrance that is compliant with the American with Disabilities Act, and elimination of spaces attracting vagrants and loiterers.

All programs and users of the EVRC are scheduled to return after the remodeling is complete. However, this may be an ideal time to learn if any Eureka Valley/Castro/Upper Market area groups or organizations not already doing so would like to use the EVRC for their activities and meetings. Presently, the EVRC provides space for some organizations and individuals that are not located in our neighborhood. EVPA is interested in making sure local needs are met by our Recreation Center and is soliciting member input regarding its uses. If you have any suggestions in this regard, please contact Drew at andrewbertagnolli@hotmail.com or let him know at the April 18th meeting.

On another note, Sunday, April 28 marks our second Castro Bubble Bath Street Cleaning (please see related item in this newsletter.) Our first was very successful and we are hoping for another good turnout. And remember, CHAT Café will provide coffee and food and the Red Grill on 18th will host brunch for volunteers after the clean-up.

Best regards,

Pink Triangle Park Making Progress.

The City's Arts Commission approved the design of Pink Triangle Park, clearing another hurdle in transforming a weedy lot into a remembrance of lesbian and gay victims of the holocaust. Work also continues strengthening the retaining wall at the base of the columns. The pylons, each weighing hundreds of pounds, will be placed in the park in May. Surrounding the columns are rose bushes. Find out how to participate by emailing Joe Foster at joe.foster@sf.frb.org or calling 565-0629.



April 18, 2002 7:30 pm

Membership meeting agenda EVRC 100 Collingwood, Auditorium

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. Presentation on HOPE
- III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Committee Reports
- V. Old Business
EVRC redesign: Drew
- VI. New Business:
- VII. Adjourn

Diesel Clothing Coming to Castro.

Diesel Clothing received approval from the City Planning Commission to move into the space at Market and Castro. The retailer received letters of support from various groups, including EVPA.

Because Diesel will occupy 2,900 square feet, it needed special permits before it could enter the lease with the property owner. The prominent location and interest from a chain rather than a local business was a source of concern to many.

The Lurie Company which owns the property indicated no other prospective tenants had emerged for the space. Meanwhile, Diesel directly approached EVPA and responded favorably to the 5 Qualities of a Good Neighborhood Business guidelines drafted last year by the Association (see related story). As a sign of its intention to remain involved in the neighborhood, Diesel will donate \$6,000 to neighborhood efforts, including \$2,000 to EVPA for uses such as the Castro Bubble Bath.

Architecturally, the building's exterior will not change, save for a sign above the door. The exterior is eligible to be placed on the national Historic Landmark list. The interior long ago changed.

The store will employ about 12 people, most of whom are expected to live in the area. Diesel offers domestic partner benefits.

EVPA President Gustavo Serina attended the Planning Commission's meeting to represent EVPA. MUMC and CAPA also issued letters of support.

Safety; Education & Recreation Committees Seek Members

Interested in Education? Join the Ed & Rec Committee of EVPA. Want to feel safer at night? Join the Public Health & Safety Committee. Much of EVPA's work is done in smaller committees. Both of these committees need members now. E-mail info@evpa.org or call 552-9625.

Minutes from the March 21, 2002 EVPA General Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Captain Greg Corrales from Mission Station introduced himself to the membership and answered questions from members. Captain Corrales affirmed his support of the Pink Triangle Park and even though PTP is in Park Station's district, Captain Corrales will consider this small area Mission Station's responsibility.

Vice President Tom Hanus gave a quick recap and review of some of Robert's Rules of Order.

Nancy Dido, Mitch Thompson and Frank Cassinelli from Park and Rec gave a presentation on the use and future of the EVRC. Mr. Cassinelli assured the membership that the plans for the renovation of EVRC are still in the development stage and that all input from neighbors will be considered. The plans will be open to change with neighborhood input. Ms. Dido, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cassinelli answered questions from the membership and detailed how activities in the facility are scheduled.

David Weiss from the Catch Restaurant, planned for the currently vacant space on Market Street that previously housed the AIDS Quilt, gave a presentation on his plans for a Mediterranean Seafood Restaurant. It will have a capacity of 70-80 seats and a full liquor license. Hours of operation will be 11a-11p weeknights and 11a-12a weekends. The EVPA UTNC Committee reviewed Mr. Weiss' plans at their monthly meeting and recommended that EVPA support them. A motion to support the Catch Restaurant was made. The motion passed.

A motion was made to make VP Tom Hanus chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

The Park and Education Committee reported installation of the PTP memorial maquettes is planned for May 6-10, although that may change depending on the construction of a new retaining wall.

The Treasurer's Report stated that EVPA is still in the black.

The Safety Committee reported on Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT). In order to arrange a NERT course for EVPA members, EVPA must commit to at least 20 participants. To sign up for the course, contact Mike Babbitt at mgb@dolby.com. Follow up to previous meetings with Supervisor Leno on quality of life issues is planned in the coming weeks.

The Membership Committee requested leads and info regarding neighborhood interest items including garage sales, community meetings, etc. All EVPA members are encouraged to become cub reporters for the newsletter!

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

The next general membership meeting is Thursday April 18, 7:30 pm, at the EVRC. Visitors welcome.



RED GRILL
4063 18th ST
255-2RED



WHISKEY LOUNGE
4063 18th ST
255-2RED



BLUE
2337 Market ST
863-BLUE



LYRIC
A community center for lesbian,
gay, bisexual, transgender &
questioning youth 23 & under.

Lavender Youth
Recreation &
Information Center

127 Collingwood Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415)703-6150 www.lyric.org

IN MEMORIAM Charles (Chuck) Joachim, age 82. Eureka Valley resident. Athlete, teacher, husband, father. Our condolences to Maryon and children.

It's Official. CHAT is the Official Web Café of 2002 Pride and SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

Advertise in Eureka! Business card size ads are \$35. Two-line text ads are only \$12. Contact Michael at 701-9455 or Michael@sfchatcafe.com.

Rummage Sale Earns \$10,000

Harvey Milk Academy's Annual Rummage Sale & Silent Auction raised \$10,000 last month for the school. Proceeds will be used to help construct a playground. Congratulations!

2002 Officers & Board Members

President	Gustavo Serina
Vice President	Tom Hanus
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Gerald Abbott	Drew Bertagnolli
Michael Crawford	Steve Clark Hall
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Lion Barnett (past president)

Current EVRC Activities. Meeting the Needs of the Neighborhood?

For information call 554-9528

Pre-school Activities

Child Observation

Mon 9 – noon.

Kids Gym

Tue & Fri 10 – 11

Bikes/Trikes

Thu 10 – 11

E.V. Learning Center

Thu 1:30 – 2:30

Teen Activities

Gay/Lesbian Hang Out

Art, Computers, Cooking class, Games, Safe area and Parties

Mon 3 – 9

Tue 3 – 6 & 7 – 9

Wed 2 – 7

Thu 3 – 10

Fri 3 – 7

Adult Activities

Tai Chi*

Mon & Thu 1:30 – 3:30

Karate*

Tue & Thu 5 – 6:30

Martial Arts*

Wed & Fri 7 – 9:30

Folk Dance*

Tue 7 – 9:30

Badminton*

Call for Days, 7 – 9:30

Women s Night Gym

Call for Days, 6:30 – 9:30

Adult Basketball

Leagues

Tue – Thu 6 – 11

Community Meetings

Thu 7 – 9:30

Wrestling

Tue & Fri 7 – 9:30

Ping Pong

Sat 10 – Noon

Volleyball

Sat 9:30 – Noon

* Seniors welcome



Neighborhood resident Sam and his mom Susan enjoyed the EVRC playground recently and loves the Pre-school Activities. He is an EVRC regular.

You Decide.

Children Activities

Boys & Girls

Season Sports

Mon – Fri 3 – 6

Sat 10 – 5

Sports Club / Physical Education

Call for days, 1– 3

Tumbling

Call for days, 1- 3

Senior Activities

Senior Citizen Club

Wed 10 – 3

Senior Yoga

Wed 10 – 11:30

And the Adult Activities marked with *

EVRC Remodeling At Public Input Stage.

The Eureka Valley Recreation Center (EVRC) will be remodeled within a year or so. While budget pressures make the exact construction date uncertain, the time for learn more and express your opinion is now. Conceptual plans have been developed by the City. **Public input is being sought now!** This process will guide both the physical facility as well as the programs it offers. Contact EVPA board member Andrew Bertagnolli at andrewbertagnolli@hotmail.com or 552-9331 to learn about participating. **Not yet an EVPA member? Use the application on the back to join!**



Among the physical changes being considered is expanding the interior to encompass the open area to the right of the entrance steps. The playground, as well as some interior areas also may be revised.

Ready for Rocking n Rolling?

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month.

The following tips below can help you ride out the next big one.

Before the Quake:

- Practice taking cover and learn the safest places in your home and work.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit: store food, water and emergency supplies for at least 72 hours. Include a flashlight, extra batteries, portable radio, tools, blankets, sturdy shoes and sanitary items. Store 1-2 gallons of water per person per day and non-perishable food items.
- Know where and how to shut off electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves.
- Check your water heater. Is it securely fastened to wall studs with straps or plumbers tape? Is the piping flexible so as to sway with the motion without snapping?
- Check chimneys, retaining walls, and non-structural facades for loose tiles and bricks. Replace or repair as necessary.
- Learn First Aid and CPR.
- Secure tall and/or heavy furniture, such as china cabinets and bookcases, to wall studs. L brackets work well on filing cabinets.
- Secure hanging objects by closing the hook opening.
- Anchor pictures and mirrors to wall studs.
- Attach a wooden or metal lip, guardrail or band across open shelves to keep items from slipping or falling off.
- Attach Child Safety locks on kitchen cabinets to prevent dishes, glasses and cookware from falling out.
- Play with Velcro. Use strips to secure small appliances to surfaces. Do the same with display items.
- Removing heavy-framed pictures and mirrors from above beds, couches and chairs. <BOINK!>
- Determine if the full swing of your hanging plants may strike a window and move them if they do.
- You may not be with your loved ones. Develop a reunion plan that includes where to meet and whom to call to spread the word you are OK.

During an Earthquake:

- If you are outdoors, remain there and away from building facades and utility lines. In earthquakes, most injuries occur as people are entering or leaving buildings.
- If indoors, take cover under a sturdy desk, table or along an inside wall. Stay away from glass. Keep fingers out of doorways because the door may swing.
- If you are driving, pull over as quickly and safely as possible, avoiding bridges and utility poles. Remain in the vehicle, set the parking brake and turn on the radio for Emergency information.
- If in a high-rise, get under a desk or heavy furniture. Do not run for exits since stairways may be broken or jammed. NEVER use elevators.
- If in a public place, don't rush for the exits. Instead, duck and cover your head. Exit the building when the shaking stops.

What Are The 5 Qualities ?

You will sometimes see references to the 5 Qualities of a Good Neighborhood Business when issues come to EVPA. The guidelines were developed last year to encourage positive behavior among businesses. Issues sent to the UTNC Committee often are reviewed against the following:

- * **The business provides products or services that primarily serve the Eureka Valley population, supplemented by visitors.**
- * **All employees have the same access to pay, benefits and promotions regardless of sexual orientation or identification, gender, age, religion or race.**
- * **The business keeps its exterior premises clean, and makes ongoing good-faith efforts to reduce any litter, noise or food odors that may be created.**
- * **The business works with its suppliers to reduce any traffic congestion that may be caused by product deliveries.**
- * **The business participates in the life of the neighborhood by working with neighborhood associations, non-profit groups, and other businesses to improve the general quality of life in the area.**

