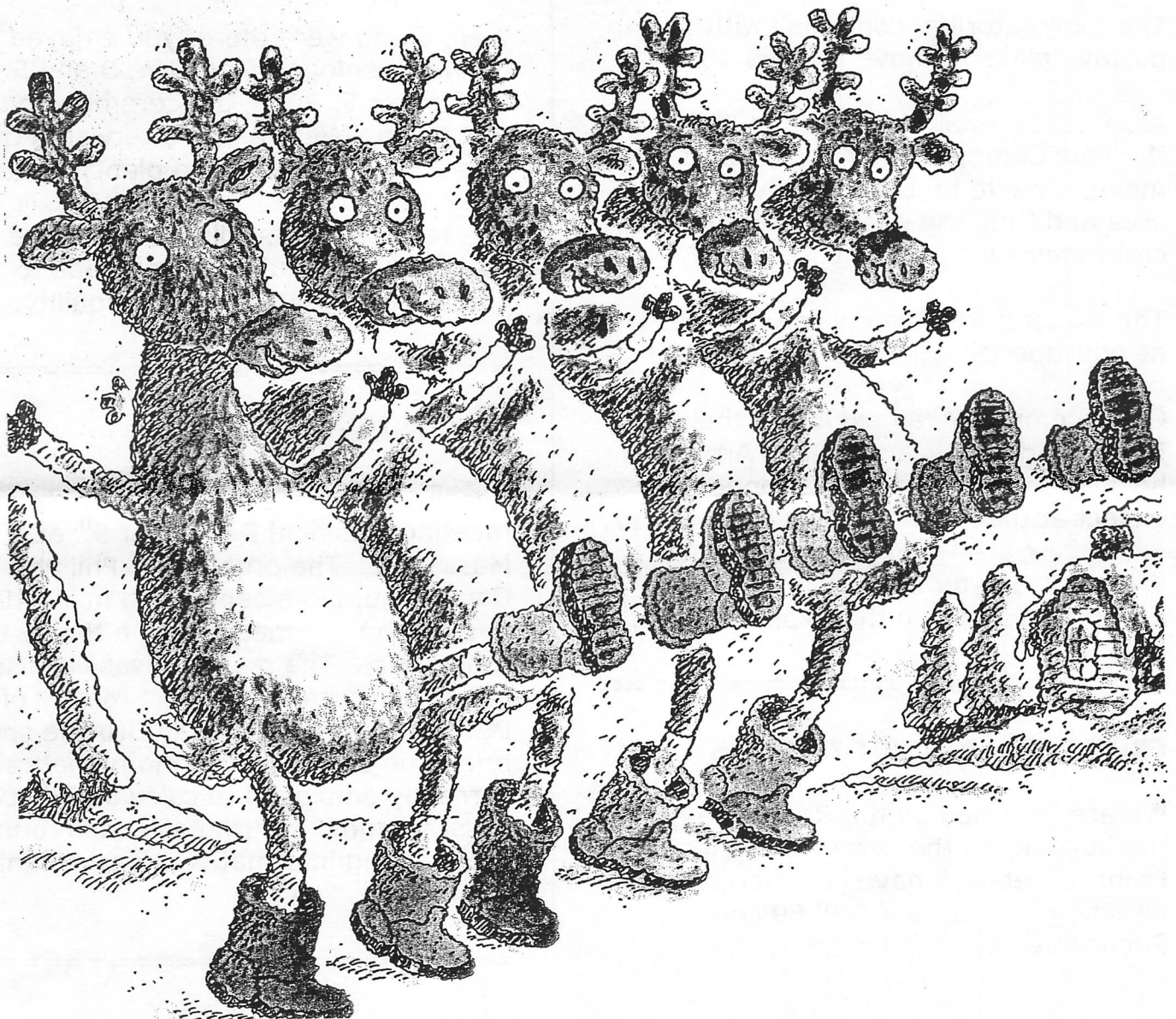


News

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**Merry Christmas and . . .
Healthy and Happy Holidays!
(My Deers)**



AREA NEWS

The Exploratorium



EXPLORATORIUM RELOCATION

The Exploratorium continues with positive plans to move to Piers 15-17.

After 37 years at the Palace of Fine Arts, the Port Commission has agreed to this move, a move that will enrich the entire area and thrill the passengers from the cruise ships which visit us.

The Exploratorium is entertaining, as well as educational.

On December 5th an exhibit at the Exploratorium (Palace of Fine Arts) was held, showing some of the things to expect at their new home at Piers 15-17.

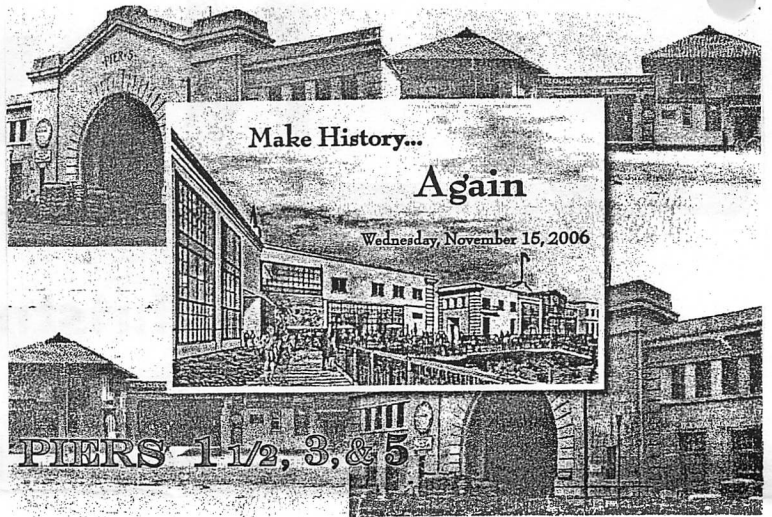
We will keep you up to date with developing news on the Exploratorium.

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FRONT AND PACIFIC CONDOS

We are informed by the Royal Group that the building on the corner of Pacific and Front Streets will have commercial outlets at street level and 69 condos. Prices have not been set as yet.

PIERS 1 1/2, 3 & 5



PIER GRAND OPENING

Well, if you were there, you enjoyed the Grand Opening of Piers 1 1/2, 3 and 5. On November 5, 2006, the ceremony began at 11 a.m. We are told afterwards there was a fine reception and plenty to eat!

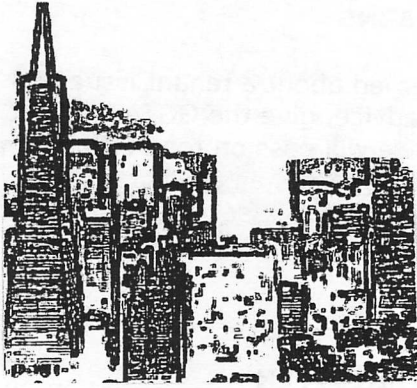
The restored piers will provide office space and a beautiful promenade to enjoy the Bay scene and tranquility.

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KUDOS AND PRAISE . . .

A well-orchestrated "Ad Hoc Committee" meeting was held December 9th at Massimo's. The organizers, Phil and Carol Page, did a superb job in starting and ending the meeting on a timely basis (one hour). The meeting was concise and focused on the subject matter of the PG&E passthrough. Brian Browne spoke briefly on the fallacious mathematics currently employed to calculate utility passthroughs. All who attended found the meeting informative. Many thanks to the hosts.

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DANA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

A small group held some meetings in the Dana Building, ostensibly to deal with the upheaval incurred by the ongoing construction work.

Invited to a couple of these meetings was the Law Firm of Bradshaw & Associates (575 Market Street). According to information passed on to the Tenants Association, Bradshaw & Associates indicated that they would represent a class action on behalf of Dana residents and do so on a contingency basis. In view of this, the attorneys that represent the tenants association stepped aside to avoid any confusion and allow Bradshaw to handle this.

On behalf of the Dana Building residents, the Tenants Association has made several calls to Bradshaw & Associates and visited the firm to determine the current status of any litigation. Meeting with a firm lawyer was uninformative. We were told "Expect a call from Mr. Bradshaw."

There has been no call.

If someone in the Dana Building has any clear-cut information concerning this, please call the Tenants Association at 248-1767.

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GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR FOR GOOD NEWS

In November of this year, a resolution by Supervisor Fiona Ma, co-sponsored by Chris Daly, addressed recreational land. This resolution was presented before the Land Use and Economic Development Committee. The resolution imposes interim zoning controls, for 18 months, on developing recreational space, and further says to developers: What you taketh, you must giveth back.

In other words, it means that in the case of the proposed condos for the open space that has been inhabited for a ton of time by tennis courts #1, #2 and #3 = if you build on this open space, you are required to replace what you take away!!

This resolution passed the Land Use and Economic Development Committee. It now goes before the Board of Supervisors December 12, 2006, for full approval.

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

The open recreational space resolution was passed by the city supervisors on December 12th unanimously.



BITS AND PIECES

PASSTHROUGHS!

Everyone should be informed of the following:
The General Manager, Tina DiRienzo, and Finance Officer, Clay Tominaga, DO NOT CONTROL passthroughs. So, Gang, don't blame them. Even the owners (at times) are dictated to by the Rent and Stabilization Board.

How do we get a more level and equitable process? **SEE THE PASSTHROUGH FORM ENCLOSED.**

The Wall Street Journal indicates that rental property generates the most profits in real estate and that becoming a landlord is a profitable prospect. The write-offs include: property mortgage interest/real estate taxes/repairs, maintenance and utilities. The real kicker is you can depreciate the cost of residential buildings over 27.5 years, even while they increase in value. That means thousands of dollars in positive cash flow can be pocketed before taxes kick in!!!

A large number of people who live in the Gateway are asking us: Is it the intent of the owners of the Gateway to get rid of residents (particularly long-term residents) who are under rent control so that those rents can go to market rate?

We can not answer that question. But it would seem that a good approach to accomplish that end would be cumulative passthroughs!

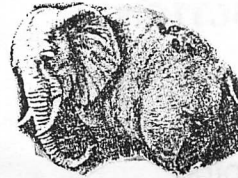
If you're traveling: As of September of 2006, a record high of 437,000 pieces of luggage have been lost. Airlines say security restrictions on carry-on bags increased the volume of checked luggage. No matter how you look at it, lost is lost . . . and inconvenient.

Looking to have your shoes shined? Now - at the corner of Davis and Washington Streets - a shoe shine stand is set up to accommodate us. Tony is the fellow who runs this thriving little business. Stop by and give your shoes a treat!

TENANT CONCERNS

If you are concerned about a tenant issue and would like legal advice, give the GGTA a call at **248-1767** and we will pass on to you the name of the law firm that serves as advisors to the Golden Gateway Tenants Association. This is one of the best legal firms in the City dealing in tenant issues.

SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN



We see them but forget how much better they make our lives: The doormen and "door girl,"/also new at the Buckelew, Patrick/the Security Guards/the people at the health club/the good people at BPS Printing/
all the Safeway personnel, from General Manager Alfredo Lewis, and Assistant Manager (new), Rolando Barios, to those great girls on the checkout counters, and Sushi Bar Manager "Danny" (always a smile). **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HEALTHY HOLIDAYS TO ALL WITH OUR THANKS - FROM ALL THE RESIDENTS!**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Statistics show that one out of every four Americans suffer some kind of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're O.K. -- then it's you!

- If you plan ahead - you don't have to do anything now.
- Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at it!

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