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## service sector

### Hydrocephalus Assoc. healing hands

Among the many nonprofit organization tenants in the Flood Building is the Hydrocephalus Association, which has its office on the seventh floor. The Association was founded in 1983 to provide support, education and advocacy for families and professionals who are dealing with the complexities of the disease.

The word hydrocephalus comes from the Greek: hydro means water, cephalus means head. Hydrocephalus is an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) within cavities called ventricles inside the brain. CSF is in constant circulation and has many important functions. Hydrocephalus occurs when there is an imbalance between the amount of CSF that is produced and the rate at which it is absorbed. As CSF builds up, it causes the ventricles to enlarge and the pressure inside the head to increase.

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## tenth floor

### by property manager Sheila Marko

It's November and the holidays are just around the corner!

The Annual "Books for Fun" book fair will be held in the lobby on **Monday, December 2nd** between 10am and 1:30pm. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the underprivileged young people of the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, one of the Flood Building designated charities.

Please mark **Thursday, December 12th** on your calendar for the Flood Building annual holiday party. This will be an opportunity to meet other tenants and enjoy a few hours of hors d'oeuvres and beverages. We look forward to seeing everyone in the lobby between 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

Your patience is much appreciated as we convert the Building's electrical system from fuses to circuit breakers. We have 30 electrical closets in the building and due to the amount of work involved, only two closets can be converted at one time. You will be receiving the same notices every month until this time next year. Please pay attention to the suites affected. If you haven't already, you will eventually see your suite number(s) listed.

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## memory lane

### A San Francisco native remembers the Flood Building of his childhood

When I was a child growing up in the Napa Valley, I would often come into the City shopping with my mother and her friend Mary Louise. I used to love going to the City of Paris, the White House and I. Magnin to ride the elevators. But I was absolutely crazy about the Emporium, because they had old wooden escalators, which my mother would let me ride while she and her friend shopped. One of my favorite memories of those shopping excursions was finding the street photographer who hung out in front of the Flood Building. We called him the "Flood Photographer" and I could always count on him to snap our photo and then help me talk my mother into buying it as a postcard.

So it was only natural that when I decided to write a new series of mystery novels I would have my gumshoe's office in the Flood Building. I got hold of the Flood Building publicist and he was kind enough to give me the Chef's Tour of the historic site and I think I even found the office I will place my detective in. I'm still doing research for the book, so I may have to visit the Building several more times to make sure I get the exact feel for the place.

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## Hellenic Helpfulness

by Evangelos Kasvikis PhD  
Consul for Educational Affairs

The Hellenic Republic (Hellas is the Greek word for Greece) appreciates the great importance of Hellenes (Greeks) abroad.

The Greek language and culture have been gradually absorbed by predominant languages and cultures of countries where Greeks have immigrated. That is why the Greek Ministry of Education has established 26 Education Offices around the world in order to support the teaching and maintenance of the Greek language and Greek Orthodox tradition of Greek immigrant children. In October 1998 a Greek Education Office was established in San Francisco, responsible for California and the Western United States. The Consul for Educational Affairs of the Consulate General of Greece in San Francisco, in cooperation with the Education Committee of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of San Francisco, has the following goals:

To set up a database of schools, teachers and material.  
To deliver Greek textbooks.  
To improve curricula, methodology, and preschooling.  
To provide organizational guidance to schools.  
To organize teacher training in modern teaching.  
To support Greek educational and cultural activities.  
To cooperate with departments of Greek Studies at Universities.

Moreover, the Office participates in "Paideia Omogenon", a global project which is carried out by the University of Crete in Greece. They study Greek teaching abroad, make new multimedia teaching material and organize training seminars for teachers and students abroad and on Crete.

Currently, the Office is exploring the introduction of Modern Greek as a foreign language in American Middle and High schools. The subject will give credits to attending students.

The Office, in cooperation with the Greek University of Thessaloniki, carries out examinations in basic and higher modern Greek in California. This leads to an official certificate of competence in modern Greek recognized by Greece, Cyprus and the European Community. The Office is seeking the recognition of these certificates by the California Department of Education. Overall, the Office cooperates with the Greek Orthodox Diocese of San Francisco, Greek associations, parents, teachers, students, university departments and everyone who is interested in promoting the Greek language and culture.

You may visit Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 2:30pm, and we will assist you with any questions you may have.

## tenant spotlight

Attorney Thomas Williams

### 40 Years of pianos and plaintiffs

One of the Flood Building's long-time tenants is attorney Thomas Williams, who has practiced law in the building since 1961. He is certainly not the only attorney at the Flood Building, but he may well be the only one who plays the piano between clients. The small ship captain's piano in his office is just big enough to produce a good New Orleans boogie.

Like many solo practitioners, Williams does a variety of legal work, including medical malpractice and probate work. He speaks Spanish fluently and has a number of Spanish-speaking clients.

With over forty years of memories, Williams recalls the Vietnam War era as especially eventful with numerous demonstrations and threatened bombings directed at South Vietnam's consulate here in the building. He missed the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake due to a trip overseas, but was relieved to find his office and the building free of damage when he returned.

The proximity to the Civic Center and the County Courthouse make the Flood Building a popular location for attorneys. Williams also appreciates the colorful neighborhood and variety of good restaurants nearby. Also, the unique architecture of the building - the marble, the high ceilings, the magnificent lobby - make it a pleasure for him to come to work every day. "I think this is a sexier neighborhood than Montgomery Street," says Williams. Who knew? The Flood Building, a sexy address.

## tenth floor

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You are probably aware that the Mexican Consulate has moved out of the Building. They have relocated to a building more suited for their expanding needs. The Consulate is now located at 532 Folsom Street.

The Guatemalan Consulate is also offering the "Matricula Consular" to its citizens residing in the Bay Area (a valid form of documentation as recognized by the City and County of San Francisco). The Consulate has been very helpful in organizing an efficient appointment system for requesting "Maticulas", which has eliminated any potential crowding around the building.

Congratulations to all tenants who participated in our annual fire/safety evacuation drill held on Thursday, November 7th. It was a great success. My thanks to all of you.

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## service sector

## Hydrocephalus Assoc. healing hands

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Hydrocephalus is believed to occur in 1.5 of every 1000 births. It can also occur in adults of all ages. While there is no known way to prevent or cure the illness, there are effective treatments including a device called a shunt that is implanted into the brain and diverts the excess fluid to another part of the body. The prognosis for most infants and children who are diagnosed with hydrocephalus is very optimistic.

The Association provides many services to people with hydrocephalus and their families such as outreach programs, telephone support, social gatherings, yearly scholarships for young adults with the condition, an annual research prize to a neurological resident and a biennial conference on hydrocephalus for families and professionals.

The Association first moved to the Flood Building 10 years ago. This was their first official office and according to Executive Director, Emily Fudge, "the first time we saw Hydrocephalus Association lettered on our door was a moment of great pride for us."

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### fire drill



Our Life Safety and Security Consultant Curt Crumpley conducted Floor Warden Training classes followed by a full building evacuation drill on November 7th. This was in accordance with San Francisco Fire Code and California Code of Regulations.

All 10 floors of the building were evacuated in less than 12 minutes. The Floor Warden teams performed their duties in an exemplary manner in checking each floor to ensure full participation in the drill.

We encourage all tenants to go online to [www.floodbuilding.com](http://www.floodbuilding.com) and read our complete Emergency Procedures, posted for your convenience. It pays to be prepared!

## staff stars

### Nadia Kotik. Flood Building Evening Custodian

"Bolshoa speciba!" Nadia Kotik beams as she says 'thank you' in her native tongue, Russian, one of three languages spoken by the 60 year old Flood Building institution. "I speak Spanish at work, Russian at home, and English to my daughter-in-law." Then, she laughs: a sound that has been cheerfully echoing in the corridors of 870 Market Street for almost 30 years. "Of course, the Flood Building has such interesting tenants, sometimes I wish I spoke even more!" A woman of few words, but many tales, Nadia seems never to rest. "Rest, what is rest," she shrugs. "I live to work, and love it!

My whole family does." Indeed, long-time tenants will remember Nadia's son, Paul, who kept a shine on the Flood Building's many brass fixtures for more than 10 years. Also in Nadia's "nest" are husband Peter, sons Greg and Walter, and three grandchildren. "Family is very important to me," she says. "It's one of the reasons I like the Flood Building. I knew Mr. Flood's father too. I've been here a long time!" Born in Paraguay to Russian parents, Nadia moved to San Francisco in the early '70s finding work first as a seamstress before coming to the Flood Building in 1974. "My friend Maria worked here," she says, "and

she recommended me. Now Maria works at another building, a competitor." Nadia shrugs. "I tease her about leaving the Flood Building, but we're still friends," and again, the infectious Nadia laugh. Her hobbies? "Cooking," she twinkles. "That is my favorite thing." Over the years, holidays, birthdays, and often any-old-days are an excuse for a delivery of Nadia's gourmet treats to Flood tenants and staff. So, the next time you catch the delectable scent of homemade 'peroshki', sopa Paraguaya, stuffed peppers, or her legendary '12 day cake' you'll know what to say: "Bolshoa speciba Nadia!"

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## memory lane

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So if you see some stranger in a trench coat and a brown Borsolino lurking about the halls taking notes, don't panic. It's just me soaking up the atmosphere.

Krandall Kraus, winner of the 2000 Lambda Literary Nonfiction Award for *It's Never About What It's About*, has just published a new book, *The Christmas Poems*, a collection of poems written every year between 1976 and the present. A new novel is scheduled to be published in 2003. He is currently working on a detective story set in the Flood Building



Krandall Kraus with his mother captured by the Flood Building photographer in 1952

# tenant spotlight

## Bonds Limited

### Matchmaker, matchmaker

Dale Bullock is a man with a mission: "To bring together loving, stable, same-gender companions committed to lifetime monogamous relationships." As President of Bonds Limited, a Flood Building tenant since 1996 he has personally helped dozens of same-sex couples create lifetime partnerships.

Bonds Limited is much more than a dating service. Dale spends at least 40 hours getting to know each individual client, and sometimes much more, with structured interviews and meetings both in and out of the office. He describes himself as an "old-fashioned matchmaker with an M.B.A."

Dale finds that people are sometimes hindered by both internal and external constraints that can prevent them from meeting potential life partners. Part of his work is to help people overcome these issues, which range from emotional in nature, such as shyness, to the more practical problems of having a limited amount of time for socializing or living in a remote area.

Bonds Limited does not attempt to predict outcomes for individuals. However, they promise a legitimate and ethical process guided by a clear mission shared by all program participants. Over the years, they have developed a proven track record matching clients.

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