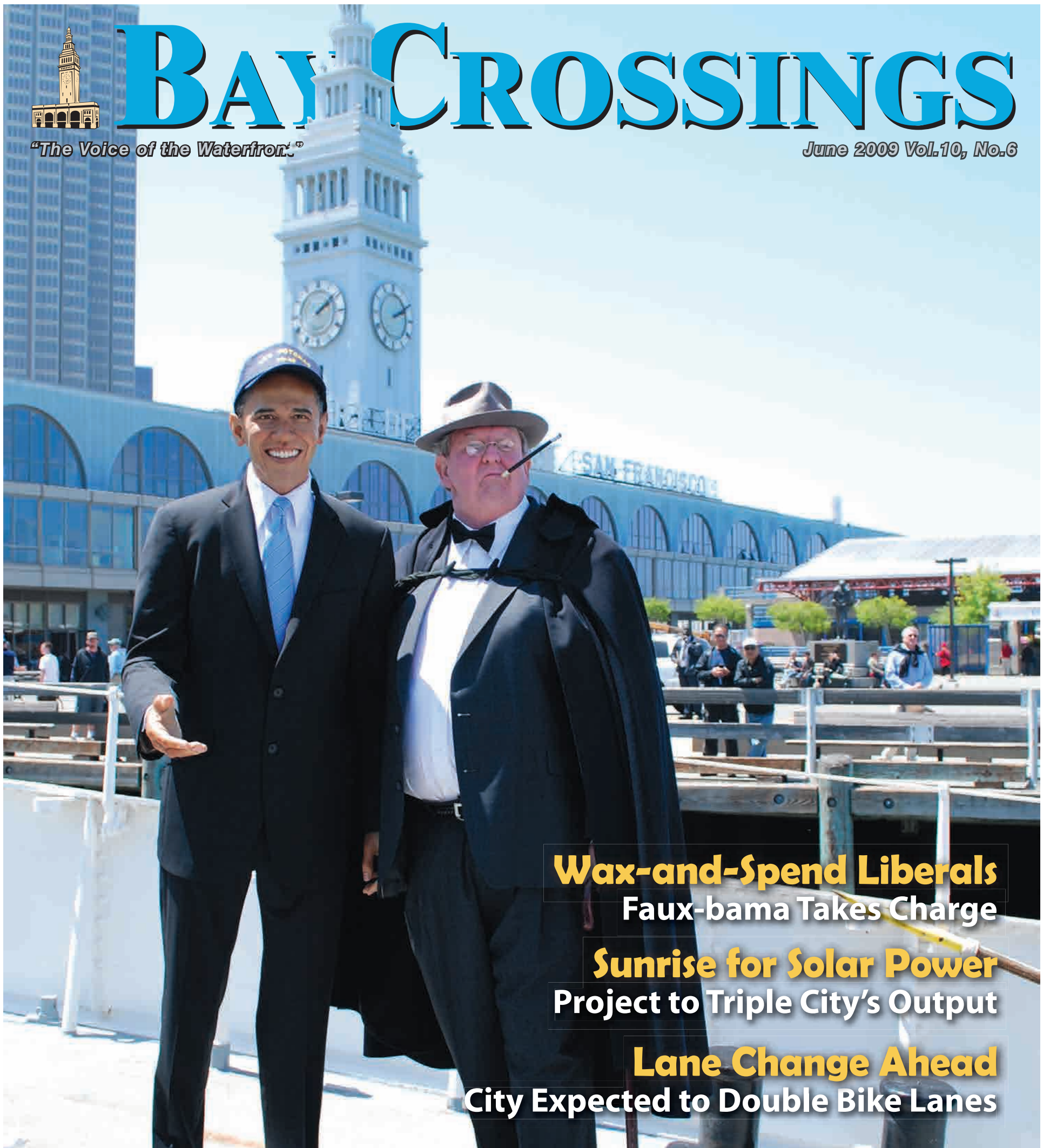




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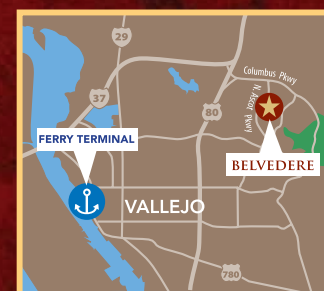
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# Tricky Traffic Shift to Close Bay Bridge Over Labor Day Weekend

BY KARIN BETTS

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge will be closed in both directions over the Labor Day weekend in September 2009 to accommodate an operation critical to the construction of the bridge's new East Span. The bridge will close as early as the evening of Thursday, Sept. 3, and reopen in

eventually hook up the new East Span with the Yerba Buena Island tunnel.

Crews are currently at work seven days a week, 20 hours a day finishing the detour viaduct and building the temporary support structures that will be used to roll the old bridge truss out and the new one in over the holiday weekend. Over the months to come, the new tie-in truss section and a movable support system will take shape south of the existing bridge at deck level, more than 10 stories

"We're talking about moving nearly 7,000 tons of steel, 150 feet in the air."

— Caltrans spokesperson Bart Ney

time for the morning commute on Tuesday, Sept. 8, potentially making it a four-day closure. Crews will use the opportunity to slice out a double-deck chunk of the existing East Span that is nearly the length of a football field, and slide in a new double-deck piece that will shift traffic to a temporary bypass.

The maneuver echoes a similar deck removal and roll-in that took place over Labor Day weekend 2007. The same firm that constructed and moved that piece, C.C. Myers, Inc. of Rancho Cordova, Calif., is handling the construction of the East Span bypass and the roll-in of the new section.

"This is a massive operation," said Caltrans spokesperson Bart Ney. "We're talking about moving nearly 7,000 tons of steel, 150 feet in the air." The traffic shift will clear the way for crews to demolish a half-mile section of the original 1936 bridge, and

in the air. Most of the half-mile-long, double-deck viaduct detour is already observable to motorists on the bridge.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working with Caltrans and local public transit agencies to ensure mobility options for transbay travelers. BART will run all-night service to select stations over Labor Day weekend, and extra vessels will be deployed to expand ferry service on select routes.

The East Span project is being directed by the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, a consortium of three agencies: MTC's Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission. BATA is financing the \$5.7 billion East Span project with bridge toll funding. For more information about the project, go to [baybridge360.org](http://baybridge360.org) and [baybridgeinfo.org](http://baybridgeinfo.org).

## Engineering a Traffic Shift in Five Not-So-Easy Steps



The new double-decked roll-in truss, which will serve as the connection to the detour viaduct, is being constructed atop support structures just south of the existing bridge.



As early as the evening of Thursday, Sept. 3, the Bay Bridge will be closed to traffic in both directions. The first step of the operation is to cut loose a 288-foot section of the existing truss at both ends.



Once cut loose, the old truss will be rolled out hydraulically using eight 600-ton jacks similar to those used for the Labor Day 2007 move.



After the existing truss has been rolled out of the way, the new truss will be similarly rolled into place using the same hydraulic jacking system.



After being rolled into place, the new truss will be secured to the detour viaduct and the existing bridge with plate joints, and the Bay Bridge will then reopen to traffic. The lowering of the rolled-out span, and its subsequent demolition, will start soon after the new truss is secured.



# Port of Oakland to Adopt Air-Quality Measures

BY PATRICK BURNSON

The Oakland Board of Port Commissioners took a bold step to address community and environmental concerns about impacts on air quality from its maritime operations last month when its seven members voted unanimously to adopt and implement a “Maritime Air Quality Policy Statement” and “Early Actions” to reduce air pollutant emissions and related health risks.

The policy provides funding mechanisms, including container fees, to generate \$520 million over several years for maritime air pollution reduction initiatives and infrastructure improvements. Setting a fee structure will allow the port to qualify for matching state funds for these significant projects. The specific amount of any container fees will be determined after further staff work and analysis is completed on the best approach and the economic and business impacts of such fees. The board also directed staff to convene a public forum in late spring on a proposed requirement that truckers entering the Port be employees of trucking companies, and prepare a report on the issue.

Jack Broadbent, CEO of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, spoke at the meeting in favor of the policy statement, and the California Air Resources Board sent a letter of support. Port Board President Anthony Batarse stated, “This maritime air quality policy statement will lay the groundwork to

reduce port pollution and support a healthy community. Air pollution comes from many sources in the Bay Area and we are committed to doing our part to reduce diesel pollution from Port-related activities.” The funding mechanisms will help truckers retrofit or replace older polluting trucks at the seaport. It will also fund ways of reducing ship idling emissions while the vessels are docked at the port.

Even if the Port of Oakland’s cargo business grows, the port will dramatically cut air pollution. The risk reduction calculations will be determined using the Port’s 2005 seaport emissions inventory baseline.

## APL Not Entirely Abandoning Oakland

When APL moves its regional headquarters to Arizona later this year, the company will not be completely abandoning Oakland, said spokesmen. NOL Group, parent company of APL, has identified an office building in Phoenix as the new home for its Americas division, but APL will continue to operate a major terminal at the Port of Oakland, and it maintains that the region is vital to its ongoing international strategy.

But it will be Phoenix, not Oakland, that will benefit from new job creation. And it will be from there that APL will coordinate the company’s shipping, terminals and logistics activities throughout the Americas. That includes everything from marine operations to intermodal transport of containers by rail and truck.

## Threatened Port Work Stoppage Fails to Materialize

As Bay Area ports grapple with fewer inbound vessel calls and declining freight throughput, labor and management may be forced to do something new: cooperate. A threatened May Day demonstration and work stoppage planned by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 10 failed to materialize in the Bay Area last month, as dockworkers were told that a violation of their existing contract would result in five days of lost pay. James McKenna, president and CEO of the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), played hardball with the union for the first time since the new six-year contract was signed last summer, but shippers here suspect that it won’t be the last time he pleads with workers to play on the same team.

“How does this contract provide stability for West Coast Ports in an environment where reduced volumes and increased competition from Canada and Mexico ports is a reality?” asked Jean Banker, manager, finance and administrative services for the maritime division at the Port of Oakland. “How will the West Coast ports increase and maximize efficiency?”

Banker, who also serves on the Pacific Transportation Association’s (PTA) board of directors, was hoping to get some answers to those questions when McKenna was scheduled to be the featured speaker at the PTA’s Ports & Terminals luncheon in Oakland’s Jack London Square. Unfortunately, McKenna failed to show, delegating the duty to a subordinate who was not forthcoming with sensitive information, said PTA sources.

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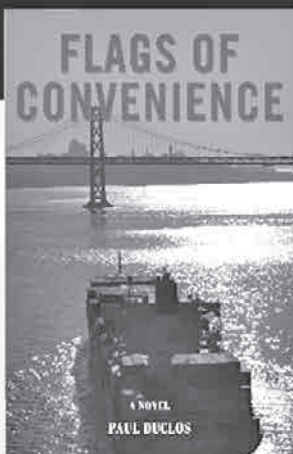
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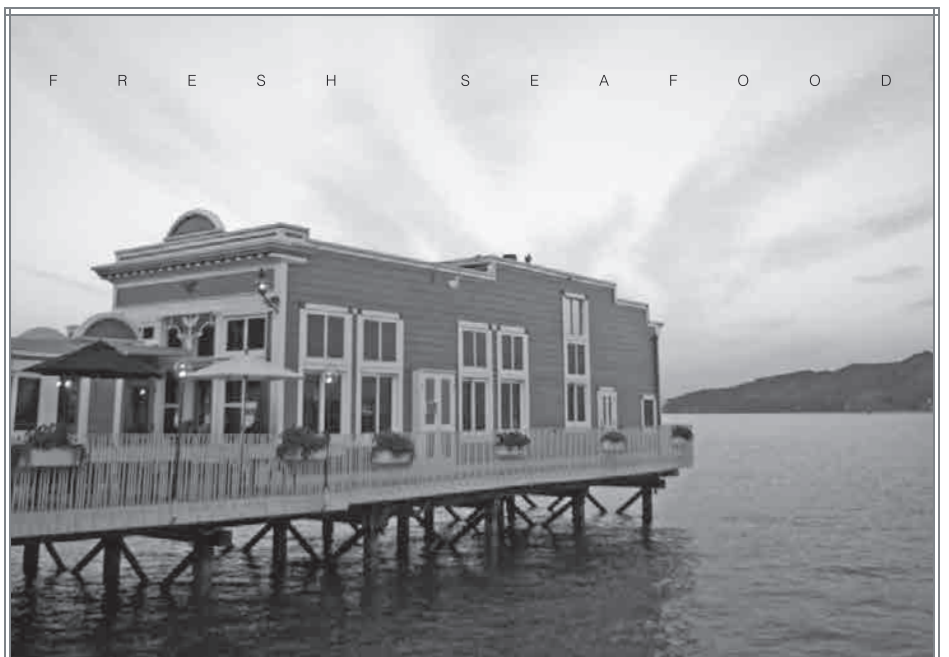
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# San Francisco Poised for Major Bike Lane Expansion

BY TERI GARDINER

Cycling advocates, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC) and City leaders are hailing a City decision expected in June to double the number of bike lanes on city streets, as a three-year injunction that has frozen all physical bike improvements is finally nearing an end.

The San Francisco Planning Commission will be asked to certify the required Environmental Impact Report on the Bike Plan on June 25, making way for a June 26 hearing of the San

Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board. At this hearing, the Board will vote on whether to adopt the 50-plus bike projects outlined in the City's proposed Bike Plan. Adoption of the plan will double the City's Bike Network by adding 34 miles of bike lanes and an additional 23 miles of on-street bike routes marked with "sharrows," or shared lane stencils,

on key routes like Second, Fifth, 17th and Townsend Streets, Kirkham Ave., Alemany Blvd., and dozens of others. The plan will also bring thousands of new bike racks, signage and other improvements.

Despite the three-year injunction and lack of improvements, San Francisco has seen a whopping 43 percent increase in the number of people bicycling on city streets since 2006, according to counts by Muni. Today, 6 percent of trips are completed by bicycle in the city, a remarkable mode share for a U.S. city.

"This is a momentous time for bicycling in San Francisco as the City

is poised to create safer streets for the 128,000 people who bike regularly for transportation," says Leah Shahum, Executive Director of the 10,000-member SFBC, which promotes bicycling for everyday transportation. "We know when we build it, they will come. There is a huge latent demand for better bicycling conditions, and the improvements coming will transform our city into a truly bike-friendly place."

In fact, according to a recent David Binder poll, 33 percent of the City's residents say they would bike more often if the environment were made more accessible and welcoming.

"Bike lanes are long overdue on

busy Fifth Street as a way to improve safety by helping to organize the different transportation modes from bikes to buses to cars," says Riyad Ghannam, an architect who commutes by bike from his home in the area. "Once the Fifth Street bike lanes are striped, my commute from home to work will be far safer, and I expect more people to try biking because they feel safer and more welcome."

City counts show bicycling increases, on average, by 50 percent after a bike lane is added, including the following increases: Howard Street, 300 percent increase; Valencia Street, 144 percent; and Arguello, 67 percent.

"The Bike Plan is a means to an end. Safer, more inviting streets will translate to more people choosing to bicycle—an easy way for the City to meet its own environmental, health and accessibility goals," says Shahum.

For more information regarding Bike to Work Day and the upcoming Bike Plan decision visit [sfbike.org](http://sfbike.org).

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Photo by Dustin Jensen

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Photo by Kate McCarthy

In May, cyclists gathered on the steps of City Hall to show support for the 50 plus projects up for City approval.



# Obama to Raise Waxes in San Francisco

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the wax version of President Barack Obama came to San Francisco in style aboard Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht, *USS Potomac*, with all of the pomp and circumstance that would be provided for the real deal. The 44<sup>th</sup> Presidential figure was personally escorted by his Democratic predecessor, FDR lookalike Stuart Proffitt, who was dressed in proper formal period attire. The short trip across the Bay from Jack London Square—where the *USS Potomac* is based—to the Historic San Francisco Ferry Building was followed by both Presidents boarding the F-Line Muni streetcar and travelling down to PIER 39 to the Faux-bama's new home, the acclaimed Wax Museum at Fisherman's Wharf. The wax President received a grand welcome, complete with "Hail to the Chief," at the Museum.



Photo by Joel Williams

Even close-up the details are spectacular in the new wax version of President Obama.

"The Presidential Yacht *Potomac* is a fitting conveyance for delivery of this wax representation of our new President, Barak Obama, to San Francisco," said Potomac Foundation Executive Director Marti Burchell. "The *USS Potomac*, used by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, represents a President whose administration was one of the most significant in our country's history. We hope the trip augers well for the new administration."

The new figure of President Obama took approximately six months to create at a cost of \$15,000. The process of creating a wax figure begins with a sculpted clay head that is then used to construct a plaster mold. After that,

the mold is filled with a mixture of melted beeswax. As the wax begins to harden, excess wax is poured from the

center of the mold, creating a hollow wax sculpture. After removing the plaster mold, medical glass eyes are set in place along with porcelain teeth. Human hair, including eyebrows and facial hair, are inserted one strand at a time. This process alone can take up to two months to complete. Layers of translucent paint are then applied, creating skin tones. Hands, arms and sometimes entire torsos are also manufactured in wax.

The Wax Museum at Fisherman's Wharf began in 1963 with 150 life-sized figures in front of black curtains on the first floor. When it opened, it was one of the largest wax museums in North America. Now the exhibit includes over 275 figures in elaborately staged scenes, with costumes, props and lighting carefully constructed to authenticate people at the peak of their fame. Many scenes were designed and sculpted by Thomas Fong's son Ronald, who has directed the family business in partnership with his father from its inception.

The Wax Museum at Fisherman's Wharf continues to show all aspects of life, from the ignoble Chamber of Horrors to the inspiring Hall of Religion, including the historic Library of U.S. Presidents. Among both foreign and domestic visitors, the most

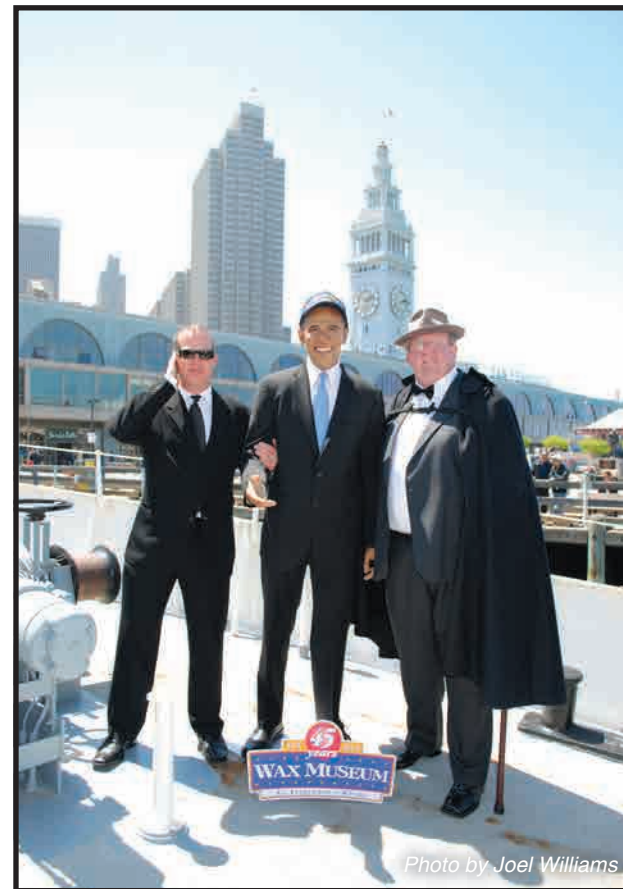


Photo by Joel Williams

The Wax Museum's new Obama figure arrives at the ferry building escorted by "Secret Service" officer James Teiser as well as FDR lookalike Stuart Proffitt.

popular part of the wax museum tour is the Gallery of Stars. Artisans are busy continually producing a galaxy of brand new stars, such as Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who have joined such classics as Humphrey Bogart, Marilyn Monroe and John Wayne. For more information, go to [www.waxmuseum.com](http://www.waxmuseum.com).

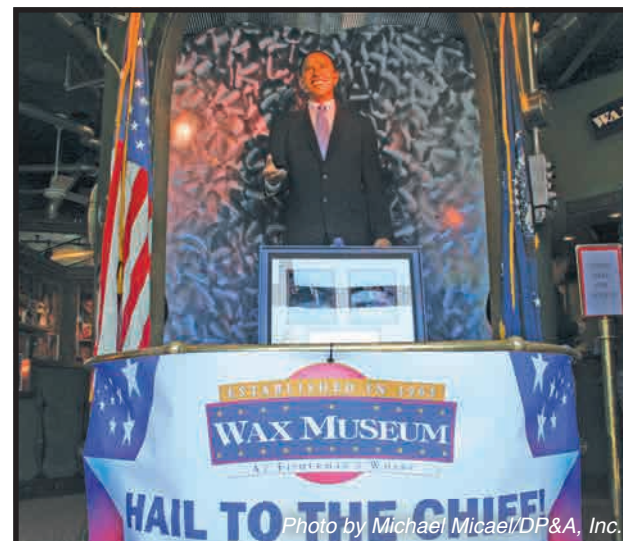



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The new Obama figure can now be seen in this special display at the Wax Museum at Fisherman's Wharf.

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# Cultural Currents

BY PAUL DUCLOS

When *Bay Crossings* caught up with David Gockley, San Francisco Opera's sixth general director, he was busy preparing for the company's summer season, which features three major productions: *La Traviata*, *Tosca* and *Porgy & Bess*.

Following in the footsteps of General Directors Gaetano Merola (1923-1953), Kurt Herbert Adler (1953-1981), Terence A. McEwen (1982-1988), Lotfi Mansouri (1988-2001), and Pamela Rosenberg (2001-2005), Gockley is considered one of the major innovators in American opera. He came to San Francisco from Houston Grand Opera (HGO), the organization that he led for more than three decades. Gockley transformed HGO from a small regional company into one of the leading opera companies in the United States with a bold mixture of traditional and adventurous repertoire, the application of modern



Photo by Michael Winkokur

San Francisco Opera's sixth general director, David Gockley.

technology to reach new audiences, artistic excellence, and solid financial governance. A self-described "progressive traditionalist," Gockley is passionately committed to the premise that opera is a living art form that speaks to a variety of audiences—including *Bay Crossings* readers.

**Bay Crossings:** *You are addressing a captive audience right now. What have you to say about this summer's SFO season that will have special relevance to Bay Area ferry commuters?*



One of this season's features at the San Francisco Opera is *Porgy & Bess*.

**David Gockley:** It's a blockbuster season of proven favorites. *Porgy & Bess* features a hurricane in Act II, which I pray ferry riders are spared!

**BC:** *We understand you live in Sausalito, a key ferry destination and home to many of our readers. Why is that lifestyle attractive to you?*

**DG:** I love living with a water view. Looking across the Bay towards Oakland provides constantly changing colors and sky patterns. I find it restful, meditative and humbling.

**BC:** *Porgy & Bess has a pronounced waterfront theme. Does living at water's edge lend to the drama?*

**DG:** Living on the water provides a living for the fishermen who inhabit Catfish Row. But the threat of hurricanes in late summer and fall endanger the lives of all living on the low, sea-level wharves and islands.

**BC:** *Finally, what can you tell us about the "Opera in the (AT&T) Park" event? Can we expect any fireworks or home runs?*

**DG:** I wish boats anchored in McCovey Cove could view the huge high-definition screen inside the ball park. The images are amazing and can be seen from quite a distance. The singers in *Tosca* will hit at least ten vocal "home runs" that will thrill as much as seeing the real thing.

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# Sunset District Project to

BY BILL PICTURE

**O**n May 12, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors gave San Francisco-based Recurrent Energy the go-ahead to install 25,000 solar panels on the rooftop of an eight-block reservoir in San Francisco's Sunset District. The 5-megawatt system will be the largest in California, and the largest municipal solar project in the country. (There are larger non-municipal systems in other states, including a 14-megawatt, 70,000 panel array in Nevada.)

Under the terms of the approved deal, Recurrent Energy will foot the bill for the system's installation and maintenance, saving the City of San Francisco about \$42 million in construction costs. In exchange, the City has agreed to buy the electricity from Recurrent Energy for 25 years at a fixed, below-market price. Also written into the deal is an option for the City to buy the system outright from Recurrent in year 7, 15 or 25 of the contract.

In a written statement, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom said, "San Francisco took another major step towards achieving our commitments to reduce greenhouse gases and grow our green economy. With this single project, we will help lead the state towards a future of clean, renewable energy." In 2005, Newsom pledged that all city-government-used power would come from clean, renewable sources by 2010.

Ed Harrington, General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which oversees the purchase of solar power for the City, added, "With this agreement, San Francisco can continue to be a leader in developing the solar energy markets while taking concrete steps toward meeting our renewal energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals."



Current aerial view of the eight-block reservoir in San Francisco's Sunset District where 25,000 solar panels will soon be installed.

## A No-Brainer

While the project's size and rooftop perch is expected to present some unique logistical challenges, those involved say that the reservoir lid is an ideal place for solar panels.

is Bass Electric's largest project to date. The company most recently installed a 1-megawatt system for the Santa Rosa School District.

It's also the biggest project to date for Richmond-based architecture-and-

"Being part of something superlative is always exciting," Butt adds. "We always want to be part of the biggest and the best."

"The Sunset Reservoir project is relatively straightforward," adds Helena Kimball of Recurrent Energy. "The roof is flat and basically level, underwent a recent seismic retrofit, and has no shade or sun-obstruction issues."

The Sunset District is a famously gray part of the City, receiving an average of about 15 percent less sunlight than other neighborhoods. That might lead some to question whether the system, once installed, will be able to work at its full capacity. But solar industry experts say that clear skies, while nice, are not necessary. "It is a myth that you need direct sunlight and clear skies to produce solar electricity," says Kimball. "Ambient UV light, much of which makes it

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— Mayor Gavin Newsome

"Its size allows for a large-scale project that will feed directly into the utility grid, instead of having to extend utility lines for miles from a remote location," says Jeffrey Yee of Bass Electric, one of several local companies contracted by Recurrent Energy to handle the installation.

The Sunset Reservoir Solar Project

engineering firm Interactive Resources, which has been hired by Bass Electric to provide structural design.

"But it may not be our largest for long," says Tom Butt of Interactive Resources. "We are part of the design team for a 10-megawatt project in Ontario, Canada."



# Triple City's Solar Output



Aerial view of the Sunset District reservoir with an artist rendering of what the planned solar array will look like once installed. Below: From street level the new solar array will be barely noticeable.

through a fog layer, can generate solar electricity.”

Even on the grayest day, the system will more than triple the City's current solar output. That electricity will be used solely to power municipal properties, including public schools, the San Francisco

International Airport, San Francisco General Hospital and MUNI. This new source of clean, renewable energy is expected to reduce the City's carbon emissions by more than 109,000 metric tons. That's the equivalent of taking 1,000 San Francisco houses off of the grid.

Every effort is also being made to ensure that the final design is as neighbor-friendly as possible. The solar modules being used are unobtrusive and will not obstruct any views. In fact, from most sides of the reservoir, the modules will not even be visible.

## The Icing on the Cake

As exciting as it is to think that San Francisco is several steps closer to eliminating the need to purchase electricity from traditional, non-green sources, it is equally as exciting to think about the effect that projects like this one will have on the local economy. The Sunset Reservoir solar project, which is expected to break ground later this year, will create 71 green jobs. Those hires will receive on-the-job training. Apprentices will also receive trade-related classroom training to help ensure superb craftsmanship.

“We are thrilled to be bringing so many green jobs to San Francisco,” says Recurrent Energy spokesperson Helena Kimball. “And we're especially proud to be ensuring the use of local hires.” Of those 71 jobs, 21 will be filled through the City of San Francisco's CityBuild Initiative, which ensures active recruitment in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

“Recent statistics say that green jobs are growing at ten times the rate of conventional jobs,” says Tom Butt of Interactive Resources. “Few, if any, new jobs are being created in the carbon economy. If we are going to reverse the economic downturn, this is where that game will be played and won.”

“Bass Electric and the others are local business enterprises,” adds Jeffrey Yee of Bass Electric. “This project is truly a big win for the environment, for local labor and for local business.”





# TREASURE ISLAND

BY CAPTAIN RAY

In the mid-1930s, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) constructed the 403-acre Treasure Island on the shoals north of Yerba Buena Island. The water at the site varied in depth from as deep as 26 feet to as shallow as two feet, creating a significant hazard to navigation carefully avoided by mariners for 150 years.

The island the WPA constructed measures about one mile north to south and a bit more than one half-mile from east to west. Almost 300,000 tons of rock quarried from the Bay Bridge tunnel through Yerba Buena Island was used for the construction of the stone walls that surround the island. Once these walls were completed, the interior was filled to a height

of 13 feet above sea level using 20,000,000 cubic yards of mud and sand dredged from the Bay bottom.

While named as a separate island, Treasure Island is actually connected to Yerba Buena Island and the Bay Bridge by a steep causeway. One explanation for the name is the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, who lived in San Francisco for a short time in 1879-80; another origin of the name is the gold washed down from the Sierra Nevada by hydraulic mining that is mixed in the dredged materials used to construct the island.

Treasure Island was built specifically to be the site of the Golden Gate International Exposition, which ran from February 18 through September 29, 1939 and from May 25 through September 29, 1940. The fairground was designed as a walled city (to help deflect the cool Bay breezes)



Photo by John Arndt

Clipper Cove on Treasure Island was once used as a taxiway for PanAm's flying boats. On June 20th it will be the site for Summer Sailstice 2009.

filled with a maze of avenues and courts, interspersed with gardens, lagoons, and reflecting pools. Buildings with Mayan, Cambodian and Incan motifs lined the streets. All this spread out from the Central Court, where the 400-foot Tower of the Sun was erected. The entire area was landscaped with trees, shrubs and flowers from all over the world. To provide the water necessary for all these plants, lagoons and pools, a 3,000,000-gallon reservoir was quarried out of the solid rock of Yerba Buena Island and water piped across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco to keep it filled.

Only three buildings remain from this grand fair. One is the Administration Building that for many years housed a Treasure Island museum and now is the home of the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA). Immediately after the fair closed, though, the Administration Building served as the base of operations for Pan American Airways Trans-Pacific service from San Francisco to Manila, via Honolulu, Midway Island, Wake Island, and Guam. More recently, the building substituted for the Berlin airport in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

The other two surviving buildings are the large Art Deco buildings that can still be seen on the southeast corner of the island. During the Exposition, they housed exhibits and then served as hangers for the flying boats used by PanAm. Since the 1980s, these buildings have been used as sound stages for productions as diverse as TV's *Nash Bridges* and the films *Flubber* and *The Matrix*.

The small cove between Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands (often used as an

anchorage by yachts) is commonly called Clipper Cove in honor of Pan Am's flying boats, which used the cove as a taxiway. It is interesting to note that the name Clipper Cove does not appear on any official chart.

With the coming of World War II, Treasure Island became a United States Naval Base. It housed an electronics and communications training school and served as a staging area for the departure of countless ships and sailors to the war in the Pacific.

In 1996, the Navy returned control of Treasure Island to the City of San Francisco. The TIDA allows a private agency to rent out the former officers' housing while the federal government is cleaning up other parts of the island. When this environmental clean-up is completed (approximately 2012), large scale reconstruction and development of this island is planned.

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# Free Festival Opens Sailing to Everyone on the Longest Day of Year

BY PAUL V. OLIVA

Every day, hundreds of thousands of people look out at the sailboats, tall ships, windsurfers and kiteboarders on the Bay. Many wonder how they can join in with the elegant sails cutting the water. Soon, they'll have their chance. Planned for June 20 is the Bay's grandest celebration of sailing yet: the ninth annual Summer Sailstice. Think of the fun when the Bay's 25,000-plus sailors assemble to celebrate the joy and exhilaration of eco-friendly, windpowered watersports. Sailstice is the brainchild of John Arndt, who works at the region's sailing magazine, *Latitude 38*. Sailing communities elsewhere mass their waterfronts with sailing festivals: England has Cowes Week, Ireland has Cork Week, even little Grenada has a festival. Arndt looked out at the Bay—one of the world's greatest sailing venues—and wondered, "Where are all the boats? Where is our celebration for fun, sun and music that brings together cruisers and racers and anyone else who is curious about sailing?" That's Summer Sailstice, named for the longest day of the year.

## Summer Sailstice: Fun, Sun, Music and Sailing for All

Summer Sailstice was founded by Arndt as a global sailing holiday that could be celebrated spontaneously anywhere, not unlike New Year's Eve or Mardi Gras, and people from every U.S. state and 20 countries have logged their own festivities. Sailstice also has an environmental mission, drawing attention to recreational wind power and raising funds for the "Sailors for the Sea."

Here at Sailstice headquarters on San Francisco Bay, everyone is invited to Treasure Island for the Summer Sailstice SF Festival and a weekend of fun, sun, music and sailing. Running all day on



Photo courtesy of Latitude 38

Saturday, June 20, the festival is now in its ninth year and growing. People with boats can sail in and overnight at anchor in the island's Clipper Cove. Those in cars can find ample parking, or take bus #108 from the Transbay terminal, which drops you right at the event site. No matter how you get there, Sailstice is a dream for anyone who loves what happens when you add a dose of fabric to a mix of wind and water.

## No Boat Needed

The all-day Saturday festival offers loads of great fun even without a boat. The curious can get free sailboat rides and tour a range of beautiful new boats. Over 300 boat rides were given in 2008. A kid's regatta is a blast to watch. Treasure Island affords a panorama of the big boats racing in the central bay, with racers jockeying for position at a turn just off the island. Anyone adventurous enough can try to get a crew spot. There's also a windsurfing regatta around the island leaving from the cove and kiteboarders might do some hot-dogging in view of the crowd. There will even be a contest for some crazy folks to build and launch boats (without sinking or dumping their crew) within six hours.

## Water Fun for Families

Admission is free and the event is family-friendly. In addition to the youth regatta and/or getting a free sailboat ride, kids can join a true dig-in-the-sand treasure hunt. (For the truly motivated, four prize boxes are still buried from 2006.) Families enjoy spreading out on the warm and sheltered sand beach, and those with inflatable boats or other water toys can be seen splashing throughout the day.

## Wind Power Wins

All yacht club members are invited to cruise in for a special dinner on Friday and brunch on Sunday at TIYC, plus water taxi service will be provided for Saturday.

The big boat regatta is on Saturday with an awards ceremony at the festival village. A Photo Treasure Hunt sends people to collect digital photos around the Bay. Windsurfers and kiteboarders are welcome to demonstrate their skills off the island. Smaller boats and beginning windsurfers can launch in the cove. And of course, all should enjoy a sail!

## A Musical World Tour

There will be food and drink for purchase, and live music at the festival village. Throughout Saturday and into the evening, four bands will take a veritable tour of waterfront including sea chanteys from the Roving Tars, acoustic music from Fun With Finnoula, Caribbean sounds from Dore Coller and Bermuda

Grass, and good old rock 'n roll from Bowjones.

Capping the fun are awards and prizes. Anyone signing up at the Sailstice website is eligible for a drawing of 400 prizes including a one-week charter with The Moorings, apparel, boat gear, lessons, and more. There are also prizes for the Photo Treasure Hunt, the big boat and youth racing, and of course the beach treasure hunt. To get more details, go to [www.summersailstice.com/sf](http://www.summersailstice.com/sf).

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# Camp Reynolds Presents Civil War Days at Angel Island State Park

For over a decade, Angel Island State Park has hosted Civil War Days, a family-oriented event that educates through tours, activities, demonstrations and interaction with park staff and Civil War re-enactors.

With concern mounting over threats to the Bay Area from Confederate sympathizers and naval forces, the federal government established Camp Reynolds on Angel Island in 1863. Artillery batteries were built near the camp and at Point Stuart, Point Knox, and Point Blunt. For over 82 years, Camp Reynolds served as a military post in the heart of San Francisco Bay. First



*Civil War Days is a family-oriented event that encourages interaction with park staff and Civil War re-enactors.*

garrisoned in September 1863, Camp Reynolds was named in honor of Brigadier General John F. Reynolds of the Army of the Potomac, who had been killed on the first day in the battle of Gettysburg in July 1863. The designation of the post would remain Camp Reynolds until the turn of the century, when it became known as

“West Garrison” and became a bedroom community to Fort McDowell, now the main post on the island.

First established as an artillery post, Camp Reynolds was designed to augment the two existing fortresses guarding the Bay: Alcatraz and Fort Point. The perceived threat, though real, never materialized, and at the end of the Civil War, Camp Reynolds became a staging

point for men leaving for military posts throughout the west. As many as 300 troops were there at one time, and, although the days for the enlisted men were dull and routine, for the officers and their families it was a prime location. Commanding officers were former

Civil War Generals. The company band gave concerts on Sunday, ice cream was fresh from the islands’ dairy, and officers’ wives organized parties and went to the opera in San Francisco.

Little changed until the 1890s, when buildings began to fall into disrepair. After 1900, Fort McDowell became the



*Photo by Joel Williams*

*At the end of the Civil War, Camp Reynolds became a staging point for military posts in the west.*

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military’s focus of attention, and West Garrison was used to house staff NCOs until 1946, when the army closed the post.

Today, of the remaining structures, at least two are among the oldest Civil War era buildings in California and are excellent examples of 1860s military construction and post design. The two-story buildings at the top of the Parade Ground are known as Officer’s Quarters #10 and #11. They were built on Yerba Buena Island in 1867 or 1868 for the U.S. Army Engineers and were barged to Angel Island in early 1882. The Bake House was built on its present site in 1863, but after the turn of the century it served as quarters for NCO staff and a schoolteacher.

On Saturday, June 13 the days of the Civil War will be brought back to life for just one day at Camp Reynolds in Angel Island State Park.

You can take a ferry to Angel Island from Tiburon, San Francisco Pier 41, Alameda or even Vallejo (via the SF Ferry Building). Bring the family, pack a picnic and discover the life of a Civil War soldier at Camp Reynolds. You can enlist as a soldier for a day and train in militia drills, bread making, battlefield surgery and much more. Also, there will be cannon demonstrations every hour while the fun lasts from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



*Cannon demonstrations will be every hour during Civil War Days on Angel Island.*



*Photo by Joel Williams*

*The Bake house is the oldest building on Angel Island constructed in 1863.*



# Check Out Free Kayaking, Rowing and Dragon Boating at Jack London Square

Get a paddle in the water and try out kayaking, rowing and dragon boating at Jack London Aquatic Center's (JLAC) free second annual "Summer Splash."

"Summer Splash" will be held on Saturday, June 6th at Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero (in Estuary Park, on the Embarcadero, between Oak Street and 5th Avenue) from noon to 4 p.m. This free event is designed for everybody who loves the water or has ever dreamed of taking a boat out on the Oakland-Alameda Estuary. All are invited to experience the fun of moving through the water in a boat and seeing what the City is like from the water side of the Bay.

"Last year's free Summer Splash was such a great success that we are holding it again!" said Kenny Purser, Executive Director. "People find that it's so much fun to paddle in the calm and protected waters of the Estuary and our visitors have a chance to see the vibrant wild life of our waterfront."

Watch for harbor seals, sea birds, jelly fish, mollusks and more. From a human-powered boater's perspective, the Estuary provides an unforgettable up-close experience. One can view the sailboards on their way to the Bay, see the giant cranes, the many marinas, houseboats and maritime businesses that make the Oakland Estuary a destination for people throughout the Bay Area.

Jack London Aquatic Center's mission is to inspire the diverse communities of Oakland, especially youth, to experience their Estuary waterfront, for purposes of recreation, education and competition.

For more information about the free "Summer Splash" event, or about Jack London Aquatic Center, visit JLAC dockside on Saturday, June 6 from noon to 4 p.m. or visit [www.jlac.org](http://www.jlac.org) or call the organization 510-208-6060.

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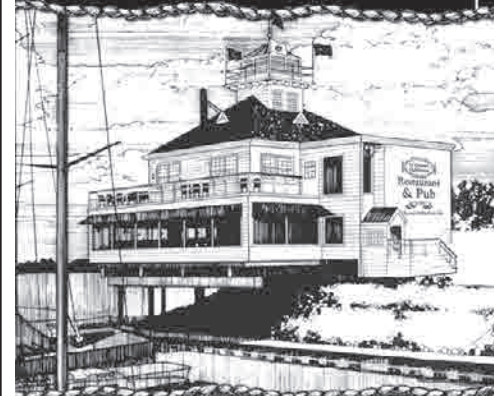


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LARKSPUR*							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Larkspur	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Larkspur	Depart Larkspur	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Larkspur
5:50 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	09:40 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	-----	-----
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40	11:40	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15	1:40 p.m.	2:30	2:40	3:30
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	3:40	4:30	4:40	5:25
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	5:30#	7:00	7:15	8:00
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	<b>One-way Ferry Fares</b>			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	<b>Larkspur Sausalito</b>			
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30 p.m.	Daily Daily			
11:40	12:15 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	1:00	Adult Cash Fare			
12:40 p.m.	1:15	1:25	2:00	\$7.45 \$7.45			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	TransLink			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	\$4.70 \$4.00			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55	Senior/Disabled/Medicare/Youth (6-18)			
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25	\$3.70 \$3.70			
-----	-----	5:20	6:05	Children 5 and under			
5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25	Free Free			
5:35	6:10	6:20	6:50	Children ages 5 and under travel free when accompanied by a full fare paying adult (limit two youth per adult).			
6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50				
7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40				
8:10	8:45	8:50	9:20				
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

\* Direct ferry service is provided to most Giants games at AT&T Park. Special service is provided to various concerts and the Bay to Breakers Race. On weekdays, with the exception of the 5:20pm San Francisco departure which uses a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel, all other trips use high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel.  
# To San Francisco via Sausalito.

SAUSALITO							
Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Sausalito
7:10 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	-----	-----	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
8:20	8:45	10:15	10:45	11:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:25	1:55
12:15 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:25	2:10	2:40	2:50	3:20
1:55	2:25	2:35	3:05	3:50	4:20	4:45	5:15
3:20	3:50	4:00	4:30	5:35	6:05	6:30	7:00
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	---	---
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10				
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20				

Contact Information: Toll free 511 or 711 (TDD). For the Golden Gate Ferry website, visit: <http://goldengateferry.org/>. Comments and questions can be submitted at <http://ferrycomments.goldengate.org/>

Holiday service is in effect on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and the day after Thanksgiving Day (Sausalito). The Larkspur line operates on a Modified Holiday Schedule on the day after Thanksgiving Day. No ferry service on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.



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ALAMEDA/OAKLAND				ALAMEDA/OAKLAND					
Weekdays to San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco					
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41	Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive S.F. Pier 41		
6:00 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	-----	9:00 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	-----	9:35 a.m.		
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	10:40	10:25*	11:10 a.m.	11:25		
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	12:20	12:10*	12:50 p.m.	1:05 p.m.		
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	1:45 p.m.*	2:25	2:40		
11:00	10:50*	11:30	11:45	4:00	3:45*	4:30	4:45		
12:45 p.m.^	12:35 p.m.*	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	5:45	5:30*	-----	6:20		
2:30	2:20*^	3:00	3:10	7:20	7:05*	7:50	8:05		
4:40	4:30*^	5:10	-----	8:55^	8:45*	9:25	9:40		
5:50	5:40*^	6:15	-----	10:30^	10:20*	-----	11:00^		
6:20	6:10*	-----	7:00	<b>Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco</b>					
6:55^	6:45*^	7:20	-----	Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland		
7:55^	7:45*	8:20	-----	8:30 a.m.#	-----	9:10 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25	9:45	10:00 a.m.	10:20	10:35		
<b>Weekdays from San Francisco</b>				11:35	11:50	12:10 p.m.	12:20 p.m.		
Depart S.F. Pier 41	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	1:10 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	1:45	1:55		
-----	6:30 a.m.#	7:15 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	2:50	-----	3:45	3:55		
-----	7:35#	8:20	8:10	4:55	5:10	5:30	5:40		
-----	8:40#	9:25	9:15	6:30	6:45	7:05	7:15		
10:15 a.m.	10:30	10:50^	11:00^	8:10	8:25	8:45	8:55		
12:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:35 p.m.^	12:45 p.m.^	9:40	9:55	10:15	10:25		
1:45	2:00	2:20^	2:30^	<b>No ferry service on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Presidents Day.</b>					
3:45	4:10	4:30^	4:40^	<b>Regular weekday service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>					
-----	5:20	5:40	5:50	<b>FARES:</b>					
5:20	5:45	6:10	6:20	One Way	Round Trip	10 Ticket Book	20 Ticket Book	Monthly Pass	
-----	7:25	7:45	7:55	Adult (13+)	\$6.25	\$12.50	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$170.00
-----	8:25	8:45	8:55	Junior (5-12)	\$3.50	\$7.00	PURCHASE TICKETS ONBOARD THE FERRY or at the Regional Transit Connection (RTC) at participating Bay Area businesses. Please call the 24-hour Ferry Fone at (510) 522-3300 to confirm times.		
				Child under 5*	FREE	FREE			
				Senior (65+)*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
				Disabled Persons*	\$3.75	\$7.50			
				Active Military	\$5.00	\$10.00			
				<small>Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection Discount or Medicare Card. Disabled Persons must show a Regional Transit Connection Discount Card. Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult. Active Military Personnel must show military I.D. Fares subject to change. All times are estimates.</small>					
Schedule information collected from <a href="http://www.eastbayferry.com">http://www.eastbayferry.com</a>									



Blue & Gold Ferry					
BAY CRUISE			SAUSALITO		
Depart Pier 39			FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41		
Weekdays		Weekends and Holidays		Weekdays	
10:15 a.m. 11:00* 12:15 p.m. 1:15 2:00*	2:30 p.m. 4:00 5:30* 6:00 6:45	10:15 a.m. 11:00 12:15 p.m. 1:15 2:00	2:30 p.m. 4:00 5:00 6:00 6:45	Depart S.F. Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito
* Does not operate after Sept. 7 For the most current schedule, visit <a href="http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com">www.blueandgoldfleet.com</a> Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather. Additional cruises may be added on demand. Check with ticket booth on day of sailing for schedule. No reserved seating available.				11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:45 3:10 5:05 8:25*	11:30 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 2:15 3:35 5:30 8:45*
FARES: All prices include audio tour.				11:35 a.m. 12:55 p.m. 2:30 3:50 5:45 8:50*	12:05 p.m. 1:25 3:00 4:50 6:15 8:20 9:30*
Adult \$24.00 Senior (62+) \$20.00 Discount fares available at <a href="http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Sightseeing/Boat/baycruise.cfm">http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com/Sightseeing/Boat/baycruise.cfm</a>	Junior (12-18) \$20.00 Child (5-11) \$16.00			Weekends and Holidays	
<b>ANGEL ISLAND - S.F.</b>					
Weekdays - Daily Departures Pier 41					
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41		
9:45 a.m. 1:05 p.m. -----	10:05 a.m. 1:50 p.m. -----	10:10 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:25	10:30 a.m. 2:20 p.m. 3:45		
Weekends - Departures Pier 41					
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41		
9:40 a.m. 11:45 1:50 p.m. -----	10:05 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 2:45 -----	10:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:30	11:35 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 5:25		
FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg*	Alameda/Oakland*	Vallejo*		
Adult \$15.00 Child \$8.50 (age 6-12) Child Free (5 & under)	\$15.00 \$8.50 (age 6-12) Free (5 & under)	\$14.50 \$8.50 (age 5-12) Free (4 & under)	\$30.50* \$21.00 (ages 6-12) Free (5 & under)		
* All prices include State Park Fees / Weekend Schedule on Memorial Day (May 25) / Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 7)					
<b>ALAMEDA/OAKLAND - WEEKENDS ONLY</b>					
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
9:00am* 9:10am* 10:10am	9:10am* 10:10am	10:10am	3:10pm	3:45pm*	3:55pm
* Requires transfer at Pier 41 onto 9:45 am Angel Island Ferry					
<b>TIBURON COMMUTE</b>					
TIBURON - DOWNTOWN S.F.					
Weekdays					
Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon		
6:00 a.m. 6:50 7:50 8:45 ----- 5:00 p.m. 5:50 6:40	6:20 a.m. 7:10 8:10 9:05 ----- 5:20 p.m. 6:10 7:00	7:15 a.m. 8:15 ----- 5:25 6:15 7:15	7:35 a.m. 8:35 ----- 5:45 6:35 7:35		
FARES: One-way Round trip					
Adult \$9.50 Child (5-11) \$5.25 20 Ticket Commute Book \$140.00 (Mon. - Fri.)					

Baylink Ferry		
VALLEJO		
VALLEJO - SAN FRANCISCO		
Weekdays		
Depart Vallejo to S.F. Ferry Building	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg. to Vallejo	Depart Pier 41 Fisherman's Wharf to Vallejo
5:30 a.m. 6:30 7:00 7:45 8:45 10:00 11:30 2:00 p.m. 3:20 4:05 4:45 5:35 6:35^ 9:00^	6:35 a.m. 7:35 8:10 8:55 9:55 11:10 12:40 p.m. 3:30 4:30 5:15 6:00 7:05 7:45^ 11:00^	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:30 a.m. ----- 3:10 p.m. ----- ----- 6:45 ----- 10:30^
^ Fridays only		
Weekends and Holidays		
8:10 a.m. 10:00 11:30 1:00 p.m. 2:30 4:00 5:35 6:35^ 9:00^	9:20 a.m. 11:10 12:40 p.m. 2:10 3:40 5:10 7:05 7:45^ 11:00^	9:40 a.m. 11:30 ----- ----- 4:00 p.m. 5:30 6:45 10:30^
FARES: One-way		
Adult (13-64) \$13.00 Senior (65+)/Disabled/Medicare \$6.50 Child (6-12) \$6.50 Baylink DayPass \$24.00 Baylink Monthly Pass (Bus / Ferry) \$290.00 w/Muni \$330.00		
Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit <a href="http://www.baylinkferry.com">www.baylinkferry.com</a> for updated information.		
^ available only on Saturdays, Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (Sept 7)		
# Serves S.F. Ferry Building prior to arrival at Pier 41		
* Serves Pier 41 prior to arrival at S.F. Ferry Building		
For the most current schedule, visit <a href="http://www.baylinkferry.com/schedule/index.php">http://www.baylinkferry.com/schedule/index.php</a>		
Travel time between Vallejo and San Francisco is approximately 60 minutes.		

Harbor Bay Ferry			
EAST END OF ALAMEDA/S.F.			
Depart Harbor Bay Island	Arrive S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Depart S.F. Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Harbor Bay Island
6:30 a.m. 7:30 8:30 ----- 5:05 p.m. 6:05 7:05	6:55 a.m. 7:55 8:55 4:30 p.m. 5:30 6:30 7:30	7:00 a.m. 8:00 4:35 p.m. 5:35 6:35 7:35	7:25 a.m. 8:25 5:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00 8:00
No weekend service			
FARES:			
Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry passengers can purchase Ferry tickets, passes and books on board the ferries. Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry accepts cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard and Commuter Checks as payment for ferry tickets.			
Fare:			
One-way Adult			\$6.50
One-way Juniors (5-12)			\$3.25
Children (under 5)			Free
One-way Seniors (62 & over)			\$3.75
Disabled			\$3.75
Active Military			\$5.25
One-way Commute (book of 10)			\$55.00
One-way Commute (book of 20)			\$100.00
Monthly Pass (book of 40)			\$185.00
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BAY CRUISE			
Pier 43 1/2			FARES:
Monday through Sunday			Adult (18+) \$22.00 Youth (5-17) \$16.00 Child (under 5) Free Family Pass \$69.00 (2 Adult + 4 Youth)
10:00 a.m.	1:15	4:15	
10:45	1:45	5:00	
11:15	2:30	5:30	
12:00 p.m.	3:00	6:15	
12:30*	3:45		

AT&T PARK SERVICE			
Direct service is available Alameda/Oakland and Vallejo for selected Giants baseball games. For service from Larkspur to selected games please visit <a href="http://goldengateferry.org">goldengateferry.org</a> . For more information, visit <a href="http://www.eastbayferry.com">www.eastbayferry.com</a> for Alameda/Oakland service and <a href="http://www.baylinkferry.com">www.baylinkferry.com</a> for Vallejo service. Or call Blue & Gold Fleet at (415) 705-8200.			

Angel Island Ferry			
TIBURON - ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
10:00 a.m.	11:00	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Weekends			
10:00 a.m.	11:00	12:00	1:00 p.m.
2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
For the most current schedule and other information, visit <a href="http://www.angelislandferry.com/">http://www.angelislandferry.com/</a>		FARES: Adult (13 and over) \$13.50 Child (6 - 12) \$11.50 Children (3 - 5) \$3.50 Bicycles \$1.00	Round Trip
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VALLEJO - ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
Depart Vallejo	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Vallejo
8:10 a.m.* -----	10:10 a.m. -----	2:55 p.m. 4:15	5:00 p.m. 6:30
* Requires transfer at Ferry Building to 9:20 a.m. All ferry Free transfers are required in San Francisco at either the Ferry Building or Pier 41. Ask a deckhand if you have questions about where to make the transfer. Tickets are now on sale at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal Ticket Office.			
FARES	S.F. Pier 41 Ferry Bldg	Alameda/Oakland	Vallejo
Adult \$15.00 Senior (62+) \$15.00 Child \$8.50 (age 6-12) Juniors Child	\$15.00 \$15.00 \$8.50 (age 6-12) Free (5 & under)	\$14.50 \$11.25 \$8.50 (age 5-12) \$11.25 (age 13-18) Free (4 & under)	\$30.50* \$22.00 \$21.00 (ages 6-12) Free (5 & under)
* Fares include State Park admission			



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Blue & Gold Ferry			
ROCKETBOAT			
Seasonal May through October			
Depart from Pier 39			
11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. 2:30	3:30 p.m. 4:30	5:30 p.m.
FARES:			
Adult (age 19 and over)		\$26.00	
Junio (12 - 18)		\$24.00	
Child (5 - 11)		\$21.00	
*Height restrictio. Children must be at least 40 inches tall to ride.			

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# Protecting the Bay by Watchdogging Government Agencies

BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

San Francisco Bay is at the center of the Bay Area and the extensive network of housing, transit, retail and industry that sustains the more than seven million people who live here. The Bay is a big part of what makes the Bay Area so special, but its close proximity to a major urban area also means that the Bay is constantly bombarded with pollution from Bay Area cities and industrial facilities. It takes an elaborate network of government agencies and organizations to regulate the many sources and types of pollution that threaten the Bay—and sometimes even that isn't enough. That's where San Francisco Baykeeper steps in: We make sure these agencies and organizations are doing the best possible job of preventing pollution in the Bay, and when they don't, we take action to ensure the health and well-being of the Bay, our local wildlife and the communities of the Bay Area.

Many agencies share responsibility for keeping pollution out of the Bay, including the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Department of Toxic Substance Control, the State Lands Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the many municipal governments around the Bay and a collection of more than 40 sewage treatment plants that send our wastewater to the Bay. Given the number of agencies tasked with preventing pollution in the Bay—each with their own set of rules and regulations—it can be a complicated process to ensure that pollution sources are found and stopped. These agencies may lack the resources necessary to conduct investigations into pollution incidents, and they often rely on the polluting entities themselves to accurately report discharges. Additionally, regulators bear constant pressure from polluters trying to avoid complying with regulations, and they don't always have the resources or political will necessary to enforce effectively the law against polluters.

Baykeeper serves a critical watchdog role, educating policymakers about how best to stop pollution, holding agencies accountable when they aren't strict enough, and stepping in with direct legal action against polluters when necessary.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board is the primary agency charged with protecting Bay water quality. The Regional Board's jurisdiction includes the Bay and parts of the San Joaquin, Napa and Guadalupe Rivers, in addition to the many small creeks and tributaries that feed into the Bay. It is one of nine Regional Water Quality Boards across the state, each of which focuses on one of California's major watersheds. The Regional Boards are part of the State Water Quality Control Board, which implements statewide water pollution policy throughout California. Regional Board members are volunteers appointed by the Governor.

As the agency responsible for implementing state and federal clean water laws in the Bay Area, the San Francisco Regional Water Board plays a key role in protecting the health of San Francisco Bay. Baykeeper is a regular presence at the monthly public hearings held by the San Francisco Regional Board, serving as a voice for the Bay and advocating for the Regional Board to adopt the best possible level of water quality protection. For example, one of the Regional Board's most important responsibilities is to issue specific pollution limits for companies and municipalities that discharge to the Bay and local waterways. During this process, Baykeeper carefully reviews drafts of the proposed limits and advocates for improvements in order to ensure that the regulations protect water quality, wildlife and people that use the Bay. Our advocacy often provides a critical counterpoint to pressure from companies or municipal agencies trying to convince the Regional Board to weaken or eliminate anti-pollution regulations. In 2007, for example, Baykeeper convinced the Regional Board to create a more aggressive mercury clean-up plan when polluters were pressing for lax regulations. We've also pressed the Board to establish stronger regulations for polluted stormwater

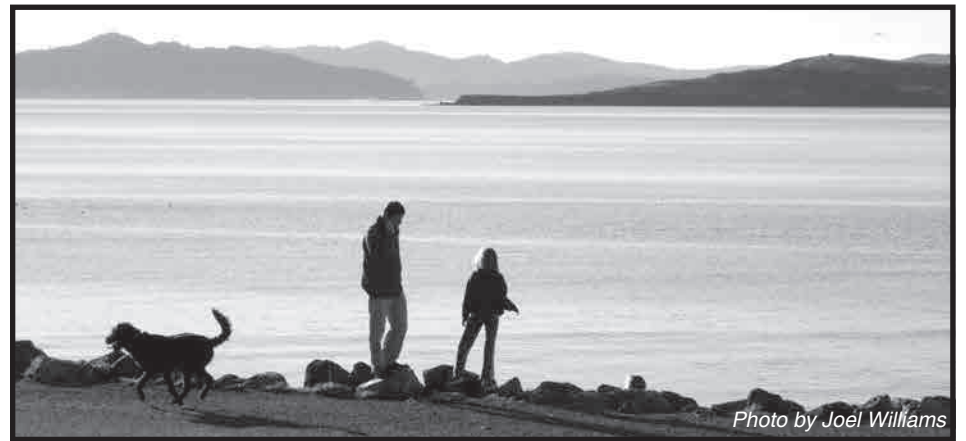


Photo by Joel Williams

Baykeeper serves a critical role in effectively enforcing the law against polluters of the Bay by making sure that the elaborate network government agencies and organizations are doing the best possible job of preventing pollution in the Bay.

runoff from city streets, the largest source of pollution to the Bay.

When verbal warnings and investigations are not enough to stop polluters, the Regional Board is authorized to impose monetary penalties based on the severity of the pollution. In extreme circumstances when criminal activity is suspected, the Regional Board can refer the matter to the District Attorney's Office, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the State Attorney General, who can seek civil or criminal penalties for violations. Just last month Baykeeper forwarded to the Regional Board an anonymous tip about a polluter not properly reporting spills of sewage. The Regional Board took the information seriously and forwarded it to the EPA criminal investigations unit, which then began a federal investigation into the allegations. The results of the investigation have yet to be disclosed, but it would be highly unusual for EPA to take such drastic action without sufficient evidence of wrongdoing.

The Regional Board and EPA aren't the only agencies that can enforce the law against polluters: the Clean Water Act authorizes citizen lawsuits to challenge polluters who are threatening public waterways, and that's just what Baykeeper does when we determine that the Regional Board has not fulfilled its duty to protect water quality in San Francisco Bay. When the Board fails to compel cities with severe sewage spill problems to fix the issue, we take legal action against the cities to protect the Bay from sewage contamination. In

2008, we successfully secured an agreement from the City of Burlingame to reduce its high rate of sewage spills to the Bay. We've also brought numerous lawsuits against industrial facilities when toxic chemicals are being washed into the Bay and the Board isn't taking action to prevent this threat to the health of the Bay.

Baykeeper is glad to have a cooperative relationship with the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board as we work toward a mutual goal of keeping pollution out of San Francisco Bay. We each play a vital role in protecting the Bay so that it remains a healthy resource for the wildlife and people who depend on it. To learn more about Baykeeper's involvement with the Regional Water Quality Board and other agencies, as well as our efforts to protect the San Francisco Bay, please visit [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org).

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# My Saving Ways Around The House

BY DIANNE BOATE

**Subscriptions:** It was hard, but one day I decided to let go of most of my magazine and newspaper subscriptions, with a few treasured exceptions. I kept track of all the rejects, and before six months had passed I had “saved” \$175. Tying very nicely into this, I made a Christmas list for the family, who were quite relieved to order *Threads*, *Sunset Magazine*, *Gourmet*, and *W* as my gifts. The *San Francisco Chronicle* is one subscription I hold dearly; this last year, we started giving it to our neighbor across the hall when we’re finished reading every day.

**A pinch of sugar and a drop of detergent:** This mixture, put into your flower vases before adding water, will keep cut blooms fresh way past their time. So, no more buying any flower power stuff.

I recently tried this on a bunch of fresh basil, and 13 days later it is still looking like it was picked yesterday.

**Mark your territory:** If you buy something at a bargain price and don’t use it, it’s like throwing money away. Keeping track of your usage of a product can help

pint size of good-quality oil. The size of the bottle makes me think I don’t have much and so I don’t use much—good for the waistline and the pocketbook.

**Cat Grass:** Important for indoor cat health, and expensive to buy. A 4 x 4 inch container of cat grass in pet stores

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determine future buying needs. To keep it simple, I simply write the date a product comes home from the store with a marker pen directly on the product package: Clorox, vitamins, staples, anything purchased in bulk. While I usually buy household staples and cleaning supplies in bulk, my one exception is olive oil; I buy

costs \$2. My cat grass is 13 inches in diameter, and cost about \$.43. This is about five ounces of hard wheat berries (\$1.39/pound) that I soak overnight, then pile into a pot of potting soil with a thin covering of soil. It takes about 5 days. The grass can be cut like a lawn with scissors for next growth.

**Saving on Food Costs:** One of the biggest savings has come in an unexpected form: Mariquita Farm Mystery boxes of organic produce for \$25 every two weeks. These boxes contain 16 to 20 pounds of fruits and vegetables, and the quality and variety of the produce has introduced to me a whole new way of cooking and eating. The main result has been that I lost 30 pounds by not buying meat, cheese and fatty dairy products. I had a meeting with a prospective financial advisor who wanted a list of household expenses; she fell off her chair, laughing, when I told her how much I spend on food.

**Blue Bottles:** I save pint and liter water bottles that are blue for quick watering fixes on my rooftop garden, saving me the time and trouble of using the hose. The blue looks very nice as a decorative touch; in addition, I fill the bottles with the first water that comes out cold when I turn on the hot tap.

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# AROUND THE BAY IN JUNE

## **Waterfront Flicks**

This summer Oakland's waterfront will serve as a screening room for a series of aquatic-themed films—all offered free to the public. Every other Thursday night from June to August, Jack London Square will present a different movie with a water theme, beginning with *Jaws* on June 11. Jack London Square restaurants will feature dinner specials and a pass from any one of them will welcome you to prime movie seating. Moviegoers will also be able to purchase an array of delicious treats from local vendors. To complement the water theme, Jack London Square is partnering with local swimming and boating organizations each week of the series. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and stadium seats to the East Lawn across from the new Jack London Market building. The films begin at sundown, but the fun starts at 7:30 p.m. when local magazine *The Oakbook* hosts Homegrown Trivia—a chance to answer questions about Oakland and win prizes. For more information visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com) or call (510) 645-9292.

## **Mirror, Mirror**

What's new this summer? You—at the Exploratorium. *Reflections* lets you look at your own image as you've never seen it before. *Reflections*, on view from June 19 through September 20, is an exhibition combining new art installations by visiting artist Daniel Rozin. Interactive works highlight Rozin's provocative take on self-examination—as well as re-imagined exhibits and Exploratorium classics on reflections and mirrors, and special public programs. Multiply your visage into hundreds of kaleidoscopic views, use computers and curved mirrors to distort your appearance, experiment with your own face under different wavelengths of light—and play with perspective to capture aspects of yourself you've rarely witnessed. It's all part of the Exploratorium's summer investigation of those wonderfully confusing things called mirrors. *Reflections* is included in the price of admission to the Exploratorium. The Exploratorium is located inside the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco's Marina District. For more information, visit [www.exploratorium.edu/events.html](http://www.exploratorium.edu/events.html) or call (415) 563-7337.

## **Take Flight on the USS Hornet for Father's Day**

Bring Dad aboard the historic *USS Hornet* Museum in Alameda on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, to experience "Living Ship Day." Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in mission briefings, see airplanes lifted to

the flight deck, and sit in a fighter jet cockpit. Family activities and ship tours will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The *USS Hornet* is a world-class sea, air and space museum with an emphasis on the legacy of naval aviation and the Apollo 11 mission recovery. Open for public tour are the restored flight deck, hangar bays, engine room, flight control, captain's bridge, sick bay, pilot ready rooms and combat information center. The day before Father's Day, treat Dad to a special Flashlight Tour beginning at 8:30 a.m. and explore the lower decks of the *USS Hornet* that have not been opened to the public. The tour is \$35 per person and includes museum admission for the entire day and reservations are required. A registered State and National Historic Landmark, the ship is permanently berthed at 707 W. Hornet Avenue, Pier 3 in Alameda, CA. The ship is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission is \$6-\$14 and there is ample free parking across from the pier. For more information, visit [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org) or for Flashlight Tour reservations, or for information about Living Ship Day call (510) 521-8448 ext. 282.

sessions with NASCAR drivers and more. For more information, visit [www.infineonraceway.com](http://www.infineonraceway.com).

## **King Tut Returns After 30 Years**

A new generation of Northern Californians will have a chance to view the artifacts of Egypt's best-known pharaoh when "*Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*" opens at the de Young, Golden Gate Park on June 27. This marks the first time in three decades that the treasures of King Tutankhamun will be seen in Northern California since the first record-breaking exhibition at the de Young in 1979. The current exhibition includes an extensive array of more than 130 important artifacts from the tomb of Tutankhamun and other ancient Egyptian sites such as the gold diadem found on King Tut's mummy's head when the tomb was discovered. The exhibition will also include artifacts that are new to the traveling exhibition including an elaborate pectoral necklace that features a yellow-green carved stone thought to be millions of years old. For information about tickets and pricing, visit [www.deyoungmuseum.org/tut](http://www.deyoungmuseum.org/tut) or call (415) 750-3600.

## **Dessert First ...Don't Tell Your Mother**

On Sunday, June 7 Project Open Hand invites you to attend *Shhh...Don't Tell Your Mother...Dessert First!* at the W San Francisco. Some of the Bay Area's most talented pastry chefs will assemble at the W San Francisco for Project Open Hand's *Ninth Annual Dessert First*. In addition to elegant desserts, there will also be hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, cocktails, wine, port tasting and coffee. Guests can also bid on live and silent unique auction items including dessert creations from leading Bay Area pastry chefs and establishments. Entertainment for the evening will be live music by the

Hale Baskin Jazz Ensemble, back by popular demand. The VIP reception, taking place before the main event, will feature a Top Mixologist competition and prepared hors d'oeuvres by the W San Francisco. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to Project Open Hand. General admission tickets are \$75 or \$65 online. VIP tickets are \$125 or \$100 if purchased online. W San Francisco is located at 181 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in San Francisco. For more information, visit [www.openhand.org](http://www.openhand.org) or call (415) 447-2316.



## **NASCAR Roars into Sonoma**

The NASCAR Sprint Cup series will make its only Northern California stop during the 2009 racing season at Infineon Raceway for the Toyota/Save Mart 350 on Father's Day weekend June 19 - 21. The weekend will also feature the top racing stars of tomorrow in the Bennett Lane Winery 200, presented by Supercuts (NASCAR West Series). Infineon Raceway boasts an extensive vendor midway, and there will also be an air show, live music, Q&A

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**Sausalito & Tiburon** A comfortable ride across the San Francisco Bay to the two Marin seaside villages of Sausalito and Tiburon to enjoy shopping, dining or an easy stroll around town.

**Angel Island** A California State park and wildlife reserve. Angel Island is both a great picnic destination with hiking, kayak tours, an hour-long fully-narrated TramTour, as well as a historical site dating back to the U.S. Civil War.

**Vallejo** Sail to Vallejo, a waterfront community that includes the city's Heritage District, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and family-friendly Six Flags Discovery Kingdom theme park.

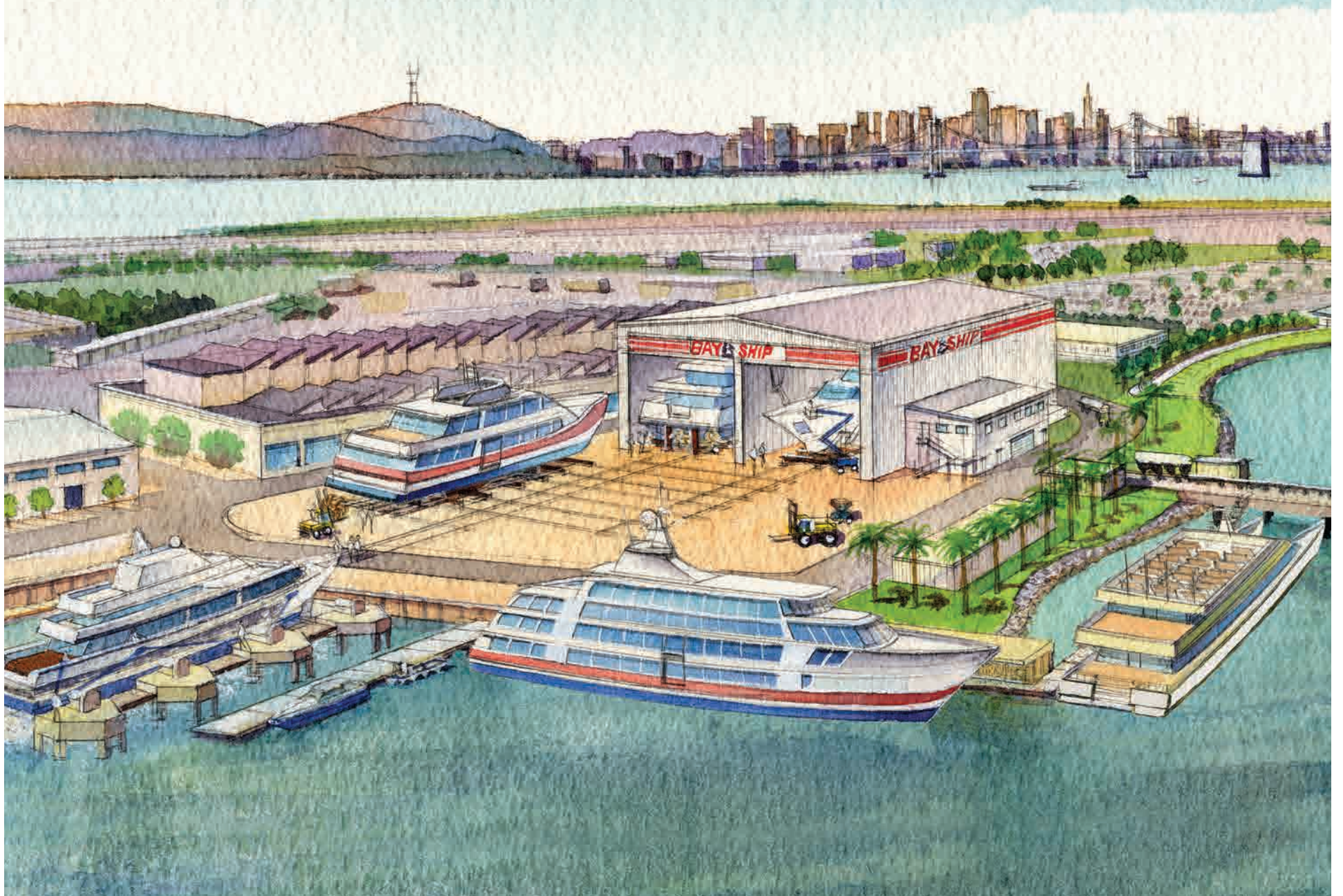
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