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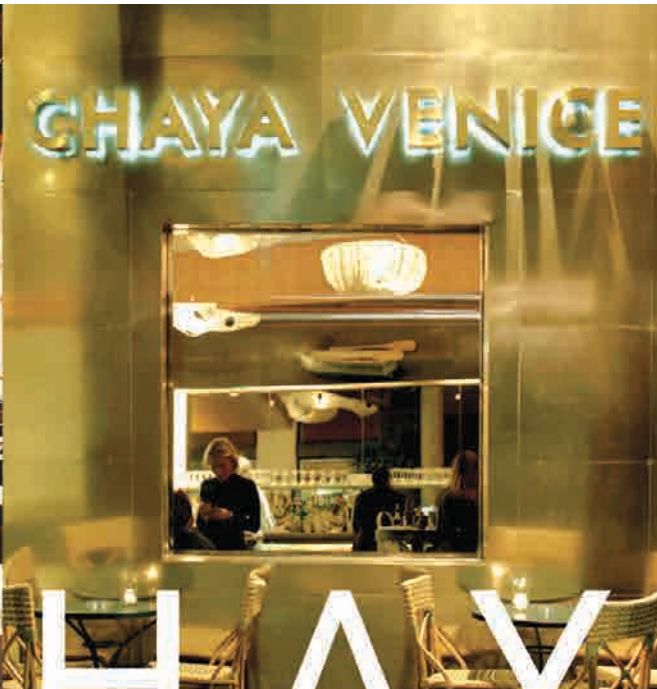
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# Tanker Accident Averted at Golden Gate

BY PAUL DUCLOS

Commercial revenues and freight volumes are down everywhere in the San Francisco Bay, with all port authorities saying that business has never been worse. But at least Bay shippers did not have to contend with a genuine catastrophe this year.

in control of the tanker *Overseas Cleliamar* helped prevent what could have been a serious accident in the Golden Gate. Capt. Dave McCloy, a bar pilot with not more than a year's experience on the job, stopped the oil tanker from running aground on the Marin Headlands by boldly laying anchor after the vessel lost engine power and steering.

The *Chronicle* reported that, at the time of the incident, the tanker had no oil

its large fuel tanks were full and could have caused a catastrophe. When the situation developed, a tug in the vicinity responded to offer its assistance. Shortly thereafter, five other tugs and the Coast Guard also responded.

It should be noted that that McCloy received his education on emergency response at California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, a storied institution that this column has often covered.

## APL to Pay Fine in Justice Department Investigation

On a decidedly less positive note, *Bay Crossings* learned last month that Oakland-based APL Ltd. has agreed to pay \$26.3 million to resolve allegations that it submitted false claims to the United States in connection with contracts to transport cargo in shipping containers to support U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

According the U.S. Department of Justice, APL knowingly overcharged and double-billed the Defense Department to transport thousands of containers from ports to inland delivery destinations in Iraq and Afghanistan. As reported here last month, the legendary shipping company will soon be moving its U.S. headquarters out of the San Francisco Bay Area to Phoenix, Arizona.

## Roundtable Event Focuses on Wine Shipping

The Homeric vision of wine and shipping was invoked at last month's meeting of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals' Roundtable in Pleasanton. Ernie Chachere, vice president of Supply Chain for E. & J. Gallo, and Carol Thomson, chief operating officer of New Vine Logistics, were the principal speakers at this informational event, which was staged at FAZ Restaurant.

While many of us enjoy the benefits of our world famous wine region, few may think much about the unique demands of managing the wine supply chain. Since the repeal of Prohibition, wine, beer and spirits must be sold through distributors in most of the United States. The discussion covered the additional challenges that come with the high-value and perishable nature of the product, and the recent changes in "direct to consumer" and "retail to consumer" fulfillment channels.


This is just one of several intriguing dinner programs put on each year by this dynamic shipping organization. For more information, visit [www.cscmp.org](http://www.cscmp.org).

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As reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, decisive action by the ship pilot cargo, having just unloaded in Martinez. Hence, it did not have a tug escort, but

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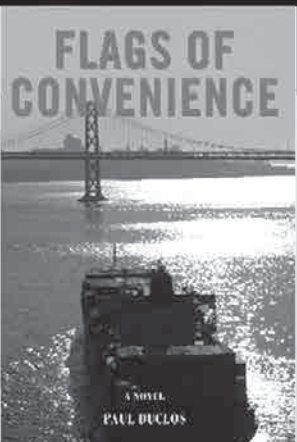
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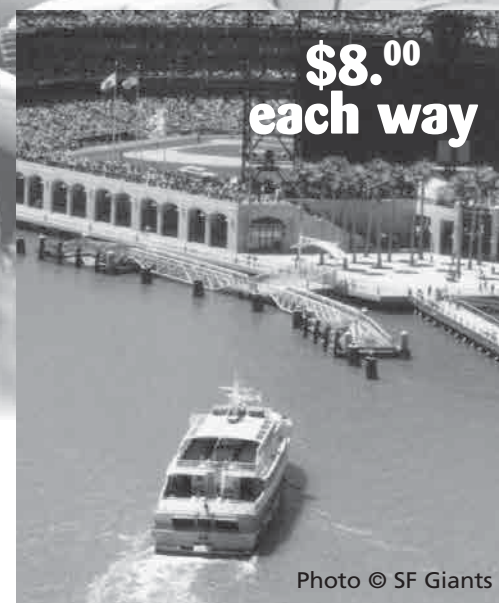
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- Every Saturday** **2:30PM - 4:30PM - Introduction to Sailing Course, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
This two-hour skippered charter is designed to provide folks who are considering getting into sailing with a real glimpse of the sport, our club and our people. Cost is \$30.
- March 8** **9AM – 1:30PM - Corte Madera Marsh, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, [www.outbackadventures.com](http://www.outbackadventures.com)**  
Come explore the wetlands along Corte Madera Marsh while taking in the views of Mount Tamalpais and the San Francisco Bay. We will paddle out in stable double sea kayaks while keeping our eyes open for the curious harbor seals that gather nearby. If conditions permit, we may take an optional side trip past the infamous San Quentin Prison, then stop for lunch on a nice sandy beach with incredible views.
- March 8** **10AM – 2PM Kayak Basics, Oakland Estuary, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
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- March 14** **7PM – 9PM - Wildlife of San Francisco Bay Seminar – All Invited!, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
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- March 18** **7PM – 9PM - Clark Miller & Virginia Bria with images from Fak-Fak, Marin Scuba Club, San Rafael, 415-453-9556, [www.marinscuba.org](http://www.marinscuba.org)**  
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- March 21** **4PM – 6 PM - OCSC's Free Monthly BBQ – all invited! OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, [www.ocscsailing.com](http://www.ocscsailing.com)**  
Come enjoy a free BBQ at OCSC! We will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. The BBQ is a great way to meet people who are interested in sailing, learn about OCSC, and have a great time! No reservations required.
- March 22** **10AM – 3PM - Bair Island/Corkscrew Slough, Redwood City, California Canoe & Kayak, 800-366-9804, [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)**  
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# “Mysteries of the Bay” Crossword Challenge: First Five Completed Entries Win a Baykeeper T-Shirt!

**BY SEJAL CHOKSI, BAYKEEPER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The San Francisco Bay defines much of the lifestyle of the Bay Area. The Bay is an avenue for worldwide commerce and local transportation, an arena for outdoor sports and recreation and a breathtaking

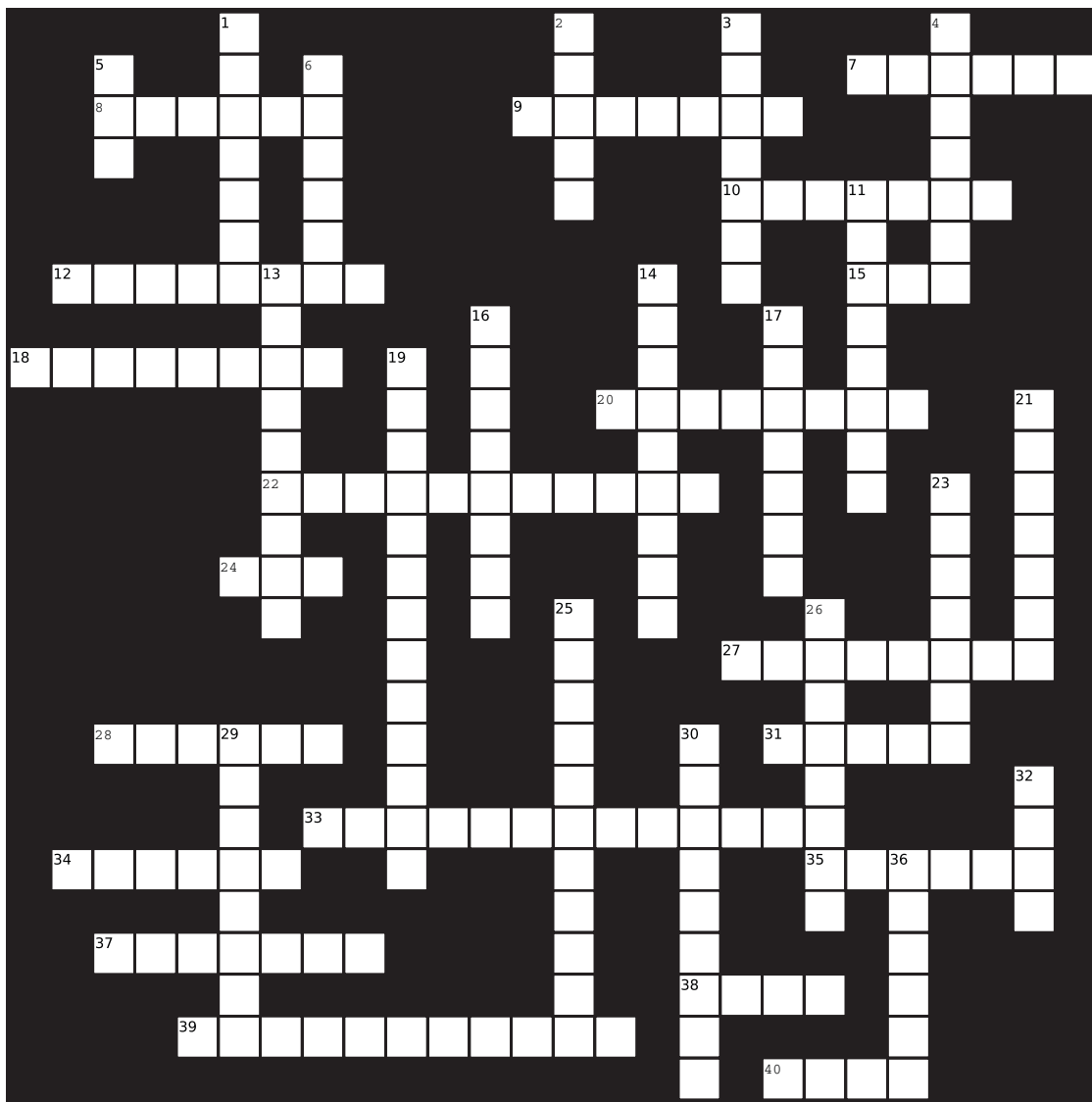
local attraction that draws residents and visitors alike. In our daily routines, it is easy to overlook the amazing complexity and diversity of life that thrives below the surface of the Bay and just beyond our view.

At San Francisco Baykeeper, we believe that stewardship of the Bay begins with an appreciation of the mysteries

it holds. With its intricate chemical balance and powerful hydrological patterns, the physical features of the Bay are just as complex as the biological communities it supports. And at the same time, industry, agriculture and urban pressures pose continuous threats to the physical and biological wellbeing of San Francisco Bay. Baykeeper works to protect the Bay from these threats and to restore the Bay to a vibrant estuary that supports millions of fish, birds and marine mammals, as well as the human communities of the Bay Area. Even if we cannot see all that

lies beneath the surface, it is crucial to protect the Bay and its unique features from further degradation.

How much do you already know about San Francisco Bay? Reveal the mysteries of the Bay and test your knowledge with the Baykeeper Crossword Challenge. If you're one of the first five people to send us a completed crossword by March 31, we'll send you a Baykeeper t-shirt. Submit your completed crossword to: Baykeeper Crossword Challenge, 785 Market Street, Suite 850, San Francisco, CA 94103. Need a hint or two? Email [info@baykeeper.org](mailto:info@baykeeper.org) with your questions. Special thanks to Rosalind Becker, Baykeeper Program Fellow, for her contributions to the crossword.



**Down**

- 1 most abundant Bay shark
- 2 tiny endangered fish native to Delta
- 3 deepest zone in the Bay
- 4 a peninsula, also a shark
- 5 valuable product from Bay herring
- 6 springtime destination of Gray Whales
- 11 bogs, swamps, marshes
- 13 similar to salmon, a form of rainbow trout
- 14 source of nutrients for coastal productivity
- 16 beds near Point Pinole
- 17 Bay salmon
- 19 Richardson Bay cormorants
- 21 island home of tule elk
- 23 former owner of restored salt ponds
- 25 origin of the common ice plant
- 26 foodweb foundation
- 29 man-made Bay island
- 30 separates Suisun and San Pablo Bays
- 32 juvenile salmon
- 36 tidal channel

**Across**

- 7 largest remaining West Coast marsh
- 8 original Bay Area residents
- 9 commercial fishery in the Bay
- 10 fault line east of the Bay, also a city
- 12 winter current, counter to California current
- 15 number of Bay islands
- 18 repeat whale visitor to the Bay
- 20 found at Pier 39
- 22 year-round mammalian residents
- 24 Bay ray
- 27 decreases from west to east
- 28 Dungeness crab feeding mechanism
- 31 also known as Ellis Island West
- 33 enforced by Baykeeper
- 34 Pacific route for migratory birds
- 35 native mollusk being restored to Richardson Bay
- 37 junction of rivers and ocean
- 38 to a sailor the opposite of spring
- 39 Bay tidal cycle
- 40 120 species in the Bay

*Sejal Choksi, Baykeeper and Program Director for San Francisco Baykeeper*

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# BABY BOOM COMING SOON TO BAY AREA BEACHES

BY MARY JANE SCHRAMM

Putting season is a time to be especially aware of your marine environment, because inadvertent human interference can literally be fatal to harbor seals. By learning more about the process, we can respect and protect these precious creatures.

The following scenario plays out over and over again all over the Bay Area: A female harbor seal restlessly swings her hindquarters, while a few interested gulls dance on the wet sand nearby. Without much more activity, quickly, smoothly, the female seal gives one last push, and a small head emerges. The pup slides into the world, heralded by the clamoring gulls. Calling softly to one another, the female and her pup soon begin to recognize each other's voices, and a bond forms. The pup nuzzles its mother and begins to nurse.

Ferry riders, boaters and beach-goers can encounter mother seals and pups almost anywhere in the region. Within San Francisco Bay, colonies exist at Alcatraz Island, Mowry Slough, Castro Rocks, Yerba Buena Island, and Newark Slough. Outer-coast colonies to the south include Point San Pedro, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Pescadero, Pebble Beach, and Bean Hollow. To the north, Bolinas Lagoon, Tomales Bay, Drake's Bay and Jenner are important seal rookeries.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, with its human population of nearly eight million, the interface between seal and human habitats creates complex problems. Causes of seal disturbance include hikers, birders, dogs, aircraft, and vessels such as motorboats and kayaks. Although some wildlife experts recommend keeping 300 feet away from any seal pups, even at that distance disturbance can occur. "The rule of thumb is, if a seal reacts to your presence, you're too close," said sanctuary marine biologist Jan Roletto. "Avoid eye contact and back away slowly until they no longer notice you."

Tragically, each year healthy harbor seal pups are separated from their mothers



Photo courtesy of Farallones Sanctuary/Jamie Hall

by people who mistake them for orphans. Harbor seal mothers normally leave their pups unattended on beaches while feeding at sea. They will later rejoin and nurse them. The presence of humans or dogs near a seal pup could prevent its mother from reuniting with her young one, and result in the pup's death.

Even whole colonies are vulnerable; while harbor seals may voluntarily approach divers in the water, on shore they become restless and may stampede, or "flush," into the water if disturbed. If this happens repeatedly, it could result in overall lower birth rates, reduced habitat use and eventual abandonment of seals' haul-out sites.

NOAA's Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, which protects outer coast waters beyond the Golden Gate, advises Bay Area beachgoers against interacting with any seal pups they may find on the beach. The sanctuary advises concerned beachgoers to report suspected orphaned or injured pups to a park ranger, or to a licensed facility to assess the need for rescue. The relevant contact numbers are: the Marine Mammal Center, (415) 289-SEAL, or the Pt. Reyes

National Seashore, (415) 464-5170. Furthermore, it should be noted that seals are federally protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and to interfere with one could incur legal penalties.

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long whiskers, and large dark eyes. They're comparatively small—only about 250 pounds, with an average length of 5 feet. Like all true seals, they lack external ears, and cannot rotate their hind flippers around to move on land; instead, they inchworm their way across the sand, blubber quivering. Their color can range from nearly all white with a few dark markings to nearly all black with white markings.

They can often be seen draped over offshore rocks like shiny wet slugs, or scattered like flung driftwood across gently sloping beaches and mudflats.

Harbor seals can migrate several hundred miles from breeding colonies, and may "commute" between offshore waters up inlets and freshwater rivers in search of prey such as fish and squid.

Females generally give birth to a single pup. Pups can swim at birth, and may "piggyback" on their mothers' backs to rest between mother's foraging bouts. The pup remains with its mother and nurses for approximately four weeks, almost doubling its birth weight. By then, the pup—replete with its mother's fat-rich milk—has developed a thick blubber layer to carry it through its predator "apprenticeship" to become a proficient hunter.

Beyond contributing to the pup's genes, the male occupies his time during breeding season with in-the-water combat with other males, competing for the females' attention. Monogamy is not in their vocabulary.

To best enjoy harbor seals, arm yourself with binoculars or a spotting scope, and enjoy them from a distance. You'll be rewarded with the chance to observe natural seal behaviors—even if they are only sleeping. For additional information on sanctuary wildlife, programs and issues, visit the sanctuary and sanctuary association's websites at [farallones.noaa.gov](http://farallones.noaa.gov) and [farallones.org](http://farallones.org), or call (415) 561-6625.



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANGEL ISLAND PART 1

BY CAPTAIN RAY

**C**overing 740 acres and rising to a height of almost 800 feet, Angel Island is the second-largest island in San Francisco Bay—only Alameda is larger. This month and next, I'd like to relate the story of Angel Island's varied history to you.

During the last ice age, which ended about 10-12,000 years ago, the area that is now San Francisco Bay was a large coastal valley, rich with rivers and dotted with hills. This valley is a downward deflection of the earth's crust between the San Andreas Fault to the west and the Hayward Fault to the east. With each earthquake, it settles a little more. (In 1989, the Loma Prieta earthquake caused the bay to become approximately three inches deeper.) As the ice age ended, sea levels rose and the ocean flooded this valley; one of the hilltops is now Angel Island.

The first humans to visit the island were the Miwok. It is unknown if the Miwok had permanent villages on the island; however, there were temporary camps at several locations around the island used seasonally to hunt deer, otters, seals, and sea lions, collect shellfish, fish for salmon, and gather acorns and other seed crops. Evidence of Miwok presence has been found at Ayala Cove, China Cove, Camp Reynolds, and Fort McDowell.

In November 1769, Gaspar de Portola sighted San Francisco Bay from the crest of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Lt. Juan de Ayala, sent from Mexico to explore and chart the bay, passed through the Golden Gate in August of 1775. He anchored his ship, the *San Carlos*, on the north side of Angel Island in the cove that now bears his name. This is believed to have been the first European contact with the island. He named it Isla de Los Angeles (Island of the Angels). In doing so, he was following the Spanish explorers' common practice of naming places after the closest religious feast day to the discovery.

Little was done with the island during the early nineteenth century, although it did serve as a cattle ranch. After

the Mexican-American War in 1846, illegal settlers squatted on the ranch, and sandstone—quarried on the east side of the island—was used for construction around the bay. That area is known today as Quarry Point.

With the advent of the Civil War (1861-1865), the long history of military fortifications on Angel Island began. There was fear that the Confederacy would try to disrupt the flow of gold and silver from the Sierra Nevada or attempt an attack on military facilities inside the bay. If Confederate ships were able to get into the bay, the arsenal at Benicia and the navy yard at Mare Island would be vulnerable. Camp Reynolds was constructed on the west shore along with batteries at Point Stuart, Point Knox, and Point Blunt. After the war, the fort was transformed into a recruit depot; it also served as an operations base during the Indian Wars. In 1886, more batteries were constructed on the southwest side of the island to defend the Golden Gate.

From 1891 until 1947, Ayala Cove—then known as Hospital Cove—was used as a quarantine station. Ships arriving from overseas were fumigated with live steam and their immigrant passengers inspected for disease. An old warship, the *USS Omaha*, was moored in the cove to provide the superheated steam. Many buildings were constructed, including laboratories, staff housing and a 400-bed detention

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Photo by Joel Williams

From 1891 until 1947, Ayala Cove—then known as Hospital Cove—was used as a quarantine station.

barracks. It was in these barracks that the passengers waited until their 14-day quarantine was over. After the quarantine station was abandoned, most of these structures were torn down. However, the old bachelor officers quarters is now used

as the state park museum.

Next month, I'll talk about the ways Angel Island has been used in the twentieth century, including the immigration detainees, prisoners of war, and Nike missiles.

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## Alliance Works to Preserve Open Space

BY BILL PICTURE

Last month, the Greenbelt Alliance released a list of some of the 3.5 million acres of undeveloped land that it believes needs to be protected from urban sprawl. That list, which appears in the Alliance’s “Great Lands, Great Opportunity” report, was the result of a two-year study conducted by the Alliance and more than one hundred “open space” experts, including wildlife biologists, and local land trusts and open space districts.

“Together, we took a look at the undeveloped land, pretty much acre-by-acre, and went, ‘Okay, what makes this particular piece of land important?’” explains Greenbelt Alliance Executive Director Jeremy Madsen. According to Madsen, the reasons to protect each piece of land were as varied as the types of land themselves. Naturally, parks made the “to be protected” list, but so did farmland, watershed areas and other open spaces. What these areas all have in common, he says, is that they make the Bay Area a great place to live.

“I think what brings people here is the



Photo courtesy of LandPaths

Greenbelt Alliance’s mission, according to Executive Director Jeremy Madsen, is to help Bay Area residents understand the connection between themselves and the landscape.



Illustration courtesy of Urban Advantage

In addition to pushing to protect open spaces, the Greenbelt Alliance also advocates for smarter use of land, including developments with easy access to transit, walkways and bikeways and plenty of outdoor spaces.

quality of life. That’s why I moved here,” says Madsen, whom the *San Francisco Chronicle* recently named one of the nation’s top green leaders. “We live in this vibrant metropolis, and, right outside our back door, we have redwood forests, beautiful coastline and wine country.” Madsen points out that, in addition making the Bay Area a great place to live, this treasure chest of natural resources also makes the region one of the world’s most popular travel destinations.

“Tourism is a major piece of our local economy,” he says. “Not only are these open spaces beautiful to look at, they also help fuel our economy. When people come to San Francisco, what do they want to see? They want to shop in Union Square, they want to see the Golden Gate Bridge and they want to walk in Muir Woods. How many regions offer all that? Not many.”

With “Great Lands, Great Opportunity,” Madsen says the Greenbelt Alliance and its partners hope to catch the ear of those who influence and shape land-use policy. Thanks to a slow economy, unprotected land is enjoying a temporary reprieve from the threat of urban sprawl. But Madsen says it’s only a matter of time before developers begin eyeing unused land for new projects.

“We need to establish a clear definition of what’s available and what’s off limits,” he explains. “Now is the time to do that, while some of the pressure is off. Now is the time to start building public awareness of why open space is so important and putting a plan in place to protect it. Now is the time to acquire these lands before developers sweep them up.”

To help facilitate the creation of the new land use policies that the Alliance says are key to protecting the Bay Area’s quality of life, “Great Lands, Great Opportunity” spells out for decision-makers how to safeguard remaining open spaces from mankind’s seemingly inherent desire to spread its wings, often to the detriment of essential open spaces and the non-human species that call them “home.”

Madsen is proud to live in a region whose leaders believe in the idea of sustainability and act upon those values. The challenge, as he sees it, is trying to get those leaders to balance their green



Photo courtesy of Greenbelt Alliance

The Greenbelt Alliance believes that the Bay Area’s open spaces are as good for the local economy as they are for Bay Area residents’ sense of wellbeing. The natural wonders just outside San Francisco’s backdoor have made the Bay Area a popular travel destination.

inclination with values that may seem to compete with it. “Let’s say you have a piece of land. One group says, ‘Let’s build affordable housing on it.’ Another group says, ‘No, let’s leave it.’ What do you do? That’s a difficult position to be in. Balancing those two interests is hard, but it can be done. It has to be done, for the wellbeing of our region.”

For more information on the Greenbelt Alliance and its “Great Lands, Great Opportunity” report, visit [www.greenbelt.org](http://www.greenbelt.org).

# Group Aims to Revamp Playgrounds

BY BILL PICTURE

Since its creation in 2001, the San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance has been advocating for the asphalt playgrounds at the city's elementary schools to be put to smarter and healthier use. The Alliance's efforts shifted into high gear in 2006, when money secured through two bond measures allowed the formerly all-volunteer group to hire a few permanent staff members. Now, it is on the fast track to realize its dream of transforming ordinary, black-top schoolyards into ecologically-rich outdoor learning environments.

For some of the 45 schools on the Alliance's preliminary "to do" list, that has meant replacing some of the concrete with working gardens or water elements such as ponds. In other cases, it has meant installing solar panels or play structures made of environmentally sound materials.

Whatever the final plan, which is site-specific and decided upon by teachers, administrators, students and parents, Alliance Executive Director Arden Bucklin-Sporer says the goal is help establish a connection between kids and the environment.

"And we want to create a richer environment for the kids to learn in," adds Bucklin-Sporer, who says that studies have demonstrated a clear connection between greener schoolyards and improved grades.

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Helping a school community to decide which green features are best suited to its students, and working with bond managers to help each school secure its share of the \$7 million set aside for the "grey to green" schoolyard makeovers, are only parts of the Alliance's job. The organization



Photo courtesy of The San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance

Studies show that greener schoolyards result in improved grades and gentler play. Some principals have even noticed an end to playground bullying. The ecologically rich playgrounds created by the San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance are intended to be used by teachers as outdoor learning environments.

also helps schools devise ways to raise additional money for schoolyard greening—the \$150,000 allotted to each school is usually just enough to get the

They see how enthusiastically their students respond to the natural space and how excited the kids are to learn, and they, in turn, get excited themselves.

establish some kind of a bond with the natural environment, then we need to start when they're young," says Bucklin-Sporer. "We may live in an

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Photo courtesy of The San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance

A school garden is one of many options available to schools intending to give their asphalt schoolyards a "grey to green" makeover.

ball rolling—and then works with teachers to help them integrate the new green space into their existing curriculum.

"We don't just install and then walk away," Bucklin-Sporer explains. "We want the teachers to think of it as an outdoor classroom, so we help them begin that process. It's usually easy to get the teachers onboard.

Our hope is that, by doing this, we can develop a community of teachers who are interested in using the outdoor world as a departure point for teaching."

To date, seven projects have been completed. Another ten are currently underway. The goal is to complete all forty-five within the next ten years.

"If we want to help kids

urban environment, but there's still nature happening all around us. And inspiring these kids to take an interest in nature is really as easy as opening their eyes to that."

For more information on the San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance, visit [www.sfgreenschools.org](http://www.sfgreenschools.org)

# Look Who's Calling Richmond Home!

**Hero Arts**, an international craft stamp manufacturing company, has found a new home inside the recently renovated Historic Cannery Building on Harbour Way in Richmond's Marina district. For the last 20 years, Hero Arts has been located in Emeryville, but recent zoning changes forced the company out. During his search for a new location, Aaron Leventhal, CEO of Hero Arts called Paul Levitan, CEO of Galaxy Desserts, whose company relocated to Richmond in 2004. Aaron recalls that Paul had only positive things to say about Galaxy's move, including the permitting process, and "although I am a Bay Area product, I really hadn't been to Richmond very often." So Aaron drove over to Richmond's Marina Bay to check things out and immediately became enamored with the area. "I soon realized this is a beautiful location," he said.

Hero Arts was founded 35 years ago by Jacqueline Leventhal, a Berkeley art teacher and photographer. During a 1973 San Francisco art show at the De Young Museum featuring her photos, she received a fan letter decorated with stamped images. The images intrigued her so much that

she bought a rubber vulcanizer and began making her own stamps in the bathroom of her Berkeley apartment—because it was the only room with a three-prong power outlet. She started selling the homemade stamps on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley

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—Aaron Leventhal CEO, Hero Arts

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and then at craft fairs, gift shows and through local retail outlets. It is from these humble beginnings that Hero Arts was formed.

The business incorporated in 1981, and soon expanded to national and international distribution. Around this period of time, Jacqueline's son, Aaron, worked in various capacities at Hero Arts while attending high school and college, including the packing and shipping departments, customer service and sales. In the late 90s, after earning a B.A. in

economics and a Masters in international affairs, Aaron was hired as a strategic consultant to assist with international distribution and streamline inventory. About two years ago, Aaron purchased the company from his mother.

Aaron says that the City of Richmond was extremely helpful during the permitting process, which was also accomplished very quickly. The facility turned out to be perfect for his particular needs, including a large warehouse area that could be connected to front offices. Hero Arts moved into its new location in November of last year, and Aaron couldn't be happier with it. "I would recommend Richmond for many reasons. It's a good central location in the East Bay with good connections to shipping and freeways, it is quiet and hospitable to the business environment and it's a place that I think is up and coming."

While many competitors have turned to outsourcing production overseas to places like China, Hero Arts continues to hand-make its woodblock stamps here in the United States. The company is more of a traditional manufacturing company and it takes pride in the fact that it still makes products by hand locally using local materials and local employees. As a matter of fact, the average employee has been with the company for fifteen years.

Since the company sells into the craft market, the bad economy does not affect it as much as other businesses. According to Aaron, "In an economy like this, a lot of people do crafts at home instead of going out to the movies or dinner," adding, "in



Stamps from Hero Arts are great for creating unique handmade greeting cards.

a time like this I think people want to get back to basics." Plus, to save money, many people today are creating their own gifts instead of buying more expensive presents at the store.

Another added bonus Hero Arts received by relocating to the Cannery Building in Richmond is that the company was eligible to participate in the California Enterprise Zone (EZ) Program. As one of only 42 local jurisdictions in California that have an EZ designation, the City of Richmond is able to increase business investment and promote the creation of new jobs in Richmond by offering special state tax incentives. Aaron says, "The Enterprise Zone is a great reason for businesses to locate in

Richmond. Giving incentives to hire local employees creates a synergy with the community, increasing local employment, shortening commute times, and making businesses stronger through lower taxes. Approximately 80 percent of my employees qualify for the program."



Employees assemble woodblock stamps by hand at Hero Arts manufacturing facility in the newly renovated Historic Cannery Building in Richmond.



There are currently over 1000 different stamps made by Hero Arts in Richmond.

Another company that recently made Richmond's southern gateway its new home is **EcoTimber Flooring**. EcoTimber, founded in 1992, is the first company in the world created solely to sell sustainable wood products, and the only flooring company devoted exclusively to forest protection and indoor air quality.

EcoTimber's offices were formerly located in San Rafael while its warehouse was in San Leandro. Due to growth and the desire to have the company's offices and warehouse in the same location, the owners decided that they needed to make a move. A big reason that EcoTimber decided on the new Richmond location on Central Avenue—sandwiched between I-580 and I-80 just before the roads merge—was the central location in the Bay Area. According to Lewis Buchner, EcoTimber's CEO, "I didn't want to lose key employees; we had people in San Francisco, Oakland

without losing anyone." He added, "We're a manufacturer and we distribute our products to our own distributor network. Richmond is extremely well located in terms of being a transportation hub."

Another reason Richmond is a good fit for EcoTimber because of its location in the "I-80 Green Corridor" that was recently formed by Richmond, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland. "There's a real initiative in Richmond to create a nexus of green businesses, and the more green businesses we can attract here the better it will be for all of us." Buchner says if you are a green business, Richmond is the place to be: "We've got some really good core green businesses here and it would be very good for the local economy and for businesses to be thought of as part of the I-80 Green Corridor."

EcoTimber brings positive change to the way forest ecosystems are managed



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and Marin and this was centrally located enough that we could afford to move here



Woven Bamboo flooring made of Bamboo strands pressed together form this gorgeous sustainable flooring from EcoTimber.

worldwide by offering wood products that come from the highest standards of sustainable forest management. The company is committed to providing its customers with high-quality, beautiful and healthy products that are free from toxic materials. One of its goals is to demonstrate that highly ethical business practices can be sustained without sacrificing financial success, and to prove that integrity and passion can go hand in hand with profitability.

EcoTimber promotes forest conservation worldwide by selling only sustainably harvested and reclaimed wood products. Its forestry practices guarantee a perpetual yield of high-quality timber while maintaining or restoring healthy, self-regenerating forest ecosystems. The company specializes in wood products from forests that are certified well-managed according to the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), as well as wood alternatives such as bamboo. EcoTimber offers a wide range of

beautiful domestic and exotic hardwood and bamboo flooring all milled in standard formats with warranties that match the best in the business. By purchasing the products sold by EcoTimber, the consumer is casting a vote for sustainable forests and helping conserve forests through responsible wood usage.

Buchner is a skilled cabinet and furniture maker. He was originally a journeyman woodworker by trade who also ran a sizeable architectural woodworking business in San Francisco. In the late 80s, he began getting involved in environmental issues with a focus on sustainable forestry. Buchner says, "I've made a living from wood products, as have my ancestors for many generations, and I feel a certain debt to forests and trees."

After hearing about the burning of the rainforests in Brazil, Buchner started wondering about rosewood, mahogany and other tropical species that he was using, and wanted to source them sustainably. This, in turn, led to his involvement with some of the early sustainable forestry organizations that eventually formed the FSC—the only credible environmental certification system for wood products today. There are now over 200 million acres of forests worldwide that are managed under the FSC guidelines, and the area is increasing rapidly. The reason for its growth is that architects, homeowners and businesses are increasingly requesting sustainable wood to use in their projects. "It's been very rewarding to see something that started out with a few kind of 'green



EcoTimber offers a wide range of beautiful domestic and exotic hardwood and bamboo flooring.

hippies' in the early 90s become a really powerful force in the world of industrial timber worldwide," says Buchner.

To find out more about the products made by both EcoTimber and Hero Arts, and where to purchase them, visit the companies' websites at [www.ecotimber.com](http://www.ecotimber.com) and [www.heroarts.com](http://www.heroarts.com).

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12:40pm	1:15	1:25	2:00	Frequent Rider Ticket (Book of 20 Tickets) \$4.70 \$4.00			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Youth / Senior / Disabled \$3.75 \$3.75			
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\*On weekdays, with the exception of the 5:20 pm San Francisco departure which is operated by a 715 passenger Spaulding vessel, all other trips are operated by high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by a 715 passenger Spaulding. Also, direct ferry service is provided to most Giants games at ATT&T Park.

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Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
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\* To S.F. via Oakland # To Alameda via Oakland  
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# Blue & Gold Ferry

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**FARES:** All prices include audio tour.  
 Adult ..... \$23.00 Junior (12-18) ..... \$19.00  
 Senior (62+) ..... \$19.00 Child (5-11) ..... \$15.00  
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ANGEL ISLAND - SF/DAILY			
Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:00am	10:20am	3:20am	4:00
No service on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 26), Christmas Day (Dec 25) and New Year's Day (Jan 1)			
<b>FARES:</b> One-Way Round Trip			
Adult		\$9.50 \$19.00	
Child (5-11)		\$5.25 \$10.50	

TIBURON			
San Francisco PIER 41			
Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41
10:35am	11:00am	11:05am	12:20
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\* Stops at Pier 41 prior to Ferry Building  
 > Stops at Pier 41 for 20 minutes prior to Ferry Building

ANGEL ISLAND - ALAMEDA/OAKLAND			
Weekends ONLY			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Angel Island	
9:00am*	9:10am*	10:10am	
Depart Angel Island	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	
3:10pm	3:45pm	3:55pm	

ANGEL ISLAND - VALLEJO			
Weekdays			
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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.

ANGEL ISLAND - VALLEJO			
Weekdays			
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FARES	Pier 41 SF Ferry Bldg	Alameda/Oakland	Vallejo
Adult	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$32.50
Senior (65+)	\$15.00	\$14.50	\$23.00
Child	\$8.50(age 6-12)	\$8.50(age 5-12)	\$23.00
Child	FREE(5 & under)	FREE(4 & under)	FREE(5 & under)

\*All prices include State Park Fees

# Baylink Ferry

VALLEJO/SAN FRANCISCO		
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**FARES:** One Way  
 Adult One-Way ..... \$13.00  
 Senior/Disabled/Medicare One-Way (65+/-disabled)\* ..... \$6.50  
 Youth One-Way (6-12 years) ..... \$6.50  
 Baylink DayPass ..... \$24.00  
 Monthly Pass ..... \$290.00  
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Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:00am 6:50 7:50 8:45 ----- 5:00pm 5:50 6:40	6:20am 7:10 8:10 9:05 ----- 5:20pm 6:10 7:00	----- 7:15am 8:15 ----- 4:25pm 5:25 6:15 7:15	----- 7:35am 8:35 ----- 5:45 6:35 7:35

\* Friday ONLY  
 # Recommended to Ferry Building Farmer's Market & To Ferry Building via PIER 41  
 ^ Via Angel Island  
 > Via Sausalito  
 All Weekend departures make additional stops before reaching destination.

ANGEL ISLAND FERRY			
ANGEL ISLAND/TIBURON			
Monday - Friday			
Weekends			
10am	11	1pm	3pm
10:20am	11:20	1:20pm	3:30

Mon-Fri: Ferry service by advance reservation for groups of 25 or more ([www.angelislandferry.com](http://www.angelislandferry.com)). Individuals may "piggyback" with scheduled groups. (Use interactive calendar on website to check the group schedule for any date.)

Please contact up regarding any questions. Our website contains all current information ([www.angelislandferry.com](http://www.angelislandferry.com))

**FARES** Round Trip  
 Adults (13 and over) \$13.50  
 Children (6 - 12) \$11.50  
 Children (3 - 5) \$3.50  
 Bicycles \$1.00

Schedule Subject to change w/o notice

# 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
6:30am 7:30 8:30 ----- 5:05pm 6:05 7:05	6:55am 7:55 8:55 4:30pm 5:30 6:30 7:30	7:00am 8:00 4:35pm 5:35 6:35 7:35	7:25am 8:25 5:00pm 6:00 7:00 8:00

No service on weekends

**FARES:**  
 Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry passengers can purchase Ferry tickets, passes and books on board our 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  
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PIER 43 1/2			
Monday through Sunday			
Oct 20 - Dec 31			
10:00am	12:00pm	2:30pm	
10:45*	1:15	3:00	
11:15	1:45	3:45	
		4:15*	

**Fare:**  
 Adult ..... \$22  
 Youth (5-17) ... \$16  
 Child (under 5) Free

\* Weekends Only

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## Seventh Annual Eco Career Day for High School Students at Crissy Field Center

The Crissy Field Center—located in the heart of the Presidio—will host its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual EcoCareer Day on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. allowing hundreds of Bay Area high school students to meet professional activists, educators, scientists, and business leaders and learn about a wide range of environmental jobs.

"The environmental sector is a growing industry," said Christy Rocca, director of Crissy Field Center. "The greening of America will require a newly trained workforce, skilled in green technology, science, and sustainability. Crissy Field Center provides a ladder of learning for youth to find their professional passion and opportunities to develop 'green' skills by getting involved in creating a more sustainable society for all."

The Center's Eco Career Day offers engaging hands-on workshops that introduce teens to new ideas and gives them a jump on summer education, volunteer, and job opportunities as well as a chance to turn their passion for the planet into a rewarding career.

An impressive line-up of leaders will talk about jobs in their respective fields. Whether its cutting edge creativity from Free Range Studios or the pioneering palates of Nextcourse, there is a wide range of topics to choose from. "We want high school students to know that almost all career tracks can have a strong environmental connection to building a sustainable world," said Ernesto Pepito, Crissy Field Center's manager of high school programs.

Individuals and groups are welcome. Pre-registration is required; call (415) 561-7767 or e-mail [epepito@parksconservancy.org](mailto:epepito@parksconservancy.org) with your name, telephone number, e-mail address, school, and grade level. Transportation may be arranged for large groups who qualify (20+). Visit [www.crissyfield.org](http://www.crissyfield.org) for more detail. Crissy Field Center is located at 603 Mason at Halleck Street in the Presidio of San Francisco and is accessible by MUNI lines 28, 29 & 43.



# AROUND THE BAY IN MARCH

## ***Take BART to Check Out Some Cool After Dark Art***

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Community Art Program is presenting *After Dark, Photos by Tom Paiva*, through April 30<sup>th</sup> at the LunchStop Café at the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, located at 101 Eighth Street in Oakland just across from the Lake Merritt BART Station. The show features Paiva's stunning photos of recent work on the San Francisco Bay Bridge East Span reconstruction, shot at twilight and at night in large format. Also included in this show is new, unseen work shot in the last year of Paiva's urban industrial night images. The show is open for viewing from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays free of charge.

## ***Richmond Offers Free Guided Tours of WWII Home Front National Historic Park***

Learn about the WWII Home Front for free at Rosie the Riveter Memorial Park Ranger Tours and on free bus tours. Just meet a park ranger at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial Marina Bay Park at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> or March 14<sup>th</sup> for a free 45-minute program exploring civilian contributions on the Home Front during World War II. Plus, free National Park Bus Tours are available on March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> to the first 16 people to sign up by calling (510) 232-1542. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/rovi](http://www.nps.gov/rovi) and click on "Free Ranger Tours 2009."

## ***Dr. Seuss Characters Come to Life in Napa***

Napa Valley College presents the musical production *Seussical, the Musical*, based on the stories of Dr. Seuss running March 6 through March 22. *Seussical* weaves together the most famous tales and characters from at least fifteen of Seuss' books. Characters include Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and the Whos of Whoville. The production is recommended for those who are young and young at heart—it's not just a show for kids. *Seussical* is a Broadway style musical celebration of friendship, love, and the imagination leaving everyone, adults and children alike, beaming from ear to ear. Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors and \$10 for children 12 and under. For the first weekend of performances, Napa Valley College Theater is offering a Family Four Pack. Families of four can receive four tickets for \$40 for the first four performances of *Seussical* if they purchase tickets before March 4. All seating is reserved

and tickets may be purchased by calling the NVC Box Office at (707) 259-8077. Tickets will also be available at the door. The Napa Valley College Theater is located in building 1200 on the college campus, 2277 Napa – Vallejo Highway in Napa.



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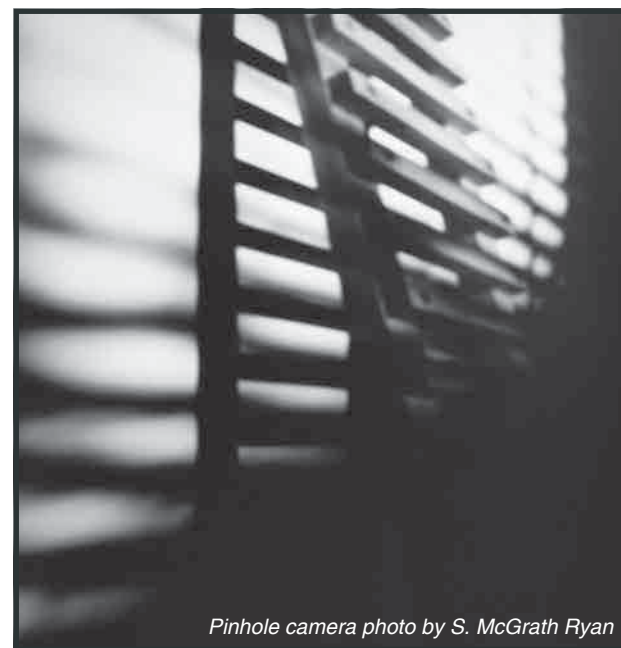
## ***Green with Envy, Pacific Orchid Exposition Highlights Environmental Preservation***

The San Francisco Orchid Society (SFOS) has been leading the green pilgrimage since its inception. This year the SFOS continues to focus on environmental preservation and educating flower enthusiasts on how to "grow green" at the 2009 Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE), March 5-8 at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion in San Francisco. The 57<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser will offer a unique look at the importance of respecting the environment in all aspects of horticulture and emphasizing the importance of conserving the varied natural habitats that orchids need to survive. These amazing plants, garnered from all over the world, will be presented

in spectacular displays. More than 150,000 orchid flowers from all over the globe are displayed in educational exhibits from local, national and international orchid growers both professional and amateur. The show boasts coveted plants with extreme diversity in color, shape and sizes. More than 50 commercial growers will be displaying their unique species and rare hybrids, allowing anyone who is a lover of nature the chance to purchase a one-of-a-kind treasure. The POE is praised every year for maintaining its position as one of the top three orchid shows in the country, so don't miss the opportunity to grow green with envy at the 2009 Pacific Orchid Exposition. More than 20,000 people attend this annual fundraiser, which is kicked off by its glorious Gala Benefit Preview on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> that brings the bay area glitterati together and features wines from 24 wineries. Tickets for the preview are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets to the show are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door or \$8/\$10 for seniors. For more information, visit [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) or call (415) 665-2468.

## ***A Rare Alchemy at FLOAT***

FLOAT, the only floatation center and art gallery in the San Francisco Bay Area, will present "A Rare Alchemy." This show presents two very different artists and mediums that dabble in the mysterious effects of chemistry, with impressive results. The show will feature pinhole photography by S. McGrath Ryan and the glass sculptures of David Roth, and runs from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the Opening Party on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. FLOAT is located at 1091 Calcutt Place, Unit 116 in Oakland. For more information visit [www.thefloatcenter.com](http://www.thefloatcenter.com) or call (510) 535-1702.



Pinhole camera photo by S. McGrath Ryan

# Bay Crossings Launches New Website with Interactive Ferry Schedules

**B**ay Crossings is pleased to announce that our website now features an interactive map of the San Francisco Bay ferry routes and schedules. Current-day schedules for all ferry services are now quickly accessible in a single place. Just

click on a terminal to display both the departure and arrival times for that day.

In addition, the map contains other views centered around the San Francisco Ferry Building to help travelers plan their trips. The gates view provides a closeup of the gates area with departure

and arrival times and the transit view displays connecting transit services for BART and MUNI. Being an interactive Google map, users can also explore the areas surrounding the ferry terminals located around the bay by using the various zoom tools.

The map is built by ViewPoint

Geography and it retrieves data from a link to transit information provided by Trillium. These two companies worked in conjunction with Bay Crossings to provide this exciting way to make transit information more powerful and easier to use.

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Bay Ship & Yacht Co. of Alameda was awarded a million-dollar contract for the restoration of the National Maritime Museum's historic three-masted, steel-hulled, square-rigged sailing ship *Balclutha*. Photo by Eric Balderston, courtesy Bay Ship & Yacht. [More...](#)

## How To Use the Map

The map provides easy access to current schedules for all ferry lines as well as detailed information for the "walkshed" area near the SF Ferry Building.

To view today's schedule for a ferry route, choose the "Ferry Routes" button then click a terminal on the map or from the list. The "Gates" view shows the SF Ferry Building gates area--click a gate to view schedules. For MUNI and BART data choose the "Transit" button.

At any time you can use the "-" and "+" buttons to zoom out or in on the map, or click and drag the mouse to pan the map.



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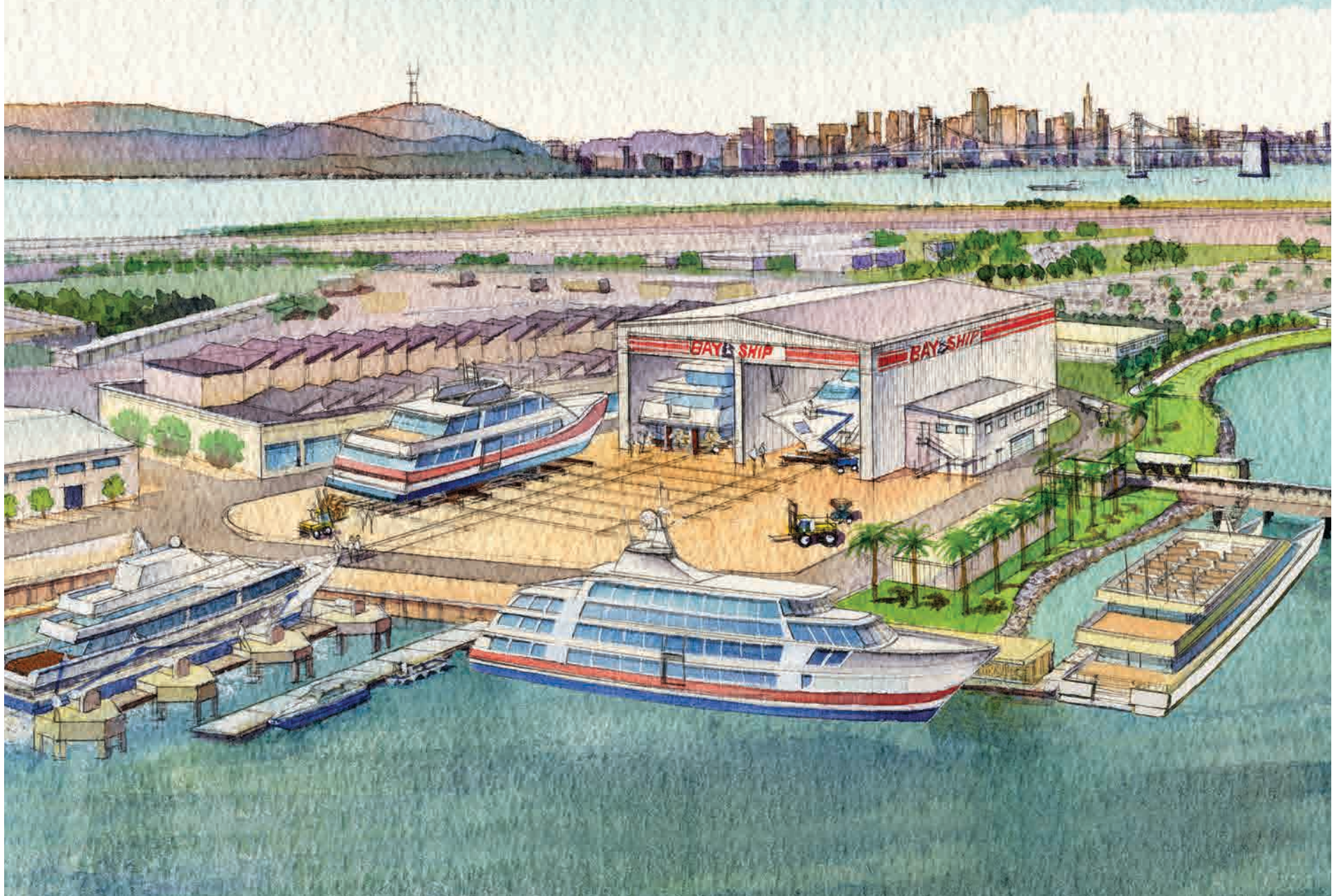
**Angel Island** A California State park and wildlife reserve. Angel Island is both a great picnic destination with hiking, kayak tours, an hour-long fully-narrated TramTour, as well as a historical site dating back to the U.S. Civil War.

**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.

**Alameda & Oakland** There's dining in Jack London Square, the Farmer's market on Sundays and jazz nightly.

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