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New Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Vista Point Provides Public Shoreline Access

Regional and state officials recently celebrated the official opening of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Vista Point, marking the completion of the Richmond-San Rafael Seismic Retrofit Project. The opening event was sponsored by the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee — consisting of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), which is run by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or MTC) and the California Transportation Commission — in partnership with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

The space provides shoreline public access while protecting the sensitive environment of the San Francisco Bay. “This Vista Point was designed for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians to enjoy picturesque views of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, the San Francisco Bay and Point Molate,” said Tony Anziano, Caltrans Toll Bridge program manager. The architecture of the pedestrian bridge, the handrails and the graceful curvature of the walls complement the aesthetics of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

BCDC Vice-Chair Anne Halsted (who also serves as a commissioner for MTC and BATA) heralded the partnership among the agencies, saying it yielded one of the best mitigation projects ever performed between Caltrans and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

The 24,000 square foot, \$1million project features a pedestrian bridge to

conserve and protect the sensitive salt water marsh, a landscape featuring drought-tolerant plants, an Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant shoreline trail, rock-slope protection to minimize erosion to the Bay shoreline, a recreational area furnished with a picnic table and benches, new sidewalks, parking area for six vehicles, and a renewed bus stop area for Golden Gate Transit riders.

The Vista Point is located at the foot of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge landing, accessible via Francisco Boulevard in San Rafael. It is open to the public daily between dawn and dusk.



Photo by John Huseby/Caltrans

The new Vista Point in San Rafael is just off Francisco Blvd. near the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. From the East Bay, take I-580 west across the bridge and exit at Francisco Blvd.; from Marin, take I-580 east to the San Quentin exit and turn left.



U.S. Merchant Marine Gets Shot in the Arm

BY PAUL DUCLOS

In a move that may spell more jobs for young seafaring professionals, container carrier APL will train U.S. maritime academy cadets aboard its internationally flagged container ships. Under terms of a partnership with the U.S. Maritime Administration last month, cadets from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and all six state maritime academies will be able to sail on board vessels operated by APL. It's the first agreement ever signed to place American cadets on international container vessels.

"U.S. cadets have long had training opportunities on APL's U.S.-registered vessels," said APL CEO Ron Widdows, who signed the agreement with Maritime Administrator Sean T. Connaughton. "Under this agreement, we can provide even more support to our U.S. flag shipping by creating more opportunities for the academies."

The training and experience the students receive are expected to give them more employment opportunities worldwide after they graduate. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is located at Kings Point, N.Y., but one of the six state institutions is the Bay Area's own California Maritime Academy, in Vallejo.

On a related topic, those wishing to learn more about the California Maritime Academy should attend the school's Rizza Lecture Series. The lectures, made

possible by a generous endowment grant from RADM Joseph P. Rizza (Ret.) of Coronado, Calif., who served as President of the California Maritime Academy from 1972 to 1983, are open to the public, although reservations are necessary.

Douglas A. Tilden, President and CEO of Marine Terminals Corporation, delivered the first lecture, which examined major trends in international trade and transportation, particularly on the Pacific Rim, and their impacts on the maritime industry over the next one to two decades.

Among topics addressed:

- How China's rapid growth in global trade, transportation, training and shipbuilding will impact the maritime industry in the years ahead.
- How the lack of coordinated national infrastructure planning and policies in the United States could impact future cargo flows.
- The potential impact of expanding port and terminal operations in Canada and Mexico on West Coast U.S. ports and terminals.

For more information on upcoming lectures, contact Karen Spall at the California Maritime Academy Foundation, (707) 654-1246 or kspall@csum.edu.

Cruise Industry Boffo from Passenger Increase

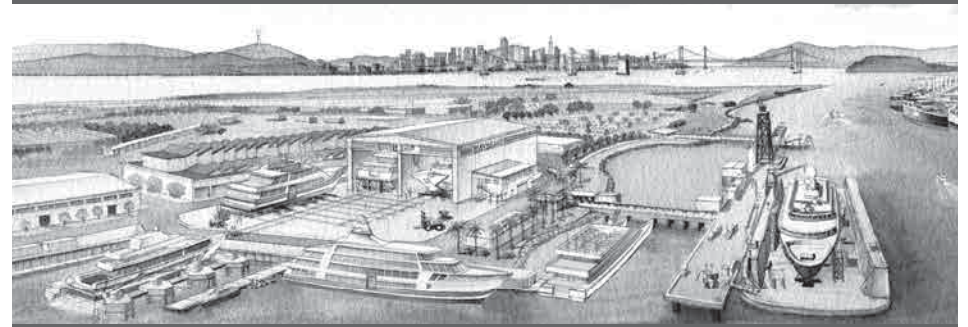
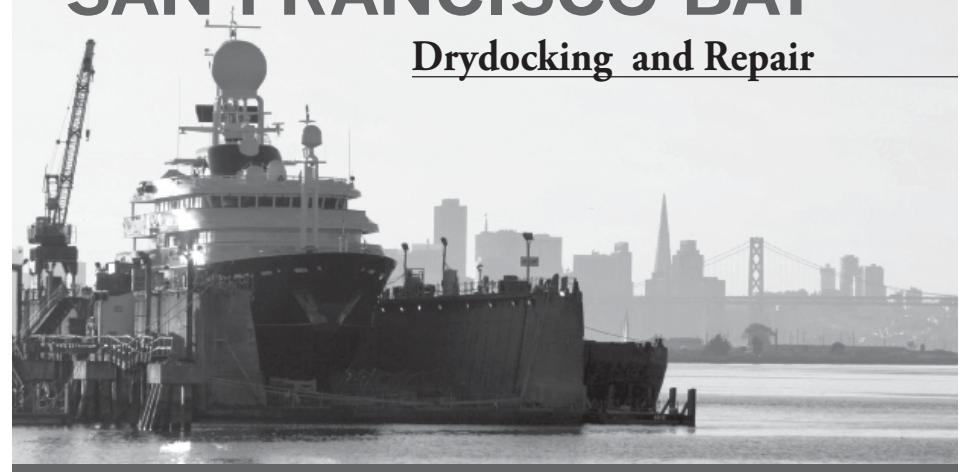
While stories abound about the tidal wave of cargo moving through America's ports, a similar story is unfolding in the cruise industry, which last year saw 9 million U.S. passenger embarkations, a 4.5 percent increase over 2006, and \$35.7 billion in total economic impacts, a 10 percent increase. To assist cruise ports in preparing for the challenges ahead, the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) will hold its 10th annual Cruise Seminar February 5-7 in San Francisco.

"As the number of people taking cruise vacations continues to rise, so do the challenges that the cruise lines and our member ports face in serving this important market," said Kurt Nagle, AAPA's president and CEO. "The amount of money spent on cruise vacations in this country alone represents a hefty

contribution to our annual economy. In 2006, for example, the cruise industry generated some 348,000 U.S. jobs that paid \$14.7 billion in wages."

More than 60 percent of AAPA's 160 member ports in the Western Hemisphere have cruise operations. To assist, AAPA works with various cruise associations, federal government agencies and both houses of Congress to help its members on issues such as cruise passenger travel documentation, passenger vessel accessibility guidelines, passenger inspection requirements and federal inspection service facility requirements at U.S. ports. AAPA also works on a variety of national and international environmental issues pertaining to the cruise industry, ranging from air emissions reductions to ballast water management.

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- February 10** 10AM – 3PM - **Angel Island Kayak Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
Let's pack our kayaks and take a real kayaking adventure to Angel Island in the San Francisco Bay. While paddling the majestic Bay, take in the spectacular views of San Francisco, Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Diablo, and the East Bay areas. \$85 including equipment.
- February 14** 6PM – 9PM - **Valentine's Evening Paddle - California Canoe & Kayak, Jack London Square, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
Bring your valentine kayaking on February 14 and get a "Sweetheart Deal"! (Second person goes for half-price.) The water is calm and glassy on the Oakland Estuary and the city lights add to the evening's ambiance; our pace is leisurely so that you may enjoy an illuminating and delightful evening. What a great way to celebrate with your "valentine"! Refreshments provided. \$75 for 2 persons. Call for reservations.
- February 14** **Call for times – Moonlight Paddle, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
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- February 16** 4PM – 6PM - **OCSC's Birthday BBQ - all invited! OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
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- February 23** 7PM – 9PM - **Weather for SF Bay Sailors Seminar, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
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- February 24** 10AM – 3PM - **Angel Island Kayak Tour, Outback Adventures, Larkspur, 415-461-2222, www.outbackadventures.com**
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- February 27** 6PM – 8PM - **Moonlight Sail, OCSC Sailing, Berkeley, 510-843-4200, www.ocscsailing.com**
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- February 29** 6PM – 9PM - **Leap Year Evening Paddle - California Canoe & Kayak, Jack London Square, 800-366-9804, www.calkayak.com**
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Parting with the Parks

BY WEEKENDSHERPA.COM

More than seven million people live in the Bay Area. It's a crowded place, and the state's designated open spaces give us an accessible outlet for enjoying the outdoors. If approved, the

recently proposed state budget would close 48 California parks within the year. We've spotlighted three Bay Area parks on that slate, all well worth a new year's visit.

Henry Coe State Park

Big, quiet, and wild, Henry Coe is the largest state park in Northern California. Named after a Bay Area pioneer, this South Bay park's 87,000 acres remain mostly unchanged since the Ohlone Indians made it their home. At 2,600 feet, the visitor's center makes you feel like you're on a cloud (and offers striking sunset views). Mountain bikers will relish the challenging singletrack trails and steep descents, while hikers can enjoy a variety of options, from easy ambling trails to thigh-burning climbs. With so much land, the park's ecology is wonderfully diverse, including oak woodlands, grassy hills, conifer forests, and manzanita shrublands. For a nice taste of the park, loop the Frog Flat Trail with Middle Ridge Trail and Fish Trail. On this 8-mile loop you'll pass lofty ridges and deep canyons, through a terrain of



Photo by Martin Sundberg

Mountain bikers will relish the challenging singletrack trails and steep descents at Henry Coe State Park.

earthy browns and shiny greens (thanks to recent rains). Rugged and undeveloped, Henry Coe is a slice of the wild.

Pick up a map at the visitor center, or visit www.coepark.org. To reach the park: from Highway 101 in Morgan Hill, exit East

Dunne Ave. and travel 13 winding miles up to the visitor center.

Portola Redwoods State Park

Portola Redwoods State Park often gets overlooked in favor of its bigger neighbor, Big Basin Redwoods State

Modified Larkspur Ferry Schedule

January 26 – February 15

The M.V. Del Norte will be going in for annual service on January 26 and is scheduled to return to service Tuesday, February 19. The ferry schedule during this period is as follows:

Larkspur Back-Up Weekday Schedule January 26 – February 15

Ferry Boat	Leave Larkspur	Arrive SF	Leave SF	Arrive Larkspur
Bus	5:30 Bus	—		
High-speed	5:50	6:20	6:25	7:00
Spaulding	6:35	7:20	7:30	8:10
High-speed	7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15
Spaulding	7:50	8:35	8:40	9:25
High-speed	8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45
Spaulding	9:15	10:00	10:10	11:00
High-speed	10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30
Spaulding	11:10	11:55	12:00	12:45
High-speed	11:40	12:15	12:25	1:00
Spaulding	12:50	1:40	1:45	2:30
High-speed	2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30
Spaulding	2:40	3:25	3:35	4:20
High-speed	3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55
Spaulding	—	—	4:55	5:40
Spaulding	4:25	5:10	5:20	6:05
High-speed	5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25
Spaulding	5:40	6:30	6:35	7:20
High-speed	6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50
Spaulding	7:25	8:15	8:20	9:05
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Hearts Desire Beach in Tomales Bay State Park is a great place to escape the crowds.

Park. But Portola's 18 miles of trails wind through giant redwoods to some peaceful, pristine country (and a hidden highlight). The park is remote, located at the end of a twisty, fun-to-drive road at the base of Butano Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Start on the Coyote Ridge Trail and gently ascend for about a mile before taking a break to listen to the trees creaking in the wind. At the end of the Upper Coyote Trail, look left for the Tarwater Loop and begin your journey back. About a mile down the trail, as you descend into redwood shadows, keep your eyes peeled for the aforementioned highlight: it's unmarked, but you can't miss it—a hulking redwood flexing two giant elbow-shaped limbs. A few old-timers claim this is the largest living thing on the Peninsula. You don't say.

BONUS: Top off your hike with a signature burger at Alice's Restaurant. Try the Harley if you dare—it's loaded with bacon, sausage, cheddar, jack, and grilled onions. Alice's is a favorite biker hangout, as you can see by the hogs filling the parking lot. It's all part of the kick-back-and-refuel atmosphere, easy-rider style.

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left turn onto a winding gravel road that ends at the oyster company's farm on the tranquil shores of Drake's Estero. When you get there, pick up a dozen or two freshly plucked Pacific oysters and then head for a grill. We like nearby Heart's Desire Beach in Tomales Bay State Park, where you can escape the crowds by hiking a tenth of a mile south along the Johnstone Trail to a private picnic area that overlooks Tomales Bay. Grill your fill, then wander half a mile farther down the trail to Pebble Beach (pictured), where you can find your own slice of sand on the bay. Ah, the world is your oyster now.

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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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Artist rendering of the David Brower Center, a platinum level LEED building under construction in downtown Berkeley. The Brower Center will be a 50,000 sq. ft. cultural and education facility, and was designed green from top to bottom. The facility is expected to open in 2009.

East Bay Coalition Aims to Incubate Green Corridor

BY BILL PICTURE

The buzz of activity at a typical city hall grinds to a halt between Thanksgiving and January 2. But the mayors of Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond and Emeryville were determined not to let the holiday season slow the momentum of their joint plan to nurture a strong, regional green economy.

The plan for the East Bay Green Corridor Partnership, a collaborative effort between the four East Bay cities, the University of California, Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, was announced at a news conference on December 3. At the conference, the mayors indicated that the first order of business would be securing federal money for the creation of a regional job training program to prepare locals to meet the demands of the emerging green job market.

Cisco DeVries, Chief of Staff to Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, says that the participating cities took advantage of the holiday lull in civic business that followed

the announcement to confer with their representatives in Sacramento and draft a formal proposal for the federal money, which they expect to submit soon. "We're going to submit a joint request for the green job money, and that request is almost done," he explains.

Power in numbers

The idea behind this first-of-its-kind alliance between neighboring cities is simple: there is power in numbers. Because the money needed to fund green projects and programs can be difficult for a city to come by on its own, the four mayors decided to better their chances by joining forces to create a unified green front.

Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, the first Green Party candidate to be elected mayor of a major American city, explains that the coalition will allow neighboring cities that had once competed for federal dollars to instead utilize each other's unique strengths and talents, and build on each other's successes. "The clear flow of information and ideas is very important," she says. "We need to break past the artificial barriers that separate one

jurisdiction from another."

At the December 3 press conference, Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates referred to the previous "every city for itself" style of local government as "chauvinistic." Working together, he said, would ensure that he and his fellow mayors' dreams of a world-recognized hub for green research,

technology, business and industry in the East Bay would be realized. "We want to make the East Bay the Silicon Valley of the green economy," he added.

Berkeley is currently home to more than 80 green businesses and has consistently been ranked one of the greenest cities in the country. Among the green projects



Photo courtesy of SolarRichmond.org

The City of Richmond has partnered with the non-profit organization Solar Richmond to train locals to install solar panels. Federal money would help expand the program.

currently in the works is the new David Brower Center, a four-story cultural and education facility. When it opens in 2009, the 50,000-square-foot facility, which is named after the founder of the Sierra Club Foundation, is expected to be one of a growing number of new buildings in the Bay Area to receive the highest-level of certification, platinum, under the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines established by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Train them and they will come

McLaughlin believes that the pool of qualified applicants created by the proposed job training program will serve as an incentive for new green businesses to settle in the region. Richmond, which has set its sights on becoming the country's first green industrial city, has already implemented a similar job training program of its own. In addition to a summer jobs program that put more than 400 young people to work last year, the city's construction jobs training program, Richmond BUILD, has partnered with Solar Richmond, an organization promoting sustainable energy in Richmond, to provide instruction in solar panel installation to low-income residents.

"The federal funds we are seeking would build onto these programs," says McLaughlin, who happily adds that a good number of the solar program's graduates have already found work with Bay Area solar systems providers.

But it's not just new businesses that are excited about the prospect of having more qualified workers to fill the growing number of so-called "green-collar jobs," according to Berkeley Chief of Staff Cisco DeVries. "It's been really exciting to see the interest already generated from the corporate side," he says. "They have a lot of interest in supporting this, aside from public relations. PG&E, for instance, is going to lose a large part of its workforce in the coming years because employees are retiring. And they want people trained and ready to take those jobs. So there's an interesting nexus between their needs and our desire to build this kind of an economy."

There's no "I" in "team"

While each city's role in the partnership is still being defined, every one brings

with it to the table an impressive green scorecard.

Oakland, for instance, produced more watts of solar power last year than any other city in Northern California, and was the first city in the nation to pledge a timeline for oil independence. On the green building front, the new offices of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority are expected to

residents. "This will allow us to deal with pollution and poverty simultaneously," explained Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums during his first State of the City address on January 14.

UC Berkeley spokesperson Marie Felde says that the university's participation in the East Bay Green Corridor Partnership is a logical extension of the work already being done on campus to promote

will play in the East Bay Green Corridor Partnership, Felde expects it will be slightly lower profile, but key nonetheless. "I see [UC Berkeley] helping provide the brainpower," she says. "Already a lot of the employees of these [green] businesses are Berkeley graduates. And the research being done at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will create new green business opportunities locally. History has already shown that, when the research is done here, the [resulting] businesses [that utilize the technology] tend to stay in the area."

Last year, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory partnered with global energy firm BP, UC Berkeley and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to found the Energy Biosciences Institute, a multi-million dollar research institution dedicated to the development of alternative energy sources, including biofuels.

Keep 'em hoping

There's no way of knowing yet whether the Green Corridor idea will be a contagious one, though the rest of the country is sure to be keeping a close eye on the partnership's progress. Nonetheless, McLaughlin is confident that the plan will help further reinvigorate the economy of the once heavy-industry-dependent city of Richmond, and raise the spirits of local residents. That success, she prays, will inspire other communities, particularly disadvantaged ones, to connect the dots between the economic challenges they face and pressing environmental issues, both for their own sake and the sake of the environment.

"I see Richmond as setting an example for how an urban city can transform itself," she says. "We have a profound commitment to issues of environmental justice, and see ourselves as a model for other cities."

In his State of the City address, Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums told voters that he envisions Oakland playing a similar leadership role.

"It's our destiny to lead," he said. "One of the factors that will drive the growth of cities in this country are the challenges of global warming and environmental protection. We're dealing with the old business of poverty and unemployment and hopelessness, and the new challenge of preserving our environment by bringing them together."

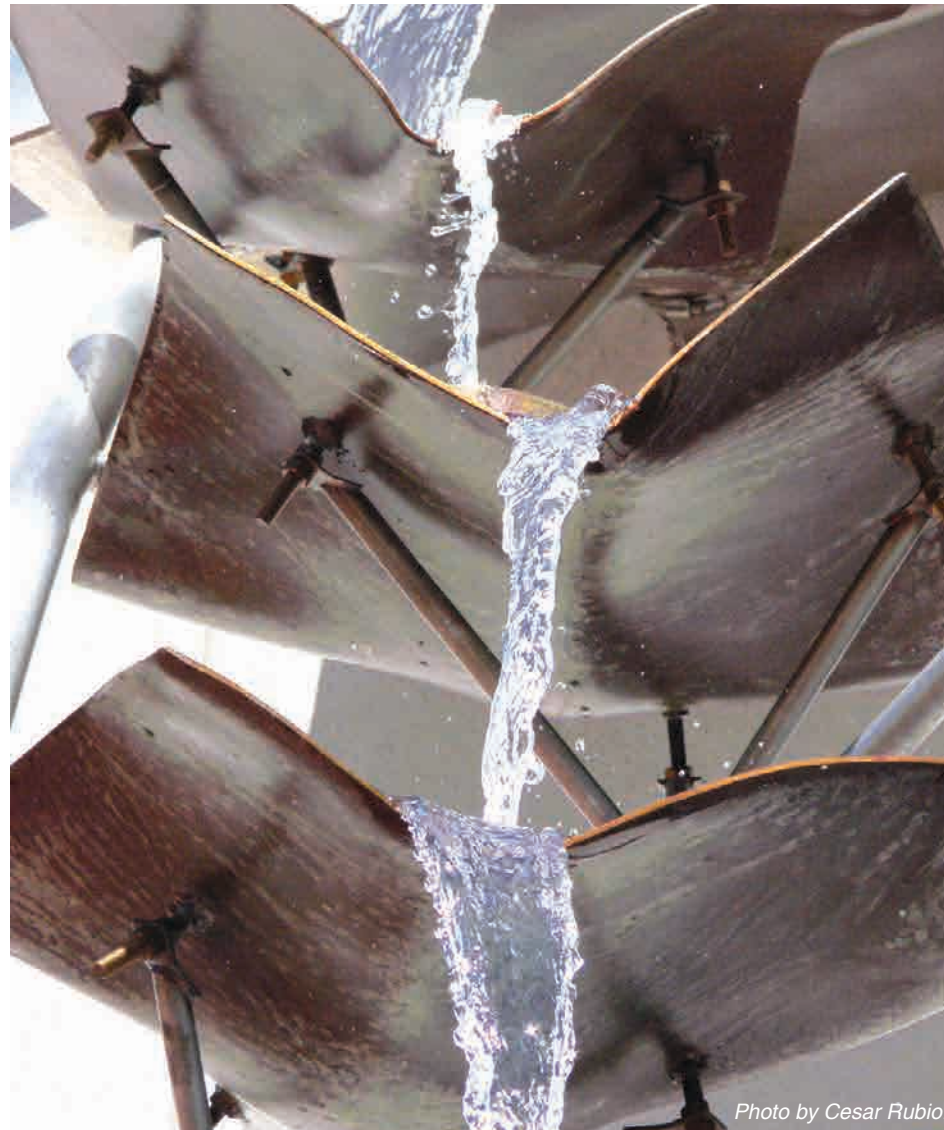


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This bronze sculpture, located in the new platinum level LEED rated Natural Science Building at Mills College in Oakland, captures rainwater, which is then used to flush toilets.

receive a platinum LEED rating. And Mills College's new Natural Sciences Building has already been certified platinum. Most recently, Oakland allocated \$250,000 from its own city budget for the creation of a green job training program, the Green Collar Job Corps, which will provide instruction in home weatherization, green construction, green roof installation and solar panel installation to low-income

sustainability. In addition to its ongoing efforts to better manage energy use and utilize sustainable materials and building practices in campus construction projects, UC Berkeley recently created a new Director of Campus Sustainability position, which it expects to fill by January 2009.

As for the role that UC Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Exorcising the Ghost Fleet of Suisun Bay

BY SEJAL CHOKSI

Environmental groups are challenging the U.S. Maritime Administration for its failure to protect the waters of the San Francisco Bay and Delta Estuary from pollution created by a ghost fleet of toxic ships near Benicia. More than 50 decommissioned and deteriorating vessels are anchored in Suisun Bay, leaching toxic paint and heavy metals into the water and sediment of the Bay. Baykeeper, Arc Ecology, and the Natural Resources Defense Council filed a lawsuit last October to force the Maritime Administration, also known as MARAD, to clean up the ships

in compliance with state and federal clean water and hazardous waste laws and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Many of the ships in the ghost fleet are obsolete vessels that were decommissioned and placed in “storage” in Suisun Bay after World War II and the Korean War, with the idea that they could later be reactivated for wartime use. However, most of these vessels are no longer seaworthy and are slated for disposal. Suisun Bay has become a junkyard for these ships: water must be pumped from them regularly to keep them afloat, and a number have hulls that are severely rusted and covered in peeling toxic paint. A February 2007 report commissioned to assess the environmental impact

of the ghost fleet revealed that the ships are a significant source of pollution. The paint on these ships is highly toxic, containing barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury and zinc. Already, at least 18 tons of the pollutants—which exceed hazardous waste standards—have been lost from the vessels’ exteriors. These contaminants, which have been poisoning the Bay for many years, can easily enter the food chain and may contribute to restrictions on local fish consumption.

MARAD has considered scrapping the ships in Texas, where environmental and worker safety laws may be more lenient. Towing the vessels to Texas poses many risks, however, including the potential for the ships to fall



Photo courtesy of NRDC
Many of the ships in the ghost fleet are severely rusted and covered in peeling toxic paint that is leaching into Suisun Bay.

apart en route and release their toxic cargo. Another problem MARAD faces is that the Coast Guard requires hull cleaning before the ships can be moved to dismantling facilities. An underwater scraping process that MARAD has used in the past can release dangerous heavy metals and invasive species, like non-native weeds that are harmful to local marine environments.

Baykeeper and the other groups are urging that the ships be dismantled in drydocks in full compliance with local, state and federal environmental protections. In 1994, Arc Ecology and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency collaborated on the design of a ship-scrapping program at the Hunters Point Shipyard that developed a blueprint for a cost-effective, environmentally compliant ship-dismantling program in the Bay Area and the creation of 200 new jobs. Safe and clean programs might also be established in other Bay Area yards such as Richmond and Mare Island.

Through the lawsuit, Baykeeper, Arc Ecology, and the Natural Resources Defense Council hope to ensure that

the ghost fleet of Suisun Bay is cleaned up quickly and safely. Public pressure created in hearings, such as the one to be held by the State Joint Senate and Assembly Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture in Benicia on February 7, 2008, can assist the environmental groups, state agencies and Bay Area legislators in getting the federal government to dispose quickly of the polluting vessels in an environmentally sound way.



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Hop off the Highway for Blue Frog's Grog

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

When people think about beer made in Fairfield, they probably have in mind the huge Budweiser brewery that travelers see on the way to Lake Tahoe. But that's not the only game in town. For craft beer lovers, Blue Frog Grog & Grill is even closer to the highway, and has an excellent selection of fine craft brews. You can enjoy Blue Frog's creations at the restaurant, or take them with you either to the mountains or your home, depending on which direction you may be heading.

Located just off of Interstate 80 at the Travis Boulevard exit, Blue Frog offers four house beers year round: a German style Hefeweizen, a Blond Ale, an India Pale Ale and a Red Ale. I found all of these beers to be well crafted and very drinkable, but the clear standout was the Blond Ale. This bold brew weighs in at just under 7% ABV, but is deceptively light and refreshing. Although there was a distinct malty flavor to this beer, I would have never guessed that the alcohol content was so high. I was not surprised, however, to find out that the Blond Ale is Blue Frog's best selling beer; you should take care, however, if you are planning on having more than one or two of these.

Brewmaster Nick Campbell, a graduate of the American Brewers Guild, has a knack for creating big beers that don't come off as overpowering. When I visited the brewery, there were no beers under 5% ABV, but none of the beers came across as too strong for their style. As a matter of fact, the customers at Blue Frog seem to like Campbell's big beers better. Campbell once made a beer that would appeal to the light beer crowd, but, he told me, "We couldn't sell it to save our life." It was refreshing to hear that they don't have to cater to people who aren't familiar with full flavored craft beers.

You will also find one or two seasonal specialty beers available that rotate throughout the year. One of

those available during my visit was the exceptional Toddy Coffee Porter, which had a very dominant and aggressive coffee flavor that worked quite well. It is made by first creating an extract using a cold coffee toddy process that requires a pound of coffee for every nine cups of water. This super-concentrated coffee mixture is then blended with the filtered Porter as it is transferred to the serving tank. I have tried many coffee flavored beers, but this has to be the boldest version I have ever had. In fact, Campbell said that he doubled the amount of coffee extract in this year's version. This distinctive beer will probably only be around for a couple more weeks, though, so you'd better hurry if you want to check it out.

Another signature Blue Frog beer, the Big Dipa, is only available in 750 ml corked bottles. This fine example of a double IPA once again demonstrates Campbell's skill in creating very drinkable high alcohol beers. I was very surprised at how well balanced this beer tasted. At 8.8% ABV, I expected to find some of the cloying aspects that are characteristic of Barley Wines, but that was not the case. Available at the brewery, BevMo Stores and select high-end grocery stores throughout the Bay Area, the Big Dipa is a big beer that everyone should be sure to check out.

Blue Frog Grog & Grill also has a wide selection of options for beers to take with you. All of the beers on tap are available to go in the following: half-gallon glass jugs; 2-liter German steins with porcelain tops; and 5-liter mini kegs that will easily fit in a refrigerator. All four house beers are also now available in 22 bottles at the restaurant and select stores.

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Photo by Joel Williams

Nick Campbell has a knack for creating "big beers" with deceptively refreshing characteristics.

Joel Williams was a professional craft brewer for over seven years at several breweries. He earned a diploma in Brewing Sciences in 1996 from the world-renowned Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago.



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BY CAPTAIN RAY

As you cross the Bay each day on the ferry, or look out onto the Bay while riding public transit, you can't help but see sailboats. There may not be many on weekdays, but on weekends there can be hundreds. You see sails everywhere, going in all directions. Perhaps you've thought, "That looks like fun, but I don't know how to sail. Besides, it must be expensive to own a boat. Anyway, I'm not a kid anymore, so I guess it's a little late to start." Not true! For my first column in *Bay Crossings*, let me tell you my story.

I started sailing as an adult. My dad had sailed before he got married and occasionally talked about it, but I was 30 years old before I ever set foot on a sailboat. It was 1975. I had six years of college (and no degree—very much a product of the 60s) and was living on the beach in Hawai'i. At first, I had pitched a tent. Then, I built a shack. It was a nice shack: four rooms, two stories, and cold running water. I had my own private beach about a half-hour walk from the nearest pavement.

Some days, a boat would sail up to my front yard. Eventually, I swam out and met the guys driving the boat. They were running a business called Pacific Sail & Snorkel. They had one boat and offered the proverbial "three-hour tour." Later, I saw them in town (Kailua-Kona, on the Big Island) and got to know them. After a few months, they offered me a job on the boat. My response: "I don't know how to sail!"

They said they could teach me to sail, but they couldn't teach me how to be dependable. So here I was living in a shack on the beach, trying to convince a prospective employer that I'm a dependable kind of guy! It worked: I learned to sail, earned my Master's License, and went on to be an inter-island charter skipper in the Hawaiian Islands for 15 years.

Because my dad needed a hip replacement, I ended up back on the Mainland. I didn't intend to stay, but I read a help-wanted ad asking for someone who: (1) had a Master's license; (2) had many years of sailing experience; and (3) could talk! I thought I might never again see a want ad that fit me so well, so I responded. After a trial sail on a boat smaller than any I had ever sailed before, I accepted a job as a sailing instructor at OCSC Sailing in Berkeley.

That was more than 20 years ago. I am now OCSC's Master Instructor. In addition to teaching students, I also train new instructors, lecture

on navigation and weather, and help develop the curriculum.

In 1995, after an exhaustive examination by the national governing body for the sport of sailing, I was appointed a US SAILING Instructor Trainer (I.T.) and asked if I would volunteer to serve on US SAILING's National Faculty. As an I.T., I get to travel around the country examining people who want to be US SAILING-certified Instructors. I've been sent to Santa Barbara, Seattle, Long Island Sound, Florida, even to St. Croix and the British Virgin Islands. National Faculty is a think tank that meets once or twice a year to discuss and (hopefully) resolve issues in sail training.

So, as it turns out, I've been sailing four and five days a week for over 30 years, even though I did not grow up in the sport. Now I'll be taking over this column from Scott. He and I have worked together at OCSC Sailing for many years and collaborated on several curriculum projects, so this shift seems natural to me. Thank you, Scott, for this opportunity. It's a long way from a shack on the beach! I guess I'm just at the right place at the right time once again...

Ray Wichmann, whose sailing column makes its debut in this issue of *Bay Crossings*, is a US SAILING-certified Ocean Passagemaking Instructor, a US SAILING Instructor

Trainer, and a member of US SAILING's National Faculty. He holds a 100-Ton Master's License, was a charter skipper in Hawai'i for 15 years, and has sailed on both coasts of the United States, in Mexico, the Caribbean, and Greece. He is presently employed as the Master Instructor at OCSC Sailing in the Berkeley Marina.



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The USS Hornet Museum in Alameda will unveil a new public exhibit on February 9 that focuses on the history of aerial firefighting in California. Museum visitors will have the opportunity to meet firebomber pilots who courageously combat wildfires from the air. The grand opening event begins at 1 p.m.

The "Aerial Firefighting in California" exhibit provides an in-depth look at the history of fighting wildfires from the air by CALFIRE. Former United States Navy aircraft have provided the cornerstone of air-tankers, heli-tack and air-attack operations. A large number of the nation's aerial firefighting pilots, many of whom are former naval aviators, will be onboard the USS Hornet for the grand opening.

Permanently displayed on the USS Hornet is the TBM Avenger that was used for firebombing at the end of its career and an US2B Tracker similar to those currently used by the fire services.

Former military aircraft have been the backbone of the state and national airtanker fleets since the 1950s. The nation's fleet of airtankers also includes P-3 Orions, DC-4s, DC-6s, and P-2V Neptunes, most of which are owned and operated by private companies under contract with the Forest Service or state forestry departments.

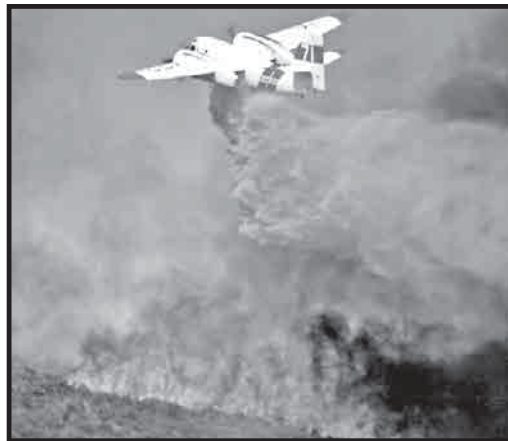
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3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55				
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25				
-----	-----	*5:20	6:05				
5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25				
5:35	6:10	6:20	6:50				
6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50				
7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40				
8:10	8:45	8:50	9:20				
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05				

*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.

SAUSALITO

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Sausalito	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Sausalito
7:10am	7:35am	7:40am	8:10am	-----	-----	10:40am	11:10am
8:20	8:45	10:15	10:45	11:20am	11:50am	12:00pm	12:30pm
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05pm	12:45pm	1:15pm	1:25	1:55
12:15pm	12:45pm	12:55pm	1:25	2:10	2:40	2:50	3:20
1:55	2:25	2:35	3:05	3:35	4:05	4:15	4:45
3:20	3:50	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:25	5:35	6:05
4:45	5:15	5:30	6:00	6:20	6:45	6:30	7:00
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10				
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20				

INFORMATION CONTACTS: 511 (toll-free) or 711 (TDD) E-mail/Comments to ferrycomments.goldengate.org For Larkspur and Sausalito website:www.goldengate.org

HOLIDAY SERVICE: Larkspur & Sausalito
In effect on Martin Luther King, Presidents', Memorial, 4th of July, Labor Day, modified Holiday service is operated on the Day after Thanksgiving.

NO SERVICE: Larkspur & Sausalito
No ferry service on New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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2007 Departure Schedule	BAY CRUISE	SUNSET CRUISE
Nov. 5 to Nov 25 WEEKENDS ONLY Nov. 26 to Feb. 28 of 2008 CLOSED	1:00 P.M. N/A	4:00 P.M.
Sunset cruise includes hors d'oeuvres and two drinks for \$45.	Bay Cruise Rates: Adults: \$25 / Children 6-12: \$15 / Kids 5 and under: Free	Group Discount Rates: 10 or more full fare passengers = \$5.00 off per person when run on one credit card
(800) 979-3370 / www.adventurecat.com		

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND

Weekdays to San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco			
Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Depart Oakland	Depart Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41
6:00am	6:10am	6:30am	-----	10:00am	10:10	10:30	10:45
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	11:30	11:20	12:00 pm	12:15
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	1:45	1:30	2:20	2:35
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00	4:15	4:05	4:45	4:55
11:00	10:50*	11:30	11:45	5:45	5:35	---	6:25
12:45pm^	12:35pm*	1:15pm	1:30pm	7:10	7:00	---	7:50
2:30	2:20*^A	3:00	3:10				
4:40	4:30*^A	5:10	-----				
5:50	5:40*^A	6:15	-----				
6:20	6:10*	-----	7:00				
6:55^	6:45*^A	7:20	-----				
7:55^	7:45*	8:20	-----				
8:55^	8:45*	-----	9:25				

Weekdays from San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco			
Depart Pier 41	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	Depart Pier 41	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
-----	6:30am#	7:15am	7:05am	9:15 am	9:25	10:10	9:55
-----	7:35#	8:20	8:10	10:50	---	11:20	10:30
-----	8:40#	9:25	9:15	1:00pm	1:10	1:30	1:45
10:15	10:30	10:50#	11:00#	3:30	3:45	4:05	4:15
12:00pm	12:15pm	12:35pm#	12:45pm#	5:00	5:15	5:35	5:45
1:45	2:00	2:20#	2:30#	6:30	6:40	7:00	7:10
3:45	4:10	4:30#	4:40#				
-----	5:20	5:40	5:50				
5:20	5:45	6:10	6:20				
-----	6:25	6:45	6:55				
-----	7:25	7:45	7:55				
-----	8:25	8:45	8:55				

* To S.F. via Oakland # To Alameda via Oakland
^ Departs immediately after loading

Schedule information harvested online.
Schedules are subject to change. January, 2008

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND FARES:

	One Way	Round Trip	10Ticket Book*	20Ticket Book*	Monthly Pass
Adult (13+)	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$45.00	\$80.00	\$150.00
Child (5-12)	\$2.75	\$5.50			
Child under 5**	FREE	FREE			
Senior (65+)	\$3.25	\$6.50			
Disabled Persons*	\$3.25	\$6.50			
Active Military	\$4.25	\$8.50			

Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection, or Medicare Card. Military personnel must show Military I.D.

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.

Blue & Gold Ferry

BAY CRUISE				SAUSALITO			
Leave PIER 39				FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41			
Weekdays		Weekends and Holidays		Weekdays			
10:45am 12:00pm 1:15	2:30pm 4:00	10:00am 10:45 12:15pm 2:00pm	2:30 3:15 4:00 4:30	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive Pier 41
11:00 am 12:15 pm 1:35 2:45 ----	11:40 am 12:55 pm 2:10 3:35 ----	11:50 am 1:05 pm 2:20 3:40 8:00	12:10 pm 1:25 2:35 4:00 8:20	* Friday ONLY ^ Via Angel Island			
Weekend and Holidays				Depart Pier 41	Arrive Sausalito	Depart Sausalito	Arrive Pier 41
10:00am	10:20am	3:20pm	4:00pm	10:35am 12:30pm 2:00 3:20	11:50 1:20pm 2:45 4:25	11:55 1:25 2:50 4:30	12:20pm 1:50 3:15 4:55
Weekends				Weekend Schedule on Memorial Day (May 28), Independence Day (July 4), and Labor Day (Sept 3)			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41	FARES: One-Way			
10:35am	11:00am	11:05am 3:50pm	12:20am 4:55pm	Adult .....\$9.00 Child (5-11).....\$5.00 20 Ticket Commute Book .....\$140.00			

ANGEL ISLAND			
Weekdays			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:00am	10:20am	3:20pm	4:00pm
Weekends			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Pier 41
10:35am	11:00am	11:05am 3:50pm	12:20am 4:55pm

ANGEL ISLAND - 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	
* Requires transfer at PIER 41 onto 9:45 am Angel Island Ferry			

TIBURON			
DOWNTOWN S.F., FERRY BLDG.			
Weekdays			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
6:25am 7:40 8:50 ----- 5:05pm 6:20	6:55am 8:10 9:20 ----- 5:35pm 6:50	7:00am 8:15 ----- 4:30pm 5:45 7:00	7:30am 8:45 ----- 5:00pm 6:15 7:30
FARES: One-Way Round Trip			
Adult .....\$8.50		.....\$17.00	
Child (5-11).....\$4.50		.....\$ 9.00	
20 Ticket Commute Book .....\$100.00			

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 goldengateferry.org. For more information, visit www.eastbayferry.com for Alameda/Oakland service and www.baylinkferry.com for Vallejo service. Or call Blue & Gold Fleet at (415) 705-8200.			
http://www.baycrossings.com/ferry_schedules.asp			

Red & White			
BAY CRUISE SCHEDULE			
PIER 43 1/2			
Monday through Sunday			
10:00am	1:45	Fare:	
10:45*	2:30	Adult .....\$21	
11:15	3:00	Senior (62+) .....\$18	
12:00pm	3:45	Youth (12-17) .....\$18	
1:15	4:15pm*	Child (5-11) .....\$14	
		Under 4.....\$Free	
* Weekends Only			

Vallejo Baylink Ferry

VALLEJO/SAN FRANCISCO			
FERRY BLDG./ FISHERMAN'S WHARF			
Weekdays			
Depart Vallejo	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Depart Pier 41
5:30am 6:30 7:00 7:45 8:45 10:00 11:30 2:00 3:20 4:05 4:45 5:35	6:35am 7:35 8:10 8:55 9:55 11:10 12:40pm 3:30 4:30 5:15 6:00 7:05	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:20am 11:30am ----- 3:00pm ----- ----- ----- 6:35	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:30am ----- 3:10pm ----- ----- ----- ----- 6:45
Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Vallejo	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Depart Pier 41
10:00 11:30 1:00pm 3:00 6:00	11:10 12:40pm 2:10 4:30 7:30	11:20am ----- ----- 4:00pm 7:00	11:30 ----- ----- 4:10pm 7:10

Missed the last ferry from San Francisco? Take the bus to Vallejo, weekdays and weekends at 10:30pm from in front of the Pier 1 Deli.

CROSSING TIME & BOARDING: Crossing time between Vallejo and San Francisco is about 1 hour. Ferries depart on time. Passengers should allow 15-20 minutes to park and purchase tickets at ferry terminals before boarding.

FARES:			
Adult One-Way	.....\$12.50		
Senior/Disabled/Medicare One-Way (65+/disabled)*	.....\$6.25		
Youth One-Way (6-12 years)	.....\$6.25		
Baylink DayPass	.....\$23.00		
Monthly Pass	.....\$270.00		
Monthly Pass with Muni	.....\$310.00		
Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com for updated information.			

Angel Island - Tiburon Ferry			
ANGEL ISLAND/TIBURON			
Monday - Friday			
Tiburon to Angel Island		Angel Island to Tiburon	
10:00am, 11:00	10:20am	11:20	
1:00pm 3:00	1:20pm	3:30	
Weekends			
10:00am, 5:00pm hourly		10:20am, 5:20pm hourly	
July 4, 2007			
10:00am, 5:00pm hourly		10:20am, 5:20pm hourly	
Schedule Subject to change w/o notice		Adults (12 and over)	\$10.25
		Seniors	\$10.25
		Children (5 - 11)	\$8.00
		Children (4 and under)	Free*
		Bicycles	\$1.00
www.angelislandferry.com		Call (415) 435-2131	

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

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	.....\$6.00
One-Way Juniors (5-12)	.....\$3.00
Children (under 5)	.....Free
One-Way Seniors (62 & over)	.....\$3.50
Disabled	.....\$3.50
Active Military	.....\$4.75
One-Way Commute (book of 10)\$50.00
One-Way Commute (book of 20)\$90.00
Monthly Pass\$165.00
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AROUND THE BAY IN FEBRUARY

Two Flippers Up for San Francisco Ocean Film Festival

Now in its fifth year, the United States' premier "cinemaquatic" event offers a weekend of inspirational films and lively discussions on environmental issues, marine science, and ocean sports as well as ocean exploration and coastal and island cultural history. The annual festival at the Cowell Theater in Fort Mason Center provides the public with a rare opportunity to see beneath the surface of the waves, to realize the importance of preserving ocean biodiversity, to become better ocean stewards, and to celebrate the joy that oceans add to life. More than two dozen films by filmmakers from around the world will be screened. The festival takes place from February 1st through the 3rd. For more information, visit www.oceanfilmfest.org.

Willie Brown to Appear at Ferry Building

Meet former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Jr., on February 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Passage Books in the San Francisco Ferry Building, as he talks about his new book *Basic Brown*. Willie Brown grew up in a rural, segregated Texas town and later became the two-term mayor of San Francisco, the longest-serving Speaker of the California Assembly, and one of the most influential black politicians in America. In *Basic Brown* he offers advice, counsel, and anecdotes on a variety of political topics. It will be a special treat to welcome Mayor Willie Brown to the Ferry Building, because he—more than any other public official—was instrumental in creating the beautiful Ferry Building Marketplace that we have today.

5th Annual 'Food from the Heart' Celebrates Valentines Early

The fifth annual "Food from the Heart" at the Ferry Building Marketplace kicks off on Friday, February 8th, with a benefit

for Slow Food from 5-8 p.m. The public is invited to stroll through the candlelit Grand Nave, where the merchants and restaurateurs of the Marketplace will offer seasonal hors d'oeuvres (\$2 - \$4 per taste) and Slow Food volunteers and local vintners will pour wine from several wine bars (\$6 per glass). There will be tango and salsa dancing, chocolate samplings, and romantic music to serenade visitors. Proceeds from wine bar and hors d'oeuvres purchases benefit Slow Food San Francisco. The entire Marketplace will be open until 8 p.m. for Valentine shopping. Inspired by the season of love, the Epicurean revelry and delights carry on through Saturday, as the Marketplace and the Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market will be brimming with heartfelt foods, and local chefs will offer cooking demonstrations on how to prepare seasonal, romantic meals.

Come to 'An Evening at the Cabaret'

Spoon and swoon with your sweetheart at *An Evening at the Cabaret* presented by the vocal music department of Napa Valley College on Friday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. This entertainment filled event featuring the choral and vocal music students, will take place in the "Singer's Lounge" (NVC Cafeteria) and includes appetizers, desserts, beverages and a Silent Auction. Admission is \$15. Limited Seating Available. Discretion is advised as the program includes adult content and strong language. Proceeds from this event will benefit the NVC vocal music department. The NVC cafeteria is located at 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway, building 900. Parking is free. Call the NVC Box Office at (707) 259-8077 for tickets and information.

Napa Is the Place to Bee

Bees are the buzz at an exhibition opening January 31 and closing on March 9 at the Napa Valley College Art Gallery. *Beebonibroom (Disturbance in the Field)* features the work of three Bay Area artists expressing in distinct ways their

connection to the world of bees. The show is curated by Napa artist Rob Keller and features Keller's own work, along with that of John Bonick and Joy Broom. Rob Keller is a beekeeper in addition to being an artist: "The name of the exhibition plays off the names of the three artists and our subject," he explains. "Disturbance in the Field' refers to the crisis today in bee populations around the world and the importance of sustainable beekeeping." Keller will install a system pumping honey in clear tubes around the gallery with wall texts and maps explaining how bees travel. There will be local honey available for sale at The Gallery during the exhibition. The Gallery is located at 1360 Menlo Avenue, Napa, and is open from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

Caltrain Offers Secure Bike Parking

Transportation officials and sustainability advocates from around the Bay Area officially launched the grand opening of San Francisco's first free-standing, attended bicycle parking facility in January at Caltrain's 4th and King St. station. Operating out of a new 1,600 sq. ft. structure, Warm Planet Bikes will provide free, secure bicycle parking to Caltrain's booming bicycle ridership. The new bike valet station is a response from Bay Area leaders to the growing demand for sustainable transportation choices. Caltrain's bicycle ridership has increased 2.8% over the past year, to where 1 in 15 Caltrain riders are bicycle commuters. Caltrain, known nationally as a leader in promoting multimodal bike/transit trips, reports that cyclists now constitute nearly 7% of its weekday ridership. Caltrain has secure bike shelters at its Palo Alto, Mountain View and Menlo Park stations, and bike lockers are available at 27 Caltrain stations. Funded by grants from the region's largest transportation agencies, Warm Planet Bikes will accommodate over 130 bicycles to serve commuters traveling down or up the Peninsula. In addition, Warm Planet Bikes will offer bicycle repair services for

a fee as well as a retail store. Warm Planet Bikes is located at 311 Townsend St., and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information go to: www.warmplanetbikes.com



Orchids Gone Wild

Prepare yourself for orchids that were born to be wild when you step into the 56th annual Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE), hosted by the San Francisco Orchid Society. Over 150,000 orchids from all over the globe, in every color, shape and size, will be viewable at this award winning show. The POE will bring out the wild side of all who attend; truly a mind boggling, jaw dropping, and eye popping experience. Orchids are the largest family of flowering plants, and grow in every part of the world. The intricately structured flower is known for its long lifespan, which displays its compelling beauty or bizarre nature for months on end. More than 50 growers will be displaying their unique species and rare clones, giving orchid lovers the chance to purchase a one-of-a-kind treasure. This provocative showcase of orchids will take place at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion on February 28 through March 2. Preview night, Thursday, February 28, includes delicious appetizers and wine tasting from 28 wineries, including varieties from four of the 2008 International San Francisco Chronicle Wine Tasting winners. For more information, visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or call (415) 665-2468.

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