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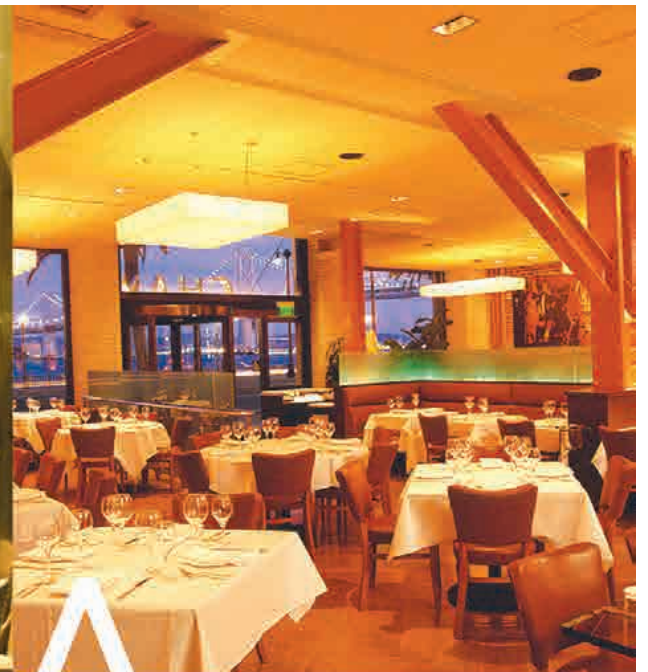
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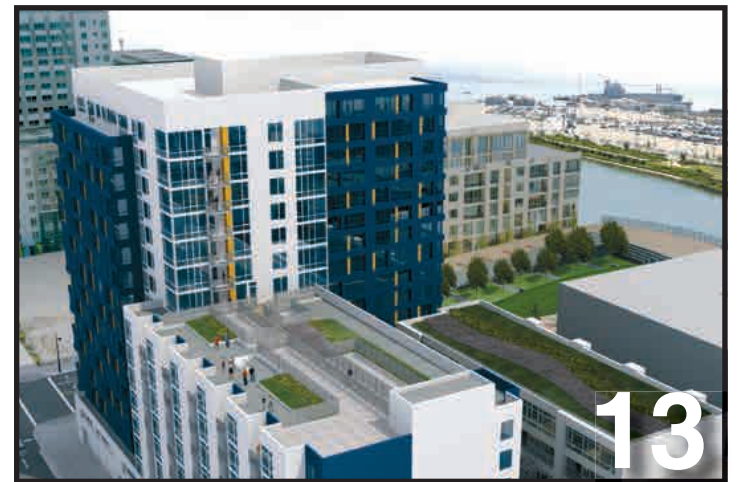
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by **Michelle Slade**

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Dear Editor,
Thank you for linking to my Nike web site in Dan Sankey's article on the China Camp bike trails [June 2007]. However, I must point out that the multiple references to Nike "silos" on the mountain top are not correct. The concrete circles up there were foundations for radar antennas. The missiles were kept down below at the end of Smith Ranch Road.
-- Jef Poskanzer

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Agricultural Shippers Struggle to Compete in the Global Marketplace

BY PATRICK BURNSON

San Francisco – Calling for dramatic action to avert a looming “transport crisis,” Peter Friedmann, the Agricultural Transportation Coalition’s executive director, urged shippers here to apply political pressure “before it’s too late.”

“U.S. agriculture faces a dire threat, losing domestic and global market share, profit margin and international sales,” he said. “Simply put, U.S. agriculture can compete with anyone in producing and processing, but domestic transportation barriers are increasingly hindering our efforts to sell competitively in the global marketplace.”

Shippers attending the AgTC’s annual two-day conference here had heard it before, but the tenor this time was far more strident.

“Dramatic changes in the balance of import versus export trade over the past decade have created conflicting agendas with our international and domestic transportation system is increasingly unable to serve,” said Friedmann.

He noted that freight intermediaries are importing ever growing volumes of high value, time sensitive consumer electronic products from Asia (cell phones; MP3 players, laptops, etc...), which move into centralized “mega” distribution centers in the most densely populated areas of the country.

“On the other hand, we are exporting relatively lower valued agricultural products from diverse rural locations,”

Friedmann said. “Generally speaking, these export shipments complicate and slow down this import flow.”

Furthermore, argued Friedmann, the transportation system now in place, is designed to expedite imports, and delay exports... a situation he says will have long-term consequences. It could leave some places, such as small Central Valley farm towns, behind.

“While the four Class I national railroads are hauling more cargo than ever before, the volume growth is in the containerized consumer goods imported from Asia,” he said. “This intermodal cargo is offloaded at West Coast ports, and railed straight through, non-stop, to Chicago, St. Louis, or all the way across to the East Coast metropolitan areas.”

This inbound intermodal move has become the “foundation” of ocean and rail carrier’s business model, added Friedmann. The problem gets worse when carriers by-pass inland load points, where agriculture is produced, in a race to get empty boxes readied for outbound deployment.

“The result is the growing inability for U.S. ag shippers to gain timely and affordable access to our seaports,” he said. “This situation reduces already thin margins, and all too frequently creates delays and increases the transport costs to a level which forces purchasers to look at other countries such as Argentina, Australia and Brazil for goods.” And, despite numerous petitions by ag shippers, Friedmann says the Surface Transportation Board (STB) has

not responded to these concerns.

“Senators from farm states have urged the President to appoint STB leadership, which will work to improve rail service, and who have sponsored legislation to revise existing laws which penalize “captive” rail shippers, reliant on a particular line.

The STB, which oversees the railroads to protect the shipping public, was not the only agency in Friedmann’s sights. He insisted that it’s now time to draft a “national transportation white paper.”

“We must address the transport system as it impacts agriculture – all modes of carriage in all regions of the country,” Friedmann declared and says that four specific points should be looked at:

1. Inventory the challenges facing U.S. agriculture exporters (and importers),

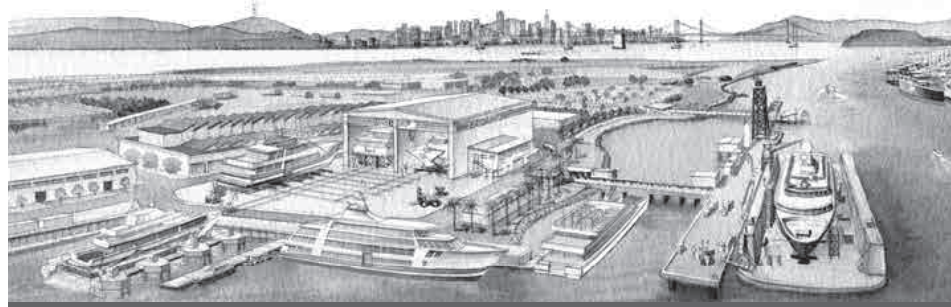
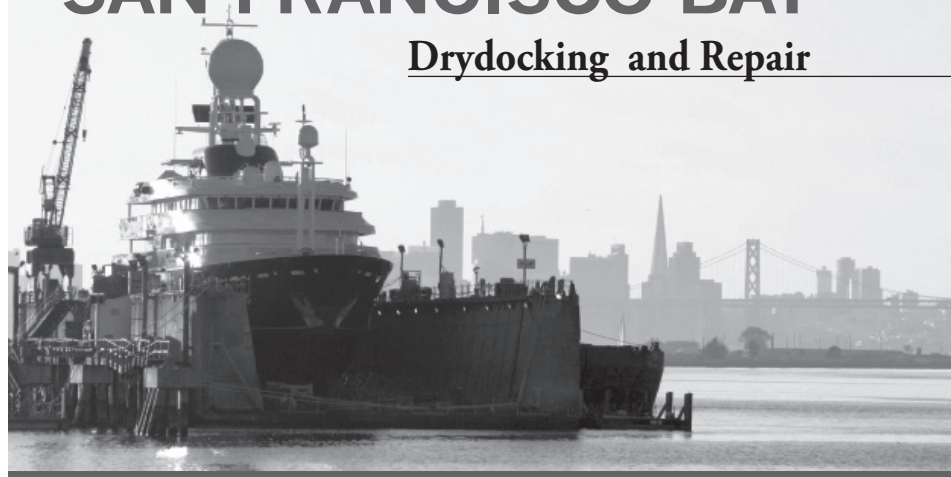
examining all modes – rail, truck, barge, ocean – in all regions of the nation.

2. Understand how the reduction of service in one mode impacts the ability of other modes to provide sufficient and affordable service for agricultural products.

3. Quantify the dollar impact of these transportation deficiencies on sales and competitiveness of agricultural products and jobs.

4. Provide an inventory of possible improvements or solutions. Set fourth a realistic agenda of steps that the U.S. government and our private sector can take to improve the domestic and international transport system.

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Stuck in the Slow Lane? It's Time to Change Lanes

BY IVY MORRISON

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The addition of more FasTrak-only lanes will help ease congestion, since these lanes can handle about three times as many vehicles per hour as cash lanes. But the lane conversions may create additional delays for cash tollpayers — especially during peak travel periods.

“Cash payers will have fewer lanes available. So we're encouraging everyone to sign up for FasTrak now to avoid possible delays in the cash lanes,” said Marin County Supervisor and Metropolitan Transportation Commission member Steve Kinsey. “We are focused on making the FasTrak program easy and accessible to customers.”

FasTrak to the left, cash to the right
New FasTrak-only lanes and other toll plaza improvements will be implemented on the Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael, San Francisco-Oakland Bay and San Mateo-Hayward bridges. The toll

plaza configuration at the Golden Gate Bridge will not be changed. Dedicated carpool lanes at the Carquinez Bridge and San Mateo-Hayward Bridge toll plazas will convert to FasTrak-only lanes during non-peak hours.

Two more FasTrak-only lanes will be added at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge toll plaza, reserving nine of the 20 total lanes for exclusive use by FasTrak customers. The FasTrak-only lanes will be strategically placed to allow easy access for FasTrak-equipped vehicles approaching the bridge from Interstate 80, Interstate 580 or Interstate 880. At all other state-owned toll bridges, drivers need only stay to the left to reach the FasTrak-only lanes. If you are paying cash, move to the right

lanes at the toll plazas. New signage and pavement markings will direct drivers to the correct lanes at each toll plaza.

“We're greatly extending the length of the FasTrak-only lanes to separate FasTrak customers and cash payers, and to eliminate the weaving between lanes that often adds to the backups at the toll plazas,” explained Kinsey. “Drivers should use extra caution in the first weeks after the lane conversions, as everybody gets used to the new lane configurations.”

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Mountain bike rider Rene Mitsui stops at an overlook in the Marin Headlands.

Biking Ironic

BY DAN SANKEY

One of San Francisco's many charms is its size—it's a small enough city to go almost anywhere by bike. But real estate is fought for, and few green scraps of natural land are left for the public to explore beyond tightly corralled urban parks. The irony: From San Francisco, most people have to get in a car and drive to a place to go biking "off road," which is counter to the carless ideal of many a bike rider. Fortunately, the drive to the Marin Headlands isn't far.

In the Headlands (part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area) almost all of the legal biking trails are fire roads (car-wide unpaved roads). What these trails may lack in challenging terrain and technical challenge they make up for with outstanding views of the Bay, the Bridge and the City beyond. Also, the hills are home to a wide range of wildflowers, quail, rabbit, deer and ravens. Not to mention, the trails provide a pretty solid workout of a climb, but still within reason for a novice rider with a well-maintained, geared bicycle.

Many Headland trails are bike-riding distance away from San Francisco, just over the Golden Gate. From the City, it's about a 3-mile ride to the Coastal Trail trailhead. Bikes are allowed on the East side (City) of the bridge at all times, and on the West side (Ocean) only weekends and after 3PM on weekdays. And, remember that strong crosswinds can hit anytime on the bridge, particularly when passing the two towers.

Once over the bridge, riders pass through a parking lot and go left onto Conzelman Road. The hardest part of climbing this road is the first stretch. It's

doable; just use your gears and take your time. There are plenty of pullouts with great views to take a breather, but be careful of oblivious sightseers looking at the view and not at you.

Just shy of a mile up Conzelman, take a right on McCullough Road to the Coastal Trail head about 300 feet on the left. The trail drops and traverses 1.6 miles to cross over Bunker Road. Coastal continues to the Rodeo Beach but that part is not bike legal. About 200 feet further across the road in the trees is the Rodeo Trail head. Follow it 0.5 miles to Miwok Trail, which goes on for one mile, gets steeper then continues straight for 1.3 miles on Old Spring Trail to the Miwok horse stables. Old Spring Trail has some narrower sections with small rocks and wooden planked footbridges bringing some grins after that teeth-gritting climb.

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Transit to the Headlands

MUNI runs a bus (Route 76) to and through the Headlands on Sundays and some holidays. Any other time, riders can catch a bike-friendly Golden Gate Transit bus (#60/San Rafael) from The City to the visitor center on the Marin side of the Golden Gate Bridge.

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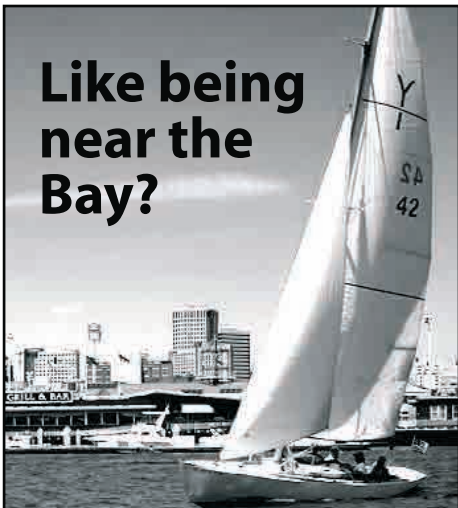
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SAILING ADVENTURES

Thanks for the View

BY SCOTT ALUMBAUGH

Anthony Sandberg is the founder of OCSC Sailing in Berkeley, and from his nearby apartment, he looks out over the marina and a three-bridge view of San Francisco Bay. Part of the beauty of Anthony's view is the sailboats dotting the water. No view of the Bay is complete without a sailboat, the graceful curve of its jib, the crisp white sails against the glistening blue water.

But it works both ways.

Sailing on the Bay or seeing it from a ferry, you can't help but wonder how nice it must be to live in a house along the shore, to be someone who gets to watch boats sailing by every day.

The dirty truth is that Anthony Sandberg lives in a dump literally. For his fantastic view he can thank the City of Berkeley for the landfill he lives on. It is now

In 1969, only 4 miles, out of 276 miles of Bay shoreline, were open to the public. So, what happened?

paved and planted and home to Berkeley Marina as well as Cesar Chavez Park. But it hasn't always been so nice.

In fact, the entire urban coastal region around San Francisco Bay hasn't always been so nice. Until recently, large sections of the Bay stank from pollution. The waterfront was occupied by refineries, military bases, explosives, factories, firing ranges, commercial ports, sewage outfalls and dumps. Some of the area's poorest neighborhoods — West Oakland, East Palo Alto, Bayview-Hunter's Point — were waterfront property. In 1969, only 4 miles, out of 276 miles of Bay shoreline, were open to the public.

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There is still a great deal of pollution in the Bay, and a lot of work yet to be done. But thanks to these women and others, the tide has turned, so to speak. Today, no one thinks seriously of the Bay as a place to dump raw sewage, or as useless water waiting to be filled in and developed. Rather than 4 miles, the public now has access to over 200 miles of world class shoreline. Bayside living is attractive, even if, like Anthony, you're living on an old dump.

So, as you enjoy the view on your sail across the Bay — or from shore looking seaward — think about the founders of Save the Bay, and the thousands of others who continue to work to make sure there is a Bay left to enjoy. Thank them for the view.

So, what happened?

In 1961, three Berkeley women started Save the Bay: Sylvia McLaughlin, Kay Kerr and Esther Gulick. Their first victory was in limiting the size of that dump Anthony lives on — the City of Berkeley had originally planned to double its geographic size by filling in the shallows offshore. After that victory, the group worked to impose a moratorium on landfills in the Bay. These efforts lead, in 1965, to passage of the McAteer-Petris Act, which established a Bay Conservation and Development Commission. This was the first body

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Bay Ship & Yacht of Alameda, CA performs full refit of the Golden Gate Ferry, Marin.

“Marin” Gets Overhaul

BAY CROSSINGS STAFF REPORT

Bay Ship & Yacht recently completed the full refit of the Golden Gate Ferry, *Marin*. The vessel arrived in the shipyard on November 13, 2006, and resumed serving the commuters of the San Francisco Bay Area from its berth in Larkspur last month.

Passengers who ride the *Marin* daily will be pleased to hear that the ferry had a complete remodel of the passenger seating, interior bulkhead linings, new carpet and vinyl flooring and overhead ceilings, ventilation, lighting, and exterior windows. Also included were new fresh

water and sanitary systems, electrical systems, and a complete repainting of the vessel exterior.

An important part of the *Marin* refit was to install new additions, safety features and to make the ferry completely ADA compliant including new fire boundary bulkheads on both the main deck and upper deck, two new unisex heads on the upper deck, a new ADA compliant elevator lift, new fire doors, all new lighting, power and emergency lighting, and a public address and entertainment system. Passengers will also enjoy four new sliding weather tight doors, three new embarkation doors and two completely new commissary and bar areas along with new interior and exterior seating and tables.



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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 Marine World amusement park.

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

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- **Carpool Zip to Zip**

This website allows a person to put in the zip code where they live and the zip code where they work to match up riders who can carpool together on that route. www.carpoolcrew.com



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Shown above is Team PSYCHE of Marin County, one of two teams that tied to win the 2007 Team Bike Challenge. The other is Santa Clara County's Bicycling on Roads and Trails.

Winners of Team Bike Challenge Honored

OAKLAND — The Team Bike Challenge, a contest organized by The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as part of Bike to Work Day/Month, encourages bicycle commuters to form teams—made up of their colleagues, friends, neighbors or local officials—to take on biking as a mode of transportation during the month of May. Participants earned points each time they biked. The top-placing teams overall and from each of the Bay Area counties, and a Bike Commuter of the Year from each county, were announced in June.

Top Placing Teams by County

Webcor Builders Green Light - Alameda, **We Can Do It!** - Contra Costa, **Redwood Retreads** - Napa, **Bakers Bike Deux** - San Francisco, **The Rolling Digmers** - San Mateo, **Solano Cycle Slugs** - Solano, **Wheels of Fortune** - Sonoma.

Bike Commuters of the Year

Alameda - Lisa Lestishock: Lestishock averages 30 miles a day during her bike commute.
Contra Costa - Robert Haas: A regular bike commuter for 19 years. Five days a week, he pedals to and from BART on both ends of his commute from Moraga to El Cerrito.

Marin - Kerri Kazala: Kazala pedals over 60 miles from her home in Mill Valley to her job in Daly City.

Napa - Joel King: King pedals every day to his job at the county of Napa.

San Francisco - Marvin Johnson: Rain or shine, Marvin rides to work and back from his Glen Park neighborhood to his job in San Francisco.

San Mateo - Craig Horak: Horak is an avid bike commuter who pedals 50 miles a day, round-trip, from Burlingame to his job in Emeryville.

Santa Clara - Jack Miller: Miller can be found pedaling from Mountain View to his job in San Jose and back in all kinds of weather.

Solano - Scott Morrison: Morrison began bike-commuting a few days a week last year, but he has made it a habit and has logged over 2,500 commute miles, losing 80 pounds over the last year.

Sonoma - Christine Byrne: Byrne pedals to high school, her job, her friends' houses and for errands. She has started a program at her high school called "eCO2mmute Month" to encourage her cohorts to choose alternative means of getting to school other than by car.

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Building Condos for Green Urban Living and the Return Investment

BY MICHELLE SLADE

The Pacific Coast Builders Conference, held in San Francisco last month, paid tribute to the green building craze sweeping town like proverbial wildfire, in part due to mandates passed in recent years stating all municipal buildings must build to green code, and also because San Francisco, as usual, leads the way in being kind to the planet on many fronts.

A media roundtable hosted by Jeffrey Scott Advertising during the conference focused on the realities, good and bad, of building green and how that applies to commercial and residential building practices.

While the amount of applications for green commercial construction in the City is almost overwhelming, the uptake is slower for green residential building, explained conference presenter Doug Hill, project manager on the Mission Bay residential project, Arterra. Arterra is being built as the first LEED certified condominium/residential project in the city and is scheduled to open in May '08.

As Hill sees it, until greater demand kicks in, green products applicable to the residential building market continue to be more expensive and are considered to be a riskier investment. However, green builders are thinking about the future and considering the cost and payback of their investment, too. It's not just a matter of what costs more now, but what green building products will actually pay off in the long run — for the environment and the bottom line.

In a residential setting one of the big money savers is in energy, specifically high efficiency heating and cooling. Hill said, "At Arterra there is no air conditioning, as this is San Francisco and if you need air conditioning you open up the windows."



Photos courtesy of Arterra

Appliances use approximately 30 percent of energy usage in a typical household. Arterra residents will reduce this by using high efficiency appliances, called Energy Star Rated Appliances. Arterra has also installed dual flush toilets, a new concept in the United States, although these have been widely used in Europe and Japan for years, and even mandated in Australia.

Another green product that is being used for constructing green building exteriors, (Arterra included) is a material called TRESPA, a European product made from wood pulp and a recycled resin that is extremely weather resistant. TRESPA provides a building with what could be described as a breathable rain screen, so important

in diverting the onset of damp and mold and keeping moisture away from interior walls. This material also repels dirt and is resistant to defacing attempts or impact damage.

Other features that promote green residential living include design that leverages natural lighting reducing the need to switch on electric lights. Outside, native landscaping reduces irrigation costs. And, green roofs help control storm water run-off, incorporate native plants, which promote native species like butterflies and birds, and reduce the "heat island" effect, which helps remediate the climate effect that large buildings have in urban areas.

Other benefits of a sustainable building include lower VOCs (volatile

organic compounds), significantly improving indoor air quality, which is a major tenet of the LEED program.

Hill is particularly proud that at Arterra, 92 percent of construction waste is being diverted from landfills. And, at a time when there are more people returning to live in urban areas, high-density urban living residential areas, like Arterra, make commuting easier with better access to public transportation and less need for a car.

Nonetheless, the question remains: What will be the resale value on sustainable condos compared to those conventionally constructed? Hill shrugs his shoulders, "I wish I knew. This is such a new and unique investment area. We'll know in about five years."



Marina Bay's New Heyday!

Photo by John Benson

Richmond's Marina Bay has a rich history that stems from its use as an industrial shipyard that was essential to the World War II home front effort. Its transformation from a U.S. Naval shipyard to a thriving community located around a beautiful marina with stunning views of the San Francisco skyline and several parks available for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike is an incredible success story.

The Past

During World War II, Richmond was perfectly situated to become a strategic hub of the war effort production. Many of the home front industrial centers were located where railroad lines met the harbors, as in Richmond. Richmond Kaiser Shipyards soon became the largest shipbuilding operation in the U.S. and the Ford automobile plant was converted from auto to military vehicle

production. Richmond's population grew from 24,000 to over 100,000 almost overnight. A total of 747 war ships and over 60,000 tanks and combat vehicles were produced in Richmond providing a significant contribution toward the home front war effort that the city still takes pride in today.

The Present

Over the years, Richmond's Marina Bay underwent a slow but steady conversion from shipyards and industry to a beautiful residential community located around a 750-boat marina with a boat ramp and long and wide shoreline esplanade.

Marina Bay, The Shores at Marina Bay and The Cove at Marina Bay are three existing waterfront condominium home communities that have been attracting homebuyers from all over the Bay Area with their quality, value and convenience. Prices start in the high \$200,000 and all offer the same winning combination of

attractive prices and outstanding features that are normally found in far more expensive homes. Collectively, these very attractive, controlled-access communities total 1,180 homes – all located by the shores of the Bay.

Anchor Cove Condominiums in Marina Bay is a new townhome-style condominium project being built by Signature Properties. They have completed construction on 73 (including models) of 128 condominiums and 45 have already been sold. Sales have been brisk and condominiums are available for purchase now. The condominium homes range from 1,300 to 2,100 square feet and include two, two-plus, three and three plus bedroom units. Prices start in the low \$500,000. These attached units typically contain three levels of living area, each with an attached two-car garage.

A significant attraction of the Marina Bay community is its proximity to I-580 and I-80 making it a central location with

easy access to San Francisco, the East Bay and Marin County as well as Richmond's Intermodal Transit System consisting of BART, Amtrak, and AC Transit Public Transportation.

This scenic waterfront location and access to the SF Bay Trail which links all of Richmond's southern shoreline parks, has made the area a major destination for hikers, joggers and bicyclists. The San Francisco Bay Trail is a planned 500-mile recreational and transportation corridor encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Richmond not only has more shoreline than any other city in the San Francisco Bay Area – 32 miles – it has also completed more than 23 miles of the SF Bay Trail – more than any other city.

The Bay Trail wraps around the entire waterfront of Marina Bay and connects four separate and unique parks: Shimada Friendship Park, on the east side of Marina Bay, celebrates Richmond's friendship with its sister city of Shimada in Japan. Lucretia

Edwards Park and Vincent Park sit at opposite sides of the mouth of Marina Bay and are tributes to Lucretia Edwards and Barbara and Jay Vincent, who are greatly responsible for the preservation of access to waterfront land in Richmond for public use.

The largest park and jewel in the Marina Bay crown is Rosie the Riveter Memorial Park located in what was once the heart of Kaiser Shipyard #2. "Rosie the Riveter" is the term that was used during World War II to help recruit female civilian workers to fill the gap created when 10 million people departed the workforce for military duty. The park stands as a memorial to the efforts of the many women who stepped up in a time of need to provide crucial contributions toward the war's production needs.

The Future

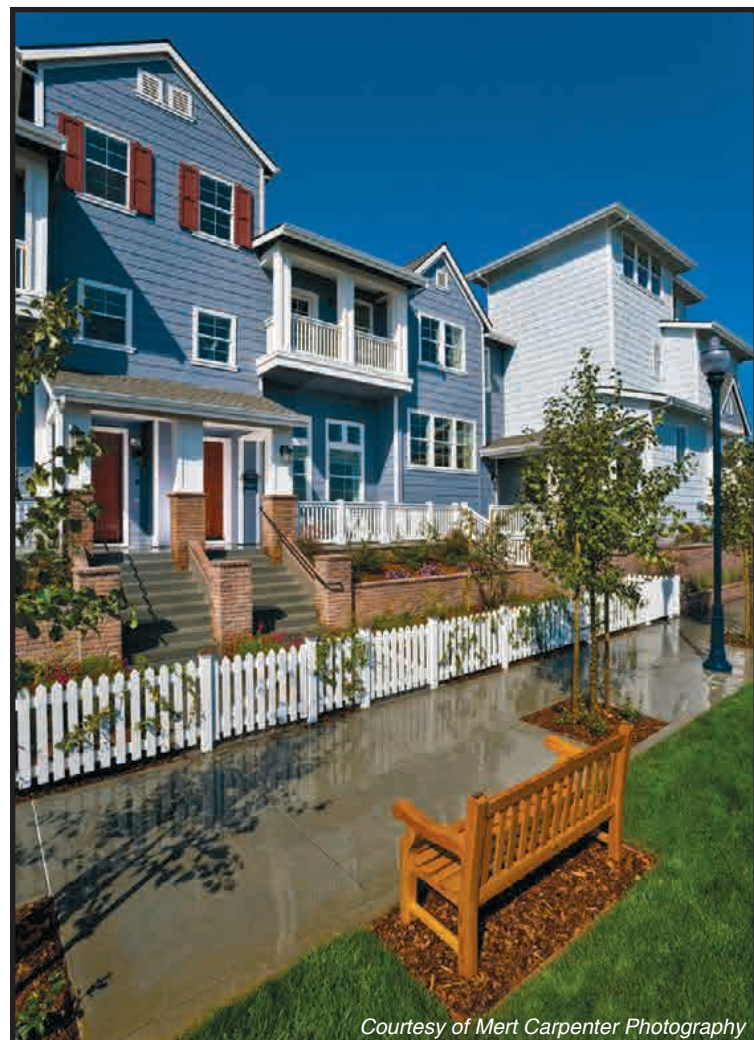
Pulte Homes is currently constructing *Anchorage at Marina Bay*, which, when completed will be a sophisticated 207-townhome community offering maintenance-free living. Presale efforts have started and several homes have already been sold, with the first move in scheduled for October. The townhomes range from 1,145 to 1,711 square feet and prices range from the upper \$400,000 to upper \$500,000. The two and three-bedroom townhomes are thoughtfully designed and feature lavish amenities. Luxury finishes include wood flooring, granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances at no additional charges. There will also be high-capacity fiber optic connectivity to the Internet and



Photo by Joel Williams

A view of Marina Bay from Barbara and Jay Vincent Park.

With all of the current activity and plans for the future, Marina Bay clearly is emerging as a premier location for many families to call home.



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Newly built Anchor Cove Condominiums in Marina Bay are available for purchase now.

attached two-car garages.

Spinnaker Gate at Marina Bay, a proposed residential project by luxury homebuilder Toll Brothers has just received final approval from the City of Richmond. This upscale condominium community will create even more housing opportunities in this coveted area.

Located immediately adjacent to Lucretia Edwards Shoreline Park and the SF Bay Trail and just east of the historic *Ford Point Building*, Spinnaker Gate will provide homeowners with striking views of the Bay and the San Francisco skyline. The plan includes 269 proposed homes including one, two and three-bedroom residences with spacious nine-foot ceilings, outdoor terraces and gas fireplaces. Spinnaker Gate will also provide an exceptional, publicly accessible, open-space park along the Richmond shoreline for all Bay Area residents to enjoy.

The development of the Marina Bay residential

community has not gone unnoticed by the business sector. Several new companies have located in and around the area.

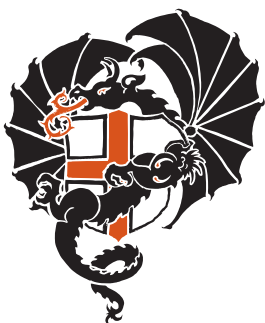
The most notable business development is the resurrection of the *Ford Point Building* that once played a major military production role during World War II. The 517,000 square foot behemoth is an outstanding example of 20th century industrial architecture and features a "daylight factory" design that employs extensive northern skylights on a sawtooth rooftop design. Several large companies have already located in the historic building and the solar power company, PowerLight, plans to occupy 175,000 square feet when it relocates there at the end of the year. The building is expected to be 80% leased by the end of the year and the 40,000 square feet of open space at the waterfront is being reserved for public use and will house the *Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Visitors Center* as well

as various restaurant and retail establishments.

Signature Properties is also planning a waterfront public plaza and commercial space that will soon become the centerpiece of Marina Bay. The plans boast 45,000 square feet of new shops, office space and restaurants in up to six buildings located around the large plaza along the Bay Trail. The buildings are being designed to create an outdoor-themed retail experience while reflecting the architectural character of the neighboring residential units.

Marina Bay is being transformed into one of the Bay Area's most desirable places to live, play and work. With all of the current activity and plans for the future, Marina Bay clearly is emerging as a premier location for many families to call home.

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A Brewing Balancing Act at Rafters

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

Rafters Grille & Brewery is a San Rafael brewpub that takes pride in offering an all natural product without any chemicals or additives. They do not add finings, filter or force carbonate their beers. According to Brewmaster, Dan Duncanson, “Everything is as natural as it gets.”

Duncanson should know, he was studying biology at University of California at Davis at the same time he began homebrewing. After graduating from UC, Duncanson worked as an environmental biologist but soon found that the reality of politics made this dream job less than satisfactory for him,

and returned to the practice of brewing. He worked as the production brewer at San Francisco Brewing for a year before he was offered the Brewmaster position at Rafters in February of 2006.

Rafters offers six house beers on tap, which mostly covers the more popular craft beer styles available today. Although Duncanson does make seasonal specialty beers, he rarely makes “extreme” beers that appeal to a limited audience — like Belgian styles or high alcohol concoctions — due to the limited space available in serving tanks and tap lines.

“In all my beers I try for balance. I aim for balancing the malt with the hops and balancing the alcohol with the flavors that are there, so none of the beers are “kick you in the face” for anything. They are all going to be even and very drinkable.”

The most popular beer at Rafters, by far, is the India Pale Ale, a Pacific Northwest style that is full-bodied and highly hopped but with a well-balanced flavor and over 7 percent ABV content.

The American Lager is light and refreshing and compares well to mainstream beers available today but with some added flavor and more mouth feel than the standard domestics.

The Pale Ale is an American style that resembles a mellower version of a Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, without the intense hop character, yet having an unmistakable Cascade hop flavor.

The biggest surprise was their Amber, which I found delightful. It was well-balanced and had a light and smooth character while still being very flavorful with nice malty flavors including toffee and caramel.

Rafters Grille & Brewery may not try to brew the most exotic craft brew selection in the area, but it does have refreshing, well-balanced beers, good food and a welcoming atmosphere. I found the bar crowd and staff to be quite friendly and engaging, and, I felt like a



Photo by Joel Williams

Brewmaster, Dan Duncanson looks down from his perch next to the brew kettle at Rafters Grille & Brewery.

regular right away. The restaurant itself has a very open, friendly environment complemented by an exceptionally high ceiling and a brewhouse that is visible from the dining room. The menu has plenty of pub grub with very tasty ½ pound Angus burgers, wood-fired pizzas and fish & chips, as well as a full menu of additional items with Italian flair.

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Visitors will be able to purchase BBQ from the contestants and watch who wins the coveted title at 3 PM. Celebrity judges will be on hand to taste, savor and score the best BBQ in three categories: taste, presentation and creativity. "PG&E is proud to partner with the Bay Area's BBQ restaurants and to have the opportunity to crown the title of "Best BBQ of the East Bay" to the winning restaurant. Of course, I'm also glad I'm a judge!" said Tom Guarino of PG&E.

In addition to authentic BBQ, visitors will enjoy all day music and entertainment featuring jazz, blues and contemporary R&B from classics to the Beatles. Free children's games with prizes, free jump houses, arts and crafts artisans and BBQ specials from Jack London Square restaurants will also take place. 102.9 KBLX will be on site with games and giveaways for kids of all ages.

Note that fireworks will not be held at Jack London Square this year due to construction as they expand their facilities and services.

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Everyone knows that Sourdough French Bread is the culinary landmark of San Francisco. But did you know that Colombo Baking Company, est. 1886 in Oakland, has always been recognized as one of the best of the bakeries in the Bay Area?

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Armanino Foods of Distinction is operated by a three-generation San Francisco family. They put lots of love and the highest quality ingredients in all their products, like their yummy meatballs, fresh-made frozen pastas and delicious frozen pesto sauce, made from an authentic, Italian family recipe. Enjoy that fresh basil flavor and aroma, with no preservatives, additives or artificial ingredients.

What a Great Combination. Be Creative!

Recipe of the Month

Tortellini Pesto Salad With Cheesy French Bread
Approximate Preparation time: 20 minutes. Serves 4

Cheesy French Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf Colombo Sourdough Bread, split lengthwise
- 7 oz. Armanino Basil Pesto, thawed
- 8 oz. fresh mozzarella, drained and sliced
- 1/2 cup sun dried tomato in oil, drained and chopped

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Take a loaf of Colombo Sourdough Bread, cut lengthwise and place on a cookie sheet. Split Armanino Basil Pesto into equal portions and spread half on each side of the bread. Place slices of mozzarella evenly on top of pesto and sprinkle sun dried tomatoes on top. Place in oven for 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbling. Slice bread on diagonal and serve. Caution: cheese will be hot!

Tortellini Pesto Salad

Ingredients:

- 16 oz. pkg. Armanino Cheese Tortellini
- 7 oz. Armanino Basil Pesto, thawed
- 2 T Mayonnaise
- 2 Tomatoes, seeded and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and julienne

Directions:

Cook Armanino Cheese Tortellini according to directions and rinse in cold water to help cool. When cooled, add Armanino Basil Pesto, mayonnaise, tomatoes and bell pepper. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Chill and serve.

For more delicious recipes, visit sourdoughbread.com and Armaninofoods.com

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Golden Gate Ferry							
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Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Larkspur	Arrive S F	Depart S F	Arrive Larkspur	Depart Larkspur	Arrive S F	Depart S F	Arrive Larkspur
5:50am	6:20am	6:25am	6:55am	9:40am	10:30am	-----	-----
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40	11:00	12:00	12:30pm	1:20pm
7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15	1:30pm	2:20pm	2:30	3:20
7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05	3:30	4:20	4:30	5:20
8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45	5:30	6:20	7:00	7:50
9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45	One-Way Ferry Fares			
10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30	LARKSPUR SAUSALITO			
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30pm	Daily Daily			
11:40	12:15pm	12:25pm	1:00	Adult Cash Fare \$7.10 \$7.10			
12:40pm	1:15	1:25	2:00	Frequent Rider Ticket (Book of 20 Tickets) \$4.45 \$3.80			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Seniors (age 65+) with Medicare or approved I.D. \$3.55 \$3.55			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	Youth (ages 6-18) \$3.55 \$3.55			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55	Children (age 5 & under) FREE FREE			
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25				
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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.



Adventure Cat					
2007 Departure Schedule		BAY CRUISE		SUNSET CRUISE	
April 1 to Sept. 3 Daily		1:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	6:30 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			
(800) 979-3370 / www.adventurecat.com		Group Discount Rates: 10 or more full fare passengers = \$5.00 off per person when run on one credit card			

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND				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	-----	9:00 am	9:10 am	---	9:35 am		
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	10:40	10:25 *	11:10	11:25		
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	12:20 pm	12:10 pm*	12:50 pm	1:05 pm		
9:15	9:25	9:45	10:00	1:55	1:45 *	2:25	2:40		
11:00	10:50	11:30	11:45	4:00	3:45 *	4:30	4:45		
12:45pm	12:35pm	1:15pm	1:30pm	5:45	5:30 *	---	6:20		
2:30	2:20	3:00	3:10	7:20	7:05 *	7:50	8:05		
4:40	4:30	5:10	-----	8:55	8:45 *	8:25	9:30		
5:50	5:40	6:15	-----	10:30	10:20*	---	11:00		
6:20*	6:10*	-----	7:00	Weekends and Holidays from San Francisco					
6:55	6:45	7:20	-----	Depart Pier 41	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland		
7:55	7:45	8:20	-----	8:30 am	---	9:10 am	9:00 am		
8:55	8:45	-----	9:25	9:45	10:00	10:20	10:35		
Weekdays from San Francisco				11:35	11:50	12:10 pm	12:20 pm		
Depart Pier 41	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland	1:10 pm	1:25 pm	1:45	1:55		
-----	6:30am	7:15am	7:05am	2:50	---	3:45	3:55		
-----	7:35	8:20	8:10	4:55	5:10	5:30	5:40		
-----	8:40	9:25	9:15	6:30	6:45	7:05	7:15		
10:15	10:30	10:50	11:00	8:10	8:25	8:45	8:55		
12:00pm	12:15pm	12:35pm	12:45pm	9:40	9:55	10:15	10:25		
1:45	2:00	2:20	2:30	ALAMEDA/OAKLAND FARES:					
3:45	4:10	4:30	4:40	One Round 10Ticket 20Ticket Monthly Way Trip Book* Book* Pass					
-----	5:20	5:40	5:50	Adult (13+)	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$45.00	\$80.00	\$150.00
5:20	5:45	6:10	6:20	Child (5-12)	\$2.75	\$5.50	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.		
-----	6:25	6:45	6:55	Child under 5**FREE	FREE	FREE			
-----	7:25	7:45	7:55	Senior (65+)	\$3.25	\$6.50			
-----	8:25	8:45	8:55	Disabled Persons*	\$3.25	\$6.50			
				Active Military	\$4.25	\$8.50			

* On Giants weekday home game nights, these departures stop at AT&T Ballpark before proceeding to Pier 41.

Schedule information harvested online. Schedules are subject to change. July, 2007

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

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Blue & Gold Ferry					
BAY CRUISE			SAUSALITO		
Leave PIER 39			FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41		
Weekdays		Weekends and Holidays		Weekdays	
10:45am	2:30	10:00am	2:30	11:00 am	11:20 am
11:30pm	4:00	10:45	4:30	12:35 pm	1:20 pm
12:00pm	5:00	11:30	5:30	2:20	2:40
1:15	6:30	12:45pm	6:45	3:15	3:45
Bay Cruise does not operate during inclement weather. Additional cruises may be added on demand. Check with ticket booth on day of sailing for schedule. No reserved seating available.					
FARES: All prices include audio tour.					
Adult \$21.00		Junior (12-18) \$17.00		Senior (62+) \$17.00	
Child (5-11) \$13.00		Special Rates On Line			
ANGEL ISLAND					
Weekdays					
Depart Ferry Building	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Building	Arrive Pier 41
9:20am	9:45am	10:00am	10:10am	10:30am	10:50am
12:10pm	12:35pm	12:50pm	1:00pm	---	2:10pm
---	---	---	3:25*	---	3:40*
---	---	---	4:15	4:40pm	5:00
* Boat does not stop at Ferry Building					
Weekends					
Depart Ferry Building	Depart Pier 41	Arrive Angel Island	Depart Angel Island	Arrive Ferry Building	Arrive Pier 41
9:20am	9:45am	10:10am	10:20am	11:10am	11:35am
11:20	11:45	12:10pm	12:15pm	1:35pm	1:10pm
1:45pm	1:20pm	2:10	2:15	---	3:10
---	3:20	3:45	3:55	5:15	4:50
> Stop at PIER 41 prior to Ferry Building					
Angel Island Round Trip via SF					
Adult \$14.50		Child (6 - 12) \$8.50		Child (5 - under) FREE	
All prices include State Park Fees					
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		
6:00am	6:20am	---	---		
6:50	7:10	7:15am	7:35am		
7:50	8:10	8:15	8:35		
8:45	9:05	---	---		
---	---	4:25pm	4:45pm		
5:00pm	5:20pm	5:25	5:45		
5:50	6:10	6:15	6:35		
6:40	7:00	7:15	7:35		
FARES: One-Way Round Trip					
Adult \$8.50		Child (5-11) \$4.50		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	3:00	Fare:	
10:45	3:45	Adult \$21	
11:15	4:15pm	Senior (62+) \$18	
12:30pm	5:00	Youth (12-17) \$18	
1:15	5:30	Child (5-11) \$14	
1:45	6:15	Under 4 \$Free	
2:30			

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	6:35am	---	---
6:30	7:35	---	---
7:00	8:10	---	---
7:45	8:55	---	---
8:45	9:55	---	---
10:00	11:10	11:20am	11:30am
11:30	12:40pm	---	---
1:00pm	2:10	---	---
2:00	3:30	3:00pm	3:10pm
3:20	4:30	---	---
4:05	5:15	---	---
4:45	6:00	---	---
5:35	7:05	6:35	6:45
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.			
Weekends and Holidays			
Depart Vallejo	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Depart Pier 41
8:45am	9:55am	---	---
10:00	11:10	11:20am	11:30
11:30	12:40pm	---	---
1:00pm	2:10	---	---
3:00	4:30	4:00pm	4:10pm
4:05	5:15	---	---
5:35	6:45	---	---
6:35	7:45	---	---
8:20	9:50	9:20	9:30
FARES:			
Adult One-Way \$11.50		Senior/Disabled/Medicare One-Way (65+/disabled)* \$5.75	
Youth One-Way (6-12 years) \$5.75		Baylink DayPass \$19.25	
Monthly Pass \$247.25		Monthly Pass with Muni \$287.25	
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	1:00pm 3:00	10:20am 11:20	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		Free MUNI and AC Transit Transfers Provided	

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Spare the Air/Free Transit: New Twist for Growing Summertime Tradition

BY JOHN GOODWIN

A new incarnation of the Bay Area's popular Spare the Air/Free Transit program kicked off last month with the official June 1 start of the summer smog season. Thanks to \$8.5 million from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, a record 29 separate transit systems from all nine Bay Area counties will provide free commutes on up to four Spare the Air weekdays through October 12.

The free rides will be offered the first four times the Air District issues a *Spare the Air* advisory on a non-holiday weekday. Free transit will be available on BART, Caltrain, Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) and Bay Area ferries until 1 p.m., and all day on the region's bus and light-rail systems, including VTA and Muni Metro. Due to heightened security requirements around AT&T Park in San Francisco and expected heavy passenger loads on many transit systems during Major

League Baseball's All Star Game festivities, free transit will not be provided if the Air District declares a *Spare the Air* Day on July 9 or July 10.

"Transit ridership jumped an average of 15 percent on Spare the Air/Free Transit days last summer," observed MTC Commissioner and Orinda City Council Member Amy Worth. "And some of the ferry and rail systems recorded much higher numbers. This led to overcrowding, scheduling delays and security problems on some lines. So this year, we've fine-tuned the program to meet these challenges. By limiting free rides on BART, Caltrain, ACE and the ferries to passengers who board before 1 p.m., we expect to cut down on the overcrowding and unruly behavior that occurred last year, particularly on trips from downtown San Francisco back to the East Bay, Marin and the Peninsula."

Now in its fifth summertime run, the Spare the Air/Free Transit program has added more participating transit agencies each year and is now the largest of its kind in the nation. During the 2006 *Spare the Air* campaign, nearly 10 percent of Bay Area drivers reduced at least one automobile trip on *Spare the Air* days, up from 7 percent in 2005.

"One of the most effective ways residents can help protect public health, the climate and air quality in the Bay Area is to make

everyday clean air choices like driving less and riding transit instead," said Jack Broadbent, Air District executive officer. "The *Spare the Air/Free Transit* incentive provides the public an opportunity to try transit and decrease their dependence on cars — the Bay Area's number one source of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions."

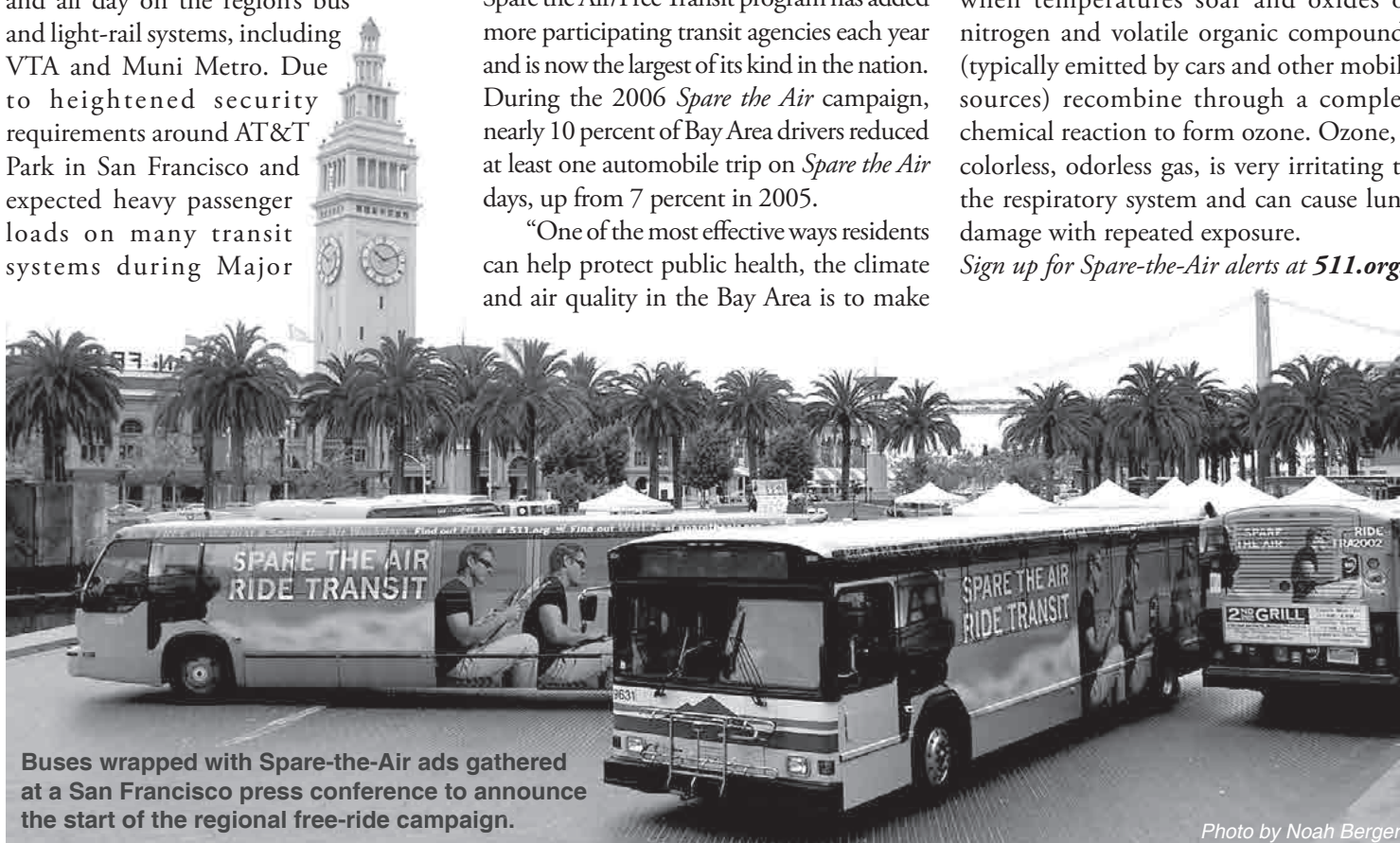
"This is a major accomplishment given that not driving for just one day avoids almost one pound of smog-forming pollution and 30 pounds of greenhouse gasses," said MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger. "As the largest free transit program in the country, the *Spare the Air* free transit initiative is leading the way in mobilizing residents to slow the effects of climate change."

The Air District declares a *Spare the Air* day when it forecasts ground-level ozone concentrations to reach unhealthy levels. This situation occurs in summer months when temperatures soar and oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds (typically emitted by cars and other mobile sources) recombine through a complex chemical reaction to form ozone. Ozone, a colorless, odorless gas, is very irritating to the respiratory system and can cause lung damage with repeated exposure.

Sign up for *Spare-the-Air* alerts at 511.org.

The following Bay Area transit partners are participating in the 2007 Spare the Air/Free Transit incentive program:

- AC Transit
- ACE
- Alameda-Harbor Bay Ferry
- Alameda-Oakland Ferry
- Air BART
- BART
- Benicia Breeze
- CalTrain
- Cloverdale Transit
- County Connection (CCCTA)
- Dumbarton Express
- Fairfield/Suisun Transit
- Golden Gate Transit and Ferry
- Healdsburg Transit
- Wheels
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 - o St. Helena Shuttle
 - o Yountville Shuttle
- Petaluma Transit
- Rio Vista Delta Breeze
- SamTrans
- Santa Rosa City Bus
- Sonoma County Transit
- Tri Delta Transit
- Union City Transit
- Vacaville City Coach
- Vallejo Transit and Vallejo Baylink Ferry
- Valley Transportation Authority
- WestCat



Buses wrapped with Spare-the-Air ads gathered at a San Francisco press conference to announce the start of the regional free-ride campaign.

Photo by Noah Berger

Ferry Rides to Bay Trail Adventures

BY MARJORIE BLACKWELL

Summertime, and the bikin' is easy, thanks to new Bay Trail maps that give bicyclists, as well as walkers, skaters and wildlife watchers, a fresh look at sites and adventures along San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. A total of 40 miles have been added since the last Bay Trail maps were published in 2003. With easy access by ferry to many Bay Trail points, hiking and biking the Bay Trail is the perfect summer experience. A total 290 miles of Bay Trail have been completed — more than half the 500 mile total route that eventually will link the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties and 47 cities that touch the Bays.

Here are some favorite Bay Trail hiking and biking trips you can combine with ferry rides.

San Francisco to Marin County Ferry Loop: This bike ride begins at Pier 41, travels through Fisherman's Wharf, Marina Green and Crissy Field, crosses

the Golden Gate Bridge and heads down to Sausalito. From there you can catch a ferry back to San Francisco, or you can continue on another 13 miles to Tiburon, passing by the Richardson Bay Audubon Center, and board the ferry back to San Francisco in downtown Tiburon.

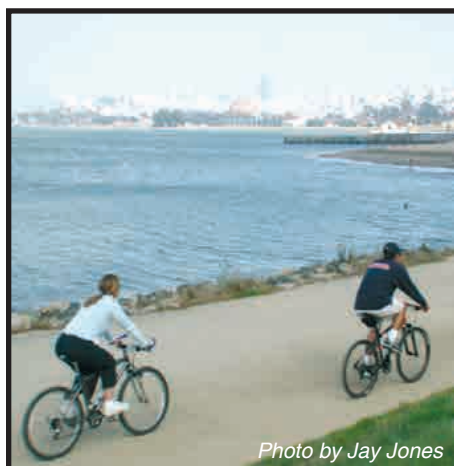


Photo by Jay Jones

Angel Island: Ride a ferry from Oakland, San Francisco or Tiburon to this island park in the middle of the San Francisco Bay for a hike or bike ride on the wide, paved Perimeter Road that

loops around the top of the island. Enjoy lunch in the grassy picnic area before your ferry ride home.

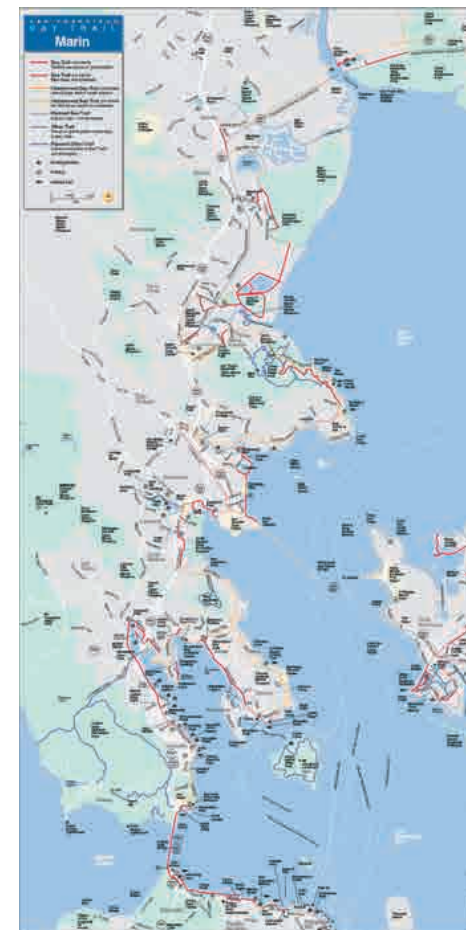
Heron's Head Park: From the San Francisco Ferry Building, bicycle south along the Embarcadero; connect to Terry Francois Boulevard and Illinois Street, then turn left on Cargo Way in Hunters Point. Follow the gravel pathway to the edge of an emerging shorebird habitat that gives firsthand views of wetland restoration in progress. Interpretive signs tell the story of native flora and fauna that have reclaimed the area. You can continue south across the bicycle/pedestrian bridge and follow the shoreline path as it wraps around the edge of the PG&E Hunters Point Power Plant, now closed. The trail leads to a cove at India Basin Shoreline Park.

Vallejo Waterfront Trail: From the Vallejo Ferry terminal, head north on foot or bicycle along the waterfront promenade. The paved trail stretches for 1.5 miles along the shoreline, passing marinas, the Vallejo Yacht Club and River Park marshes.

New Bay Trail segments completed in the past two years offer several hiking and biking routes that easily can be combined with ferry rides:

West Oakland: Bike lanes now run from Jack London Square through West Oakland to Emeryville, connecting with the Bay Trail that stretches along the Bay shoreline through Eastshore State Park all the way to Richmond, an ambitious round-trip ride of 28 miles.

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park: From the Oakland ferry terminal, head north on 7th Street to Middle Harbor Road. Pass through the intersection and take first right into the park's parking lot. From there you can walk or bike through this new 37-acre shoreline park that offers stunning views of the Bay Bridge and San Francisco as well as close-up views of the massive cranes and ships at work in the Port of Oakland.



New Bay Trail Maps

The new set of six colorful Bay Trail maps features 290 miles of completed trail and showcases attractions in all nine Bay Area counties. The back sides of the maps feature 40 recommended routes to inspire and guide shoreline recreation. Details for each route include directions, distance, trail surface, natural and historic points of interest, and parking and transit information. The six-map set is priced at \$15, and individual maps are \$3.50 plus tax and shipping. To order, visit www.baytrail.org or call the Association of Bay Area Governments at (510) 464-7900. The Bay Trail maps also are sold at the Bay Crossings store in the San Francisco Ferry Building.



Photo by Laura Thompson

AROUND THE BAY IN JULY



Get Groovy Out at the Ballgame

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Summer of Love, the San Francisco Giants will revive the atmosphere of the '60s at the AT&T ballpark with music and pre-game festivities. The first 20,000 fans will receive a "Summer of Love" T-shirt, and The Summer of Love Revue will perform music reminiscent of 1967 before the opening pitch. July 14, 1PM, SF Giants -vs.- LA Dodgers. <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>

Fair Weather for Music

Several Bay Area counties have their fairs in July and offer a plethora of infamous musical acts as entertainment. Solano County, Vallejo, July 11-15: Kool & Gang, WAR, Kenny Loggins
Marin County, San Rafael, through July 4: KC & The Sunshine Band, The Wailers, Pat Benatar, Village People
Alameda County, Pleasanton, through July 8:
Grand Funk Railroad, Chuck Mangione



Celebrate the Fourth on an Aircraft Carrier / Floating Museum

Celebrate U.S. independence on a ship that affected the course of history - the USS Hornet in Alameda. The ship, now a museum, hosts its Independence Day party on July 4, 10AM-9:30PM. There will be food, beer and wine concessions, and features live music on the flight deck, interactive games and a bouncy house for kids. In the evening guests can see panoramic views of Bay Area fireworks from the flight deck. Entertainment begins at 2PM. Ship tours are from 10AM-7PM. Adult admission is \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door), \$10 for children ages 5-17. For tickets call (510) 521-8448, x-282. www.hornetevents.com



Bubbly and Blammo

The Potomac, President Roosevelt's "Floating White House" will be hosting a special 3-hour "Fireworks & Champagne" cruise on July 4, 7:30PM-10:30PM. Champagne and gourmet desserts will be the featured fare along with coffee and soft drinks. Potomac will cruise along the city side of San Francisco then out toward the center of the Bay to get in position for the best views of the annual fireworks displays from both San Francisco and Sausalito. Cruise tickets are \$125. For reservations call (510) 627-1215.

www.usspotomac.org



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Oakland Serves Films Alfresco

The Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema season begins July 21 with the screening of "Ray," and continues through October. Once a month, the series transforms Ninth Street (between Broadway and Washington) into a free outdoor cinema. Limited seating is available but filmgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. Movies begin at dusk. Oakland Film Office (510) 238-4734. www.filmoakland.com

Got Change for SF MUNI?

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's services have changed after a detailed assessment of transportation needs. The changes were designed to improve travel times to Caltrain and the S.E. corridor of the City, and to better serve travelers between the North Beach and SoMa. MUNI Information Hotline, call 311 or visit www.sfmta.com

Rail:

N-line travels to Caltrain
J-line switches back at Embarcadero
K-Line becomes T-line inbound at West Portal
T-line becomes K-line outbound at Embarcadero
Castro shuttles restored

Bus:

New service, 20-Columbus, limited hours from Van Ness & North Point to Beale & Howard
Restored service, 10-Townsend on weekends

To have your event or announcement considered for the Bay Crossings Around the Bay listings, please send information or a press release to: editor@baycrossings.com.

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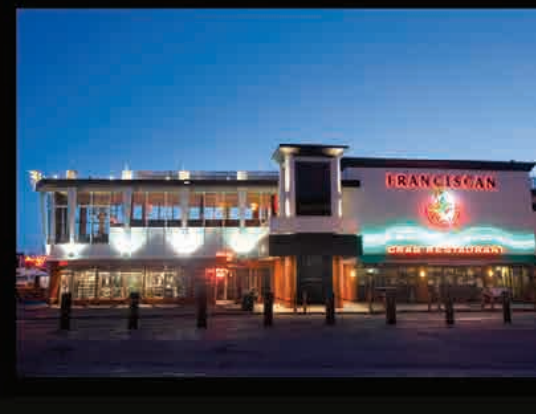
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