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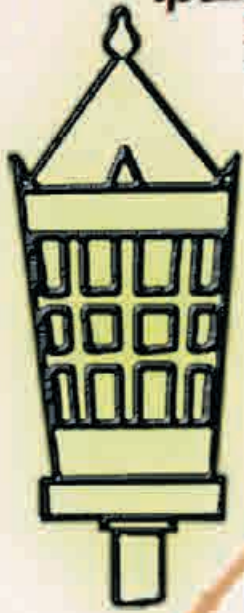
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In the Sept. 2006 story, "Bay Crossings Saves Historic Wheelhouse, Bids Adieu to Fresno," the caption incorrectly states the photo was taken at the time of *Fresno's* maiden voyage. *Bay Crossings* regrets the error.

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Port Oakland Ranked Fourth Tier

Fourth largest port in U.S. deemed last in line for security funding by Homeland Security

BY GUY SPAN

There are four levels (tiers) of ports rated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), from Tier 1 ports carrying the greatest risk (and earning the most DHS dollars) to low-risk Tier 4 ports like Albany, NY or Mount Vernon, IN. So what Tier do you suppose DHS has applied to the fourth busiest container port in America, namely Oakland? It may take several guesses before one comes up with the current rating.

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According to Deputy Director of External Affairs of the Port of Oakland, Harold P. Jones, the Port was surprised that its fiscal year 2006 funding request was ignored (\$0 granted) and dismayed that the Port of Oakland has been ranked Fourth Tier. He said it's difficult to understand the rationale and begs the question: How does the fourth busiest container port in the country achieve such a low ranking? However, Jones also said that the Port was comfortable with its immediate baseline security measures, including fencing and cameras. He notes that Oakland had one of the first radiation detectors and that each container leaving the port is checked, but important programs such as transportation worker identification, and others, were left unfunded.

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and dereliction of duty by the Bush Administration." Late in September, Lee joined other members of the California Congressional Delegation to write to Homeland Security Secretary, Michael Chertoff, to express her shock and astonishment.

There is a rationale for assessing risk and a methodology for Homeland Security. First, there is Geographic Risk (worth up to 50 points), and it is composed of the following three components as provided by the department: Vulnerability, Consequence and known Threat.

The second area is also worth up to 50 points and it is called Asset Risk. Asset Risk (according to DHS) is the sum of two independent, but complimentary, assessments of port asset risk, including port, private infrastructure and vessel risk.

While it is difficult to apply the criteria, as almost each one is an analyst's assessment of risk, it is known that the Port of Oakland is accessed through defined and dredged shipping channels with the bulk of the business being containers. A shut down of even part of the port would have vast impacts on West Coast Shipping (and employment), as containers would have to be diverted to other, already crowded ports.

The key impact of being ranked as a Fourth Tier port is, primarily, lost financial aid to improve security. The big boys in ports are all in Tier 1 and include LA/Long Beach-as the busiest container port on the West Coast, and New York/New Jersey-as the busiest East Coast port. Now, we have to be careful with the term "busy."

Container ports are rated by how many TEUs they process in a year. A TEU is industry parlance for a twenty-foot equivalent unit or a twenty-foot container. Thus a forty-foot container would be the equivalent of two TEUs. By that ranking, LA/Long Beach towers over Oakland (with over 14 million TEUs), and New York/New Jersey

Comes in Second (with 4.7 million TEUs). However, Oakland is nothing to sneeze at, as by DHS' definition, it is the third largest container port in America, handling some 2.3 million TEUs. By example, Seattle and Tacoma each handle around

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The following table compares Oakland’s funding to some other sample ports:

Tier	Port	FY 2006 Award	FY 2002-2006	TEUs	Rank	Tons	Rank
Four	Oakland	\$0	\$11,000,000	2,272,525	3	15,541,066	45
Two	Seattle	\$7,416,539	\$39,831,762	2,087,989	4	23,501,372	37
Three	Baltimore	\$4,809,848	\$16,614,208	602,486	19	47,399,120	17
Three	Charleston	\$9,021,591	\$29,114,612	1,986,586	6	24,739,212	34
Four	Miami	\$2,250,000	\$28,187,767	1,054,462	11	9,754,577	56
Four	San Diego	\$139,837	\$14,071,052	101,509	NR	3,107,232	99
Four	San Francisco	\$0	\$9,717,897	-----	NR	2,654,714	112
Four	Stockton	\$0	\$1,942,704	-----	NR	2,803,015	106
Four	Richmond	\$1,185,716	\$4,792,116	-----	NR	24,743,520	33

NR = Not in the top 25 Ports as Reported by the American Association of Port Authorities, As ranked by TEUs in 2005.
Tons are Short Tons (2,000 lbs.) as reported by US Army Corps of Engineers (2003).

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Competition opens doors to green business; local legislation and incentives follow

BY BILL PICTURE

A standing-room only crowd filled the North Light Court of San Francisco's City Hall on Sept. 26 to honor the winners of the first annual California Clean Tech Open.

The competition, the brainchild of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Club of Northern California, is intended to encourage innovation in environmentally conscious or "clean" technology, related to renewal energy, energy efficiency, pollution reduction and resource conservation.

Since the call for submissions went out in April, more than 150 proposals were submitted. Of those, 43 finalists were chosen, from which five winners were selected and announced at the awards ceremony in San Francisco. Three of the winners are based in the Bay Area. Each winner received a combination of cash and professional services to help put their winning ideas into action.

Energy

Adura Technologies, Inc. was the winner in the "Energy Efficiency" category. The Berkeley-based company has developed technology that will allow businesses to

turn off unnecessary lights in commercial office buildings, where a single switch generally controls several panels of lighting. Adura's control can be installed in less than five minutes per fixture and will save businesses more than 50 percent on lighting energy costs.

Renewables

Another Berkeley company, GreenVolts, was the winner in the "Renewables" category. GreenVolts has developed High Concentration Photovoltaic technology that produces energy at half the cost of traditional solar panels.

To further encourage developments in clean technology, Newsom has offered a payroll tax exemption to clean tech companies that wish to do business in San business in San Francisco

Transportation

Palo Alto-based KiteShip was the winner in the "Transportation" category. Large ships now consume 10 percent of the world's fuel and produce three times more pollution than all of the automobiles in the world put together. KiteShip has developed a very large retractable kite that provides sail power without the need for a fixed mast. The sail will reduce a ship's fuel consumption by 25 percent, and vastly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants.

In a rousing speech, guest speaker Vinod Khosla, co-founder of Sun Microsystems and founder of Menlo Park-based Khosla Ventures, pushed for entrepreneurs to focus more attention on finding feasible ways to reduce petroleum consumption. Khosla, one of the nation's most outspoken and influential advocates for the use of clean-burning and high-octane ethanol, went on to offer up decreased petroleum consumption as a possible solution to many of the world's most pressing problems.

"Terrorism, pollution, climate crisis – they all have a common root," Khosla explained. "That common root is petroleum."

Khosla downplayed recent advancements in solar power, explaining that the high cost of installing solar panels makes this renewable energy source's adoption by the masses unlikely any time soon. Instead, he pointed to battery technology as a better means of reducing coal consumption for power generation.

"Battery technology is one of the most urgent needs," he said, "but one of the slowest to innovate."

Government

The following day, Gov. Schwarzenegger signed into law Assembly Bill 32, which requires that greenhouse gas emissions be reduced 25 percent statewide by 2020. The law is the first of its kind in the country.

"It's time to get serious," added San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, who also spoke at the California Clean Tech Open event. "We can't wait another day."

Among Newsom's ideas for reducing carbon dioxide emissions in San Francisco is to insist that The City's taxi companies switch to cleaner-burning alternative fuels.

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"Clean tech is where it's at," he added. "This is where we connect the ideological divide between economic growth and environmental stewardship."

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Welcome to Green Hotel California

Gaia Napa Valley, the first LEED certified state hotel, opens for business, while San Francisco's Orchard Garden's opening projected for this month

BY BILL PICTURE

The Orchard Garden Hotel in San Francisco and the Gaia Napa Valley Hotel in American Canyon have been racing to be the first hotel in the state to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's requirements for LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification.

After months of speculation as to which would be the Golden State's first green hotel open for business, Bobby Freeman, Director of Sales and Marketing at Gaia Napa Valley Hotel has confirmed, "We're opening this Saturday afternoon,

October 28, with a Grand Opening sometime in mid-December."

At press time, the projected opening date for the Orchard Garden Hotel was Nov. 15.

Although, Gaia Napa will be the first LEED certified hotel in the state, the third in the country, the Orchard Garden Hotel will be San Francisco's first "all-green hotel built from the ground up."

Not only has the Orchard adhered to the nationally accepted standards for environmentally sustainable or "green" construction, but management at the 104-room hotel is also incorporating enviable green practices into its day-to-day operation. In addition to using chemical-

free cleaning products, recycled paper and soy-based inks, the Orchard Garden will also be the first hotel in San Francisco to use guestroom key cards that turn off lights and televisions when a guest leaves their room, thus reducing energy consumption by nearly 20 percent.

The Gaia Napa Valley Hotel, a 135-room eco-resort located on four acres of land at the entrance to Napa Valley wine country, plans to take the green concept to luxurious new heights, offering a full menu of spa and salon treatments using only all-natural products. Freeman says that there's no other hotel like it in the area, especially one that offers such high quality standards and meeting space. "Hotel Gaia has 4,200

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The Potomac departs at 10AM from Jack London Square and returns at 2:30PM. Price per person is \$85, which includes transportation aboard the USS Potomac, admission and tours of the USS Hornet and lunch. Space is limited. For reservations call (510) 627-1215 or visit www.usspotomac.org.

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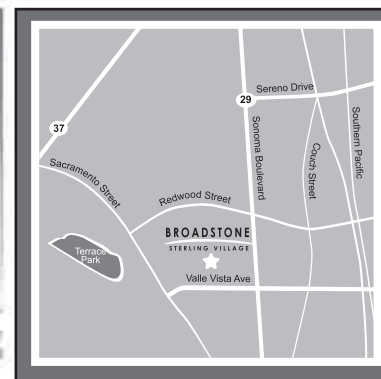


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against lengthy downward fluctuations in market value. The universal desire for Bay Area waterfront living is always going to be there acting as an incubator for home appreciation. Waterfront development continues due to this strong desire.

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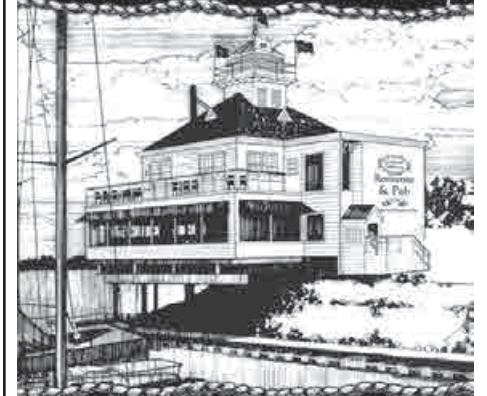
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Did someone say Champagne?

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Thaddeus' Ruminations

This fall's two acres of beet were a huge success, but my point of view is biased seeing how it is my responsibility to seed, water and help keep bugs and weeds from harming all the crops on our 240-acre organic farm. The reality is that the beginning of this crop's life was quite dramatic.

A beet in the field does not look like a beet at all. Just the very top of the root shows, which makes judging the size difficult. And then, there are the leaves that stretch out from the root, which, like battle flags, show the signs of their fight.

The population of moths living in the neighbor's alfalfa field saw our young beets as an ideal location to lay their eggs. I was worried that the sudden infestation of hundreds of thousands of little moth worms would clear cut the entire field before a single beet could mature. Reaching into our limited arsenal of organic insecticides, we were able to ease the pressure from the worms enough to turn the tides in favor of the beets – victory! The plants are now healthy and ready to make a hearty fall meal, but the remaining bug bite holes in the leaves tell the story of the crop's early toil.

The harsh reality of our nation's food distribution system is that the moths may have sentenced my farm's beet crop to going to seed in the field without ever being given the opportunity to take center stage on your plate. The damage on the leaves is purely cosmetic, but it's enough to get the whole plant rejected by wholesale buyers. The argument that most people don't eat the leaves, and the part that they do eat is perfect, generally, doesn't work – we have tried it. The other reality is that the "organic" division of some huge corporate factory farm has a field, larger than my entire farm, filled with beets attached to perfect leaves, for a cheaper price.

Despite the reaction from our wholesale customers and the price of our competitor's product, our crew will be making their first harvest through the field as they hone their skills at judging the size of the beets before plucking them from the ground. Like many small family farms, we have secured a market for our product that can bypass the moody wholesale buyers and sell directly to customers. This is the best way to distribute our handcrafted works of art to people who care about the quality of food they eat and the procedure in which the food is grown.

Warm Beet Salad

- One bunch beets
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper

- Cut leaves and root tip from the beet
- Boil beet roots until tender
- Remove from water, let cool
- Peel the skin and cut the beets into slices or cubes
- Dress with oil and vinegar, salt and pepper to taste
- Serve warm or cold

Thaddeus Barsotti is a second generation organic farmer, and an owner of Capay Organic, a 240 organic farm in the Capay Valley, which was started in 1976. Farm Fresh to You is his organic produce delivery service that serves

2,000 customers in the Bay Area. Capay Organic and Farm Fresh to You retail stores can be found in San Francisco's Ferry Building. Thaddeus welcomes your comments. Thaddeus17@gmail.com .
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Brew Review

BY JOEL WILLIAMS

San Francisco Brewing Company is San Francisco's original brewpub and the fourth brewpub in the country, according to Allan G. Paul the founder and brewmaster who first opened his doors in January 1986. It is located in the heart of the old Barbary Coast, in a building built in 1907 at the intersection of Columbus and Pacific Avenues, where Chinatown, North Beach and the Financial District all meet.

The historic pub has a beautiful bar, one with a solid mahogany plank that runs the entire length of the bar, featuring flame mahogany columns against beveled glass mirrors. Overhead is a 1916 Pukka Walla fan, an enormous

rotating contraption powered by a small motor via leather belts that looks like a series of brass paddlewheels. One can only imagine the countless saucy characters that have felt its subtle breezes over the years.

The brewery is housed in one of the dining rooms. There are no barriers between the customers and the brewhouse. This required a special exemption from the federal government and made San Francisco Brewing the first brewery in the U.S. with an open brewhouse.

"We have a unique brewery system here," says Paul. "It's like a giant homebrew system." Since there wasn't a lot of room to work with, but the space boasts very high ceilings, Paul went vertical when he constructed the brewhouse. It saved space

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and allowed him to use gravity – instead of pumps – to transfer the product from one vessel to the next.

"The use of time and gravity are important elements in the ancient art and mystery of brewing. Our very slow brewing process and our gravity-flow brewhouse distinguishes our brewing process from that of other breweries."

When I sat down with Paul to taste the six beers on tap, which included both lagers and ales, I immediately noticed the serving temperature and carbonation levels, and the effect it had on all the brews.

"Here, we have a very traditional process — we don't filter the beer." Paul explained. "The beers are often cloudy." We don't serve them ice cold; we serve

them at cellar temperature." Paul says that temperature is 52 to 55 [degrees] for the ales and 48 or so for the lagers.

Paul began brewing lagers exclusively. Several years later, he added ale. "I added an ale cellar to expand the selection of beer. Lager is much more difficult [to make]. The ale is an easier, cheaper, more consistent, more forgiving product. That's why most micros and brewpubs make ale," Paul says. "The lagers will take up to two weeks to ferment; ale will ferment in 3 days. The carbonation level is subdued compared to many of the modern big breweries. The big breweries want the beer to be served ice cold and fizzy because that creates a taste illusion that tells you brain that there's something there to taste."

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traditional serving method that tends to minimize any harshness so the true characteristics of fine beer shines through and the higher serving temperatures allow a person to taste many of the subtle overtones that create a much more rounded, flavorful brew.

San Francisco Brewing Company serves Emperor Norton Lager, a Marzen style lager with a notable caramel malt aroma and flavor, which gives it some body and fullness and a smooth and mellow finish. The Pony Express Ale is an English Special Bitter. It has a mild, clean character that can be truly enjoyed due to the lower carbonation levels. The moderate levels of bitterness and alcohol make this well-balanced beer perfect for those who are not used to full-flavored craft brews, as well as connoisseurs of traditional English Ales. Gripman's Porter also had a mellow character with distinct chocolate and roasted flavors balanced by a moderate hop flavor.

San Francisco Brewing offers a menu featuring traditional pub fare like fish and chips, quesadillas and burgers. They also have limited sidewalk seating, allowing patrons to soak up the rich atmosphere while savoring fine ales and lagers.

Allan G. Paul is one of the true pioneers of the American craft brewery movement. One taste of his beers says why he's still a major player that San Francisco is lucky to have around.



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.



San Francisco Brewing Company will host this month's "Meet the Brewers Night," a casual event sponsored by the San Francisco Brewers Guild, on Nov. 16, 6-9PM. Come enjoy a pint and meet some of the local brewers in San Francisco.

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Regional policy-setters gather at Bay Crossings lunch to ruminate recreational ferry future



An all-star team of Bay policy movers and shakers gathered at Richmond's Salute Restaurant to chew the fat about the shape of recreational ferry service to come. From upper left (seated directly in front of the door) and moving to the right: Brian O'Neill, Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area; Lisa Klairmont, a founder of the Water Transit Authority; Steven Castleberry, Executive Director of the Water Transit Authority; Mr. Bill Lindsay, Richmond's City Manager; Martha Lee, General Superintendent, Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park; Tom Butt, City Councilperson, City of Richmond; Joel Williams (back to camera), Bay Crossings; Kate Richardson (back to camera), Superintendent, San Francisco Maritime National Historic; Will Travis, Executive Director, Bay Conservation And Development Commission; Mike Savidge, Director for Strategic Planning, GGNRA; and Russell Long, Founder, Bluewater Network. Not pictured: Richard Mitchell, Planning Director, City of Richmond.

Here, a précis of a lively discussion regarding the future for recreational ferry service on San Francisco Bay. A complete text of the discussion can be viewed at www.baycrossings.com



Brian O'Neill, Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA): We want to promote greater use of the highway of the water, with appropriate, clean

fuel technology, to connect key destination sites. This meeting is really timely for us. How do we build the kind of coalition necessary to move from planning to implementation?



Mike Savidge, Director for Strategic Planning, GGNRA: We at the GGNRA are really interested in creating ferry access to our national park sites at Fort Mason, the Presidio and Fort Baker. We also would like to reinforce

ferry service to Sausalito, because we found that 20 percent of the people we surveyed would go there to connect to Muir Woods. In 2000, we undertook a comprehensive market analysis to better understand visitor demand for ferry access to Golden Gate National Recreation Area sites. Essentially, what we found was that the most popular boarding spot, for visitors and residents combined, was the Ferry Building because it has access to transit and was a clearly identifiable downtown location. The second thing we found is that most people wanted a system that has many stops around the Bay; they preferred circle tours

connecting in opposite directions, so they could get on and off at their leisure to enjoy different areas.



Richard Mitchell, Planning Director, City of Richmond: Richmond is a waterfront City, however many of our residents don't have access to sailboats or cabin cruisers. The ferry could provide that access and spur the right kind of development. Offered the chance to get to

our national parks, I guarantee, a very large population of young people will fill up a lot of boats. Richmond has the longest shoreline of any Bay community, and it's all sealevel with fantastic views. I'm certain our Bay Trail, once it's built out, will be a big recreational attraction.



Will Travis, Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission: Recently, Spare the Air Days made possible free ferry rides,

and ridership was up well over 100 percent. So, it seems to me we may start serving parks, but the ferry boat operators will quickly say, "Well, anybody else that wants to ride, we'll take you, too."



Steven Castleberry, Executive Director, Water Transit Authority: I'm pretty sure if we voted around this table, everybody would think recreational ferry service is a good idea. But how do you pay for it? On the West Coast, I think the only unsubsidized ferry service, one that also has a strong commute volume,

plus strong recreational midday volume, is the Tiburon/Sausalito route. In effect, the commuter service is subsidized because crews and boats are kept busy during the day. So, a commute service and a recreational service are very complimentary if coordinated.



Russell Long, Founder, Bluewater Network: As an environmental advocate, I think the idea of getting more people out on the Bay to enjoy the resource is a terrific idea, if it could be done in an environmentally sound way;

and there's every reason to believe it can be. I suggest a boat that would be fairly slow-moving, to reduce fuel costs and air pollution, since people are not so concerned

about speed on a recreational route. The kind of vessel that I had in mind would do 10 to 12 knots and operate under winds and sun — a catamaran-style vessel, similar to the one in Australia that has been proposed for the Alcatraz route. From what I gather, in Australia people are fascinated by the Solar Sailor that operates in Sydney Harbor every day, and I expect the same would happen in San Francisco.

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— Will Travis, SFBCDC

Castleberry: We may not be there today, but I think the boat that Russell is describing could be built for commute service, if it was a short commute service, say Sausalito or Alameda/Oakland, where there is only a seven-mile trip. If the boat's a draw, if the destination's a draw, if there's commute service that works, maybe you can make this thing pencil out.

Tom Butt, City Councilperson, City of Richmond:

A lot of my friends go on cruises; they are really into the experience of being on a boat. If we could make it a must-do kind of thing: "I'm going to be in San Francisco for three days. What am I going to do? Well, we are going to the Wine Country one day; we're going to do stuff in San Francisco the second day; and in between, we're going to do this Bay thing." If everybody who's got a piece of it around the Bay promotes it, and builds it into this giant don't-miss experience, I think you could [bring] a lot of people in.

O'Neill: If the region came together, as Tom suggests, and it wasn't just San Francisco promoting it, but the entire region pulled together, I think one day we might connect the Maritime Museum in San Francisco with Rosie the Riveter, once we deal with the distance issue. You know, Richmond is rediscovering itself and Rosie the Riveter is a key part of that. If the whole system is to work as a

unified whole, Richmond may require a different kind of subsidization. Just as we had looked, at one point, at using the revenue generated by Alcatraz to sort of help underwrite the initial cost of providing ferry access to GGNRA sites. It wasn't built into the current contract, but the current contract allows that to be considered.

Castleberry: There are a million examples of how regional service can be well-funded and well-coordinated. In Vancouver, if you buy a ticket to the hockey game, you go on the ferry for free.

Bill Lindsay, Richmond City Manager: This dovetails right into our ongoing general plan process.



Travis: It seems to me that Richmond has a fabulous opportunity with a working waterfront and Rosie the Riveter to create both a recreational destination and historic destination tied to San Francisco Bay. And I think that there is an opportunity there, with imagination and promotion, to create something everybody will want, too.

Castleberry: Last week, I was at the Bay Crossings Ferry Building store where WTA has flat panel screens that show when the ferries are coming and going. A couple was looking up at the sign and the wife said to the husband, "Oh, look, there's a ferry coming in five minutes. Let's just take that." The draw was the ferry itself.

Mitchell: We're doing our general plan now, which will include the waterfront, and it's going to be a pretty involved community discussion. We've got people who speak for industry, and then we have other groups. At root, the question is will the waterfront develop or not? Some people want — as industry kind of recedes — it all to be open space. When I grew up here, you had to sneak through fences to get to the waterfront — no hard hat and union card? You [couldn't] get out there. Now, there are people who are coming in and saying, "Well, we really do want to live here. We want to use it. And we want to operate here." The way it's going to come out, I think, is with kind of a meeting of the minds.

Lindsay: We invite everyone to get involved in this process, even if they don't happen to live in Richmond. And I would also just add, the earlier the better. Much better to have those comments at an early stage.

Butt: Everybody's invited. You know, it's like: just come on down.

O'Neill: Hopefully, we're working on building a consensus, at least among some of the stakeholders. So I think the future looks bright.



Champagne Adventures

BY DIANNE BOATE & ROBERT MEYER

Just mention the word “champagne” and a rainbow of positive reactions unfurl, for sparkling wine seems to broadcast special celebrations or an occasion like nothing else. Some of our champagne occasions have been true adventures. They were adventures because not everything always started out right, but somehow it was resolved in the long range of experience.

Russia

On our trips to Russia, ice seemed to be in short supply, and our champagne was invariably served at room temperature. This was a little hard to get used to, but we solved the problem by having vodka first.

Far East

Once, on a trip to the Far East (nine times zones from Moscow), we were whisked off the plane to an awaiting van, sped to another part of the airport, ushered into the office of the head man for Aeroflot Far East. It was 2AM local time, but never mind, because he wanted to treat us to warm champagne.

Germany

The night before flying to Cologne, to conduct cruise ship wine tastings and seminars on the Rhein and Mosel rivers, Dianne made a horrible mistake. She grabbed a glass in the bathroom, filled it with water and drank it down in the middle of the night. Along with the water, she consumed a little liquid left over from earlier in the day — when the glass was used for a stain removing trial. The liquid was diluted Clorox. Right away, she knew, and waited to see what would happen: No dropping dead, just burning in the throat; no sleep, just more water. Everything was all right that week of river cruising, except anytime sparkling wine was consumed all the little scorched places in the throat were felt, to put it lightly.

France

Our first major trip to Reims (25 years ago) took us to the heart of champagne country during a very cold winter. California people

are not always equipped with real winter wear, so between us we layered up, Dianne piled on sweaters topped with a few thin raincoats, about five layers; Robert had three. This is how we showed up at the front door of Veuve Cliquot Champagne Chateau with a special invitation for lunch. We experienced instant embarrassment, as the white gloved greeting person took our coats, one layer at a time, and showed us into the opulent salon complete with gleaming crystal chandelier and menus printed with our names. But, we were treated to one wonderful glass of champagne, followed by another, served with the most delicious food. Surrounded by the snow, all was warm and lovely inside, and we were made to feel like treasured guests.

Life is composed many times of stark

contrasts. It is important to swallow your pride, remember your dignity, and enjoy extraordinary situations in spite of five layers of fabric. Enjoy the Champagne, and please, try not to swallow Clorox.

Dianne Boate is a freelance writer, photographer and botanical artist. Robert Meyer is a consultant to the wine and spirits industry.



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how many TEUs they process in a year. A TEU is industry parlance for a twenty-foot equivalent unit or a twenty-foot container. Thus a forty-foot container would be the equivalent of two TEUs. By that ranking, LA/Long Beach towers over Oakland (with over 14 million TEUs), and New York/New Jersey Comes in Second (with 4.7 million TEUs). However, Oakland is nothing to sneeze at, as by DHS' definition, it is the third largest container port in America, handling some 2.3 million TEUs. By example, Seattle and Tacoma each handle around 2 million TEUs.

When we look at the money being applied to the various ports, again we find that the big boys get the big bucks, with LA/Long Beach at \$91.8 million and New York/New Jersey at \$77.1 million. DHS reports that Oakland has received some \$14.4 million, but Jones says the number actually received is closer to \$11 million.

The other possible way to rank ports is by tons rather than TEUs. This raises the ranking for ports that do not handle much in the way of containers. Thus Seattle garnered nearly \$40 million in DHS funding, and its TEUs are lower than Oakland but its tonnage is higher. Miami has less tonnage and less TEU yet was granted \$28 million (and a place in the Fourth Tier). Third in the top three big boys in Tier 1 is Houston, which shows no TEUs but handles 202 million tons — the second “busiest” in the nation. Oddly enough, the number one ranked port in tons is South Louisiana, handling some 224 million tons. It is ranked in Tier 3.

On Oct., 17, President Bush signed the SAFE Port Act, designed to improve port security and noted at the time, “Protecting our Homeland also requires protecting our seaports... Our ports could also be a target of terrorist attack, and we’re determined to protect them.”

This bill would double the funding available for port security. But there is no guarantee that Oakland would receive



Photo by Guy Span

The key impact of being ranked as a Fourth Tier port is, primarily, lost financial aid to improve security.

any of the money. Some observers suggest that Port of Oakland's low ranking and denial of its funding request are perhaps a dash of politics — payback, if you will, for Barbara Lee's stand-alone vote against the war in Iraq.

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<i>Veteran's Day (observed)</i> Friday, November 10, 2006	Regular
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BY JANE MORSON

Sail boats have had adjustable leeches for many years and any serious boat sailor would not consider sailing without the ability to tighten or loosen the leech as needed, so why not a windsurf sail?

While most manufacturers of sails spend R & D time on the luff sleeve, battens and twist patterns of a sail, a bunch of friends, who are part of Hansen Sails, felt it was time to evolve.

Over the last few months the group has tried adjustable leech ideas, including a mechanical adjusting system, and although the mechanical system works, they felt they could do better. They looked at the details in the upper section of the sail. Now, Hansen is pursuing a utility patent for the Hansen Compliant Leech technology (HCL), a development that provides a major improvement in sail performance by allowing a sail to automatically adjust its shape and twist according to the aerodynamic pressures encountered.

For windsurfing, HCL is particularly significant, because few changes to a sail's tuning can be made, other than outhaul, which primarily controls draft in the lower sections of the sail. The overall shape and twist in the key upper sections are pre-set during rigging and cannot be controlled under way. Significant distortions are caused by the resilient bending of the mast under changing loads.

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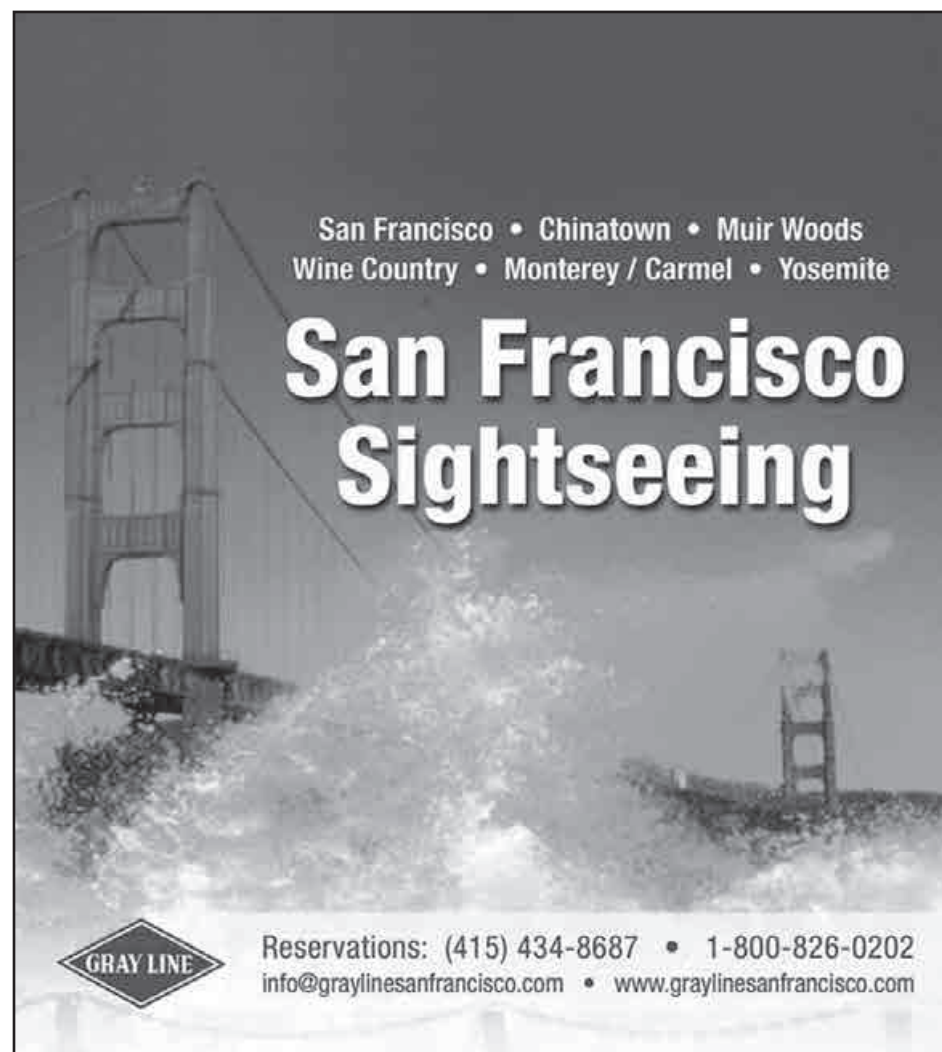
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FEASTING ON A FULL SEASON

BY KIMMIE HAWORTH

In most parts of the country November means the end of the boating season. Yachts there are pulled from the water and shrink-wrapped against the bitter winter weather. They won't wet their keels again before Memorial Day.

Thankfully, here in the Bay Area, our boating season is 365 days a year. Some of our best boating is in the fall and winter, at least for those of us with power boats. Stalwart sailors usually prefer the spring and summer when the prevailing northwest wind blows through the Golden Gate.

My handsome Captain Sweetie installed a diesel forced-air heater on our trawler, the Dancing Dragon, shortly after we purchased her. We stay warm and cozy, even on the coldest nights. Noodles, our resident boat cat, can usually be found lounging directly in front of the heater vent.

For the past 18 years, we have celebrated Thanksgiving at Angel Island with our boating friends, at least those who can escape from family obligations. It has only

rained once, but we always keep our fingers crossed for good weather. On Wednesday afternoon, boats begin to arrive in Ayala Cove. It's not easy to pick up a mooring there; the currents are swift and the mooring balls are spread far apart. The trick is to get there early so other boaters can't watch you screw up.

Our Thanksgiving dinner is a pot luck affair. The gentlemen get the turkeys onto the barbeques early in the day and around 11:30AM the tantalizing aroma begins to waft over the water. Meanwhile, the ladies are busy on board putting together their best side dishes; mashed potatoes with shrimp and cheesy topping, sweet potatoes – both plain and with marshmallows, sausage and apple dressing, gallons of gorgeous gravies, turnip and parsnip mash, cranberry dressings, not to mention the desserts – pies to suit every taste, cakes and cookies and every homemade confection you can imagine. Everyone brings their tableware – cloth napkins, crystal glasses, grandma's silver, and we lay it out in regal fashion. The food, the glorious, glorious food, is set up buffet style. So what if the temperature is only 50 degrees? We bundle up.

Raccoons have been a problem in the past, but

they are patient creatures and eagerly wait their turn, beady bandit eyes peering from under the surrounding benches.

Finally, the turkeys are carved, the food is ready and the picnic tables are set. We are serenaded by a friend on guitar as we queue for the grub; the music brings order to the frenzy of last minute preparations.

"Who has the biscuits?"

"Is there any mustard?"

As we gradually settle into our food the conversation turns tranquil. We become conscious that we are all together in this magnificent place sharing a sumptuous feast.

Tiburon and Raccoon Straight create a spectacular backdrop for our festivities. The best part is; we can look out over Ayala Cove and see our boats, which have brought us together one more time.

Clean up is quick – we want to get back to our boats before dark. Leftovers are shared, and the raccoons finally are rewarded for their persistence as the remnants of the plates are scraped into the rubbish bins. We row back across the Cove, a flotilla of well-fed revelers.

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VIEW FROM THE HELM

MATCHMAKING TAKES PRACTICE, BRINGS GRATITUDE

BY ED & PAM MCGRATH

What if everyone held their gratitude and waited, until the fourth Thursday of November, to spout it out in just one day? Would the universe be able to contain itself with all that appreciation being given at once, or would it burst at the seams? Just in case, we practice gratitude, in smaller doses, frequently. It is often too easy to get caught up in tasks than remind ourselves to stop and breathe in our good fortune.

We are thankful to live here and for being able to do what we do every day. Since we opened the doors of McGrath Yachts, it has been an all encompassing lifestyle — an eat-breathe-and-sleep kind; and, we love it! Being yacht brokers allow us to be teachers and students, detectives and advisors, artists and technicians, skippers and mates. We live our dream and help others live theirs. We are matchmakers!

When we say we're matchmakers, we mean we want our buyers to own the right boat for them and the type of boating they'll do, because being thankful is one matter and making wise choices is another.

Many clients will ask if a particular boat is capable of cruising our California coast. Some brokers and boaters might say "choose your day," meaning that many boats can handle coastal waters when the weather is clear and the seas are calm. We give a different answer if those journeys are not to be taken in a boat not designed for that use.

We recently sold a 49' Defever to an experienced skipper who took his boat to Oregon. Of the 12 trips he had



The McGrath Crew Tom, Ed, Pam, Chuck, Kimmie, Pat

made up the coast, he told us that this one was by far the roughest. You can bet he was thankful that he had the heavily built, semi-displacement, hard chained hull of this Defever between him and the waves. This hull, which is a deep hull with hard angles where the hull side meets the bottom, is designed for initial stability and low speed. This particular boat was designed by Arthur Defever especially for our demanding California coast. It provides a safe, economical and comfortable ride with enough bulk to withstand heavy seas. She is a great choice for the long range cruising that her buyer plans to do. A real passage maker.

We're thankful for another successful match!



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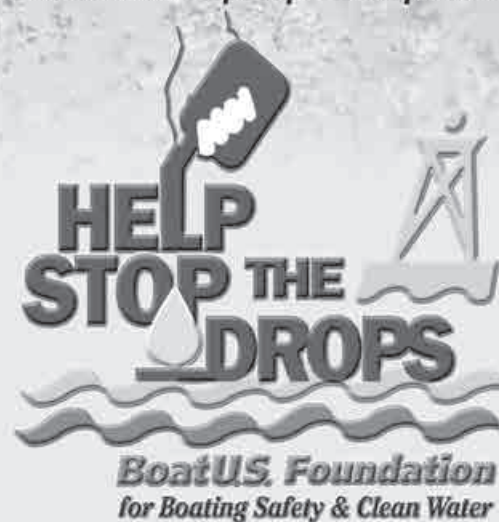
The U.S. Coast Guard patrols our coastline, bays, ocean and estuaries, helping to keep our waters safe. Here are a few USCG responses from October.

- Oct. 13 -- The U.S. Coast Guard conducted a medical airlift from a 544 foot cargo vessel requesting assistance for a crewmember experiencing medical complications. The vessel was approximately 50 miles west of Point Reyes. The patient was hoisted onboard the HH-65 and transported to Stanford Medical Center for further evaluation.
- Oct. 17 -- The U.S. Coast Guard rescued a 43-year-old male wind surfer who sustained an injury while in the water approximately ¾ mile off Coyote Point. The response boat crew brought the man onboard and transported him back to Coyote Point where he was transferred to local EMS.
- Oct. 19 -- Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol assisted in the rescue of two male kayakers who capsized and were swept away from their kayaks approximately one mile south of Pescadero Point. One of the kayakers hailed the Coast Guard with a hand-held radio. Both were taken to Pillar Point by the harbor patrol boat and were released to awaiting EMS.

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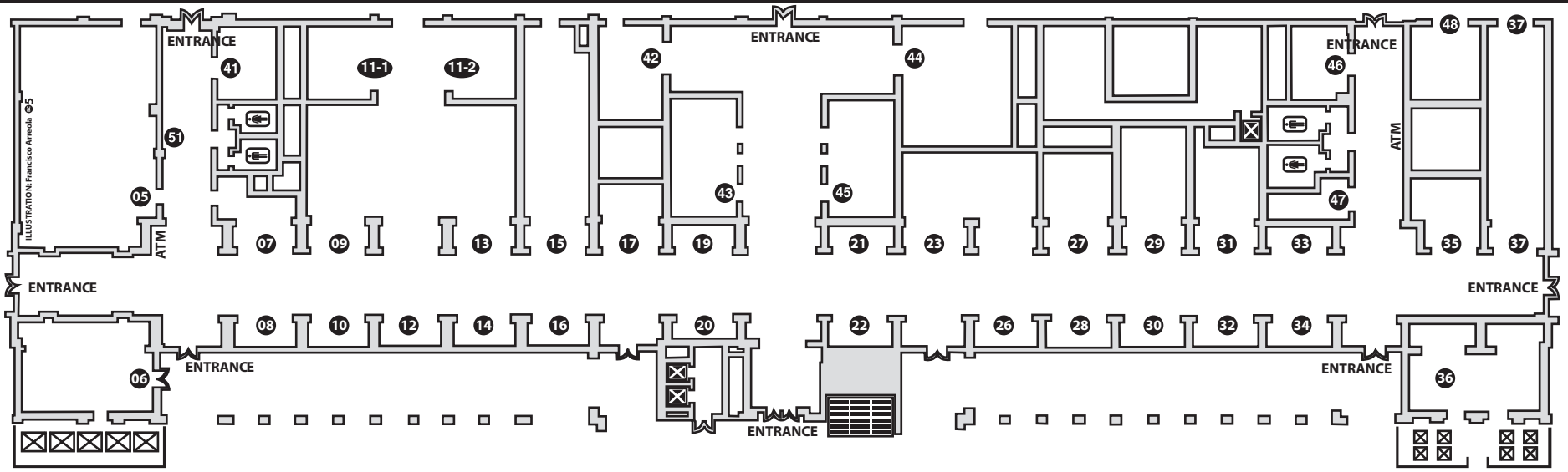
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Fifteen Minutes of Stop and Shop: Convenient parking option for the Ferry Building customer

One of the best incentives for locals to shop at the Ferry Building is the 15-minute white zone parking in front of the Marketplace. Customers can run in for pre-orders or last minute groceries and not have to park in the lot. To accommodate our visitors, we ask that the tenants and employees refrain from parking in the white zone. **How the 15-minute stop-and-shop zone works:** Drive to the white zone, leave keys with valet, get a parking stub (valid for 15 minutes). If customers stay over 15 minutes, then their vehicle will be driven to the parking lot. Valet rates apply. *Please note: On Farmers' Market days, white zone parking is available only after 3:30PM.*

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Virtual Gaming Transcends Reality

BY MARY E. SHACKLETT

Learning and fantasizing by playing games dates back to ancient Egypt, but the virtual realities of Internet-based and virtual reality games and experiences today take participants to levels that transcend the routines and limitations of daily life.

Major television networks are already involved in participatory venues that give viewers the opportunity to ask questions and answer polls during key sporting events, and new broadband and wireless technologies will pave the way for viewers of major racing events, like the Indianapolis 500, to experience the

race as the driver does — from within the cockpit of the car as it competes on the track.

Meanwhile, 32 million of us already check our corporate briefcases by the door and take on the responsibilities of a professional football general manager as we commandeer our own Fantasy Football squads — at the same time, U.S. businesses are losing an estimated \$200 million in productivity each year from on-the-job, Fantasy Football squad management, and Congress is considering taxing real income earned on virtual fantasy game web sites.

What is it about games that allure and capture the imagination?

Playing games is characteristic of both birds and mammals, and is most often a vehicle for learning and simulation.

For example, NASA is now considering using game simulation exercises with virtual reality technology. The game-based training tools use video games to simulate driving on the moon. They incorporate surround sound and vision with actual lunar footage from past missions. In this virtual environment, engineers and astronauts can determine how many vehicles should fly at any one time, what the base diameter on the payload and on the rocket should be, or how fast a rover can go before it loses

traction. Ultimately, the goal is to learn the planning and execution of a lunar mission in a non-threatening, but highly simulative, environment.

Of course, not all technology-based games are strictly for learning. Many of us also like to engage in playing games for pure relaxation or to fulfill fantasies that can't be realized in real life.

Virtual games let participants “plug in” — an experience that significantly differs from more passive entertainment like watching a movie or listening to music. In many cases, individuals can also control the game.

One popular example is the Internet game, Second Life, a virtual reality scenario that plays out in the city of “Lindon,” where nearly 1 million users have signed up for citizenship, built homes and established fantasy careers. Nearly half-a-million dollars in the form of Lindon currency is exchanged between users each day. The inhabitants of this virtual city can overcome the limitations that they experience in their real lives and “break out” into what they've always dreamed of doing.

Whether it is virtual cities, fantasy football or other games and simulations, experts discuss the risks of addiction and the blurring between reality and fantasy — but the games also offer opportunities to stretch one's horizon, socialize with

others and enjoy recreation.

Players of computer games can expect to see these developments in the near future:

- A blurring of the lines between video games and cinema. Video games are becoming more cinematic — and video sales are outpacing box office receipts.
- Narrowing of the interface between man and machine. One innovation, called a “fingertip digitizer,” will be worn by users on the tips of their index fingers. The device will transfer gestures such as the wagging or pointing of a finger to direct an electronic device like a mouse does. The new interface will allow computers to read human intention more naturally.
- The computer game industry will concentrate on the mobile device market. Mobile computing and telephone devices are present everywhere. The games that people play on them must be easy to learn, interruptible and able to support multiple players. Multi-media entertainment and high-impact visual games will be popular, and users will want the challenges of constantly new games. More than likely, they will obtain these games through subscriptions to game playing services.

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6:30am	6:55am	7:00am	7:25am
7:30	7:55	8:00	8:25
8:30	8:55	4:30pm	5:00pm
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Weekday	Weekends
10:00am	10:00am
10:45	10:45
11:15	11:15
12:00pm	12:00pm
12:30	12:30
1:15	1:15
1:45	1:45
2:30	2:30
3:00	3:00
3:45	3:45
4:15	4:15
5:00	5:00
5:30	5:30
6:15	6:15

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Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Leave Larkspur	Arrive S F	Leave S F	Arrive Larkspur	Leave Larkspur	Arrive S F	Leave 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	11:50	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				
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30pm	LARKSPUR SAUSALITO			
11:40	12:15pm	12:25pm	1:00	Daily Daily			
12:40pm	1:15	1:25	2:00	Adult Cash Fare \$6.75 \$6.75			
2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30	Frequent Rider Ticket (Book of 20 Tickets) \$4.25 \$3.60			
2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05	Seniors (age 65+) with Medicare or approved I.D. \$3.35 \$3.35			
3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55	Youth (ages 6-18) \$3.35 \$3.35			
4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25	Children (age 5 & under) FREE FREE			
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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				

*All weekdays trips except on (5:20pm SF departure) are operated by high-speed catamarans. Weekend service is provided by high capacity Spaulding vessels.

SAUSALITO

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)				Weekends and Holidays			
Leave Sausalito	Arrive SF	Leave SF	Arrive Sausalito	Leave Sausalito	Arrive SF	Leave 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
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6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10				
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20				

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

Blue & Gold Ferry

ALAMEDA/OAKLAND

Weekdays to San Francisco				Weekends and Holidays to San Francisco			
Leave Oakland	Leave Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41	Leave Oakland	Leave Alameda	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Pier 41
6:00am	6:10am	6:30am	-----	9:00am	9:10am	-----	9:35am
7:05	7:15	7:35	-----	10:40	10:25	11:10	11:25
8:10	8:20	8:40	-----	12:20pm	12:10pm	12:50pm	1:05pm
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
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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	-----	Leave Pier 41	Leave Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Alameda	Arrive Oakland
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8:55	8:45	-----	9:25	9:45	10:00	10:20	10:35
Weekdays from San Francisco				11:35	11:50	12:10pm	12:20pm
Leave Pier 41	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Leave Alameda	Arrive Oakland	1:10pm	1:25pm	1:45	1:55
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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			
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-----	5:45	6:10	6:20	Child (5-12) \$2.75 \$5.50			
-----	6:25	6:45	6:55	Child under 5**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			
				Seniors must show valid I.D., Regional Transit Connection, or Medicare Card.			
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Schedule information harvested online. Schedules are subject to change. November, 2006

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Leave PIER 39		FERRY BLDG./ FISHERMAN'S WHARF						FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41				FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41			
Weekdays	Weekends and Holidays	Weekdays						Leave Pier 41				Weekdays			
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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.		5:30am 6:30 7:00 7:45 8:45 10:00 11:30 1:00pm 2:00 3:20 4:05 4:45 5:35 6:35	6:25am 7:25 7:55 8:40 9:40 10:55 12:25pm 1:55 3:20 4:15 5:00 5:40 6:30 7:55	6:35am 7:35 8:10 8:55 9:55 11:10 12:40pm 2:10 3:30 4:30 5:15 6:00 6:45 8:05	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:20 ----- ----- 3:00 ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- 11:30 ----- ----- 3:10 ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	7:30am 8:30 9:05 9:50 10:50 12:05pm 1:35 3:05 4:25 5:25 6:10 6:55 7:40 9:00	FARES: City Tour Only / City Tour w/ Bay Cruise Adult \$44.00 / \$51.00 Senior (62+) \$49.00 / \$49.00 Junior (12-18) \$49.00 / \$49.00 Child (5-11) \$22.00 / \$27.00				11:00am 12:15pm 1:35 2:45* 5:00 8:25***	11:40 12:55pm 2:10 3:35* 5:30 8:45***	11:50 1:05pm 2:20 3:40* 5:40 8:00 8:50***	12:10pm 1:25 2:35* 4:00* 6:30 8:20 9:30***
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		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. Check Giants schedules at www.baylinkferry.com.						TIBURON DOWNTOWN S.F., FERRY BLDG. Weekdays Leave Tiburon / Arrive Ferry Bldg. / Leave 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				* Effective through May 26, 2006. These departures will resume September 5, 2006 ***Fridays Only Weekend and Holidays Leave Pier 41 / Arrive Sausalito / Leave Sausalito / Arrive Pier 41 11:20am / 11:50 / 12:00pm / 12:30pm 12:45pm / 1:30 / 1:30 / 2:00 2:10 / 2:40 / 2:50 / 3:20 3:35 / 4:05 / 4:15 / 4:45 5:00 / 5:30 / 5:40 / 6:35 6:40 / 7:10 / 7:15 / 8:05			
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Weekends and Holidays* to Angel Island Leave Oakland / Leave Alameda / Arrive Pier 41 / Depart Pier 41 / Arrive Angel Is. 9:00am / 9:10am / 9:35am / 9:45am / 10:10am		VALLEJO/SAN FRANCISCO 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 Call (707) 64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com for updated information.						MUIR WOODS TOUR FISHERMAN'S WHARF, PIER 41 Leave Pier 41 Daily 9:15am / 9:00am / 2:15pm / 2:00pm				* Effective through May 26, 2006. These departures will resume operating starting September 5, 2006 ** Effective May 30, 2006 through September 1, 2006 *** Fridays Only			
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Bay Area Pavement Quality Remains in Danger Zone

BY JOHN GOODWIN

Despite a slight improvement in pavement conditions on the Bay Area's nearly 19,500 miles of local streets and roads in 2005, 18 percent of the region's pavement is in "poor" or worse condition, and fully one-third is rated only "good" or "fair," according to a new report released by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

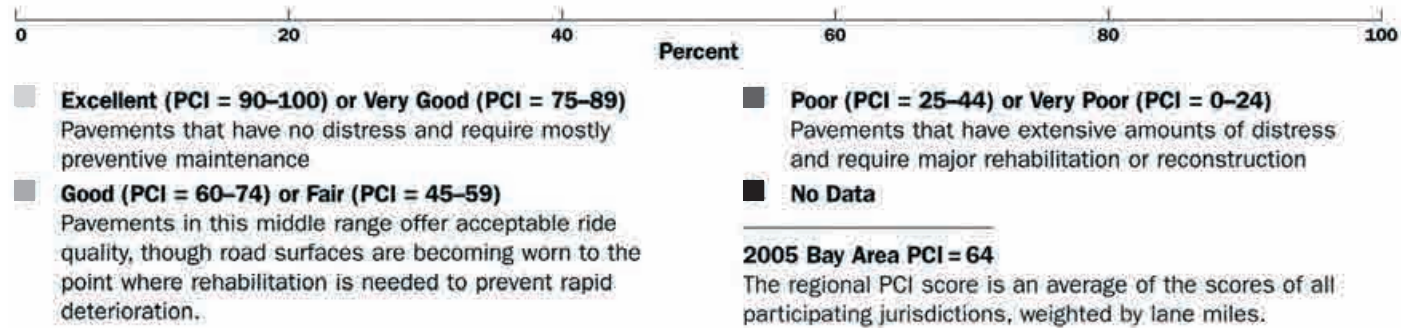
The region's average pavement condition index (PCI) score last year rose two points to 64 out of a maximum possible 100. The Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities registered an average PCI score of 66 points in 2001, with the numbers dropping to 65 in 2002, 63 in 2003 and 62 in 2004.

"The improvement in the regional average certainly is good news," said MTC Vice Chair, and former Santa Clara City Councilmember, John McLemore. "But our streets and roads are still at a critical stage. There are thousands of miles of streets and roads all around the Bay Area with PCI scores that have fallen below 60, which is the point when pavement begins deteriorating rapidly. So we need to invest in both preventive maintenance to keep the good roads above 60 and in rehabilitation to bring poorer roads out of the danger zone. Given the size of our funding shortfall, that's a huge challenge."

PCI scores of 90 or higher are deemed "excellent." These are newly built or resurfaced streets that show little or no distress. "Very good" scores of 75 to 89 are given to pavement that shows only slight distress and requires mostly preventive maintenance. Pavement with PCI scores in the "good" (60-74) and "fair" (45-59) ranges are becoming worn to the point where rehabilitation may be needed to prevent rapid deterioration. Because major repairs cost about five times more than routine maintenance, these streets are at an especially critical stage. Streets and roads with PCI scores of 25 to 44 are considered "poor" and require major rehabilitation or reconstruction. Pavement with a PCI score

Pavement Conditions for Local Roadways, 2001–2005 (total miles)¹

Year	Excellent (PCI = 90–100) or Very Good (PCI = 75–89)	Good (PCI = 60–74) or Fair (PCI = 45–59)	Poor (PCI = 25–44) or Very Poor (PCI = 0–24)	No Data
2005	48%	33%	18%	1%
2004	44%	33%	19%	4%
2003	44%	35%	17%	4%
2002	44%	32%	16%	8%
2001	44%	31%	16%	9%



Source: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

98 cities and nine counties reporting

PCI = pavement condition index, a measure of pavement distress.

64 of 107 jurisdictions provided updated databases to MTC for 2005. For other jurisdictions, MTC used its pavement management system software to project 2005 conditions based on the latest data available.

¹ For the years 2001 through 2004, pavement condition was calculated based on centerline miles. For 2005, pavement condition was calculated based on lane miles.

below 25 is considered "very poor." These roads are difficult to drive on and need reconstruction.

No Bay Area city or county scored in the excellent range for 2005. The top-ranked jurisdiction is the Contra Costa County city of Oakley, where the PCI on local streets averaged 86, up two points from 2004. The lowest-ranked pavement was found in unincorporated Sonoma County, which for the second consecutive year recorded an average PCI score of 44. The San Mateo County city of Colma logged the biggest year-to-year improvement in 2005, with its average PCI score jumping 31 points to 78. About one-quarter of Colma's nine miles of city streets received a new asphalt overlay in 2005.

MTC projections made for the long-range *Transportation 2030 Plan*, adopted last year by the Commission, show that between now and 2030, the Bay Area's cities and counties face a combined shortfall of more than \$6 billion for

maintaining and restoring local streets and roads.

"The November statewide ballot will give voters an opportunity to close some of the funding gap," explained Santa Clara County Supervisor and MTC Commissioner Jim Beall. "Proposition 1A would help close a loophole that allows the state Legislature to divert funds away from transportation and Proposition 1B — the \$20 billion transportation infrastructure bond — would deliver about \$375 million over 10 years for local street and roads in the Bay Area."

MTC released the pavement statistics at an October press conference in San Jose. The statistics are part of the *Bay Area Transportation: State of the System 2006* project spearheaded by MTC and Caltrans. This annual initiative tracks the performance of the region's transportation system and the condition of its facilities. The complete *State of the System* report is scheduled for publication later this year.

Bay Area Jurisdictions With Best and Worst Pavement Conditions, 2005

Rank	Jurisdiction	PCI
Best		
1	Oakley	86
2	Los Altos	85
3	Contra Costa County (unincorporated) Dixon Sunnyvale	83 83 83
6	City of Santa Clara Emeryville Foster City	82 82 82
9	Brentwood Gilroy	81 81
Worst		
2005 PCI (out of 100)		
97	Napa County (unincorporated) Suisun City	53 53
99	Oakland	52
100	City of Napa El Cerrito Rio Vista	51 51 51
103	Larkspur	50
104	Orinda	48
105	Marin County (unincorporated) Richmond	47 47
107	Sonoma County (unincorporated)	44

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Commission
PCI = pavement condition index; PCI of 100 = Excellent
107 of 109 jurisdictions reporting

MTC Honors Contributions to Bay Area Transportation

BY MARJORIE BLACKWELL

A total of 10 “Excellence in Motion” awards were presented by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) at a ceremony at the San Francisco Ferry Building in late October. The winners of MTC’s 27th Transportation Awards Program range from U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to urban neighborhood activists who reclaimed their local streets, to a high school that convinced students to carpool to instead of driving solo.

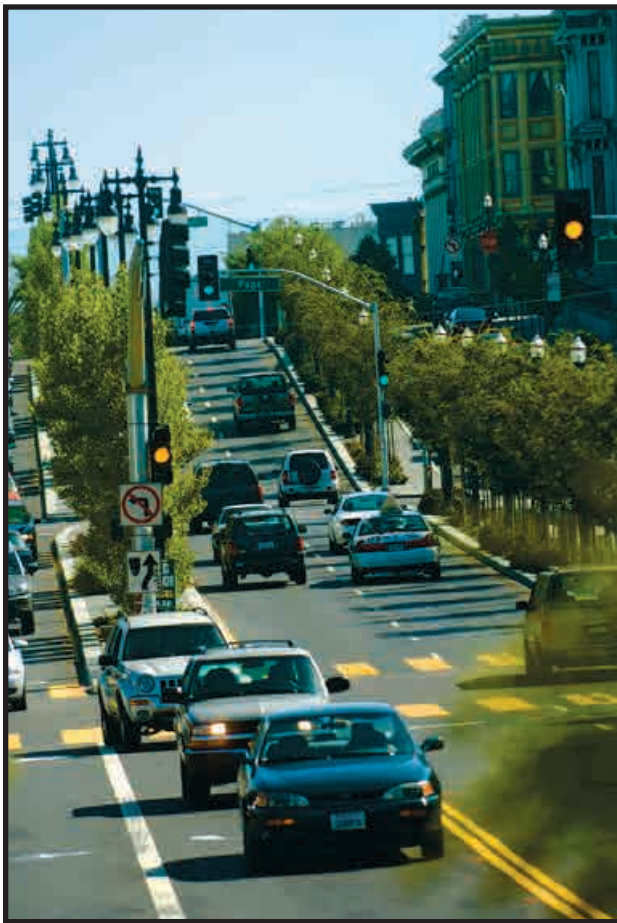
This year’s **Grand Award** is equally shared by two neighborhood efforts to reclaim their streets from the blight and danger of heavy through traffic. Both projects involve thoroughfares in San Francisco, and both owe their success to countless volunteer hours on the part of community residents, and the professional expertise of the city’s Department of Parking and Traffic as well as the Department of Public Works.

The Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association convinced officials to develop the new, five-block long Octavia Boulevard in Hayes Valley, a triumph of urban transportation planning that serves both as a thoroughfare and a quiet pedestrian street. The roadway’s success is due to 18 years of relentless determination and imagination of neighborhood residents, urban planners, city officials and engineers who created the tree-lined boulevard and neighborhood park on the site of an ugly, double-deck freeway that was damaged in the Loma Prieta earthquake and that had long marred the neighborhood.

In another San Francisco neighborhood, local residents took on the challenge of “calming” traffic on San Jose Avenue, Guerrero Street and Cesar Chavez Street, busy arterials where speeding vehicles endangered pedestrians. The San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets brought together neighbors, businesses and other organizations, lobbied city officials, and ultimately won the city’s support to reduce the speed limit and the number of traffic lanes, create bicycle lanes, install a new traffic signal, and establish wider medians on these streets.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi received MTC’s John F. Foran Legislative Award for her work locally and in Washington, D.C., to dedicate funding for essential upgrades to the Bay Area’s infrastructure. Projects that have received funding range from seismic strengthening of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge to BART’s San Francisco International Airport extension.

Other Excellence in Motion special awards presented by MTC include:



Octavia Boulevard replaced a double-deck freeway, and through clever design serves as both a thoroughfare and quiet neighborhood street. (Photo: Noah Berger)

Doris Kahn Accessible Transportation Award: Heart of the Valley, Services for Seniors, Inc. (HOV), provides free transportation to hundreds of seniors in western Santa Clara County, allowing them to live independent lives in their own homes. HOV volunteers spend their own time and gas driving elderly residents to medical appointments, shopping, errands and the like.

Miriam Gholikely Award: Ernest Bradford, a long-time member of MTC’s Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee, has focused the attention of MTC and other transportation organizations on the plight of older drivers and providing transportation options to ensure their continued quality of life. The Miriam Gholikely Award recognizes individuals for community service, volunteerism, advocacy, leadership and minority affairs.

David Tannehill Special Employee Award: Jaimie Levin, AC Transit’s director of Alternative Fuels Policy and Marketing, has spearheaded the nation’s foremost hydrogen fuel-cell demonstration project. A public-private partnership has raised more than \$21 million and produced five state-of-the-art fuel-cell buses (with

three buses now operating on East Bay city streets) and two hydrogen energy stations.

Greta Ericson Distinguished Service Award: Rodger “Tim” Reilly recently retired from San Francisco Muni after a 22-year career as a pattern maker for the city’s historic cable cars. Reilly’s carefully crafted wood, metal and plastic patterns become the molds that are cast into cable car parts. Nearly every San Francisco cable car has a part that began with Reilly’s skilled craftsmanship.

In addition to these special awards named in honor of outstanding individuals in Bay Area transportation, MTC presented four **Merit Awards** to the following:

- Peter Tannen was San Francisco’s first Bicycle Program manager. During his tenure, from 1992 until his retirement earlier this year, San Francisco added more than 40 miles of bike lanes, established a 200-mile bike network, erected 3,000 bike route signs and installed 1,500 bike racks. Tannen does not own a car and has bicycled every street in San Francisco.
- Traffic jams, overcrowded parking lots and pedestrian safety risks are common problems on and around high school campuses, and typically are caused by too many students driving alone to school. Palo Alto’s Gunn High School resolved these problems by creating the GO-FAST program, which provides incentives for carpooling, bicycling and transit. The results have been dramatic: In two years, the number of students driving alone to school dropped from 250 to 83, while the number of carpoolers tripled.
- The Ways to Work Family Loan Program, run by the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County, offers low-interest loans to help struggling families purchase a used car or repair their car. The program, begun in 1998 and the first of its kind in California, has provided auto loans of up to \$4,000 to more than 200 families with children in San Mateo County, making it easier for working parents to travel to their jobs, school and medical appointments.
- Caltrans’ Bay Bridge West Approach seismic retrofit team is accomplishing one of the most daunting and complex engineering projects in state history. The project involves replacing a one-mile stretch of freeway — and three on/off ramps — in a densely populated urban area while maintaining capacity for some 260,000-plus vehicles each. The West Approach team completed its greatest challenge when it closed the eastbound Bay Bridge during the 2006 Labor Day weekend to demolish 1,000 feet of the upper deck bridge approach and remove 10,000 cubic yards of concrete. Their planning and teamwork paid off when the bridge reopened ahead of schedule.

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BLACK HOLE

Yes, it's football season in the East Bay, and these people are serious. The Black Hole began as a small group of die-hard fans led by Rob Rivera, Tim Cunningham and Dave Manzo. Today, there are hundreds of season ticket holders who never miss a game and who sometimes travel hundreds of miles to attend. Despite a reputation as a rowdy, boorish crowd, the truth is — these are hard-core football fans, focused on the game. The sea of silver and black shirts (not to mention face paint) that fills the seats behind the end zone can be intimidating. The energy they generate is truly awe-inspiring. The cheering, stomping, banner-thumping Black Hole is visible and audible from across the Coliseum. They're certainly a factor in the game, and at least on this occasion, they left victorious! Oakland: 22 - Arizona: 9. 'Nuff said.



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From top right (clockwise): Skulls and Pirates in the BH are not uncommon, Raider Phil (#12) from Ceres has a helmet for every team the Raiders have played. "Same head though," he says. His twin granddaughters (2 1/2 years), Gabriella & Destiny, come to the games with the family; BH frontline from the field; Cusak flies up from San Diego for every game, Austin is from Calistoga; Lauren Libby and Angelo Rossi flew from CT to see the game. They bought BH seats on Ebay; "Black Hole Scale" and "Izzy," who says he's "been a fan for a long, long time, man"; Manuel Rivas "Mountain Man" has been in the BH for 5 years, half the lifetime of the fan on his shoulders; Steven and David Mota from Santa Rosa; Larry Garcia, president of the Raiders Boosters Club of Orange County, brings the D-fence. Photos by Scott Hargis.

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