

Celebrate Chinese New Year with BART



Take BART to the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco, Saturday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Exit BART at Montgomery or Powell Street Stations to celebrate Lunar Year 4706, the Year of the Rat!

Named one of the world's top 10 parades and a San Francisco tradition since just after the Gold Rush, the parade continues to delight and entertain the many thousands of people who attend. Don't battle them in traffic or for a parking spot, take BART to the parade.

Nowhere in the world will you see a lunar new year parade with more gorgeous floats, elaborate costumes, ferocious lions, explod-

ing firecrackers, and of course, the newly crowned Miss Chinatown U.S.A. and her court. A crowd favorite is the spectacular 201-foot long Golden Dragon. It takes a team of over 100 men and women from the martial arts group White Crane to carry this dragon through the streets of San Francisco.

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BART and basketball...a slam dunk!

College and pro hoops fans will get their fill this month as the Warriors and Cal Bears play a full slate of exciting home games.

Take BART to Coliseum Station as the Warriors host some of the top names in the NBA.

Golden State takes on Steve Nash and the division-leading Phoenix Suns (Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m.), Kevin Garnett and the Eastern Conference-leading Boston Celtics (Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.) and rounds out the month with home games against the Atlanta Hawks (Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.), Seattle SuperSonics (Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.) and Philadelphia 76ers (Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.).



For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit warriors.com.

For Cal Basketball, take BART to Downtown Berkeley Station. Haas Pavilion (Bancroft Way) is just a 5-minute walk away.

The Bears take on Washington State (Feb. 28, 8:00 p.m.) and the Washington Huskies (March 1, time TBA) to complete their home schedule.

For more information, visit calbears.com.

Don't foul out...take BART to the games! Plan your trip using the handy online QuickPlanner at bart.gov.

BART thanks riders with free Tully's coffee



50,000 BART riders started their morning off with a treat on Thursday, January 31 – Tully's Coffee coupons handed out by volunteers from TransFair USA. The Tully's coupons were good for a free cup of Fair Trade Certified™ and Organic drip coffee or latté and a free half a pound when you buy half a pound of Fair Trade Certified coffee beans.

Tully's and BART plan three more rider thank you days later this year.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Bike e-lockers coming to BART...

Aside from walking, riding your bike to BART is the greenest way to commute. For years, we have supported biking to BART by offering several bike parking programs. We have over 1,000 key lockers for rent, hundreds of bicycle racks where you can park your bike for free and attended bike parking at three popular stations.

I'm proud to announce our latest bike parking initiative. Last month, the BART Board of Directors voted unanimously to install "e-lockers," which are coming to eight BART stations this year. BART riders will have the opportunity to store their bicycles in new electronic lockers for just three cents an hour. The improved efficiency should mean greater availability. Unlike old-fashioned key lockers which provide just one key for one renter, a single e-locker could be rented by as many as five cyclists in one week by using smart card technology.

The new e-lockers should make it easier for people to bike to BART and reduce their personal carbon footprint. It's another step we are taking to encourage commuters to kick the car habit. By the time all the e-lockers are installed in 2012, if you take advantage of our e-lockers, together we can take 895 cars off the road every day.

Dorothy W. Dugger, General Manager

Ride BART to connect to Capitol Corridor's Stitch 'n Ride Train!



On February 23 BART riders can connect to the annual Stitch 'n Ride™ train that will take knitters to Stitches West 2008 in Santa Clara, the biggest yarn expo on the West coast! Capitol Corridor will host a dedicated train that will include goody bags and other fun features.

Those who knit or crochet a chemo cap will be entered into a prize drawing. The caps will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. You can connect to the Stitch 'n Ride train at the Richmond or Coliseum BART stations. For the Stitch 'n Ride train schedule or to purchase tickets visit capitolcorridor.org/stitchnride.

SF Library hosts Black History Month events

African American storytellers, musicians, authors, artists and others will participate in a variety of exciting programs at the San Francisco Public Library in celebration of Black History Month.

Take BART to Civic Center Station for these events at the Main Public Library

Destiny, Harpist from the Hood, plays music and tells stories. February 14, Main Library, 10:30 a.m.

Mini African American Festival: talented youngsters from the Tenderloin community will sing and dance in solo and group performances. February 20, Main Library, 4:30 p.m.

All programs at the Library are free and open to the public. For more information and for events at branches other than the Main Library, call 415/557-4277, or go to www.sfpl.org. To plan your BART trip, visit bart.gov.

GOOD TIMES

Bay Area Black Comedy Competition & Festival

Preliminary rounds: Geoffrey's Inner Circle
410 14th St., Oakland
BART: 12th Street-City Center
Finals: Paramount Theatre of the Arts
2025 Broadway, Oakland
BART: 19th Street
510/839-4644 or blackcomedycompetition.com
Feb. 13-16: The annual showcase for comedians of color returns to Oakland, taking urban comedy to the next level. Preliminaries Feb. 13-15; final round Feb. 16.

Africa.dot.Com: Drums 2 Digital

Museum of the African Diaspora
685 Mission St. at Third, San Francisco
www.moadsf.org or 415/358-7200
BART: Powell or Montgomery
Through June 1: This exhibition focuses on representing Africa as part of the modern world, where mobile phones and computers enhance, alter and supplant traditional networks and connections in villages and cities. As with African "talking" drums, coded signals are used in text messaging and instant messages. Technology themes appear on fabrics used for clothing.

Come Home

The Marsh
1062 Valencia St., between 21st and 22nd streets, San Francisco
www.themarsh.org or 800/838-3006
BART: 24th Street, four-block walk
Through March 8: The world premiere of Jovelyn Richards' new solo play about 26 black soldiers who leave their home in lynch-torn rural Arkansas to fight the Nazis in World War II. Thirteen survive. The plot unfolds in the segregated south, but the play is timeless in its evocation of how war and violence change a community and a way of life.

Cybill Shepherd in "Curvy Widow"

Post Street Theatre
450 Post St., 2nd floor, San Francisco
www.ticketmaster.com or 415/771-6900
BART: Powell, four-block walk
Through March 9: The iconic actress makes her San Francisco stage debut in this new comedy. A fiftysomething widow's modern adventures in Internet dating reveal unexpected truths about life, love – and sex.



Oakland Museum of California Celebrates Black History

10th and Oak streets, Oakland
www.museumca.org or 510/238-2200
BART: Lake Merritt
Throughout February: Events include history presentations, film screenings and many more. Check the website for complete schedule. On Sunday, Feb. 24, the whole family is invited to "African-American Rhythms On and Off the Canvas," a lively exploration of art, music and spoken word.

Nixon's Nixon

Center REPeratory Company
Leshner Center for the Arts
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, 925/943-7469
BART: Walnut Creek
Through March 1: Listen in on the legendary late-night meeting between President Nixon and Henry Kissinger the night before Nixon's resignation. In this surreal comedy, they cook up one final scheme to save the world – and their skins.



Chinese New Year continued

This year's Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade promises to warm your heart and electrify your senses. Be sure to make the most of the night by taking BART.

For more parade information, or to buy bleacher seats, visit chineseparade.com or call 415/982-3071. To plan your BART trip, visit bart.gov. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

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