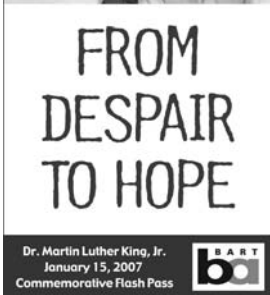


Ride BART to MLK Day celebration

BART trains will carry riders from throughout the Bay Area to Civic Center Station on Monday, January 15 for Northern California's largest celebration honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Martin Luther King Day celebration takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove St. in San Francisco, near the Civic Center BART Station.

For the eighth consecutive year, BART will provide a limited number of commemorative Martin Luther King Day Flash Passes,



distributed free through the Northern California Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance Committee.

Flash passes are good for BART rides to and from the event. For flash pass information, call 510/268-3777, or order your passes online at norcalmlk.org. To plan your BART trip, visit www.bart.gov and use the online QuickPlanner. BART will be running on a regular weekday schedule on January 15.

The Martin Luther King Day celebration will feature educational programs, live entertainment, arts and crafts, food and special guests.

Don't foul out! Take BART to local hoops action

Local basketball action heats up this month for hoops fans, college and pro.

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

Golden State takes on Dwayne Wade and the Miami Heat (Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.), Elton Brand and the L.A. Clippers in a special MLK Day matinee (Jan. 15, 1:00 p.m.), LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers (Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.), Jason Kidd and the New Jersey Nets (Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.) and Emeka Okafor and the Charlotte Bobcats (Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.).



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

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

Cal Men's Basketball takes on Washington State (Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.), Washington (Jan. 13, 2:00 p.m.), UCLA (Jan. 25, 6:00 p.m.), USC (Jan. 27, 3:00 p.m.) and Stanford (Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.). The Cal Women take on Oregon State (Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m.), Oregon (Jan. 20, 2:00 p.m.) and UC Riverside (Jan. 31, 7:00 p.m.).

Get fit with a walk to your BART station

This is the time of year when many of us resolve to lose a little weight and live healthier lives. BART customers can take a big step toward achieving those goals with the free exercise provided by walking to the BART station.

Walking to or from BART is an easy way to add calorie-burning exercise to your commute, shopping trip or ride to visit friends. A brisk 30-minute walk, five days a week can

burn up to 1,000 calories and leave you feeling healthy and invigorated. Over 40,000 riders walk to BART every day, many covering at least a mile.

Be sure your walk takes you through safe areas with pedestrian sidewalks. In many areas, walking in the morning but using transit or other wheels after dark is wisest. Find a route that works best for you and take to your feet—your waist will thank you!

Additional bike lockers to be available in 2007

Beginning in mid-2007, BART will be installing a new generation of electronic bicycle storage lockers that will provide on-demand parking for bicyclists and feature new innovations in theft-resistant design. The project will add nearly 200 new lockers at eight East Bay BART stations.

The new lockers will no longer be assigned to individual riders. Instead, riders will be able to store their bicycles in any unoccupied bicycle locker at any station. To rent the new lockers, just purchase a pre-paid bicycle locker rental card. Bicycles can be stored securely for up to three days. To guarantee a locker is available when needed, riders will be able to electronically reserve lockers in advance.



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Ride BART, save money with Commuter Check

Looking for a New Year's resolution that's good for you, good for the environment and can save you hundreds of dollars? Look no farther than Commuter Check!

Commuter Check allows commuters to pay for BART tickets with pre-tax dollars. You can use up to \$105 of pre-tax income monthly to pay for transit expenses. Commuter Check already serves 200,000 employees and 8,000 employers across the country and has delivered over \$600 million in transit benefits since 1990.

You can even take an additional \$42, \$63 or \$84 deduction (depending on station) to pay for BART parking and save 40% off the



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Take BART and "Dine About Town"

Hungry? BART is your ticket to the 6th Annual "Dine About Town" in San Francisco this month.

The San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau (SFCVB) and Visa will once again offer the popular prix-fixe restaurant promotion for the entire month of January.

More than one hundred of San Francisco's finest restaurants, many of them BART-accessible, will offer three-course prix-fixe menus at \$21.95 for lunch and/or \$31.95 for dinner. A la carte menus will be available as well.

Available exclusively to Visa cardholders, Dine About Town gives diners the rare opportunity to try out hot new restaurants and revisit some favorites at tempting prices.

For more information and reservations, visit www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com.

Bike lockers *Continued*

The project is financially supported through Measure B funds from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Agency, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Transit Program.

For information on this and other BART bike programs, visit bart.gov/bikes.

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monthly cost (up to \$300 annually!). The IRS allows a separate maximum monthly amount for parking at transit facilities in addition to the current monthly transit benefit of \$105.

It's easy to earn Commuter Check benefits. Just sign up with your employer and start receiving your Commuter Checks monthly. The savings are immediate, not given out at the end of the year.

If your employer is not already enrolled, tell your boss Commuter Checks can save the company up to \$1,260 in payroll taxes per employee each year.

For more information, call Commuter Check at 800/559-7909 or visit them online at commutercheck.com.

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If They Came for Me Today: The Japanese American Internment Project

Skylight Gallery, Sixth Floor
San Francisco Main Public Library
100 Larkin St., www.sfpl.org

BART: Civic Center

Jan. 13-March 18:

A powerful living history exhibit chronicles the experience of Japanese Americans who were forced into internment camps during World War II. Community Works organized the exhibition with students from San Francisco's Balboa and George Washington high schools and Horace Mann Middle School.



100 Families Oakland: Art & Social Change

Oakland Museum of California
10th and Oak streets, Oakland
www.museumca.org or 510/238-2200

BART: Lake Merritt

Jan. 20-April 22: Families in Oakland's Chinatown, Fruitvale and West Oakland worked with artists to create collaborative art on the theme of family, and learned how art can build ties among family members.

The Pillowman

Thrust Stage, Berkeley Repertory Theatre
2025 Addison St., Berkeley
www.berkeleyrep.org, 510/647-2949, 888-4BRTTIX

BART: Downtown Berkeley
Jan. 12-Feb. 25: This darkly funny thriller blends black comedy and mystery until "whodunit" is the least of your concerns. A man tells creepy stories to entertain his mentally challenged brother—but then grisly murders that mirror these tales slice through town, and two cops come knocking. Special Teen Night 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12; call 510/647-2978 for details. night/OUT, an event for the LGBT community, is Thursday, Jan. 18.



Hands Around the Lake

Lake Merritt Bandstand, Oakland

BART: Lake Merritt

Saturday, Jan. 13: Walk Lake Merritt with Mayor Ron Dellums, rain or shine, in this free public celebration co-sponsored by BART. Festival starts at 9 a.m.; "Hands Around the Lake" begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. Please wear a white T-shirt and a pair of bright-colored gloves, and if you wish, bring a pair to donate. Community activities include clowns, puppets, marching bands and more.

Cityscapes & Public Places

San Francisco City Guides Free Walking Tour
Meet at the Native Sons Monument, Montgomery and Market streets, www.sfcityguides.org

BART: Montgomery

Every Friday, rain or shine, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., through April 30: Free tour explores hidden parks and rooftop gardens, colorful history and distinctive architecture of the Financial District. For many other BART-accessible free walking tours, visit City Guides' website.

San Francisco Symphony with mezzo-soprano Susan Graham

Michael Tilson-Thomas conducting
Davies Symphony Hall
Van Ness and Grove streets, San Francisco
www.sfsymphony.org or 415/864-6000

BART: Civic Center

Feb. 7-10: An all-French program features Berlioz' Les Nuits d'Ete. The Friday, Feb. 9, performance is one of the Symphony's BART-sponsored Friday 6.5 series, with an early start time of 6:30 p.m., allowing the conductor to lead a presentation and introduction of the music.

Three Seconds in the Key

SF Playhouse, 533 Sutter St., San Francisco
www.sfplayhouse.com or 415/677-9596

BART: Powell, four-block walk

Jan. 13-Feb. 17: A meditation on love, illness and basketball tells the story of a mother's fall and rise as she competes with Hodgkin's disease, bolstered by her passion for the Knicks.



New Year's Quiz: Which Driver is More Dangerous?

1. Hands-free cell user

2. Hands-on cell user

3. Drowsy driver

4. Drunk driver (.08%)

Answer: Amazingly, all 4 drivers are roughly equivalent causes of major accidents, according to Time magazine 12.4.06 www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1562958-2,00.html

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Be Safe. Ride BART

Bay Bridge tolls are now \$4.00

Why pay more to sit in traffic? Tell your friends and co-workers to ride BART instead!