

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 play an extended homestand full of great NBA action.

Golden State starts with the New York Knicks (Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.), takes on Greg Oden and the Portland Trail Blazers (Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.), tips off against Kobe Bryant and the L.A. Lakers (Feb.

18, 7:30 p.m.), welcomes the Oklahoma City Thunder (Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.) and wraps up the month against the Charlotte Bobcats (Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.). For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit warriors.com.



Mike Montgomery has moved from Palo Alto to Berkeley to coach the Cal men's basketball team. This month the Bears host Montgomery's former team, Stanford (Feb. 14, 2:00 p.m.), USC (Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.) and UCLA (Feb. 28, 6 p.m.).

The big basketball story in Berkeley this year, though, is the women's squad. The Bears have been ranked as high as third in the nation. You can catch them in action against Oregon (Feb. 19,

8:00 p.m.) and Oregon State (Feb. 21, 6 p.m.). For more info, visit calbears.com. To get to Cal games, take BART to Downtown Berkeley Station. Haas Pavilion (Bancroft Way) is just a 5-minute walk away.

Poster art brings natural beauty to BART

A new series of three art posters featuring California native flora and fauna is bringing a touch of natural beauty to BART stations and trains. The posters were created for BART by award-winning Berkeley illustrator Mick Wiggins, who drew inspiration from natural history museums.

"I spent some time in the stations and on the platforms, thinking about what I'd like to see," Wiggins said. Descending into the muted interior of an underground station reminded him of walking into the low light of a museum gallery and seeing the splash of color from a diorama.

The three posters are of a brilliant blue steller's jay, fiery orange poppies against a turquoise sky and a black-tailed deer in shimmering moonlight.

The posters enhance the physical environment of stations and cars, recognize BART's role in the environment, and celebrate the wealth of artistic talent in the Bay Area.

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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.

SF Black Independent Film Festival: Screenings of films by independent local black filmmakers, Feb. 15, 1-4:30 p.m.

In recognition of African American History Month, renowned storyteller J. P. Myrick will present *Harriet Tubman*, famed African American abolitionist and humanitarian. For children of all ages, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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From the General Manager

Last month's officer-involved shooting that resulted in the death of Oscar Grant was tragic, and its consequences irreversible. BART Police delivered a thorough and unbiased investigation report to the Alameda County District Attorney on January 12 and the District Attorney has charged former Officer Johannes Mehserle with murder.

While BART cannot control what happens in the court system, we can and will do everything possible to ensure that this tragedy is never repeated. The BART Board has set up a BART Police Review Committee to increase Board focus on the exercise of BART Police responsibilities. Also, we are turning our internal affairs investigation of this incident over to an independent third party to assure

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February Good Times calendar

Catch Capitol Corridor's Stitch 'n Ride train

On February 28 BART riders can connect to the annual Capitol Corridor Stitch 'n Ride train carrying knitters to Stitches West 2009 in Santa Clara, the West's biggest and best knitting expo.

The Capitol Corridor will host a special, dedicated train to Santa Clara just for knitters and crocheters. Catch the Stitch 'n Ride train at the Richmond BART station at 9:15 a.m., or the Coliseum station at 9:52 a.m.

For the complete Stitch 'n Ride schedule, to purchase tickets or get more information, visit capitolcorridor.org/stitchnride.

Black History continued

I AM POTUS: A Star Studded Black Gay Inaugural Read: A look at political candidacies through theater, poetry, essay and prose. Featuring Bay Area and nationally known writers: Brian Freeman, Alan Miller, Jay Frazier, Marvin K. White and Terry Tapplehead, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Acclaimed historian and author of "The Slave's War," Andrew Ward will discuss how he crafted the book, the first comprehensive narrative of the Civil War told entirely from the perspective of those whose destiny it decided—the slaves. Feb 26, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Related Exhibition: *Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times*, through March 5.

From the GM continued

the public that this assessment will be unbiased and fair.

It is our job to provide safe and reliable service to our customers. It has been our history to face problems and take corrective action to become stronger and better. In the aftermath of the Oscar Grant shooting, we pledge to do just that.

Dorothy W. Dugger

Dorothy W. Dugger, General Manager

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Ray of Light Theatre, Off-Market Theatres
965 Mission St. (between Fifth and Sixth), San Francisco
www.roltheatre.com or Tix Bay Area, 800/838-3006

> **BART: POWELL.** Two-block walk

Through Feb. 28: The perfect Valentine's Day treat, this award-winning musical comedy about love in the suburbs has been described as "Seinfeld set to music." Six actors play more than 40 roles.

Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times

San Francisco Main Public Library
100 Larkin St. at Grove
Skylight Gallery, www.sfpl.org

> **BART: CIVIC CENTER**

Feb. 5-March 5: This traveling national exhibition examines Abraham Lincoln's life, accomplishments and legacy through photographs, lithographs and artifacts from the Civil War era.



White Elephant Sale

333 Lancaster St., Oakland
www.whiteelephantsale.org

> **BART: FRUITVALE.** Free shuttle bus to sale

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day: Northern California's biggest, best and most enjoyable rummage sale benefits the Oakland Museum of California. The sale is arranged in 17 departments throughout a 96,000-square-foot warehouse, offering everything from sporting goods to boutique items, books to furniture, art to electrical items, dishes to shoes, children's clothes and toys to furnishings, or Hawaiian shirts to vintage clothing. Please go to the website for details on the shuttle from BART's Fruitvale station and other information.

A Delicate Balance

Custom Made Theatre Co.
965 Mission St. (between Fifth and Sixth)
San Francisco, www.custommade.org or 800/838-3006

> **BART: POWELL.** Two-block walk

Feb. 12-March 7: Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece portrays a family's quiet life falling apart in a frightening roller-coaster ride.

Postsecret keynote with Frank Warren

Leshner Center for the Arts
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek
www.lesherartscenter.org or 925/943-7469

> **BART: WALNUT CREEK**

Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.: Frank Warren, founder and creator of PostSecret, will speak about his project, which started as a community art project. In 2004, Warren handed out postcards to strangers inviting them to share a secret anonymously. More than 200,000 postcards later, PostSecret has become an international multimedia phenomenon.

The Producers

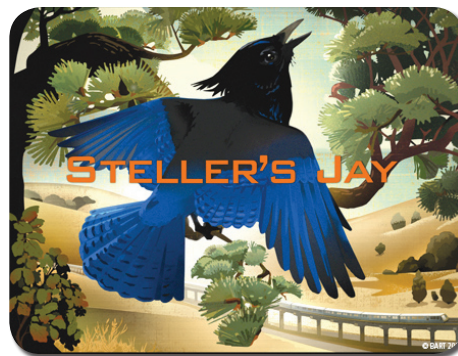
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Feb. 13-March 15: It's spring-time for Hitler once again in the outrageously funny Mel Brooks musical comedy.



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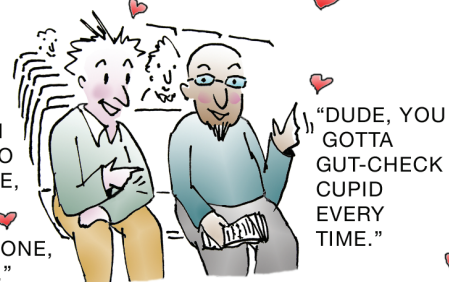
A promotion is planned later in the year to give smaller versions of the posters away through contests on bart.gov.

Wiggins' work can be seen in major stock illustration libraries and publications. His beautiful cover images on the reissue of John Steinbeck's work for Penguin books convey the emotional core of each story and the unique settings in which the stories take place. Wiggins website is mickwiggins.com. You can learn more about Wiggins and the poster program at bart.gov.

BARTOON grimescartoons.com

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"...EXCEPT HER WEIRD RINGTONE, WHICH KINDA BOTHERED ME."



JOHN GRIMES