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SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT**Superstition Obstacle Course**Tue-Sun, June 13-Sep 1
Exploratorium

For many people, Friday the 13th suggests bad luck – but is it really tempting fate or taking a risk to break a mirror? Are you courting disaster by walking under a ladder? Challenge these and other superstitions in the new Superstition Obstacle Course. 415-561-0360, www.exploratorium.edu

S.F. Botanical Garden's June Plant Sale

Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

S.F. Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park
A large selection of flowering perennials will include hardy geraniums, scented pelargoniums, cannas with large leaves, and a variety of interesting ornamental grasses and grass-like plants. All plants are suitable for Bay Area gardens. 415-661-1316, www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

Thought Graffiti

Saturdays, June 14 & 28, July 12, noon-3 p.m.

Exploratorium
What do your thoughts sound like, look like, feel like? Find out in this special interactive event. Using sidewalk chalk, giant thought bubbles will be drawn on the museum floor and anyone can contribute a thought in words, doodles or pictures. For ages 6 and up. 415-561-0360, www.exploratorium.edu

Iron Science Teacher

Fridays, June 27, July 11 & 18, noon-1 p.m.

Exploratorium
Given 10 minutes and a secret ingredient, teachers concoct a science activity they can use in the classroom in this zany, science cook-off where showmanship and creativity reign. 415-561-0360, www.exploratorium.edu

POTABLES & EDIBLES**Dine About Town**Daily, June 1-15
Various S.F. restaurants

It's like you've dined and gone to heaven! Over 100 of San Francisco's top restaurants return with a second helping of specially prepared 3-course lunch menus for \$21.95 or dinner menus for \$31.95. 888-330-9968, www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/dineabouttown

Dine About Town Launch Party

Wednesday, June 4, 6 p.m.

The Cellar, Macy's Union Square
With a \$10 donation to Meals on Wheels, you'll receive tastes from featured Dine About Town restaurants Asia de Cuba, Colibri, Cortez, First Crush, Garibaldis, Horizon, Jack Falstaff, PlumpJack Cafe, and Roots; a cooking demonstration by Scott Sasaki, executive chef of Garibaldis, moderated by Marcia (The Tablehopper) Gagliardi; wine tastings from Cellar 360 and Wattle Creek Winery; and a keepsake "Only in San Francisco" wine glass. Reserve tickets at www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/taste.

CUESA Spring Breakfast

Saturday, June 7

CUESA Teaching Kitchen,
One Ferry Building

Come delight in spring's abundance and the people who bring it to us each week. A farmers' market seller will be at each table to share stories about her or his business. Proceeds from three seatings – 9, 10 and 11 a.m. – benefit CUESA's education programs. 415-291-3276, www.cuesa.org

Charbay Spirits Tasting

Wednesday, June 11

Presidio Golf Clubhouse

Did you know that whiskey is distilled beer? Join the Bay Area's own iconic 13th-generation distiller, Marko Karakasevic, for a sit-down, knock-your-socks-off tasting of handcrafted whiskey, vodka, pot-still rum, and a unique black walnut liqueur. 415-346-1325, www.dandm.com/tastings.php

4th Annual Pinot Days

Wed-Sun, June 25-29

Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center

More than 150 of the world's top Pinot Noir producers from every region of California and Oregon will participate. Corks from more than 400 current release and barrel samples will be popped and ready to taste, along with delicious bites from specialty food purveyors. 415-408-3360, www.pinotdays.com

Best of the Bay Area Party

Thursday, June 26

Concourse Exhibition Center
(635 8th St.)

Join San Francisco magazine to toast the best people, places and things that make the Bay Area the very best place to live, work and play. Enjoy entertainment for every obsession – eats, treats, drinks, and beats – while benefiting Family House. 415-398-2800, www.sanfranmag.com

SPORTS & HEALTH**MS Duskbuster Race**

Wednesday, June 4

Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park

National Multiple Sclerosis Society hosts a 5K run or 2-mile walk to help wipe out MS. Prizes for top finishers; baby strollers welcome. www.duskbuster.org

Changing Diabetes Bus and Village World Tour

Fri-Sun, June 6-8, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Pier 39's East Park

A mobile diabetes showroom and interactive diabetes village offers free diabetes education, health screenings, activities, and giveaways to area residents. *Dancing with the Stars* champion Drew Lachey and local fitness guru Joanie Greggains will appear on Saturday at 11 a.m. Free. www.changingdiabetes-us.com

Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon

Fitness Festival: Saturday,

June 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Race & Fitness Festival: Sunday,

June 8, 5 a.m.-3 p.m.

Marina Green

The course includes a 1.5-mile swim from Alcatraz, an 18-mile bike ride to the Great Highway and Golden Gate Park, and an 8-mile run back to the

Marina Green. The Fitness Festival will feature health and fitness exhibits, a food court, beer garden, climbing wall, and entertainment. 310-473-0411, www.escapefromalcatraztriathlon.com

Live EURO 2008 Soccer Broadcasts

June 7 to 29

Goethe-Institut (530 Bush St.)

All UEFA EURO 2008 Soccer Tournament games involving Swiss, Austrian and German teams will be broadcast live courtesy of the Swiss and Austrian Consulates General. During halftimes, short, soccer-themed films will be shown. Light refreshments and coffee, and great raffle prizes – including official EURO 2008 soccer balls. Free. For schedule and details, visit www.goethe.de/sanfrancisco.

San Francisco Zoo Golf Classic

Monday, June 9

Lake Merced Golf & Country Club

12:30 p.m. shotgun start, barbecue lunch, and evening reception with live entertainment, and golf awards. Proceeds benefit The San Francisco Zoo. 415-753-7061, www.sfzoo.org

American Sailing League Championship Series

Sat-Sun, June 28-29, noon-6 p.m.

Pier 39

Competing American Sailing League athletes will race in 18-foot skiffs, which offer high speeds and spectacular capsizes right off the end of Pier 39. Free. www.pier39.com

CHILD'S PLAY**YMCA's Bike Skills Area Grand Opening**

Wednesday, June 4, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Barnard Ave. (next to Pop Hicks Field),
the Presidio

The Presidio YMCA's brand new Bike Skills Area has transformed a forgotten parking lot into a sparkling bicycle utopia, just a short ride from the Main Post gym. The new area will be used for youth programs, as well as *Bike Smart*, *Ride Safe!* and other youth and family bicycle education classes. 415-559-5548, www.ymcasf.org

Physics of Toys: A Little Science Comes in Handy

Saturday, June 21

Exploratorium

Make hand-powered gadgets and toys, then throw, crank, spin, and launch your creations to make them go. All materials are provided, and museum guests can take home what they make. 415-561-0360, www.exploratorium.edu

30th Anniversary Celebration for S.F. Children's Art Center

Sunday, June 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Children's Playground, Golden Gate Park

Calling all Art Center alums, families and friends: bring your favorite picnic dish and get to know fellow Art Center families, staff and board members while enjoying free drop-in art activities. New families welcome! RSVP to 415-771-0292, www.childrensartcenter.org

CREATURE FEATURES**Drool-A-Palooza 2008**

Saturday, June 7

Crushpad (2573 3rd St.)

Wags and wine to benefit West Coast Mastiff and Large Breed Rescue. Wine provided by Canine Wines, including their just-released Sauvignon Blanc featuring Bash, a rescued mastiff, as its label dog. Enjoy food, wine and prizes while helping big dogs in need. 888-636-0360, www.k9wines.com

Microchipping Clinic

Sunday, June 8

San Francisco Animal Care and Control

No appointment necessary. Free to San Francisco residents only. S.F. dogs must be licensed; S.F. pit bulls must be spayed or neutered. \$15 per microchip for nonresidents. Pets must be properly leashed or in a carrier. 415-822-5566, www.fsacc.org

7th Annual Hats Off Fashion Show & Luncheon

Wednesday, June 11

Prescott Hotel (545 Post St.)

Jan Wahl will preside over the luncheon and fashion show with designs from Limu, Danielle and Alexis. Proceeds benefit The SF/SPCA. 415-522-3564, www.sfspca.org

Wild Nights Fantastic Fathers Family Overnight

Saturday, June 14, 6 p.m.-10 a.m.

San Francisco Zoo

This overnight includes a talk with a zoo animal keeper, nocturnal safari, evening snack, comfy indoor camping, continental breakfast, and morning tours focusing on some of the fantastic fathers residing in the zoo. Children must be 6 years or older. Preregistration required. 415-753-8124, www.sfzoo.org.

Yappy Hour

Friday, June 20, 6-9 p.m.

Dragonbar (473 Broadway)

Canines munch and drink for free, and human companions receive a specialty cocktail with admission. Fantastic raffle and door prizes and more, all to benefit The SF/SPCA. 415-522-3564, www.sfspca.org

Presidio Endangered Species Hike & Habitat Restoration

Saturday, June 21, 8 a.m.-noon.

Crissy Field Center

Join Michael Chasse and Matt Zlatunich on a hike and help with habitat restoration work for the variety of endangered species in the Presidio. From 8-9 a.m., look for California Least Terns. Then join Presidio Park stewards in restoring marsh habitat for the California Seablight. RSVP required: e-mail mbzlat@yahoo.com; www.ggnrabiyear.org.

Fur Ball 2008

Saturday, June 28

San Francisco Zoo

Meet other young professionals committed to the zoo's mission of conservation, education and wildlife stewardship while enjoying live music, cocktails and a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres. 415-753-7145, www.sfzoo.org

JUST FOR FUN**The Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge**

Daily

Warming Hut, Crissy Field, the Presidio

Grab a magnifying glass and get down to the Warming Hut, where you'll

find a booklet that describes your mission and directs you in search of nine clues hidden along a one-mile stretch of the park. Free. 415-561-7752, www.crissyfield.org/center

5th Annual International RoboGames

Fri-Sun, June 13-15

Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center

The world's largest open robot competition includes robot enthusiasts from around the world competing in 83 different events. Combat robots, walking humanoids, soccer bots, sumo bots, and even kung fu-performing androids are featured. 415-641-1007, www.robogames.net

GET ACROSS TOWN**Israel in the Gardens**

Sunday, June 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Yerba Buena Gardens

This annual festival celebrates Jewish culture and marks Israel's 60th anniversary with food, fashion, music, and film, with a wide array of arts and crafts and food vendors presented in an open-air market reminiscent of Jerusalem. Free. 415-512-6274, www.israelinthegardens.org

Art Deco and Modernism Weekend by the Bay

Sat-Sun, June 7-8

Concourse Exhibition Center (635 8th St.)

More than 200 vendors from across the country offer collectables, art, glass, jewelry, and vintage clothing in one of the biggest events celebrating the art deco period and beyond. In addition, enjoy a vintage fashion show, swing dancing and an architectural walking tour. 650-599-3326, www.artdecosale.com

Civil War Days

Sat-Sun, June 7-8, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Camp Reynolds, Angel Island

In an event that underscores the military history of Angel Island and the San Francisco Bay, cannons and muskets boom as "Confederate" vessels along the western shore of the island engage "Union" artillery forces on land in a mock skirmish. Free. 415-435-5390, www.angelisland.org

sfSoundSeries 2008

Sundays: June 8, July 13, Aug 10,

Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9

ODC Dance Commons Studio B

(351 Shotwell St.)

The sfSoundSeries has been emerging as one of the Bay Area's most exciting presenters of contemporary music, mixing modern masterpieces with new compositions by some of the most creative local and international musicians. 415-863-9834, www.odcdance.org/dancecommons/

INsects

Reception: Thursday, June 26, 7-9 p.m.

Exhibit: Mon-Sat, June 26, Aug 6

Creativity Explored Gallery

(3245 16th St.)

The colorful critters in the gallery are part of a new sculptural exhibition of art inspired by insects from more than 15 artists with developmental disabilities. 415-863-2108, www.creativityexplored.org