

Environmental Clean-Up NEWS

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Environmental and Arts Education Program at Local Schools



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*Bayview community artist,
Teter Dent, working with Bret
Harte Elementary students.*

The Bayview Opera House has received a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This grant funds a program using visual arts to teach 4th and 5th grade students about the environment. This program is being taught to more than 400 students at George Washington Carver Academic, Bret Harte and the Malcolm X Academy elementary schools. Included in the

program is six months of both environmental and art lessons at each school. The lesson plans include segments on what the environment is and what harms or helps the environment. There is a focus on the cleanup and reuse of the Hunters Point Shipyard. The program ends with the painting of a portable mural by all the students. The mural represents the semester's work. There will be a celebration with the unveiling of the mural at the Opera House on June 7th.

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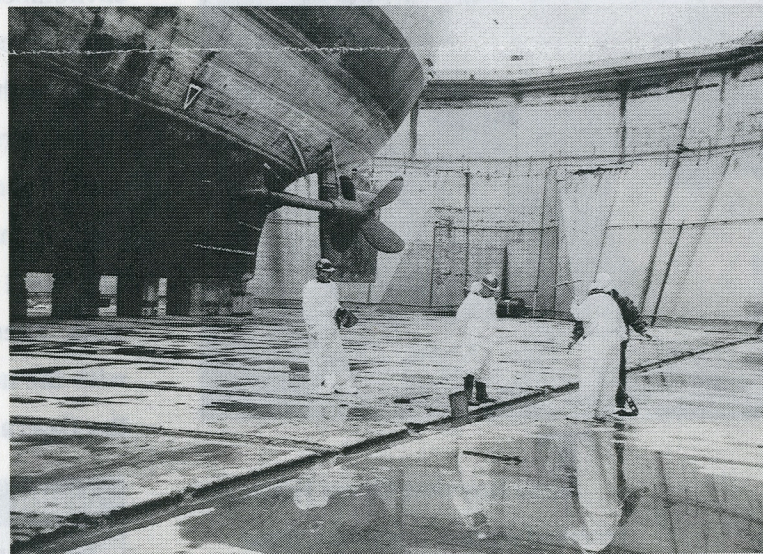
RAB Seeks New Members

The Navy is seeking new members from the community to be on our Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB is an instrumental part of the cleanup effort at the Hunters Point Shipyard. We consider RAB membership an important obligation. Responsibilities include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with the cleanup at Hunters Point Shipyard. Members are expected to be available to community members and groups to facilitate the exchange of

information with the RAB. Priority for membership will be given to local residents who are impacted or affected by the cleanup and reuse of Hunters Point Shipyard.

Please come to the next RAB meeting for more information:

Wednesday, May 22, 1996
Bayview Opera House
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
4705 Third Street
San Francisco, CA
(415) 824-03386



Technicians are taking samples from the main drainage tunnels in Dry-dock 4 at the shipyard. Samples will be tested to assist in preparing the Dry-dock 4 for removal action.

Committed to Cleanup

The Navy is fully committed to the thorough and responsible environmental cleanup of Hunters Point Shipyard.

AGENCIES CONSULTED IN SITE STUDY AND CLEANUP

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- California Department of Health services
- California Regional Water Quality Control board
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry
- California Department of Fish and Game
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- City and County of San Francisco

Groundwater Monitoring Report

Groundwater is monitored regularly at Hunters Point Shipyard. Monitoring helps determine the nature and extent of any substances in the groundwater and to monitor movement of plumes. The results are printed in a report called "OU II Groundwater Monitoring Report."

A copy of the report is available for public review in the information repositories at the City of San Francisco Library main branch and the Anna E. Waden branch library.

Public Comment Period

The Navy is preparing an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for a removal action at the IR-3 Oil Ponds. After sampling, hazardous materials and oily wastes were identified in the soil. The removal action is planned with the goal of preventing possible exposure to humans, animals and the environment.

From June 7 to July 7, 1996, the Navy will ask for comments to be considered in the Navy's final removal action decision. You may submit your comments by July 7, 1996 to:

Michael McClelland
 Base Environmental Coordinator
 Naval Facilities Engineering Command
 Engineering Field Activity West (Code18)
 San Bruno, CA 94066

A final decision is expected to be announced in late July.

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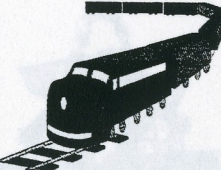
The Golden Gate Railroad Museum is located on the Hunters Point Shipyard?

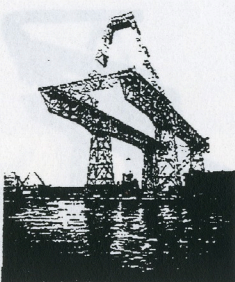
The museum is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of historic railroad passenger equipment.

Proudly on display is the massive #2472 mainline steam locomotive. This 270 ton steam locomotive was built in 1921. The train is in operational condition and can even be rented by the hour to ride by individuals or groups. Additionally, diesel locomotives, a dining car and an observation car are also on display.

The Golden Gate Railroad Museum also offers a very special program. Under the guidance and instruction of a professional railroader, you can learn about and operate a working locomotive.

The museum is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no charge. For more information call (415) 363-2472.





Local Students Tour Shipyard

On May 6, 1996, students and teachers from the Gloria Davis Middle School's 6th grade class arrived at Hunters Point Shipyard for a four hour tour. The tour was arranged by one of the teachers, Ms. Terry Kay, to focus on the history and future of the Hunters Point Shipyard. Navy personnel led the group around portions of the shipyard describing current and past activities. The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency provided information regarding the future and reuse of the facility.

Past school tours of the shipyard have been very successful. Students were fascinated by this previously unknown part of their city. The Navy is looking forward to providing more tours in the future.

Laboratory Sampling Tests

Recently in the newspapers there was an article about the Environmental Protection Agency's suspension of a state-certified sampling laboratory. The article said this may affect the Hunters Point Shipyard cleanup program.

This will not further affect our cleanup program. Back in 1991 we discovered some problems concerning labs providing our testing and sampling. Turn around time for sampling results exceeded deadlines and the labs were overloaded in capacity. Both of these problems were corrected. More

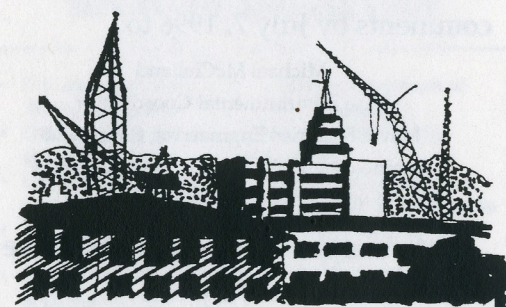
information is discussed in detail in a back issue of this newsletter, Issue #28, June 1992.

Back Issues Available - Please call (415) 244-3035 with your request for a back issue of this newsletter.

As part of the Navy's Community Relations Program, the Environmental Cleanup Newsletter will keep you informed of our milestones and what is going on at Hunters Point Shipyard. To help keep you better informed and involved in the cleanup of Hunters Point, your concerns, comments and questions are important and welcome.

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Where Can I Get More Information?

Copies of all documents related to the Cleanup of Hunters Point Shipyard are available for public review at the Information

Repository located at:

San Francisco Public Library
Anna E. Waden Branch
5075 Third Street
San Francisco, CA 94124

Information on upcoming job and subcontracting opportunities:

- Public Works Center
(510) 466-4072.
- PRC Environmental Management, Inc. Job Hotline (415) 222-8370
- Business Development Inc.,
(415) 468-2200.

To reach Environmental Cleanup Newsletter or the Community Relations Office:

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Upcoming RAB meetings, fourth Wednesday of every month:

May 22, 1996

June 26, 1996

July 24, 1996

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6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
4705 Third Street
San Francisco, CA



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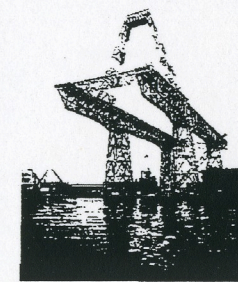
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