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Save the Date

Learn about American culture by attending an extracurricular activity:

July 20, 2007

“Ratatouille”: Movie and “Taste-In”

Join us for a showing of the computer-animated movie about “a cuisine-loving rat who longs to be a chef in Paris.” Before the movie come to a “ratatouille taste-in” and sample the real thing.



July 22, 2007

West Side Story

Come to Woodminster Amphitheater to witness one of the most famous and familiar musicals in the history of American theatre. Set in Manhattan’s Upper West Side, the musical explores the rivalry between two teenage gangs.



July 24, 2007

San Francisco Giants vs Atlanta Braves

Join us at AT&T Park in San Francisco to watch two professional major league teams play “America’s favorite pastime” - baseball. Be with us to cheer in the stands if No. 25, Barry Bonds, hits homerun No. 756!



August 3, 2007

Napa Valley Wine Tasting and Tours

Explore the fountains, pools, and sculptures at “architecturally-acclaimed” and museum-like Artesia Vineyards and Winery. View panoramic vistas of Napa Valley. Also visit Ceja Vineyards (a “boutique” winery) and St. Supéry Vineyards.



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Oakland Museum of California

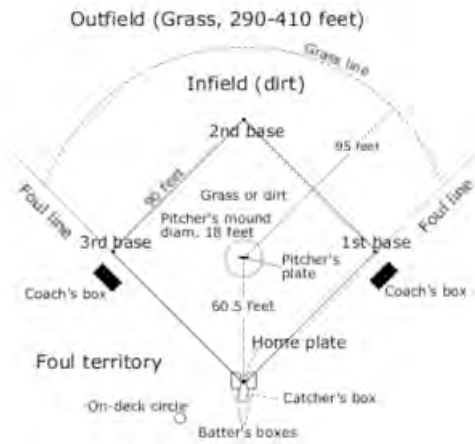
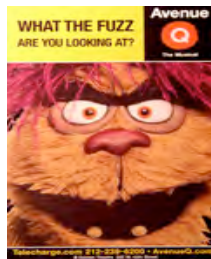
View the special exhibition “Yosemite: Art of an American Icon,” an exploration of “Yosemite and its changing image and impact as a cultural phenomenon through the eyes of artists;” and also view “California’s Untold Stories: Gold Rush!”



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Avenue Q

Missed it on Broadway? Then, come see the Tony Award-winning musical in San Francisco with us at the Orpheum Theatre. Going to the theatre was one of the most popular extracurricular activities last summer!



Let's Go to a Baseball Game!

On Tuesday, July 24, 2007, you will have the opportunity to go to a professional baseball game when the San Francisco Giants will play the Atlanta Braves. When going to a baseball game, it is helpful to be familiar with the general structure of the game. Baseball is played between two teams of nine players each on a baseball field, under the authority of one or more officials, called umpires. There are four bases. Numbered counter-clockwise, first, second and third bases are cushions shaped as 15 in (38 cm) squares; together with home plate, the fourth “base,” they form a square with sides of 90 ft (27.4 m) called the diamond. Home base (plate) is a pentagonal rubber slab known as simply home. The field is divided into two sections:

* The infield, containing the four bases, is for defensive and offensive purposes bounded by the foul lines and the grass line (see figure above). However, the infield technically consists of only the area within and including the bases and foul lines.

* The outfield is the grassed area beyond the infield grass line between the foul lines, and bounded by a wall or fence. The outfield consists of all fair ground beyond the square of the infield and its bases. The area between the foul lines, including the foul lines (the foul lines are in fair territory), is fair territory, and the area outside the foul lines is foul territory.

The game is played in nine innings in which each team gets one turn to bat and try to score

runs while the other team pitches and defends in the field. An inning is broken up into two halves in which the away (visiting) team bats in the top (first) half, and the home team bats in the bottom (second) half. In baseball, the defense always has the ball — a fact that differentiates it from most other team sports. The teams switch every time the defending team gets three players of the batting team out.

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Details of Upcoming Events



“Ratatouille”: **“Taste-In”** **and Movie**

Try “ratatouille” and then see the movie! Meet at 2:30 p.m. in front of Wheeler Auditorium. We will then walk to Ishi Court and sample some real ratatouille. At 3:15, we will walk together to the movie theater to see the 3:45 matinee show.

Date: Friday, July 20, 2007 **This Week!**
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Place: Meet: Wheeler Auditorium
Eat: Ishi Court, Dwinelle Hall
Watch: United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley
Cost: \$7.50 at the door for movie ticket
\$.50 for ratatouille tasting (two quarters please!)

Sign up: Sign up in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler, beginning Monday, July 16th.

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West Side Story

With music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, the musical is loosely based on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Tony, a member of an established white gang (the Jets) falls in love with Maria whose brother is a member of the rival Puerto Rican gang (the Sharks). Rivalry over territory escalates and leads to great tragedy.

Date: Sunday, July 22, 2007 **This Week!**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Woodminster Amphitheatre
3300 Joaquin Miler Road, Oakland CA 94602
Cost: \$36 at the door. (Half price for 25 students)

Sign up: Sign up in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler.

Transportation: THERE IS NO DIRECT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE PARK. On the sign-up sheet indicate whether you have a car and are willing to carpool. THE TRIP WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY IF ENOUGH DRIVERS ARE WILLING TO CARPOOL. We will email you on Thursday afternoon to let you know whether or not the trip will take place.

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San Francisco Giants vs. **Atlanta Braves**

Learn more about America's favorite pastime!

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2007
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: AT&T Park, San Francisco
Cost: Tickets: \$10 cash in advance
BART: \$6.50 (round-trip)
Food: You decide.

Sign up: Sign up is required! Please sign up and purchase your tickets in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler. Tickets may be purchased Monday, July 16 through Monday, July 23, between 12-2 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. ONLY.

Exact change is required.

Transportation: We will take BART to get to the baseball park. A group of students and teachers will meet at 6 p.m. the Downtown Berkeley BART on the day of the game. The game starts at 7:15 p.m., but everyone should be in their seats by 7:00 p.m. to see all the things that go on before the game, including the national anthem and the first pitch.

AT&T Park can get very cold at night, so even if the afternoon is warm, be sure to bring a warm sweatshirt or jacket. Dress in layers.

Team colors: The San Francisco Giants' colors are orange, black, and white. (We don't care what the colors are of the Atlanta Braves!) It can be fun to dress in the colors of the team that you favor, but it is certainly not required.

I Scream, You Scream...We all Scream for Ice cream!

Looking for something to satisfy your sweet tooth on a hot summer day? Good thing the Lawrence Hall of Science has summer fun days every Wednesday! This Wednesday, July 18th, come to the Lawrence Hall of Science for Ice cream Day, 12-2 p.m. Learn how to chemically concoct ice cream by crafting your own delicious flavors and colors. Bring your own cup and spoon for free sprinkles! Free for UC students.

To reserve tickets, call (510) 642-5132

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The winner is the team with the most runs after nine innings. If the home team is ahead after the top of the ninth, play does not continue into the bottom half. In the case of a tie, additional innings are played until one team comes out ahead at the end of an inning. If the home team takes the lead anytime during the bottom of the ninth or of any inning thereafter, play stops and the home team is declared the winner.

The source of this article is Wikipedia.com. The complete official rules of baseball can be found at <http://www.mlb.com>.