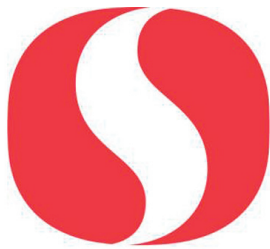


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Hayward Street Closures Coming Up

B Street will be closed between Foothill and Mission boulevards and Main Street will be closed from A to C streets from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursdays between Aug. 16 and Sept. 20 for downtown street parties.

Main Street is closed between A and B streets every Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Hayward Farmers' Market.

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County Reports Show Black Muslim Bakery Had Serious Sanitation Problems Months Before Raid



Fishy Fish Sandwiches? County health officials shut this bakery down Aug. 3.

Photo/ Bill Wallace

By Alastar Kerpel and Jerry Gagnon
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Alameda County environmental health officials who inspected Your Black Muslim Bakery in Oakland after an Aug. 3 police raid uncovered a vermin infestation and other health and safety violations that forced them to close the business indefinitely.

But a Pioneer review of county records shows some of the same health and safety hazards that led to the closure this month had been uncovered during an inspection last December.

Despite the problems, county officials let the bakery remain in business for eight more months, manufacturing and distributing food.

A review of documents filed following the bakery's closure shows that county officials found both the interior and exterior of the facility in a state of disrepair during the Aug. 3 inspection.

Grease had been stored improperly in open rubbish bins since 1998 when the bakery dropped its grease disposal contract with a company called Darling International.

Dirty utensils were left in plain site and openings in the bakery's walls, coupled with the unsanitary conditions, had lured rodents and insects into the building. Other problems included:

- A crumbling ceiling area above food preparation counters.
- Food left out at room temperature because of a broken refrigerator that lacked a middle door.
- Lack of a fume hood over a cooking area.
- Disposal of rancid grease down city storm drains and directly into the bakery's toilets.

Not only was food found sitting out at room temperature but it was being stored next to outgoing trash. The food had been left out because one of the refrigerators was missing its center door and not functioning. As a result, health food officials have placed an embargo on all food and

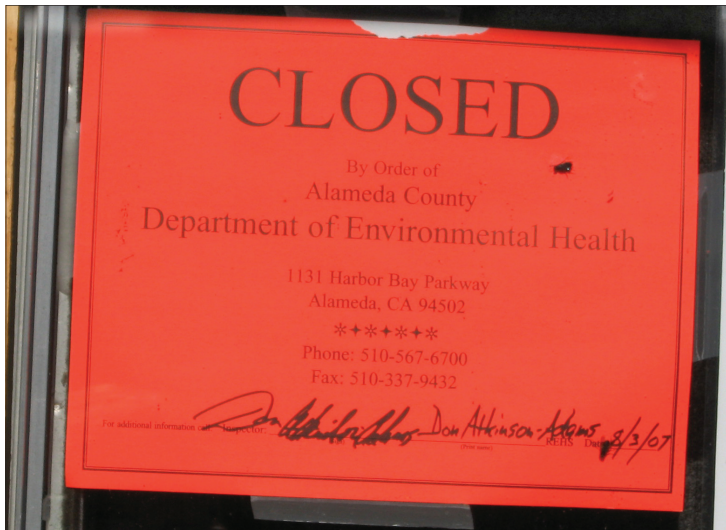
equipment.

Reports of the health conditions inside the bakery show that it wasn't until last year that quality declined. Records show that the establishment never incurred any critical violations until December 2007, when four major violations were found during a routine inspection.

During the December visit, county inspectors discovered some of the same problems that surfaced after the Aug. 3 police raid, including improper disposal of grease, uncleanable walls and ceiling surfaces and inadequate ventilation for smoke and cooking fumes.

Your Black Muslim Bakery has been assessed operational and structural violations in the past, which are less serious. There have been a couple of follow up visits by officials.

As to the future of the Bakery from a health safety point of view, few options are left open. Management does have the opportunity to restructure and file the business under a different title and then reapply for a new food license, at which time garbage and related disposal services would have to be renewed.



Rats and Insects: Stickers like this mark the front of Your Black Muslim Bakery after the county shutdown

Photo/ Bill Wallace

Highland Theater Resurrects the 1960s with the Rock Musical, "Hair"

By Tammy Northington
Staff Writer

The rock musical, "Hair" got off to a great start Friday, with its cast singing and dancing a recreation of the long-haired hippie days of the 1960s to a nearly packed house.

The musical follows "The Tribe," a group of politically active friends who are fighting against being drafted to the Vietnam War. The group's members are struggling to balance their young lives, loves and the sexual revolution with their antiwar rebellion and the conservative impulses of their parents and society.

Directed by A. Fajilan, "Hair" starts off with an innovative video projector montage taking us back to the past through a series of pictures depicting historical moments such as the drama with Bill Clinton, Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" campaign and hippies placing daisies in the barrels of soldiers' guns.

Seth Thygesen (Claude) who was last seen in

CSUEB's "Much Ado About Nothing," struts his stuff with a long blond wig and careless attitude while also portraying his fear of going to war. He sings "Manchester, England" with a believable British accent and keeps the audiences eyes glued to him.

Josh Ticas (Berger) does a good impression of a charismatic meth addict and almost takes his pants off to give the audience a peek more than once. His sly grins and frisky energy make viewers grin and blush at the same time.

A highlight of the evening was Hannefah Hassan-Evans (Ronny), whose strong, booming voice was heard in songs like "White Boys" and "What a Piece of Work Is Man." Her projection and clearly visible joy to be up on stage singing her heart out made for an enjoyable experience.

"What a Piece of Work Is Man," a song

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Making Hard Look Easy: "Hair" cast members (from left to right) Josh Ticas, Hannefah Hassan-Evans, Adriana Ramos, Brittany Harrington and Rodney Stavall.

Photo/ Richard Olmsted

Facing the GRE? Relax! Free Practice Exams Will Be Held Here Saturday

By Neda Way
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Those jittering with nervousness over upcoming GMAT, GRE, LSAT or MCAT tests can take a quick detour to help calm the nerves. And it won't cost a thing.

This Saturday at the Hayward campus, the Office of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies Student Services will host representatives from the Berkeley Kaplan Center who will offer practice tests and share strategies that can help boost test scores.

The practice tests will be given from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at two locations: The GMAT, GRE and LSAT will be given in the arts and education building and the MCAT will be given in Warren Hall's basement computer lab.

Taking practice tests, said Matt Ulery, senior marketing manager at the Berkeley Kaplan Center, familiarizes students with the exams' content, building confidence and test-taking stamina.

"These (graduate) exams," he said, "last multiple hours, so a particular test-taking approach is necessary, along with knowing a lot of content. The more a student becomes familiar with the exam, including taking many practice tests, the better he or she will do on the actual exam."

Kaplan representatives will administer the exams in a proctored environment, similar to that of actual test sessions. They will also be available to meet with students to address any questions or concerns students may have, Ulery said.

When the tests are completed, test-takers can pick up their exhaustive score reports from the graduate studies office "which works wonderfully as a study aid for the real exam," said Vana Tran, manager of student

services for the graduate studies office.

If that's not enough of an incentive to attend, there's extra: special raffle prizes will be given at each of the sessions.

The practice test sessions were brought to the Hayward campus in the past year through collaboration between the Berkeley Kaplan Center and the graduate studies department. Ulery said Kaplan had been providing practice tests at UC Berkeley for years and students from CSUEB would attend them.

"We...heard from a lot of CSU East Bay students that would come out to Berkeley events," he said, "that they would love to have this out in Hayward. And, of course, we were excited to do so."

Demand for the sessions since they've been held in Hayward has been great enough to encourage the office to plan test sessions quarterly over the next academic year.

"The popularity of this event speaks to our students' need for these types of resources," Tran said. "It is a valuable resource as many of our students need a better understanding of these graduate exams - a very important part of graduate admissions."

Those interested in this Saturday's sessions are encouraged to register promptly, for seating is limited. Registration can be completed online at www.kaptest.com/practice or by calling 1-800-KAPTEST.

For more information on the practice tests offered at CSUEB, contact the Office of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies Student Services at (510) 885-3286 or APGSStudentServices@csueastbay.edu.

Information about test preparation and the admissions process can be accessed at www.kaptest.com, 1-800-KAPTEST or by contacting Ulery at the Berkeley Kaplan Center office phone, (510) 204-8980, ext. 7513, or by email at Matt.Ulery@kaplan.com.

Island Festival Draws 12,000 to SF for Aloha Spirit, Dance and Snacks

Rebecca Martinez
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An estimated 12,000 people headed over to the Presidio of San Francisco last weekend for the 13th annual San Francisco Aloha Festival.

The event, put on yearly by the Pacific Islander's Cultural Association (PICA), was an all-weekend event filled with food, arts and crafts, plenty of entertainment and much more - all at no cost to the public.

"PICA wants to keep the event affordable for families since they are the intended audience," said Lance Nakata, co-chairman of the San Francisco Aloha Festival. "At this point, we might be the largest Pacific Islander event in the Bay Area that has no admission fee."

But with approximately 100 various vendors at this year's event, the opportunity to spend money was there. Booths were filled with everything from kukui nut leis to artwork from the famous - and Oahu's own - Kim Taylor Reece, who was there doing meet and greets with his fans.

"I've always admired his work," said Eddy Navarro of San Francisco. "It was amazing to see him there, in person."

Jesiree Bravo of Daly City also found it a treat to see the artist in person.

"To see him actually there, and not just random people selling his work, made it feel like he brought Hawaii with him," Bravo said. "He's obviously dedicated to sharing his own love for Hawaii with everyone, and not only by his photography but also through his spirit."

There was a large lineup of entertainment

this year. Twenty-two performances took place at the event. Dance groups showcased hula, and Maori (indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand), Tahitian and Samoan dancing.

Musicians sang contemporary and traditional Hawaiian songs and some played the ukulele, which is a stringed instrument played with the bare thumb, fingertips, or a felt pick.

For hungry folks, different types of ethnic food were available as well as plenty of snacks.

Perhaps the most enjoyable treat of all was shave ice, which people would purchase in a cup and drench with up to 13 sweet flavoring at the "Shave Ice Station."

The festival is put on every year by volunteers, since PICA has no salaried or hourly staff members. There is no charge to enter, but profits from this year's festival will be used to fund local educational scholarships and various cultural projects.

"This year, we were happy to award \$1000 scholarships to four Pacific Islander students residing in the Greater Bay Area, which was a requirement," said Nakata.

"Three attend colleges in the Bay Area and one is at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I plan to post 2008 scholarship info for local residents on our website by the end of this year."

Nakata also said that he has already started working on next year's event.

"The whole event is a lot of planning and a lot of work, especially for those of us with regular jobs. Every year some of us say: 'Why are we doing this? We must be nuts!'"

Attendees say all the hard work does pay off. "I can't wait until next year," said Bravo. "I plan on bringing my family and telling my friends about it. I had a great time."

