Golf & Singing: Highlights for April 17-23, 2011

300 SFUSD elementary students who are learning the game of golf and the core values it teaches will be headed to Harding Park Golf Course to practice their swings, drives and putts. The First Tee golf curriculum is part of students' physical education classes at 21 elementary schools throughout San Francisco. Recently, a first-of-its-kind golf skills learning center was built on the campus of Visitacion Valley Middle School for school and community use. The First Tee in School Program is a partnership with SFUSD; the recent 6-week leadership and golf skills elementary curriculum was facilitated by a contribution from PG&E.

When: Monday, April 18 / 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: Harding Park Municipal Golf Course / 99 Harding Way

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Students at West Portal Elementary will drop cover and hold on the anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco quake. This school of 575 students is known for an orderly evacuation of two minutes. Staff has a system to quickly signal if students are missing and conduct a rapid search of the building. Blankets, extra water and other supplies needed are on hand in case of the next big one. All SFUSD schools are required to perform this drill several times each year.

When: Monday, April 18 / 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Where: West Portal Elementary / 5 Lenox Way

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Twenty-eight Mission High choral students will be performing with the San Francisco Gay Men’s Choir to a sold-out house at Davies Symphony Hall. The students will join over 280 chorus members to sing Joseph Martin's "The Awakening," backed up by a Conservatory of Music orchestra and a Ruffatti pipe organ, one of only four in the world.

When: Thursday, April 21 / 8:00 p.m.
Where: Davies Symphony Hall / 201 Van Ness St.

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The Chinatown Living Library & Think Park at Gordon Lau Elementary School will host demonstrations of rainwater conservation including 11 rainwater harvesting cisterns, gardens, and a multilingual mural. The gardens include native California riparian and drought tolerant gardens and an organic fruit, flower and vegetable learning zone. Gordon Lau Elementary and Commodore Stockton Child Development Center use the gardens year-round with students, with a hands-on, standards-based program to create and maintain the gardens. The SF Public Utilities Commission funds the rainwater installation; the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF) funds the ongoing Living Library programs.

When: Friday, April 22 / 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Where: Gordon Lau ES / 950 Clay St. (Enter lower yard on Washington b/t Stockton & Powell)

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