

Intern Program to Develop Environmentally Sound Master Plan for Pier 70

By Jessica Mikels

A warehouse design studio overlooking the Potrero waterfront will soon become temporary home to 22 hand-picked university students from around the world who will embark on a week-long project to create a master plan for San Francisco's historic Pier 70.

EDAW, a global land-based consultancy headquartered in San Francisco, will hold its 25th annual Intern Program at 2255 Third Street June 6-17, in conjunction with World Environment Day, which runs from June 1-5.

Program sponsors strongly encourage all citizens interested in the future of Pier 70 and the central waterfront to participate and provide input by attending planned community outreach events. Public events start with a free introductory barbeque, to be held on Wednesday, June 8, 5 p.m., at a site to be determined (call 415-433-1484 for details). On Monday, June 13, 6 p.m., at 2255 Third Street, the public is invited to a "work-in-progress" master plan preview. The final master plan will be presented to citizens and dignitaries at the Ferry Building on Friday, June 17, 10 a.m., with a reception to follow.

Since 1980, the EDAW Intern Program has brought together students from across the globe to work in challenging real-world project settings involving issues of regional, national or international significance. Last year the program studied regeneration of the Bay Street district at Nassau Harbour, The Bahamas. In 2003, EDAW interns planned a sustainable mixed use community in Gong Hua Peninsula, Beijing, China.

The Pier 70 project provides the City of San Francisco with an opportunity to create a dynamic plan for the challenging and historic site. All planning will be framed in the principles of sustainable development set forth in the World Environment Day accords. Sponsored by the

United Nations, World Environment Day is an international exposition aimed at stimulating awareness of the environment and enhancing political attention and public action on environmental issues.

The program, which was honored with an American Society of Landscape Architects Award of Excellence in 2000, challenges students in landscape architecture, planning, resource management, economic development, and related fields with a hands-on opportunity that strengthens their skills and broadens their perspectives. Many of the 257 alumni have gone on to become principals in design and development firms, university instructors, and leaders in the public sector.

This year's Intern Program will focus on Pier 70's 37-acres, many of which have been neglected for lack of resources for decades. The site has tremendous promise. Once a thriving center for ship building and heavy industry, it still maintains the oldest operating civilian shipyard in the U.S.

With Mission Bay construction to the north and the new Third Street Light Rail line planned to link Pier 70 with downtown as of early 2006, the project site is ripe for transformation. The lack of parks in addition to the site's waterfront access and open space opportunities also make it a prime candidate for tie-in to the new blue greenway — a missing link in the Bay Area-wide Bay Trail system.

However, Pier 70 also presents many challenges: undetermined toxicity, non-seismically-fit and decaying buildings, financial challenges for clean-up and historic preservation, and State Tidelands Trust restrictions on allowable uses of the land.

The Intern Program's diverse participants will undertake a multi-disciplinary approach to the project to develop a comprehensive, balanced plan that can be carried forward by the community. Integral

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Sister Kathleen Healy (left) Potrero Hill Neighborhood

Sisters Kathleen Healy and Teresa's

By Rose Marie Ostle

In 1968 Sister Kathleen Healy and Sister Teresa Little did they dream at the celebration of their 37 year anniversary that Teresa's Parish would be honored on July 30, 2005.

Under the leadership of Sister Kathleen as principal and wonderful teacher, the new Connecticut near 20th Street its kind: a school without middle- and lower-income fortunately, the school was in 1974 due to poor elementary woes.

Sisters Lucia and Kathleen full time ministry at St. Teresa's Associates. Along with their families, they became active in the parish - standing side by side with Sister Sammon, they began church roots organizing. The Sarment of the 1980s put them in contact with Salvadoran and

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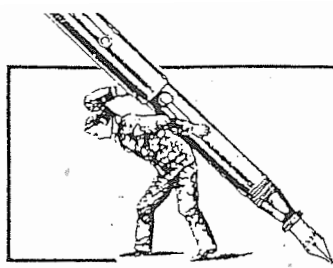
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war in Iraq, and the thousands of deaths caused by that violence. By far, most of these deaths are caused by "collateral damage" to innocent civilians, yet that doesn't excuse placing our valiant patriotic soldiers in harm's way. Saddam was truly a bad man, but we have equaled, or surpassed, his destructiveness in a far shorter time than it took him. What kind of morality is that?

Then, how about the morality of torturing our prisoners in Iraq, Afghanistan and our prison in Cuba? Is it all right just for "born again Christians" to abuse prisoners in that way? What would Jesus say about these "softening up" techniques of interrogation? Since when is torture and humiliation synonymous with Christian morality?

Finally, there's the death penalty, capital punishment, the sentence carried out on Christ by the legal system of his time, two thousand years ago. It's no mystery that the contemporary Pope condemns

this barbaric form of legal vengeance. There are many things I disagree with the Pope on, but this is one thing on which we see eye to eye. How can any practicing Christian believe that the death penalty is acceptable? Of course there's always the ugly memory of the Spanish Inquisition, when torture and death (murder) were accepted forms of religious discipline. Is this the direction, the hidden agenda that so-called Christian Fundamentalists wish to take us? Too bad there's not another verdant continent on this planet to plunder, where we could all move to.

The history of our country's political and military intervention in Central and South America should fill us all with dread and shame. Show me the morality of the thousands of political activists, who were disappeared in the countries of our southern neighbors, during the horrific "Condor Years," under the rule of despotic dictators like Augusto Pinochet. Show me the morality!!!

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Freedom, Indiana

Master Plan for Historic Pier 70 to be Developed

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to the success of an implementable plan, however, is the collection of local stakeholders' feedback that will be generated through public events like the barbeque.

At the close of the two-week program, the students will present their vision and ideas for the site to the Port, other local and national dignitaries and stakeholders. The presentation is typically enhanced by multimedia materials and a

book that illustrates the vision with associated technical analysis and recommendations. The book will be distributed to city personnel including the Mayor, the Port, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, as well as other dignitaries and stakeholders.

For more information on the EDAW Intern Program and related community events, please visit www.edaw.com or call Alma DuSolier at 415-433-1484.

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