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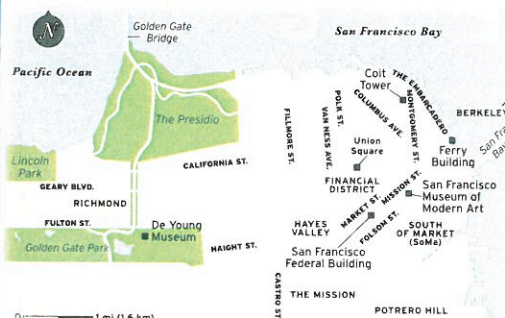
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San Francisco is green, clean, and organic—the architecture is high-tech and eco-friendly.

Shaping the City Below, from left: San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom at City Hall; the roof of the Renzo Piano-designed California Academy of Sciences, in Golden Gate Park; a salad with guacamole and salsa at Café Gratitude, in Berkeley.



GUIDE TO SAN FRANCISCO



WHERE TO STAY

GREAT VALUE **Hotel Triton** 342 Grant Ave.; 800/800-1299 or 415/394-0500; hoteltriton.com; doubles from \$199.

GREAT VALUE **Orchard Garden Hotel** 466 Bush St.; 888/717-2881 or 415/399-9807; theorchardgardenhotel.com; doubles from \$199.

WHERE TO EAT

Café Gratitude 1730 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; lunch for two \$52.

Chez Panisse Restaurant & Café 1517 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 510/548-5525; dinner for two \$130.

Citizen Cake 399 Grove St.; 415/861-2228; lunch for two \$50.

Farmer Brown 25 Mason St.; 415/409-3276; dinner for two \$66.

Greens Building A, Fort Mason Center; 415/771-6222; lunch for two \$51.

Hog Island Oyster Bar 1 Ferry Building, corner of Market St. and the Embarcadero; 415/391-7117; lunch for two \$56.

Medicine 161 Sutter St., No. 61; 415/677-4405; lunch for two \$31.

Millennium Restaurant 580 Geary St.; 415/345-3900; dinner for two \$80.

Range 842 Valencia St.; 415/282-8283; dinner for two \$81.

Yield Wine Bar 2490 Third St.; 415/401-8984; drinks for two \$20.

WHAT TO DO

Berkeley Farmers' Market 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 510/548-3333; ecologycenter.org.

Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market 1 Ferry Building; 415/291-3276; ferryplaza.farmersmarket.com.

Flora Grubb Gardens 1634 Jerrold Ave.; 415/648-2670; floragrubb.com.

WHAT TO SEE

California Academy of Sciences Golden Gate Park; 415/321-8000; calacademy.org.

De Young Museum 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr., Golden Gate Park; 415/863-3330; deyoungmuseum.org.

SF Recycling & Disposal 501 Tunnel Ave.; 415/330-1415; sunsetscavenger.com.

The Orchard Garden Hotel.



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shade the building while letting daylight in—which will turn green as the metal patinates. Its café serves food from growers and providers within a 150-mile radius. The art collection is expansive and absorbing. And from the observation deck of the distinctive wedge-shaped tower, a mere 144 feet tall, there's a panoramic view of San Francisco. Gaze north and the view is of the Richmond district, an endless, timeless, monotonous swath of small-scale pinkish stucco houses. But swivel east and you look directly across the shady Music Concourse at the new Academy of Sciences. Designed by Renzo Piano and scheduled to open in September 2008, it's got an undulating green roof—an artificial terrain dotted with seven hills, planted with beach strawberries, miniature lupine, and California poppies.

Also in Golden Gate Park, the new Academy of Sciences is expected to be the largest public LEED-certified building in the (Continued on page 233; see page 189 for the Guide)

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world. It will have highly efficient heating and cooling systems and natural ventilation; produce a relatively small amount of solar power (5 to 10 percent of the building's needs); and use recycled materials, including insulation made from blue jeans. Visitors will likely not notice most of the green features, but instead be swept away by the exhibitions, which are to include a multilevel rain forest, the world's deepest coral-reef tank, and some very imposing snakes. "I think an anaconda goes on this side," says my tour guide, Kip Trexel, the project director for Webeor Builders. The Academy's living roof, though, will be a crowd-pleaser—a deck will allow visitor access—and also a draw for wildlife, including the threatened San Bruno elfin butterfly.