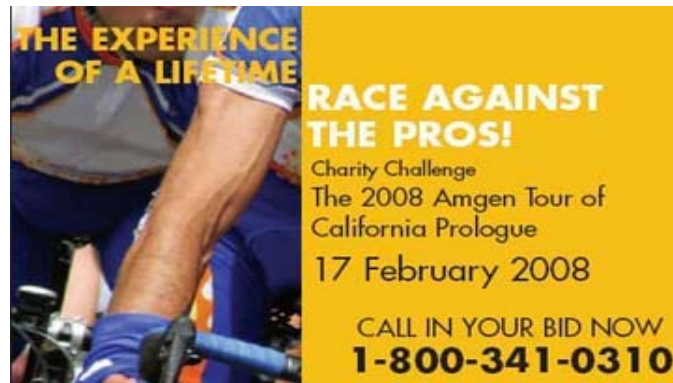


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FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

Win the Experience of a Lifetime – Race against the Pros!

Place your winning bid to race in the Charity Challenge for the 2008 Amgen Tour of California Prologue, coming to Palo Alto and Stanford University on February 17, 2008. Experience firsthand the excitement of riding a major prologue and pit yourself against some of the greatest cyclists in the world. Just moments before 130 of the top cycling professionals in the world officially kick-off the 2008 Amgen Tour of California Prologue, 25 people will have the opportunity to race the official route.



This priceless opportunity for every cycling fan, enthusiast and weekend warrior will last only a few short moments, but will be remembered for a lifetime. **Bidding is taken over the phone at 1-800-341-0310**; be ready to provide your name, phone number and bid amount.

Space is limited – so the 25 highest donations made to the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation between now and Friday, February 15, at 12 noon (PST), will earn a spot to test this course. Minimum bid is \$500. A bid of \$2,500 assures you a spot in the challenge! All donations to the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation, on behalf of the Amgen Tour of California Local Organizing Committee, are tax deductible. The official ranking will be posted daily at <http://www.paloaltostanfordprologue.com>

Palo Alto and Stanford University are proud to host the 2008 Amgen Tour of California Prologue – Official Start February 17 - of the eight-day cycling event featuring world-class cycling teams racing through California. Visit the City website at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/living/> and click on "2008 Amgen Tour of California" in the news listing for more information. Visit <http://www.paloaltostanfordprologue.com/calendar.html> for a listing of other events and activities leading up to race day on February 17, 2008.



Designates an item related to one of the City Council's "Top 4" Priorities.

Library Celebrates *Silicon Valley Reads* with Free Events

The Palo Alto City Library will host free discussion groups as it continues its series celebrating Silicon Valley Reads with the book, *The Distant Land of My Father* by Bo Caldwell. Join us for tea and cookies as we talk about this riveting book. One enthusiastic reader commented, "Thank you for the book *Distant Land*; I could not put it down. When I finished, I walked away with a strong desire to live my life with little or no regret."

Share your experience of this powerful book at one of the following free discussion group events:

- Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.
Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road
- Tuesday, February 12, 12 noon
Downtown Library, 270 Forest Avenue
- Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m.
College Terrace Library, 2300 Wellesley Street

Funding has been provided by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

Well Attended Workshop on Building Codes a Success

The City of Palo Alto Building Division hosted an all day workshop on Friday, January 25, entitled "Introduction to the 2007 California Building Codes – Practical Training for Local Architects, Designers and Contractors."

Held in the Roche Palo Alto Lecture Hall, the workshop presented an overview of the new California Building Codes and the City's local



amendments as they apply to residential projects, and discussed the many changes that architects, designers and contractors need to know when working in Palo Alto. In addition, attendees were briefed on the City's emerging Green Building Program and the Residential Inspection Checklist Handbook developed recently by the Building Division. The workshop was sold out and drew more than 100 architects,

designers, contractors and building code enforcement staff from the immediate area.



The workshop was taught by Palo Alto resident Douglas Hansen, a nationally recognized expert on building codes and primary author of the "Code Check" series of field guides published by Taunton Press. He has more than 30 years experience inspecting, teaching and writing on building construction and codes.

Based on evaluation forms submitted by participants at the conclusion of the workshop, the event was an overwhelming success. One attendee described the workshop as "The best training value I have received in a very long time," while another enthused, "It was wonderful that the City's Building Official made the effort to organize this event. The opportunity to interact with designers, builders and inspectors all at once was particularly enjoyable." At the suggestion of many participants, the Building Division will explore offering additional training workshops in the coming year.

Homework Help on the Way-Library Resources for Parents

If your child has ever said this to you: "Help me with my homework – oh, and it's due tomorrow," then this resource is for you. The Reference Staff at the Palo Alto City Library presents "How to Help Your Child Succeed in School Using Library Tools." Librarians will demonstrate useful resources which can be used at home for assignments and projects. Full text magazine articles, excerpts from reference books, diagrams and other tools will be available to help your child succeed.

This program is one of a series of demonstrations entitled Information You Can Use @ the Library, offered on the second Wednesday of every month through June 2008. The next scheduled event is Wednesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Main Library, 1213 Newell Road.

To obtain a library card, get a full list of demonstrations and register for the program, visit the City of Palo Alto Library homepage at www.cityofpaloalto.org/library, or call the Reference Desk, (650) 329-2436.

City Administrative Services Wins Prestigious Awards

The Budget Division of the City of Palo Alto Administrative Services Department (ASD) received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for its 2007-2009 Operating Budget Document. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and its attainment represents a significant achievement.

The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers also recognized Palo Alto's ASD Budget Division with the Excellence Budgeting Award for the following:

- 2007-08 Operating Budget Document;
- 2007-08 Capital Budget Document; and the
- 2007-08 Budget-In-Brief as a Public Communications Document.

The Budget Awards Program is designed to recognize those agencies that have prepared budget documents or communication tools that meet certain standards.

