

February 15, 2008
Palo Alto, CA

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

Crosstown Shuttle Service to 2008 Amgen Tour of California Prologue Race on Sunday, February 17

The Palo Alto Crosstown Shuttle will run on Sunday, February 17, between Charleston Road and Downtown Palo Alto to the AMGEN Tour of California Prologue race. The regular midday route between Stevenson House and Downtown Palo Alto will depart from both Stevenson House and the event shuttle stop at Cogswell Plaza on Lytton Avenue at Ramona Street every 30 minutes between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., on the hour and half hour.

Visit www.paloaltostanfordprologue.com/pdfs/mapofparking-pa.pdf to view the parking map and for more information.

Tour of California Begins in Palo Alto this Weekend!

Enjoy these special events of the 2008 Amgen Tour of California world-class cycling event coming to Palo Alto this weekend. Highlighted here are some very special local events related to cycling, the race and teams. Visit www.paloaltostanfordprologue.com/calendar.html for a list of ALL the fun events planned.

Thursday, February 14, 2008

- **3:30-5 PM** - "Bike Week" - After-school Youth and Teen Center, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3800 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303.
- **4 PM** - Visits by professional team riders to local merchants - Marco Pinotti and Morris Possoni from the Italian cycling team will appear at Caffé Del Doge, 419 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Roger Hammond (UK) and Laura Abbott (USA) will appear at University Art, 267 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301.
- **5-7:30 PM** - **SPECIAL Autograph Event with cyclists George Hincapie, Team High Road Sports and Bissell Pro Cycling Team members** - Crowne Plaza Cabana Palo Alto, Mediterranean Room, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306, cost: \$25.

Friday, February 15, 2008

- **2 PM** - **Meet the pro-cyclists of Team High Road** - Cubberley Theatre, 3800 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303. RSVP to Christine Eastman at (949) 481-5561 or ceastman@cox.net



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

Saturday, February 16, 2008

- **9 AM-NOON - Exercise and the Brain, Public Symposium** - Stanford University Schwab Residential Center, Vidalakis Dining Room.
- **9:30 AM - Community Bike Ride from Mitchell Park to Downtown Palo Alto** – Meet at Mitchell Park Bowl, 3800 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA. Contact Carol Anderson at candersonb@aol.com or (650) 853-1590.

RACE DAY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008!

- **NOON - Charity Challenge Time Trial** - City Hall Plaza, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Watch **25 winning Time Trial bidders** vie for first place just before the pros take the route. Also, cheer on **Yoriko Kishimoto, 2007 Mayor of Palo Alto, and John Etchemendy, Provost of Stanford University** and **local media celebrities** as they ride the prologue course: Roberta Gonzales from KPIX, Rob Artigo from KGO, Bill Martin from KTVU, Steven Seaweed from The Bone and Irish Greg from KFOG.
- **1–4 PM – 2008 Amgen Tour of California Prologue** - City Hall Plaza. World class cycling teams race in time trials starting in downtown Palo Alto and finishing the fast-paced 2.1 mile route at Stanford University.
- **11:30 AM–4:30 PM - Lifestyle Festival** – Stanford University Campus. Entertainment includes fitness and special interactive activities for children such as climbing wall, arts and crafts, demonstrations and contests.

Lifestyle Festival to Feature Fun-filled Children’s Activities

The City of Palo Alto, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital and the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation are excited to sponsor a variety of interactive children’s activities at the Lifestyle Festival, which will be held Sunday, February 17, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., on Stanford Campus by the big climbing wall. The Lifestyle Festival is part of the 2008 AMGEN Tour of California.

Activities planned include a climbing wall, sports activities, arts and crafts, bike repair demonstrations, a pedometer challenge and pedal-powered electric bike, plus a hula hoop and jump rope contest. In addition, there will be a pedal-powered smoothie machine, a bike giveaway and lots more.

Visit www.paloaltostanfordprologue.com for information about race details, calendar of events planned and road closure information. On race day, pick up the four-page 2008 Amgen Tour of California color insert in the Palo Alto Daily News on Sunday, February 17, 2008.



4 Recruitment to Begin for New Palo Alto City Manager

As part of its recruitment for a new City Manager, the Palo Alto City Council is developing an “ideal candidate” profile. To get your input on key attributes and traits for the new chief executive, you are invited to a special Council meeting scheduled for February 25, 2008, from 7-9 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Frank Benest has served in his chief executive position for the past eight years. Benest recently announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2008, or until a new City Manager arrives. To conduct the recruitment, the City Council has hired the executive recruitment firm of Bob Murray and Associates. The first step in the recruitment process is to develop a profile for the ideal City Manager so that the recruiter can identify and screen appropriate candidates.

According to Mayor Larry Klein, “The Council encourages residents and business people to identify what kind of City Manager we need as a community so we can move forward on our key priorities. The selection of a new chief executive will be the most important decision that the Council will make. We invite the community’s views in respect to key attributes.”

For those who cannot attend the special Council meeting, please send comments to mgr4pa@cityofpaloalto.org

Library Card Registration Now Available On line

Applying for a Palo Alto City Library card just got easier. Customers can now visit the Library remotely at www.cityofpaloalto.org/library, complete the application on line and enjoy library services and resources anytime, anywhere.

Library card registration requires basic contact information and selection of a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Once the application is submitted, the applicant is assigned a temporary card number, which can be used right away to search the database or to place a hold from home. To complete the registration process and receive a permanent card, temporary card holders should visit a branch library within thirty days, show valid identification and provide proof of Palo Alto residency.

The registration form also is available from any of the branch libraries. Take advantage of this technological advance to enjoy library services at your convenience.

Personal Appearance by Author Bo Caldwell at Palo Alto City Library February 24

Palo Alto City Library proudly presents the final program in its series of **free** events celebrating Silicon Valley Reads: *The Distant Land of My Father*, by Bo Caldwell. The author will personally appear to discuss her book on Sunday, February 24, 3 p.m., at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road.

Bo Caldwell grew up in southern California, attended Stanford University and has lived in the Bay Area for many years. Her debut novel, *The Distant Land of My Father*, opens in Shanghai in 1937 and is the story of a wealthy American couple and their daughter. The outbreak of war forces the mother and daughter to return to Los Angeles, but the father refuses to leave. It is only after many years that the daughter, Anna, learns her father's true history.

Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/library to learn more about this and other events. The Friends of the Palo Alto Library has generously provided funding for this program.

4 Community Environmental Action Partnership Bringing the Community Together to Create Solutions

You are invited to the inaugural meeting of the Community Environmental Action Partnership (CEAP). The City of Palo Alto and community groups created the CEAP to implement the Climate Protection Plan. Its mission is to bring together segments of the community to share knowledge, build mutual understanding, leverage resources, and to create and implement environmental solutions. The CEAP provides the opportunity to get involved, create positive change and have a voice in the direction taken by your community.

This first meeting of the CEAP will be held on March 5, 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue, and will address the following:

1. Provide a general background and purpose of the CEAP
2. Introduce the CEAP concept and proposed design*
3. Gain participant approval and commitment to the CEAP design
4. Choose liaisons for community segments (i.e., nonprofit, schools, business, government, faith, medical, Stanford and neighborhoods)

* The CEAP is a self-organizing partnership which allows participants to determine by consensus the ground rules, objectives and tasks of the group.



The participants will be asked to help finalize the CEAP mission, goals and operating plan at this meeting.

The climate protection challenges facing Palo Alto, and the planet, are large, complex and life-changing. The community's every day actions will be affected, e.g., transportation, energy use and waste. Broad community participation will help the CEAP address the needs and constraints of the community to create effective and appropriate solutions.

Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/ceap to learn more about the CEAP.

