

April 4, 2008
Palo Alto, CA

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

Filipina Concert Pianist to Perform April 4 in Benefit



Noted Filipina pianist Carmencita Aspiras will present a springtime concert on Friday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m., at the Palo Alto Art Center at 1313 Newell Road. Her program will include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Gershwin and Rachmaninoff and is hosted by Neighbors Abroad (NA), Palo Alto's Sister-City organization. After making her debut as a soloist in Manila at the age of ten, Aspiras performed widely in the Philippines and Europe. She immigrated to the United States in 1989 and has appeared throughout the Bay Area and in Chicago. Donation is \$15. Refreshments will be served.

4 Earth Month Presentations and Film Festival

▶ **Energy: Problems and Policies** - James L. Sweeney, PhD, Director, Precourt Institute for Energy Efficiency, Stanford University

▶ **Thursday, April 3, 7–9 p.m.**

Palo Alto City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue

Three policy drivers are bringing energy policy to public and political attention: global climate change associated with fossil fuel combustion, security concerns associated with oil production and consumption and economic problems associated with high and volatile energy prices. Clean tech options to supply energy from carbon-dioxide-free sources receive most of the political attention and funding by entrepreneurs. However, energy efficiency can have a larger and faster impact on the energy policy drivers than can the clean tech energy supply options. For more information, visit piee.stanford.edu

▶ **Drivers of Change: Using Natural Capitalism to Build Sustainable Communities** - Hunter Lovins, President and Founder, Natural Capitalism Solutions

▶ **Wednesday, April 16, 6 p.m. for Reception, 7 p.m. for Presentation**
Palo Alto City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue

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Our society faces challenging drivers of change. Climate change; globalization; loss of major ecosystems; and rising prices for oil, water and other resources are forcing change in businesses, communities and governments. Using examples from small businesses to Wal-Mart, Hunter Lovins demonstrates how leading companies are increasingly using an “integrated bottom line”— delivering outstanding shareholder value by doing business in ways that protect the people and the planet. For more information, visit www.HunterLovins.com and www.NatCapInc.com

▶ **Alternatives to Lawns - Deva Luna**, Lifetime Master Gardener, Landscape Designer/Horticulturalist, EarthCare Landscaping

▶ **Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** Space is limited so call (650) 493-6072 to register in advance.

A Common Ground, 559 College Avenue

Tired of watering, mowing and weeding your lawn but don't know what to put in instead? Replacing your lawn appropriately reduces your water bill and your maintenance costs, encourages habitat for birds and butterflies and does not contribute to global warming. You'll come away from this inspiring talk with dozens of ideas, illustrated by pictures which say more than a thousand words. Deva Luna combines her passion for plants with a desire to enhance the environment. For more information, visit www.CommonGroundinPaloAlto.org

▶ **Greenlight Film Festival**

▶ **Thursday, April 17, Booths open at 6 p.m., Films begin at 7 p.m.**
Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306

The 3rd Annual Greenlight Earth Day Film Festival is a celebration of Earth Day featuring film projects that explore environmental citizenship and show how individual actions can reduce our impact on the earth. Films are produced by local artists with an emphasis on student-produced projects. Visit www.CityofPaloAlto.org/environment/greenlight.asp for more information.

4 Commit Now to Shrink Your Carbon Footprint

Join Mayor Klein and other members of the City Council in reducing their carbon footprint beginning this month. Step up your commitment to the environment and be a part of the solution. As a community, we've

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committed to reducing our carbon footprint five percent by 2012. Get inspired with these ideas during our Earth Month theme weeks:

March 30-April 5 - Forget Fossil Fuels

- Sign up for PaloAltoGreen at www.cityofpaloalto.org/pagreen
- Cut your energy (water) use 10% at www.cityofpaloalto.org/utilities
- Look for the 5 for \$1 Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) offer in your mailbox.

April 6-12 - Be Water Wise

- Get a Rebate for Removing High-Water-Use Plants and Grass at www.valleywater.org
- Cut Your Water Use 10%

April 13-19 – Bag the Bags

- Bring Reusable Bags Every Time You Shop and Learn Why at www.cityofpaloalto.org/BYOBag

April 20-26 – Cool Your Commute

- Walk, Bike or Take Public Transit to School or Work Two Times This Week

Take a pledge today at www.cityofpaloalto.org/EarthMonth to reduce **your** carbon footprint!

Bicycle Donation to Kenya

The Palo Alto Police Department is donating 39 unclaimed bicycles, all worth under the amount of \$150. One Dollar for Life's Wheels of Wonder Project will ship the bikes to a small village in Kenya so students can ride not walk to school. Los Altos and Gunn High Schools have teamed up to collect the bicycles, and the Police Department's bicycles are being coordinated with Palo Alto Kiwanis.



4 Community Environmental Action Partnership Brings Community Together to Create Solutions

You are invited to the second meeting of the Community Environmental Action Partnership (CEAP) on April 9, 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Community Center, 3800 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Over 100 attendees from Palo Alto businesses, neighborhoods, nonprofits and schools attended the first CEAP meeting in March.

CEAP (pronounced "keep") was formed as a joint effort between City of Palo Alto staff and community leaders to engage the community to take action on

environmental issues and to galvanize change in various sectors of the community. As stated in the Climate Protection Plan, the community's every day actions have the largest influence on the environment, for example non-commute transportation, energy use and waste. CEAP's mission is to bring together the different segments of the community to share knowledge, build mutual understanding, leverage resources, and create and implement environmental solutions. CEAP provides the opportunity to get involved, create positive change and have a voice in the direction taken by your community.

The CEAP meeting on April 9 will address the following topics:

- Updated Mission and Goals
- CEAP Structure
- Discussion of Actions

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

4 Lucie Stern Kitchen Remodel Completed



Long gone are the drab pink cabinets of the Lucie Stern Community Center kitchen. On Friday, March 29, the construction project was complete just in time for a wedding reception that evening. The new kitchen was designed to match the era of the 1930's when the facility was built with beautiful boxed-style cherry stained lyptus wood cabinets with an updated twist of stainless steel and back appliances.

The old particle board cabinets, light ballasts, appliances and flooring were all recycled. The next time you are in the area, please come by and see the new kitchen for yourself.

Many kudos to Public Works Facilities Division for completing the project on time in just three and a half weeks!



Local Officers Given Kudos

Officer Melda Christmas and Agent Donna Arndt were honored by the Peninsula Lions Club on Friday, March 28, 2008 for their outstanding

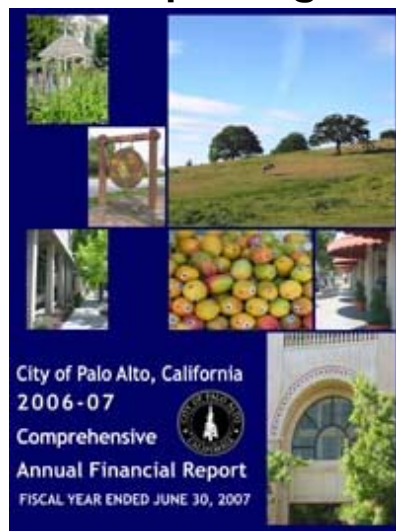
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commitment to the Community and the Palo Alto Police Department. Officer Christmas and Agent Arndt received the Lions Club Service Award for researching, hosting and teaching the Parent Project in Palo Alto. This structured 12-week course is designed to give parents of at-risk youths the skills to improve their relationship while at the same time providing the children structure and discipline. Agent Arndt and Officer Christmas located grant funding to pay for officers to be trained; worked with the School District to identify and approach potential parents; and obtained meal donations from local restaurants to provide refreshments at each class. This year, Agent Arndt and Officer Christmas are teaching the class in Spanish.

On Friday, March 29, 2008, Agent Dan Ryan was recognized by the California Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). Agent Ryan was commended by MADD for making 82 arrests for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) during calendar year 2007. Agent Ryan also managed a grant awarded by the California Alcohol Beverage Control targeting businesses that sell alcohol on the premises. Agent Ryan coordinated a number of stings and issued over 12 citations to local businesses and their staff who sold alcohol to underage persons. This is the second consecutive year that Agent Ryan has received this award from MADD.

4 Palo Alto Receives “Excellence in Financial Reporting”

The City has recently received an award for “excellence in financial reporting” from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the FY 06-07 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel of professionals in the field of public finance and met the high standards of the program including demonstrating a “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate the financial story to users.



This is the thirteenth consecutive year that the City has received this award. Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/asd/financial_reporting.asp to view this and past years' annual CAFR reports.

Library Expands Kids' E-Book Collection



The Palo Alto City Library has expanded its free e-book collection with Bookflix, an on-line literacy resource with 80 non-fiction and fiction e-books and 20 Spanish language titles that will engage children for hours. Bookflix also contains special features such as read-along options, highlighted words with definitions and educational games.

Bookflix has received rave reviews by the Library children's librarians and has a fantastic collection of read-along and animated picture books.

In addition to Bookflix, the Library also subscribes to Tumblebooks Library's wonderful e-book collection of 100+ animated, talking picture books for children to browse on-line. Tumblebooks contains e-books in many languages including Chinese, Russian, French, Italian and Spanish.



The growth in the Library's selections of e-books has been possible with additional funding the collection enhancement partnership between the City and the Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

