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FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

April 26 is the "STYLE 2008!" a Magical Art-for-Wear Trunk Show and Sale



Attend the fourth annual "Style" event on April 26, 2008, held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Palo Alto Art Center. The extraordinary and contemporary work of over 30 international, although predominantly California-based, textile, clothing, accessory and jewelry designers will be available for purchase at Style 2008, a magical art-for-wear trunk show and sale. Style 2008 is a key fundraiser for the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation and will benefit art education programs at the Palo Alto Art Center.

The event is open to the public and admission is free for all Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF) members and \$10 for non-members (tax-deductible). Gourmet coffee and lunch items will be available for purchase throughout the day. A special champagne brunch celebrating Style 2008 will be held the morning of the event for Patron-level members and above from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Members attending the brunch will be able to shop before doors open to the general public. For more information on PAACF membership, please call (650) 617-3138.



4 City's Printing and Mail Unit is Recertified as "Green"

The County of Santa Clara Green Business Program has officially recertified the City's Printing and Mail Unit as a green business, remaining a green business since its first certification in January 2003. The City's recertification is valid for three years and the first year it was certified January 16, 2003. To maintain green shop status, the Printing and Mail Unit must continue to employ the following *Green Business Standard Practices*:

- Reduce and minimize emissions and solid waste products
- Reduce energy output
- Eliminate toxic printing chemicals and inks



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- Increase recycling of all paper products
- Practice water conservation
- Improve air quality and ventilation

For more information on becoming a green business, visit www.greenbiz.ca.gov

City Library Delivers Free Books to Teen Patients

In celebration of Support Teen Literature Day on April 17, staff from the Palo Alto City Library delivered 417 copies of acclaimed, popular teen fiction to Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital for free distribution to teen patients. According to Janet Moore, Director of the Family Resource Library at Lucille Packard, the recipients included in-patients, visitors of the Health Van, Clinics and the Hospital School.

Local teen library volunteers helped staff label and prepare the books for distribution. This nationwide project, Operation Teen Book Drop, was a collaboration between the American Library Association and the teen literary website www.readergirlz.com/

4 Palo Alto City Library Volunteers: Give and Gain!

Did you know that Palo Alto City Library offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities across the City? Volunteering at the Library is a great way to gain experience, share your talents, meet new people and help your community. Volunteers perform clerical tasks, assist with programs, read to children, deliver materials to homebound customers, help manage collections, create displays, act as Internet tutors and assist with graphic design. Have another talent you’d like to share? Please contact Anita Delaney, the Library’s Volunteer Coordinator at (650) 617-3100 ext. 3215 or visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/library

The Library is proud to join the City of Palo Alto in celebrating National Volunteer Week, April 27 through May 3. The City’s recognition event, “Volunteer to Change the World,” will be held Monday, May 5th at 5 p.m. in the lobby of Council Chambers. All City volunteers are invited to attend.

4 Learn about the Libraries and Mitchell Park Community Center Projects at Upcoming Public Meetings

The City of Palo Alto has planned three community meetings to discuss the widely recognized need to upgrade existing library and Mitchell Park

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Community Center facilities and to present schematic designs to address that need. Proposed improvements include replacing the existing Mitchell Park Library and Community Center buildings with a single building on the same site, and remodeling and updating the Main and Downtown libraries. Addressing the longstanding library facilities issue is one of the City Council's Top 4 priorities for this year.

The presentations will be held:

- Tuesday, April 29, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Main Library at 1213 Newell Road
- Wednesday, April 30, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Mitchell Park Community Center at 3800 Middlefield Road
- Saturday, May 10, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., Mitchell Park Community Center at 3800 Middlefield Road

Participation and feedback from the public is encouraged. City staff and Group 4 architects will be available to answer questions about the projects.

Further information about these projects will be posted on the City web site at www.cityofpaloalto.org

City and Media Center Urge TV Viewers to Gear up for the Conversion to All-Digital Television

The City of Palo Alto to Sponsor Free Workshops at the Media Center

February 17, 2009 is the deadline for the digital transition by the U.S. Congress. After that date, most TV broadcasting will be digital. To help answer the many questions the transition to digital television (DTV) raises, the City of Palo Alto is sponsoring monthly DTV workshops. These workshops will help everyone understand the DTV transition - what it is and what it means to them.

Sign up for a FREE workshop at the Media Center held on the second Wednesday on each month through December 2008, from 6 - 7 p.m., at 900 San Antonio Road in Palo Alto.

At the workshop, you will be able to:

- Compare the picture quality of an analog TV to a TV with the digital converter
- Learn how to connect the digital converter -- See how the remote control works
- Get your questions answered



For viewers who have one or more televisions that receive free over-the-air programming (with a roof-top antenna or “rabbit ears” on the TV), the type of TV you own is very important. A digital television (a TV with an internal digital tuner) will allow you to continue to watch free over-the-air programming after February 17, 2009. However, if you have an analog television, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue to watch broadcast television on that set. This converter box will also enable you to see any additional multicast programming that your local stations are offering.

There are many sources of information about the digital transition but one of the best is www.dtv.gov or call (888) CALL-FCC. You can get information on what DTV is, questions consumers should ask when purchasing new television sets, what programs are available in DTV, and much more.

So, come and learn about the digital transition. Don't let your television go dark after February 17, 2009. Call Dave at (650) 494-8686 ext. 10 to reserve a seat at one of the monthly workshops.

