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## CIPResource Bulletin

March 2007

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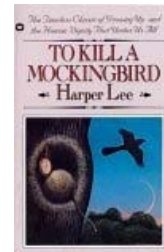
**Welcome to our e-newsletter!**

March is Women's History Month, which highlights the achievements of women while recognizing the significant obstacles they had to overcome along the road to success, to paraphrase former President Bill Clinton.

Women's History Month was born in 1980 when President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation calling on all Americans to remember the contributions of women. By 1987, Congress declared that March would be National Women's History Month. Be sure to check our [Community Calendar](#) for events being held in honor of Women's History Month.

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**The Library on MySpace**

San Mateo County libraries have joined the legions of computer users on MySpace with its own MySpace page: [www.myspace.com/sanmateocountylibrary](http://www.myspace.com/sanmateocountylibrary). The page is linked from the TeeNet page: [smcl.org/research/teens/](http://smcl.org/research/teens/).

**Teen Tech Week - March 4-10**

To celebrate Teen Tech Week the Burlingame Public

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For a calendar of children's health events sponsored by nonprofit organizations in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, visit [www.kidscal.org](http://www.kidscal.org).

For a schedule of Child, Youth and Family Services Workshops offered through the San Mateo County Office of Education, [click here](#).

Email [shulman@plsinfo.org](mailto:shulman@plsinfo.org) anytime to submit your upcoming event for the CIP Community Calendar. Article deadline for the April issue of the *Resource Bulletin* is March 15.

Library has announced "Chat with a Burlingame Librarian." From Monday to Friday that week, librarians will be available to chat from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The screen name is [askbpl](#), which works with AIM, MSN and Google Talk.

### **Housing Endowment and Regional Trust Down Payment Assistance Program**

Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) has a new down payment assistance program. More information is available on the HEART Web site at [www.heartofsmc.org](http://www.heartofsmc.org) or contact Paula Stinson at [pstinson@heartofsmc.org](mailto:pstinson@heartofsmc.org).

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#### **Agency Update**

Peninsula Open Space Trust has a new address as of March 3. It is 222 High Street, Palo Alto 94301. Their phone number will remain the same at 650-854-7696. [Click here](#) to read the full record in the CIP database.

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#### **Resource Highlight**

In recognition of Women's History Month, we've chosen to feature the Commission on the Status of Women. For details on the Commission's Women's Hall of Fame Dinner, see the [Community Calendar listing](#) on March 22.

Commission on the Status of Women  
Location: 455 County Center, 5th Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
Phone: 650-363-4872 (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm)

This 15-member commission, plus up to two high school-age commissioners, is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to analyze problems facing women and children in San Mateo County, make recommendations to the board and form community task forces to seek resolutions to problems. Volunteers are invited to participate in commission committees.

[Click here](#) to read the full record in the CIP database.

CIP maintains a database of more than 2,600 nonprofit

agencies, government programs, community clubs and social, service, environmental and fraternal organizations that serve residents of San Mateo County. In each issue of the *Resource Bulletin*, we feature one resource to help familiarize readers with the depth and breadth of the database.

### At CIP

[cip.plsinfo.org](http://cip.plsinfo.org)

- To submit an article for the **CIP Resource Bulletin**, or to add your next event to the **CIP Community Calendar**, email Amy Shulman at [shulman@plsinfo.org](mailto:shulman@plsinfo.org).
- Find our publications, including *Resource Bulletin* archives, at [CIP Publications](#).
- Search our database online at [CIP Database](#).
- Contact us: **650-802-7950** or [cip@plsinfo.org](mailto:cip@plsinfo.org).
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### Peninsula Job Faire

**March 7, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.** Sponsored by the Peninsula Employment Group, this job faire presents an opportunity for both job seekers and employers to network. There will be hundreds of career and job opportunities, from entry level to professional and technical. Job hunting seminars will be held and resumes critiqued.

Location: San Mateo County Event Center, 2495 South Delaware Street, San Mateo. Free

admission and parking. For more information [call 650-574-1766](tel:650-574-1766) or visit [www.peninsulaemploymentgroup.com](http://www.peninsulaemploymentgroup.com).

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### **10th Annual Teens Tackle Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Middle School Youth Conference**

**March 8, 8:45 am - 2:30 pm; registration begins at 8:00 am.** Presented by the Northern California Bay Region IV and the American Cancer Society, this Bay Area Wide Middle School Youth Conference will feature workshops on Youth Advocacy; Peer Education on Drugs and Alcohol; Teens in Recovery; Mixed Messages: Advertising or Manipulation; Tobacco on Trial and much more. Workshops will be interactive and designed and facilitated by youth wherever possible. Youth teams will have one adult for eight youth. This conference is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Alameda County Public Health Department - Tobacco Control, and the County Offices of Education from Alameda, San Mateo, Contra Costa, Marin, Solano, Napa and San Francisco.

Location: Clark Kerr Conference Center, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley. For more information [call Ira Sachnoff at 415-282-5298](tel:415-282-5298) or email [Peersira@aol.com](mailto:Peersira@aol.com). For conference registration questions, [contact Kim Lamfers at 510-670-4568](tel:510-670-4568) or [klamfers@acoe.org](mailto:klamfers@acoe.org). The cost is \$40 per person and includes morning snacks and lunch. Mail payment to the Alameda County Office of Education, Attention: Kim Lamfers, Tobacco Conference, 313 West Winton Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544. The conference is limited to 400 people.

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### **Dad and Me Staying Healthy**

**March 10, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.** Join TV Hosts Lori and RJ for an afternoon of entertainment and education. Kids will learn about healthy eating habits, exercising the body and mind, dental hygiene, visiting the doctor and more. There will be music, story time, face painting, door prizes and every child will receive a book from the San Mateo Public Library. The whole family is welcome.

Location: San Mateo Medical Center, 222 West 39th Avenue, San Mateo. For more information [visit www.sanmateomedicalcenter.org](http://www.sanmateomedicalcenter.org).

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### **Navigating Learning Disabilities: A Resource Event for Parents and Professionals**

**March 13, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm.** Parents Place, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, is co-sponsoring this event for parents which is open to the community. Join them for an evening of learning about what works and what's available for children with learning disabilities. Experience life as a child with a learning disability at the simulation center. Visit with over 20 exhibitors from local organizations and resources; see demonstrations on assistive technologies and other accommodations; talk to parents who have "been there" at the Parents Booth; browse through over 60 new

and recent books at the Book Fair and hear from students who are living successfully with their learning disability. The keynote speaker will be Carol Zepecki Ed.D., Director of Student Services, Palo Alto Unified School District addressing the issue of how to best navigate a child's school to identify, accommodate, and remediate learning disabilities.

Location: Parents Place Family Resource Center, 200 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto. Admission is \$25; scholarships are available. For more information or to register **call 650-688-3040 or visit [http://www.jfcs.org/Services/Children,\\_Youth,\\_and\\_Families/Parents\\_Place/](http://www.jfcs.org/Services/Children,_Youth,_and_Families/Parents_Place/)**.

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### **Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) Fourth Annual Breakfast**

**March 14, 7:00 am.** The PCRC presents Practicing Community Relationships Creatively with keynote speaker Ed Everett, City Manager of the City of Redwood City. The Master of Ceremonies will be San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer.

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City. \$40 per person; \$350 for a table of 10. Sponsorships are available. For more information **contact Dyane Hendricks at [dhendricks@pcrcweb.org](mailto:dhendricks@pcrcweb.org)**.

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### **Symposium for Mothers**

**March 17, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm.** Psychologist and best-selling author Mary Pipher, Ph.D., will be the keynote speaker at the eighth Symposium for Mothers presented by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF). Dr. Pipher's area of interest is how American culture influences the mental health of its people; her presentation will focus on the roles of mothers. She is the author of *Reviving Ophelia*, *Another Country*, *The Shelter of Each Other: Mothers and Community*, and *Writing to Change the World*.

Location: Stanford University, Kresge Auditorium, 555 Nathan Abbott Way, Palo Alto. Admission is \$20. Checks should be made payable to "Symposium for Mothers" and mailed to PAMF's Education Division, 795 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301 or **visit [www.pamf.org/mothers](http://www.pamf.org/mothers)** for registration information.

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### **Expanding Your Horizons Conference**

**March 17, 8:15 am - 3:00 pm.** Hundreds of girls from San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties will have the opportunity to make hand lotion, be a disease detective or a crime scene investigator during the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference, sponsored by the Genentech Foundation, at Skyline College.

Girls in grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to participate in hands-on workshops to learn about career opportunities in math, science and engineering from professionals in the field. The event, which marks the 27th time that Skyline has hosted the conference, will

feature Bev Crair, Senior Director of Solaris Software Development at Sun Microsystems delivering the keynote address. Other presenters include marine biologists, engineers, chemists and molecular geneticists during this all-day hands-on exploration of science, math and engineering.

Location: Skyline College, 3300 College Drive, San Bruno. The \$10 admission fee includes lunch. Registration is required by March 9 and may be made by downloading a registration form from [www.skylinecollege.edu/eyh](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/eyh). For more information **contact Dr. Christine Case at [case@smccd.edu](mailto:case@smccd.edu) or 650-738-4376.**

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### **Literacy and the Criminal Justice System**

**March 22, 7:30 am - 10:00 am.** The Peninsula Library System (PLS) and the San Mateo County Literacy Committee present the 11th Annual Literacy Network Breakfast. Research has shown that children who cannot read by the time they enter fourth grade fall behind, stay behind and may end up in jail before they are 18. If they are functionally illiterate while in the prison system, it will be difficult for them to get and hold a job when they are released. This year's breakfast will focus on this topic.

Guest speakers at this event are noted for their experience in working with youth and adults to help them build skills vital to learning, reading and communicating. They include former Senator Jackie Speier, San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer and Robin Sohnen, Executive Director, Each One Reach One, among others.

Location: Dominic's at Poplar Creek Golf Course, 1700 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo. \$30 includes a continental breakfast. Mail check made out to Peninsula Library System to Peninsula Library System, Literacy Breakfast 2007, 2471 Flores Street, San Mateo, CA 94403. To use a credit card or for more information **call 650-349-5538 or email [nagler@plsinfo.org](mailto:nagler@plsinfo.org).**

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### **Housing Forum for People with Developmental Disabilities**

**March 22, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.** The Integrated Housing Options Coalition and West Bay Housing Corporation present *The 6th Annual Housing Forum for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families*. Learn where and how to look for affordable housing in San Mateo County for a special needs child and what steps to take to secure it. Hear from housing experts what parents need to do to start a search and prepare children to live on their own. Topics and speakers are: how to find affordable housing in San Mateo County by Duane Bay, Director of San Mateo County Department of Housing; how to include housing and life skills in your child's regional center's Individual Program Plan presented by Lisa Rosene, Chief, Social Work Services, Golden Gate Regional Center and how to spot housing discrimination and what to do about it by The Sentinel Group. A panel presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Light refreshments will be served.

Location: San Mateo County Office of Education, Vocational Education Center, 1280 Commodore Drive West, San Bruno. For more information **contact West Bay Housing at 415-618-0012 or [renee@westbayhousing.org](mailto:renee@westbayhousing.org).**

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### **Baby Sign Language Workshop**

**March 24, 9:30 am - 11:30 am.** Babies already sign when they lift their arms to be picked up or point to a toy. Baby Sign Language teaches parents to communicate with babies long before they can verbalize their wants and needs. Signing with babies has been proven to help accelerate language development, reduce frustration, enhance a child's self esteem and deepen the bond between parent and child.

In this workshop, designed for parents-to-be and parents with babies ranging in age from birth to 18 months, participants will learn more than 40 baby signs that are based on American Sign Language (ASL). Fun activities and songs will show how easy it is to integrate these signs into an everyday routine. Babies are welcome but not required.

Location: Kaiser Permanente, 1150 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City. The cost for this workshop is \$40 per individual, \$70 per couple. For more information or to register **call the Health Education Department at Kaiser Permanente at 650-299-2433.**

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In The Big Read, participant libraries choose from seven classic novels around which it would build its month-long literary celebration. PLS chose *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Next month, join PLS in reading, and rediscovering, this book set in the fictional Southern town of Maycomb, Alabama, during the Depression. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the story of a black man accused of raping a white girl; the white attorney, Atticus Finch, assigned to defend him; his young children Jem and Scout; and the issues of race, class, generations, justice and growing up that arise during the legal proceedings.

Highlights of the month-long program include screenings of the 1962 movie *To Kill a Mockingbird*, book discussions, children's art programs, live theater, author presentations, a legal-defense forum and the involvement of local restaurants and music venues. For more details about the events **visit [www.plsinfo.org/tkm/](http://www.plsinfo.org/tkm/).**

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**Free Tax Preparation Help for Low Income Residents**

Through April 14, free tax help is available at community tax preparation sites for anyone with an income of \$39,000 or less. **Call 1-800-358-8832 for free tax help locations or visit [www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org](http://www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org).** Download a listing of locations and times in [English by clicking here](#) and in [Spanish by clicking here](#).

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The Workforce Investment Board, the Superior Court of California (San Mateo, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Monterey and Los Angeles) and College of San Mateo have collaborated in the development of a new program for those interested in a career at the courts and/or civil service.

The free 10-week training program will prepare individuals for positions within the courts. Courses of study include business math, introduction to government, the judicial branch and legal studies, business communication and customer service. Participants will also receive preparation and guidance in the civil service employment process. Graduates will have the opportunity to participate in internships in the courts and various county departments and pursue permanent positions within the courts where starting salaries range from \$37,900 to \$47,448 per year.

Eligibility requirements for the program include 10th grade math and English skills, at least 18 years of age and a resident of California for at least one year. Prior criminal records will be considered on an individual basis.

Classes begin April 9 and will be held from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm on the campus of College of San Mateo. Orientation is required. To RSVP or for more information **contact 650-802-3313 or [NewCareers@smchsa.org](mailto:NewCareers@smchsa.org)**. To access an informational flyer [click here](#).

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### **Parenting With Pride**

Parenting With Pride is a practical skill building group that meets twice during the month and is based on the principles of Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), for parents having difficulty parenting their young children. In a group setting, parents will learn simple skills to improve the quality of the parent/child relationship and effectively manage their child's behaviors.

The group will consist of two parts, a training component and a practice component. During the first part, parents will learn how to increase positive and supportive communication with their child as well as tips for effective discipline. During the second part, parents will practice these skills with their children at home and have an opportunity to fine-tune the application of the skills to their individual family environment.

Parenting With Pride is appropriate for parents of children between the ages of 2 and 8 years who experience difficulty in school, preschool and/or daycare; aggression toward parents, siblings and/or other children; talking back to their parents; refusing to follow directions; frequent temper tantrums; swearing and defiance.

The classes will be held monthly or according to demand, at Family Service Agency, 24 Second Avenue, San Mateo, and will be facilitated by Heather Womack, MS, MFTI. The day and time are subject to change. \$50 fee includes both classes. For more information or to sign up [call 650-403-4300 ext. 4905](tel:650-403-4300).

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### College Scholarships

The Bay Area Council, a public policy and advocacy organization for Bay Area businesses, has put together a scholarship program to assist local underserved youth who are hoping to succeed in college.

More details about the program, including eligibility requirements and an application, can be found at [www.bayareafamilyoffunds.org/programs/scholarship.shtml](http://www.bayareafamilyoffunds.org/programs/scholarship.shtml). The scholarship, now in its second year, will provide 10 high school seniors with \$5,000 to \$10,000 in financial aid to top Bay Area colleges this fall, with a total of \$75,000 awarded in 2007 to students demonstrating a combination of financial need, community involvement, leadership skills and academic accomplishments.

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### CEN Executive Director Roundtables

The Center for Excellence in Nonprofits (CEN) is facilitating roundtable discussions for Executive Directors to provide one another with support, shared learning and objective perspectives about organizational and leadership issues they are facing. Participants meet to discuss challenges, nonprofit sector trends and what is going on in their own organizations. They meet regularly in a confidential environment with others who speak the same language and face the same challenges. These meetings are open to members of CEN only. For more information [contact Loretta Gallegos at 408-945-4505 or Loretta@cen.org](mailto:Loretta@cen.org).

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### CLPI Guide Helps Nonprofits Engage in Legislative Advocacy

The Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest (CLPI) has published an easy-to-follow guide to help nonprofits engage in legislative advocacy. [\*Make a Difference for Your Cause: Strategies for Nonprofit Engagement in Legislative Advocacy\*](#) guides organizations in building their organizational capacity to engage in advocacy and helps them understand nonprofit lobbying laws and factors they should consider in using legislative advocacy to advance their missions. Offering examples of nonprofits that have successfully used public policy engagement, the guide also aims to help proponents of advocacy engagement within a nonprofit win over others in their organization, usually the executive director or board members, who are reluctant or confused about the benefits of advocacy.

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The Association for Mentoring Professionals (AMP) is the first and only trade group for those working in the mentoring field. AMP's mission is to professionalize and strengthen the mentoring field by empowering its members through education, resource sharing and advocacy. It was envisioned and established by individuals committed to mentoring because they personally experienced the impact it can have on the lives of youth.

Membership in the association lets communities and funding agencies know there is commitment to mentoring as a proven strategy for strengthening the lives of youth and raises the professionalism and credibility of mentoring. Other benefits of membership include inclusion in a comprehensive international mentoring directory; access to online trainings; guidance from key mentoring experts; opportunities to communicate and network with other mentoring professionals; access to the most current funding information and discounts on mentoring products, tools, trainings and conferences.

Membership is available for both individuals and organizations. For more information visit [www.mentoringprofessionals.org](http://www.mentoringprofessionals.org) or call 1-888-AMP-2844.

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### **Grand Jury Applications**

The Honorable Joseph C. Scott of the San Mateo County Superior Court recently announced that applications for service on the 2007-2008 Grand Jury will be accepted for consideration through April 13. He made the announcement as the appointed Grand Jury Advisor for the next grand jury term, which commences July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2008.

Any resident of San Mateo County for more than one year who is a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment and good character, with sufficient knowledge of the English language is eligible for selection by Judge Scott. Elected public officials are not eligible.

The Court encourages all interested individuals to apply. The Court strives to obtain a cross section of the county population. After the completion of an interview process by Judge Scott, jurors will be selected through a random draw.

Application forms can be obtained by writing Grand Jury Clerk, Court Executive Office, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 or calling 650-599-1711.

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### **Prevention of Childhood Obesity Task Force Tip: Free Gardening Help**

Home gardeners in San Mateo County now have access to free advice from the Gardening Information Help Line offered by UC Cooperative Extension's first graduating class of volunteer Master Gardeners. Callers can get help on anything from pest control to problems with weeds by [phoning 650-726-9059, ext. 107](tel:650-726-9059), Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. County residents are also welcome to drop by the office at 80

Stone Pine Road, Suite 100, Half Moon Bay when the Master Gardeners are in on Mondays and Thursdays to ask questions in-person or have plant problems diagnosed.

The Master Gardener Program began through Cooperative Extension in 1972 in the state of Washington. Its emphasis is on intensive training for home gardeners, who then volunteer their expertise in the community, and, in turn, train others. The program is designed to help share resources and research-based horticulture information through education and volunteer activities.

Support from the County of San Mateo enables the presence of UC Cooperative Extension and its programs for local clientele in agriculture and natural resources, nutrition education and youth development (4-H). Further information is available by visiting [cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu](http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu).

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