

First aid for the consumer

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Prepared by the editors of the Palo Altan's Consumer column, these brochures are based on years of experience. They offer excellent advice on a variety of subjects.

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- Facts about warranties*
- How to deal with and protect yourself from the contractor*
- Buying the new or used car*

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People, places and events

SHOREBIRD WALK. Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:30 am. Meet a city naturalist at eastern end of San Antonio road.

BAYLANDS bike hike. Saturday, Sept. 24, 9:30 am. Meet at Baylands center, east end of Embarcadero road.

BAY AREA Amphibian and Reptile Society. Monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 pm at Baylands center, east end of Embarcadero.

NATURE WALK in Arastradero preserve. Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 am. Meet at preserve parking lot on Arastradero road.

DOLLS OF the world. Exhibit continues at Junior museum, 1451 Middlefield. Through September.

NORTHWEST flood control zone advisory committee for Santa Clara Valley water district is planning a field trip on Thursday, Sept. 15. For details, call the water district office, (408) 265-2600.

NEIGHBORS Abroad plans a Sunday, Oct. 2 benefit for its Sister city project in Palo, a Philippine city. For details, call Sally Kiester, 326-5070.

HAVE YOU HUGGED yourself lately? Wednesday, Sept. 14 program at PA senior center, 450 Bryant. 1 pm.

TENTH anniversary party at PA senior center, 450 Bryant. Sunday, Sept. 18, 1 to 4 pm.

CHILD ADVOCACY Council now offers training for organizations which handle child abuse cases. For information, call Bernadette Plotnikoff, 327-8120.

FALL TRAVEL forum series. Phileas Fogg's bookstore sponsors a new series of Wednesday evening programs. Begins Sept. 14 with lecture on "Talking maps." \$2 admission. Forums are held at store in Stanford shopping center. Details: 327-1754.

SIERRA CLUB. Peter Nelson talks about this organization. Wednesday, Sept. 14, noon. Peninsula conservation center, 2448 Watson court. (Off Embarcadero, east of Hwy 101). Bring your lunch. \$2.

INSURANCE REFORM. Frank Thomas reviews initiatives for insurance reform on November ballot. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 11:45 am. Lotus Garden restaurant, 210 Hope st., Mountain View. \$6.50, includes lunch. Sponsored by Technology and Society Committee. For details, call Bob Kirby after 6 pm, 969-7215.

VIETNAMESE in America. Saturday series sponsored by continuing education office at San Jose state. Oct. 1, 8 and 15, 10-2 pm. Details: (408) 924-2600.

BROWN BAG lunch series. Wednesdays, noon at UC San Francisco. (Room 300, Health sciences West Bldg., 513 Parnassus ave., SF). Sept. 14: Asthma. Others through Oct. 12. Details: 476-4394.

FIXER UPPER homes: myth and reality. Tuesday, Sept. 13 workshop. 7-10 pm. Gunn high school, 780 Arastradero. \$20. Sponsored by Owner Builder Center (Berkeley), 848-6860.

HIGH YIELD investing with low risk. Saturday, Sept. 10 seminar presented by George Marotta. 2600 El Camino, suite 324. Free. Details: 494-2733.

A NEW "Anti-Hate" hotline has been started by the Santa Clara county human relations office. For details, call (408) 279-0111.

FAMILY SERVICE Association offers a variety of workshops this fall. For details, call 326-6576.

PALO ALTO Newcomers offers activities for new Palo Alto residents. Dues are \$15 a year. For information, call Jackie Hayes, 855-9043.

URBAN RENAISSANCE, an exhibit of urban renewal in downtown San Jose, continues through Oct. 2 at the San Jose museum of art, 110 S. Market. For museum hours, call (408) 294-2787.

LIFE AS AN Ohlone Indian. Sunday, Sept. 11 workshop at National Wildlife Refuge, east end of Dumbarton bridge. 10 am. 1 1/2 mile walk in Baylands. 792-0222.

SALT MARSH SAFARI. 1 1/2 mile walk in SF Baylands. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 pm. Meet at National Wildlife Refuge center, east end of Dumbarton bridge, Newark.

HUMAN RELATIONS Commission for Palo Alto meets Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30 pm. City hall, 250 Hamilton.

OPEN HOUSE at UC Santa Cruz extension office in Santa Clara. Saturday, Sept. 17, 10-2. Techmart, 5201 Great America parkway, Santa Clara. (408) 429-2351.

NURSING ETHICS. Nov. 9 conference at Santa Clara university. 8 am to 3:30 pm. \$20. Details: (408) 554-5319.

RESOURCE CENTER for Women, 445 Sherman, will change its name to Career Action Center this month. Learn more about the center's programs at a Friday, Sept. 16 open house. 10 am to 4 pm.

UNITED WAY has funds to assist local programs "addressing" Aids. For information on applying for a grant, call Cynthia Nunes-Colbert, (408) 247-1200, ext. 342.

FOOTHILL COLLEGE board of trustees meets Monday, Sept. 12. First part of meeting, beginning at 7 pm, is in secret. Public portion usually begins about 8:30 pm. Foothill college campus, Los Altos Hills. For agenda information, call 960-4502.

BENEFIT 10K walk for March of Dimes. Saturday, Oct. 29. Stanford campus. Details: (408) 371-5911.

RENTAL HOUSING handbook. Free booklet from PA Information & Referral and other agencies. For your copy, call (408) 243-8565.

INDIAN SUMMER festival. Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at Prusch Farm park, San Jose. (Story road and Hwy 101). Sponsored by Indian center of San Jose. Free admission.

FAMILY FARM DAY. Enjoy a Saturday morning of fun work at Hidden Villa farm. Children can be on a farm tour. Meet at 8:45 am. For details, call Robin Wins-ton, 948-4690.

CONSUMER EXPO. Saturday, Oct. 1, 8:45 am to 1 pm. County service center, 1555 Berger drive, San Jose. Mock small claims court and more. Free. (408) 299-4211.