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New Battery Program By Darcy Brown/Recycling

Ever wonder what to do with those household batteries? Now there is a way for you to keep those icky items out of our landfill and out of our ground water. Starting in April, a new program will be available at every Walgreens store in the City and County of San Francisco that will collect any household battery and responsibly dispose of them. There are 45 Walgreens in the City so there are no excuses!! All you need to do is take your batteries to any Walgreens and dump them in the battery container, that"s it. I am working on getting some discount coupons from battery manufacturers so look for an announcement sometime soon. Coincidentally, the Commission on the Environment has put together a resolution addressing the problem of batteries in our environment, primarily how we use batteries in City Departments, and changes could go into effect as soon as April. Look for the battery article in the next City Scoop and in the meantime, save up your batteries so that you can drop them off at Walgreens and do your part to save out environment.

Art in City Hall by Rupert Jenkins, S.F. Arts Commission Gallery Director email: rupert_jenkins@ci.sf.ca.us

Featured through May are two photography exhibitions - Robert Welsh"s images from China and Chinatown, and a group exhibition featuring members of the Bay Area Photo Collective. You may have noticed the Braille signage accompanying Robert Welsh"s show. Beginning this month we are working with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind to make four exhibitions a year accessible to the blind and sight impaired. Audio tours and Braille transcripts are available M-F 9-2 at the Goodlett Lobby Information Desk, and large type transcripts will accompany the Braille signage downstairs. Special tours for sight impaired visitors can be arranged in advance by contacting me or by calling 554-6080. Regular docent tours on Mondays also include the art spaces downstairs. FYI, we accept exhibition proposals on an ongoing basis. Guidelines are available from me or by calling the contact number above.

Citywatch News
On CITYWATCH, S.F. Cable Channel 26
Fourth Mayor"s Summit For Women
Live coverage begins Tuesday, April 17 at 8 am

The Summit is a day of information and empowerment for a group of women as diverse as San Francisco itself. This phenomenal event will leave you inspired to forge a better, more tolerant, and caring society in which every woman can make her unique contribution to her community. Keynote speakers are Bertice Berry, Sarah Weddington and Marianne Williamson.

Besides her work as an entertainer, Bertice Berry is a lecturer, educator, and author of several books. Her students at Kent State University remarked on how she "makes you laugh so hard, you don"t realize that you are thinking and changing!" In, addition, Bertice is a single mother to her sister"s four children and works with at-risk youth.

Sarah Weddington is a nationally known attorney and has been a longtime advocate for women. She is also well known through her other roles, including as legislator, Presidential assistant, professor and expert called upon by the national media. Currently, Sarah is an Adjunct Associate Professor at The University of Texas.

Marianne Williamson is the internationally acclaimed author of "A Return to Love," "A Woman"s Worth," and "Illuminata," all #1 New York Times bestsellers. Marianne is also the co-founder of "Project Angel Food," a meals-on-wheels program for homeless people

living with AIDS, and "The Global Renaissance Alliance," a non-profit organization dedicated to applying spiritual principals to social and political issues.

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Please send comments to: citywatch@ci.sf.ca.us

April Community Events at City Hall						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	Women"s Summit Kickoff	Survivors of the 1906 Earthquake Reception	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Paris Sister City Committee	30					

Monday, April 16 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Women"s Summit Kickoff Location: Rotunda & NLC Number of Guests: 500 **Event Contact:**

Tuesday, April 17 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Survivors of the 1906 Earthquake Reception

Location: SLC

Elsie DeJesus

Number of Guests: 50

Event Contact: Monica Zanetti

Sunday, April 29 6:00 PM- 10:00 PM

Paris Sister City Committee

Location: All Space Number of Guests: 460

Event Contact: Elsie De Jesus

^{*}Community Events are produced for you to enjoy. They are "free and open to the public."