

CUPERTINO SCENE

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Lunar New Year Unity Parade & International Fair

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

The Lunar New Year Unity Parade Committee invites you and your family to come join in a special fun-filled day of celebration, Year of the Pig, on Saturday, March 10, 2007.

A big parade will begin at 10:30 am with a procession along Stelling Road that's about 1.2 miles long from Jollyman Park to Memorial Park. You'll see and hear marching bands from our schools, a fireworks display, dancers representing a tapestry of multicultural talents, martial arts demonstrations, parade teams from community service organizations, Chinese Lion Dancers for good New Year luck, and vintage cars.

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Wireless LAN Coverage in Cupertino

Many of you may have seen recent new articles about the Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network effort to deploy wireless networks to all the cities in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Here in Cupertino, we've enjoyed a citywide wireless network for sometime but with some challenges. The Technology, Information, and Communications Commission hears concerns about our wireless network in the city and this article addresses a common complaint.

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ROOTS Take a Drive to New Almaden Quicksilver Mines

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

Spring is coming - wildflowers in the green foothills - a lovely time of year in Santa Clara Valley. Have you seen any "miner's lettuce" yet? If you are looking for something different to do on a weekend in spring, go out to New Almaden for a hike and museum tour - just down Almaden Expy and Old Almaden Road is a step back into an important chapter in California history connected to the Gold Rush era. The tiny town of New Almaden is on the National Historic Register and the museum is excellent. Here's a bit of chronology of the mines and the town.

In 1824, Luis Chabolla and Antonio Sunol experimented with some cinnabar ore they found in the foothills. About 10 years later they tried to amalgamate the ore but were unsuccessful. In 1845 Don Andres Castillero (do these names sound familiar?) a captain in the Mexican cavalry, on his way to Sutter's Fort to buy out Sutter, noticed the Ohlone Indians at Mission Santa Clara using ground cinnabar as a paint pigment. He obtained a claim for gold and silver but changed it when he discovered liquid mercury. Yankee Thomas Larkin also visited the mine site in 1846 and sent quills filled with quicksilver to Washington as evidence of yet another California resource (two years before Marshall discovered the gold that triggered the famous Gold Rush).

In 1847 Castillero sold his shares in the mine to Alexander Forbes and James Forbes (no relation to Alexander) took over operations and changed the name of the mine to New Almaden after the world famous Almaden mines in Spain.

1848 - James Marshall discovered gold in Sutter's Mill. Mercury is needed to amalgamate the gold. People come from all over the world to search for gold in the California foothills.

1850 - The New Almaden mine is completely taken over by the Barron and Forbes Co.. Henry Halleck becomes mine superintendent, remains so until 1863, the eve of the American Civil War. (As California was admitted to the Union as a slave-free state, gold from the mines supported the Union side in that war.) In 1851 over 200 men were employed at the mine and 13 furnaces of brick and cement were constructed. Remnants of these can be seen on the hills at New Almaden.

1854 - 31,860 flasks of mercury were produced.

1864 - the general merchandise store and elementary school were built in Englishtown. (New Almaden had Englishtown and Spanishtown.) Over 47,000 flasks of mercury were produced that year.

1865 - over 2,000 men, mostly Mexicans, were living on Mine Hill with their families. As a result of mines failing in Cornwall, England, Cornish miners came to New Almaden. Chinese laborers also came. Carbonated mineral water from a nearby spring was labeled "Vichy Water" and sold for 12 bottles for \$4.

The full history of the town and mines of New Almaden is wonderful story of fires and floods, schools and shafthouses, reduction works and cemeteries. Over 1 million flasks of quicksilver came from the mines. The stories of the people who lived and worked there and the legacy they left are well worth a day trip. The museum is in the Casa Grande and houses the Connie Perham collection, begun in 1949.

Cupertino Museum has a new exhibit which opened in January entitled "East Meets West- Weddings and Cultures of Cupertino." Thank you to all who worked so hard on this new exhibit.



A donkey pulled the empty ore carts across the trestle over Deep Gulch to the reduction site.

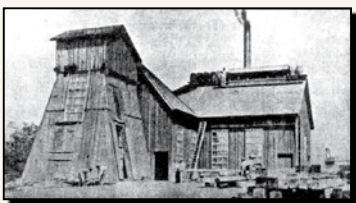


J.W. Revere, U.S.N., great grandson of Paul Revere, painted Castillero visiting the quicksilver mines in 1845.

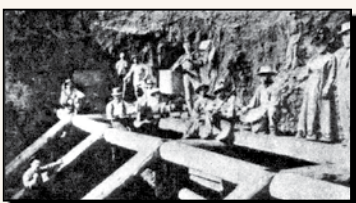


The Main Tunnel opened in 1847 at the head of Deep Gulch. Sherman Day, engineer and superintendent, stands at right.





The American shafthouse was reopened in 1885. It was equipped to remove water from flooding tunnels.



Tom Derby and his wife at Yellow Kid Mine in 1890 on an inspection visit.



New Almaden was home to the Civiian Conservation Corps from 1933 to 1939.



Formerly home to mine managers, the Casa Grande now houses New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum.



The Hacienda School served youngsters from the Hacienda and nearby ranches.

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At Memorial Park, there will be an exciting International Fair that will continue throughout the day until 5 pm. The Fair will feature a wide variety of energetic stage performances, music with an international flair, ethnic cuisines, family entertainment and exhibits from many countries.

The mission of the Lunar New Year Unity Parade is to bring our community's broad spectrum of cultures together while celebrating the Lunar New Year. In producing this event, the committee hopes to encourage people from all backgrounds to work together as a team and showcase our diverse heritage in a quality program. People of all ethnicities, ages and backgrounds are invited to participate and show their community support in this fun annual Cupertino festival.

For event information, contact the Parade Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Wu at 873.7102 or Kevin-wu@sbcglobal.net and Elaine Glissmeyer at 351.2413 or eglissmeyer@scvymca.org.



SIMPLY SAFE February 2007

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All disasters are local. It is the responsibility of the local government – and its residents - to plan and prepare to respond. The success of Cupertino's disaster response and recovery are a direct result of the partnership between residents, businesses and the City.

Do you know what the City's response plan is? Do you know what to expect? Can you help if a disaster affects Cupertino? Let us know BEFORE it happens. That way, we know how to contact you and what your special skills are.

Knowing how many people are willing to help allows us to create a more effective emergency plan. Call 777.3335 to get a Volunteer Registration form. No training is required for many response functions that will be in high demand (answering phones, translation, typing, distributing information, transporting supplies) – the list goes on and on. Every person, regardless of age has something to contribute.

NEW EMERGENCY REPORTING LOCATIONS

When the next earthquake strikes, it is very likely that telephones won't work and/or 9-1-1 will be overwhelmed. That means that you may have to take care of the problem yourself. Learn how to use a fire extinguisher, when to turn off the natural gas, and how to treat medical emergencies. That way, you can keep little problems from becoming big ones.

If your situation is beyond your ability to manage, you have another option. The City has emergency reporting locations, staffed by volunteers, that are designed to receive your request for assistance and relay it to people who can help. The current map of locations is on the Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org click on Emergency Information. Locations include Monta Vista Fire Station, Cupertino Medical Center, Seven Springs Fire Station, DeAnza College, Garden Gate Elementary School, Lawson Middle School, and Hyde Middle School.

We are happy to announce that DeAnza College and the College Nursing Program, have agreed to partner in Cupertino's Disaster Response. One of our newest Emergency Reporting Locations is on campus, on the Stelling Road side, next to the baseball field. The College and City Citizen Corps volunteers will work cooperatively to train and practice for future emergencies.

Another new partner is Cupertino Medical Center. When they move to 10050 Bubb Rd, this month, they also become an emergency reporting location and our disaster medical treatment site.

Cupertino has its own AM radio station. The City's

Public Information Officer has had arrangements for Cupertino to have it's own AM radio station. The station is 1670 AM and will be used to broadcast day to day information about the City as well as Emergency Information during disasters.

\$300 GRANT!

Get a jump start on neighborhood disaster response. The City Manager has implemented a grant program, of up to \$300, to encourage neighbors to work together for the good of the neighborhood. Grant money can be used to purchase neighborhood emergency supplies.

Before receiving the grant, the neighborhood must agree to: 1) Host a neighborhood meeting on neighborhood earthquake response - 2 hours 2) Hold a team training in your neighborhood - 4 hours 3) Have an earthquake exercise - 2 hours. Make a list of things your neighborhood thinks will help their response and request the identified supplies – up to \$300. Los Altos Garbage Company even donates a rolling garbage can to store them, if needed.

The Office of Emergency Services, and Citizen Corps volunteers will take you through the process. It's fun. The most successful earthquake response starts close to home.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop
Free! February 15, 9 am to Noon, March 10, 9 am to Noon, April 24, 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade, \$35/\$45, February 19-23, 2007 during Winter Break, 9 am-1 pm.

Community Emergency Response Team
Sept/Oct 2007.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES, ONE MONTH AT A TIME...

Pretend that a very large earthquake "the big one" hits while you're reading this article. Imagine how you will protect yourself. Imagining what your surroundings will look like after the shaking stops. Imagine the types of supplies you might need. Imagine what arrangements you wish you had made with family and friends before it happened.

Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information.

Register for classes through Cupertino Parks & Recreation 777.3120.



RECIPES Cheery Comfort Foods

By Hema Kundargi



Last week I was down with a bad case of flu. I instantly reached for my edible security blanket. The special food, which makes me feel cozy, calms me down and convinces my insides that everything is going to be all right. This edible security blanket is

simply Comfort Food. Food that slips down your alimentary canal with a relaxed, "Aaahhh." The same sound that your feet make, when you kick off the stilettos for your bathroom slippers and feel at home again.

There is a universal connection to comfort food eaten all around the world. It's all to do with food that doesn't require much cutting or chewing. It's something hot and nourishing, something you can slurp. It's the immediate answer to a runny nose and a bout of homesickness. For an American it would be macaroni and cheese, for a Scot it would be oatmeal and clotted cream, and for an Indian it would be the rice and bean porridge, Kitchadi

When the world - or the weather - seems harsh and cruel, here are some of my favorite comfort food recipes to cuddle up with and help bring a smile back to you, your friends, and family.

Kitchadi is the special food, which transports me to another time, another me, and brings back emotions of warmth and caring. Every time anyone in our family came down with cold or cough my grandma would make this rice and bean porridge. She would carefully grind the spices and make this humble dish, which had unique healing powers. The yellow split bean are very easy to digest and quick cooking.

Here is my grandma's version of the humble Kitchadi:

- 1 cup rice
- ¾ cup split yellow moong beans
- 1 teaspoon ginger paste
- 1 teaspoon cumin seed
- 1 teaspoon whole black pepper
- 1 garlic clove (chopped)
- ½ teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar or jaggery
- 5 cups boiling water
- Salt to taste

- Wash the rice and bean mix and drain in a colander.
- Make a coarse mix of cumin, black pepper in a spice grinder (or coffee grinder used only for spices).
- In a thick bottomed pot add all ingredients except lime juice.
- Cook on high heat for 5 minutes uncovered.
- Add lime juice and lower heat. Cover the pot with a tight fitting lid and cook for 15 minutes on low heat.
- Remove from heat but do not remove lid for next 10 minutes. The steam will finish the process of cooking.
- Garnish with chopped carrots and serve with a dollop of ghee.

Comfort food is basically a taste memory of childhood. When I was growing up in India, I loved books written by Enid Blyton. She wrote adventure and mystery series and was as popular as J. K. Rowling is now. Some of my favorite books by her were *Famous Five*, *Secret Seven*, and *Malory Towers*. The most charming part of these series was that the kids would solve mysteries and have fun adventures with a lot of wonderful food. I would be mesmerized by the treacle puddings, trifle puddings, scones, and marble cakes these adventurers would eat. My mother, being a strict vegetarian would never cook these foods at home, as all these recipes called for eggs.

Once I was very sick and I refused to eat Kitchadi that she had made for me. I insisted on having creamy tomato soup and croutons just like the kids in Enid Blyton series. I felt like royalty getting soup in bed. (One of the rare occasions when my mother gave into my tantrum.)

Here is my mother's version of creamy tomato soup without any cream.

- 1 16 oz chopped tomato can
- 1 tablespoon peanuts
- 1 tablespoon coconut
- 1 inch ginger
- 1 green chili
- Salt and pepper to taste

- Make a paste of peanuts, coconut, ginger and chili with ¼ cup water.
- Add chopped tomatoes to make a smooth puree.

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2007 Green Business Conference

March 16, 2007

Environmental Values at Work

Learn how your business can save both money and resources.

Industry experts will show you how easy and cost effective

Green Business practices can be.



Santa Clara Valley
Water District



SMALL EFFORT
BIG REWARD

Register now at www.ReduceWaste.org

or call **(408) 441-1198**

\$20 per person for pre-registration by 5p.m. Friday, March 9
\$25 after March 9 and at the door.

BATTERIES COLLECTED AT CURBSIDE

Reminder: Household batteries are accepted at curbside for recycling. Place batteries in a clear, sealed bag, such as a Zip-lock® bag and leave the closed bag on top of your blue recycling cart on your regular collection day. Sorry, cell phone batteries are not accepted in the curbside program. Contact your local cell phone dealer for recycling options.

COMPUTER RECYCLING

Cupertino residents can recycle computers and other electronic equipment including fax machines, VCRs, stereo equipment, home copiers, DVD players and TVs, at no charge, at Apple's facility located at 10300 Bubb Road. Days and hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am- 4:30 pm. Call 408.862-2667 for additional recorded information. Please bring proof of residency.

STOP JUNK MAIL – HERE'S HOW

The average American home receives 1.5 trees in their mailbox in the form of unsolicited mail every year. That adds up to over 100 million trees cut down and over 28 billion gallons of water consumed to produce one year's worth of this country's junk mail. You can take action to stop this waste and it's much easier than you think.

To request a FREE Stop Junk Mail Kit, go online at www.StopJunkMail.org or call, toll-free, 877.STOPWASTE (786.7927).

The Stop Junk Mail Kit shows you how to get off junk mailing lists and keep new junk mail from finding its way to your mailbox. The Kit also provides other important information on how to ensure that your name and address don't get

traded, rented, or sold to companies who send you unwanted mail.

SPRING BACKYARD COMPOST WORKSHOPS ARE COMING SOON

The City will be holding free "how-to" backyard compost workshops on the first Saturdays of the month, March 3, April 7, and May 5 from 10 to noon at McClellan Ranch meeting room. Call 918.4640 to register or to get information about compost bins, available for \$40 from the County-wide Home Composting Program.

EXTRA WINTER YARD WASTE?

Residents are reminded that an easy way to dispose of the extra yard waste that results from winter garden cleanups and pruning (that doesn't fit in the yardwaste toter) is to make an appointment for a free "On-Call" Yardwaste/Woodwaste Recycling Day. All residents have the right to two Recycling or Trash Disposal Day appointments a year, starting each January.

Branches can't be larger than 6" in diameter and 6 ft. long. No loose piles. Please bundle or box branches and trimmings. The entire collection of yardwaste should not be bigger than

4'x 4' x 8'. No plastic bags, please. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. for an appointment: 725.4020.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

It is easy to properly dispose of unwanted hazardous cleaning, hobby and gardening products. Residents wishing to make an appointment for disposal should call 408.299.7300. Examples of typical items include: paint, pool chemicals, used motor oil and antifreeze, batteries, solvents, bad fluorescent tubes or bulbs, mercury thermometers, and fertilizers and pesticides. There is no

charge to residents. Small businesses also may be eligible to participate for a nominal fee.

CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE DROP-OFF CENTERS

If residents would like to turn in bottles and cans to reclaim their California Refund Value (the deposit money), the following recycling centers are nearby:

- Nob Hill Market parking lot (1179 S. DeAnza Blvd. @ Rollingdell)
- Safeway parking lot (6150 Bollinger Rd. @ Miller Ave.)

As of January 1, the redemption rate has increased to 5¢ for a single serve (under 24 ounces) glass, plastic and aluminum beverage container and 10¢ for beverage containers 24 ounces or more. They must have the words “California Cash Refund” or “California Redemption Value” printed on the container.

2007 GREEN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Friday, March 16, 2007

8:30 am – 12 pm

Learn how your business can save both money and resources. Industry experts and city representatives will be on hand to show you how easy and cost effective Green Business practices can be. Attendees will learn simple steps to reduce waste, save energy, conserve water, and prevent pollution in their daily business operations. Businesses of all types are encouraged to attend and find out how to help the environment while improving their bottom line. Topics at the conference will include green janitorial products, pollution prevention in the workplace, and waste reduction strategies.

The conference will be held at the Camden Community Center (Multi-purpose Room) located at 3369 Union Ave. in San Jose. The cost for the half-day conference is \$20 per person for pre-registration by March 9 and \$25 per person after March 9 and at the door.

Go to www.ReduceWaste.org to register for the 2007 Green Business Conference or to learn more about the County of Santa Clara Green Business Program.

Contact: Zachary Devine, Public Communication Specialist, County of Santa Clara – Integrated Waste Management Division

Work: 408.441.4328, Cell: 408.348.6303

Email: Zachary.Devine@aem.sccgov.org

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- Add the tomato mix with 2 cups of water and boil for 3-5 minutes.
- Add salt and pepper and serve piping hot with crouton.

There are some days so bad, so stressful, and so overwhelming, that there is not a friend on this earth, not a backrub on the planet that could unknot your neck muscles. It is on days like these I turn to food for comfort. I vividly remember when I was in seventh grade, my friend and I had been, unfairly singled out in our class as troublemakers. We had to run an extra mile at lunch break. That evening I went to my friend's house and we moaned and groaned about how unfair life was. Her older sister who was had just come back from college got tired of hearing us whine. She made this special pudding to help heal our bruised ego. It is no wonder that when the going gets tough, we turn to foods that remind us of happy times in our youth. So whether you're nursing a bruised ego, a broken heart or a common cold, it's comfort food that comes to the rescue.

This aromatic cream of wheat pudding always calms me down and helps me put things in perspective.

- 1 cup cream of wheat
- 1/3 cup ghee or unsalted butter
- 4-5 cloves
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup almond powder
- 8-10 cardamom pods
- 1/4 teaspoon saffron thread
- 2 cups milk

- Heat ghee or butter in a pan. Add cloves and wait until it puffs up. Add cream of wheat and roast for 10 minutes on low heat. Keep aside.
- In a pot add milk and saffron and bring it to a boil. Add the roasted cream of wheat and stir vigorously to remove any lumps.
- Cover and cook for 5 minutes on low heat. Add sugar and mix well. Cover the lid again and let the steam finish the process of cooking.
- Discard the peel of cardamom and make a coarse mix of the seeds. Finally, add almond powder and cardamom powder and mix well.
- Garnish with dried cranberries and serve piping hot.

For more info and other recipes like this, visit www.massala.com.





Cupertino LIBRARY

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10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

Monday Closed
 Tuesday 12 to 9
 Wednesday 10 to 9
 Thursday 10 to 9
 Friday 10 to 6
 Saturday 10 to 6
 Sunday 2 to 6

Library telephone numbers:

General Library Number
408.446.1677
Adult and Teen Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3372
Children's Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3373
Accounts, Billing
800.286.1991
TeleCirc
800.471.0991

The library has a Web Catalog at www.santaclaracountylib.org.

Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>

Teen Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen>

Kids Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7 pm
Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:15 am
 (ages 1-1/2 -3 years)

MAKE VALENTINES

Schoolage children are invited to come to the library to make valentines with the Children's Librarians, in the Story Room, on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, any time between 3 pm and 5 pm.

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Families are invited to join Librarian Lan-ying Kuo for a special story time in Mandarin, celebrating Chinese New Year, on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7 pm in the Children's Room.

MONTHLY SCAVENGER HUNT

Science questions to puzzle your mind! Answer the questions online or in the library to win prizes. Get microscopic in February! Come by the library for resource lists and check out the book displays.

For information on any of the Cupertino Library's children's programs, please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3373.



ADULT, TEEN, AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

FENG SHUI FOR THE YEAR OF THE BOAR

Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
Feng Shui master, Y.C. Sun will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-Ching, the 2000-year-old Chinese law of the universe, to make predictions on global events for 2007, the year of the Fire Boar. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

SPECIAL BOOK DISCUSSION OF

Silicon Valley Reads 2007 selection: Tortilla Curtain
Thursday, February 22 at 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
Join us for a video interview of author T.C. Boyle and for a drop-in book discussion of Tortilla Curtain.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY!

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 pm and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Database instruction for teens, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment to learn about the library's subscription databases, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month at 2 to 2:30 pm. These drop-in classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If interested, please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 pm and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 pm

Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's online catalog and subscription databases, and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's adult, teen, and family programs, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at www.santaclaracountylib.org, click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

You may choose from any of the available databases. For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with Learning Express or find information for a state report in *America the Beautiful*. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372 during the library's open hours.


THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION

Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week. **Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the lobby.**

Friends of the Cupertino Library welcome everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The *Friends* also hold three annual book sales. The next *Friends of the Library* annual Book Sale will be held on **February 10 and 11, 2007**.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

The *Friends of the Cupertino Library* have placed a cabinet in the library lobby to collect used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue 





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	252.6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA	650.964.3734
		7:30 pm	20803 Alves Drive	
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	Noon	City Hall	345.8372
	Connect Club I*	8 am	Holders Country Inn	252.7054
	Connect Club II*	7 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111 BNI.com
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606	7 pm	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650.691.8724
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	10 to 1 pm	St. Jude's Church	378.3499
	Cupertino Las Madres*		Portal Park	861.0417
~2~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5 pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	374.8511
	Fast Start Group			
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456
Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Cupt. Library atrium	861.0417	
~4~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 am	Union Church	842.0688
Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	
~5~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 pm	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379.1051
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649
Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	
~6~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321
	Women's Group			
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051
	Toughlove*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	946.7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Creekside Park - toddler area	861.0417
~7~ Weds	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869
	Connect Club III*	8:15 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creekk #104	253.7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Valco Parkway	285.4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com



Feb.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~7~ Weds Cont'd	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943
	Viewfinders	7:30 pm	Community Center	996.0750
~8~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am	Blue Pheasant	257.6136 252.1529
~9~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232
~10~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Com- munity	255.9828
~12~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
~13~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road	252.2584 255.5293
~15~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Ctr.	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917
~20~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~27~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~26~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~27~ Weds	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014
408.777.3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

NEW DAY TRIPS SCHEDULED

The Cupertino Senior Center is pleased to offer eight new day trips and one fantastic extended trip to the central coast area, Santa Barbara, Solvang and the Channel Islands. We have a wonderful and wide variety of choices to choose from. Everything from the symphony to something for the car enthusiast.

February 15, Thursday – Vintage and exotic cars and motorcycles are always interesting and fun to look at. We start off with Bruce Canepa's collection of over 50 vintage, historic, exotic cars, motorcycles and SUV's. Lunch on your own at the infamous Seabright Brewery. In the afternoon we'll visit the Harley Davidson dealership where they have a collection of photographs, memorabilia and exhibits.

February 21, Wednesday – "Legally Blonde" World Premier Comedy Musical. Join us for a matinee showing at the Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco. "Golden-haired Elle Woods is not used to taking "no" for an answer. See what happens when she puts down the credit cards and picks up the books. Harvard will never be the same. Sounds like great fun for an afternoon in the City.

February 27, Tuesday – Herb Caen Dash with Gary. Come frolic with us in San Francisco as we duplicate a favorite all-weather route (mostly underground) from the newspaper office to his favorite lunch spot at Le Central. Gary will supply all the trivia and humor you can handle.

March 8, Thursday – "Its Off To The Races". Our annual trip to Bay Meadows for a fun day at the track. Included is the scrumptious buffet and a complimentary Racing Program along with help placing your bets if you need it.

March 22, Thursday – "Bouquets to Art" at the new de Young Museum. A once a year event where art imitates art! Throughout the museum we'll find wonderful floral arrangements representing the artist's interpretation of a particular artwork. The arrangements are very beautiful and unique. Also visit Vivienne Westwood Exhibition. Includes a special picnic lunch in the Piazzoni Gallery.

March 27, Tuesday – Tiburon and Corinthian Island with Gary. More adventures with Gray in historic downtown Tiburon. Lunch on your own in Sausalito, then off to the United States Army Corp of Engineers San Francisco Bay Model. This

is a working hydraulic model of the SF Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta System. If laid out it would cover 2 football fields.

April 5, Thursday – San Francisco Symphony Matinee. On this day Michael Tilson Thomas will be conducting music by Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky. Favorites like *Winter's Daydreams* and Stravinsky's *The Fairy Kiss*. We'll also visit the Performing Arts Library and Museum. They are exhibiting artifacts from the *hungry i*, a legendary nightclub in the 50's and 60's.

April 27, Friday – Walnut Creek II with Gary. We have a wonderful day planned. First stop, Ruth Bancroft Gardens started in the 1950's. Next, the historical Shadelands Ranch built in 1903. Lunch on your own at Bing's, named after that famous crooner. After lunch we're off to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, founded in 1955.

June 4 – 8, 2007 – Sights and Sounds On The Central Coast, featuring Santa Barbara, Solvang and the Channel Islands.

The City of Murals in the Valley of Flowers identifies Lompoc. We'll stop at an Ostrich Farm. The Horse Whisperer Flag is Up Farm and Firestone Winery are included in our visit to Solvang. A definite highlight of the tour is our 20 mile catamaran cruise to Santa Cruz Island in the Channel Islands. Then we're off to Santa Barbara where we have more fun things planned. Come join us, you'll have a great time. Four nights and five days.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Thursday, February 22, 12-1:30 pm

The Year of the Boar is upon us, people born in the year of the Boar (1947, 1935, 1923) are said to be honest, chivalrous and gallant. Come and celebrate with us this most important Chinese holiday with a feast fit for the emperor and traditional entertainment of folk dances and Chinese music performances. Only \$8 for members and \$10 for senior guests. For more information please call 408.777.3150





THE BETTER PART



SHOWS ON MONDAYS AT 4:30, TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 7 PM ON CABLE CHANNEL 15.

- Feb. 5, 6, 9** Public Art in Cupertino. Learn about Cupertino's Public Art Policy, see beautiful examples, and meet a local artist whose art has been used.
- Feb. 12, 13, 16** Roses: the Queen of Flowers (#801/rerun) Learn about the care and pruning of roses from a local Master Gardener.
- Feb. 19, 20, 23** Philosophy of exercise (#824/rerun). Time to get in shape! Our expert discusses the importance of the "do" and "don't" of exercise.
- Feb. 26, 27, Mar 2** Wing Walker. A 96-year old man talks about his days performing on the wings of bi-planes in the 1920s.

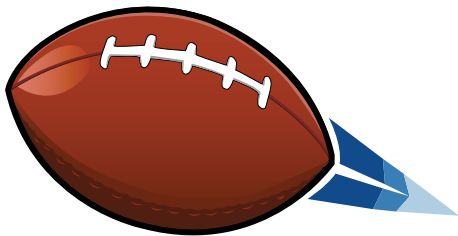
FUN AT THE GAME: THE SUPER BOWL

Sunday, February 4, 2007

Pre Game at 2 pm

Kickoff at 3 pm

Join us at the Senior Center for this fun filled event. Enjoy pizza, salad, snacks and soda during the pre game festivities and the game plus a chance to win some super prizes. All this for \$7 for members and \$10 for senior guests. For more information and directions - call 408.777.3150



STROKE: IT'S NOT JUST FOR SENIORS.

Wednesday, February 7, 1 pm, Cupertino Senior Center

Learn the early symptoms. Know where to go for effective treatment. Understand how to reduce your stroke risk.

See The Better Part ENCORE presentation of "Stroke."

Hear stroke survivor Bob Parsons talk about his experience with a stroke that occurred more than six years ago on a flight to Taiwan. His computer will show you beautiful images of the brain before and after stroke.

Mr. Parsons will answer your questions about this life-threatening event - one that can happen to any one of us at any time.

**CITY HALL CLOSED
FEBRUARY 19
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COUNCIL ACTIONS



COUNCIL ACTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006

Council Members Present:
Wang, Kwok, Lowenthal, Ma-
honey, and Sandoval
Council Members Absent: None.

Directed the City Manager to respond to the Historical Society's request (closed session a request to lease the Stockmeir property).

Provided the City Manager with feedback and took no action (closed session regarding City Manager's evaluation).

Presented a proclamation to outgoing Hsinchu Sister City Committee Chairman William Shieh.

Approved the minutes from the December 5 and 6 City Council meetings.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for November 22 and December.

Adopt a resolution accepting Payroll for December.

Accepted the Treasurer's investment report for November 2006.

Accepted application for an Alcoholic Beverage Licenses Kikusushi Japanese Restaurant.

Authorized the destruction of records.

Accepted municipal improvements at 21796 Stevens Creek Boulevard and 10091 Byrne Avenue.

Approved grants of easement for roadway purposes at 22350 Cupertino Road and 22314 Cupertino Road.

Accepted improvement agreements re 11081 S. Stelling Road and 22314 Cupertino Road.

Approved final maps for 10752 and 10758 S. Stelling, and 20055 and 20065 De Palma Lane.

Continued discussion of bingo permit renewals and appeals of a new residence at 21180 Grenola Avenue to February 6.

Approved a "soft" closure of the Blackberry Farm until next year or the groundbreaking of the new park; and determined that catering shall be done by approved caterers at a flat rate.

Adopted a resolution setting a voluntary expenditure cap for City Council candidates; cap shall be \$1 per registered voter as of beginning of 2007.

Continued discussion of library hours budget to April 17 so that representatives can discuss the matter with the Library Joint Powers Authority.

Agreed not to open access (window or door) between the Library and the Coffee Society.

Directed staff to add titles of Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council member under the photos on display in the Library.



Authorized the City Manager to sign an agreement regarding the Nathan Hall Tank House after receiving a memorandum of understanding with Los Gatos Roofing; to complete the survey map exhibits for the agreement, and for staff to finalize the agreement with the Cupertino Rotary Club and bring it back to Council for authorization.

Authorized Council members Sandoval and Lowenthal to work with County officials to acquire and develop the Lawrence Expressway Linear Park.

Authorized Mayor Wang to work with San Jose City Council to realign boundaries for an area west of Lawrence Expressway between 280 and Bollinger and for an area around Kentwood slated for housing.

Authorized Mayor Wang to forward a letter to the ABAG executive committee regarding the revised regional housing needs formula.

Approved festival funding request from the Hsinchu Sister City organization in the amount of \$4,000 from the 2006/2007 budget.

Made new City Council committee assignments.

Conducted first reading of Ordinance 07-1992, water resource protection for properties adjacent to a stream

Received report on General Fund Revenue and Expenditures.

Adjourned to January 22 at 6:00 for commission interviews.



~ *Wireless LAN Continued from Page 1*

The single, most common question we get is about network coverage. Many users are surprised that they cannot connect to the MetroFi network from inside their home with a basic wireless card. There are two main issues that make it difficult to connect to the citywide wireless network from inside most homes.

The first issue is distance from an antenna. The MetroFi antennas are currently located on city-owned light poles throughout the city. According to MetroFi, if you are more than about 450 feet from an antenna, you may not be able to connect without an external antenna. The second reason for connection problems, even when the distance is less than 450 feet, is due to the construction of many homes in Cupertino. Quite a few homes in Cupertino have stucco walls that contain wire mesh. That wire mesh is the right size to act as a shield and can block the wireless signals to and from the MetroFi antennas.

These issues could be overcome if different frequencies for the radio were used or the power from the antennas was greater. However, the wireless LAN standards that all wireless LANs are based on currently use unlicensed radio frequencies that are permitted to only run at very low power. As a result, the coverage is only hundreds of feet without specialized antennas.

There are some solutions. You can try to locate your computer near a window or along a wall that isn't made of stucco. If moving the computer doesn't work, the most effective answer for a home user is to install an external antenna that is pointed at a MetroFi antenna. Information on this solution is available on the MetroFi web site at www.metrofi.com. MetroFi is also working to fill in areas of the city where coverage is poor by looking at alternatives to city-owned light poles.

Unfortunately, there aren't any easy answers using the current wireless LAN standards and the same problems are occurring in many other cities that are deploying wireless networks. Better coverage today in Cupertino would require many more antennas closer to everyone's homes. New wireless standards under development may provide a better solution but they are years away.

Andy Radle, Vice-Chairman, Technology, Information, and Communication Commission

FOCUS ON EDUCATION

The city of Cupertino has long been a destination for people and families that value education. One of the most well-known features of our community is our schools. The Cupertino Union School District is made up of 20 elementary schools and 6 middle schools. It serves over 16,500 students in a richly diverse community representing 46 different languages in a 26-square mile area that includes the city of Cupertino and portions of San Jose, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Santa Clara, and Los Altos.

The school district has responded to community needs with a wide range of educational options. In addition to the many excellent neighborhood schools, residents also have the option of attending one of five alternative schools in the district. This month's spotlight is on Christa McAuliffe Elementary and Middle School.

"The principle goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done." ~ Jean Piaget

Christa McAuliffe prides itself as being more than a school, but a way of thinking. Christa McAuliffe is a dynamic learning community, which practices a Whole Child integrative educational philosophy. The school's curriculum is based on immersing students in a rich variety of learning experiences. Students are appropriately challenged, feel accepted and respected and given choices in what and how they learn, they develop their innate desire to learn.

Teachers embrace a Constructivist approach to education, designing classroom practices and curricula that are experiential and enhance student learning.

Parent participation is an important part of supporting the Christa McAuliffe philosophy. Parents are trained to work in classrooms to facilitate effective small group instruction. The time and talents of parents make possible the rich, dynamic and flexible curriculum that challenges each child. The Christa McAuliffe learning experience has a positive impact for students - intellectually, socially, and personally - that will prevail throughout all of their educational and life experiences.

An information night at Christa McAuliffe School is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, from 7 to 9 pm., 12211 Titus Ave, Saratoga. Tours are available from 9 am to noon on Thursday, February 8. For more information visit their web site at www.mcauliffeschool.org or call 408.253.4696 x100.



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CITY MEETINGS

Feb. 1	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Feb. 1	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 pm
Feb. 7	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Feb. 7	Teen Commission (Sports Center).....	6:00 pm
Feb. 6	City Council mtg.***	6:45 pm
Feb. 7	Technology, Information & Communication Commission.....	6:45 pm
Feb. 7	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.).....	7:00 pm
Feb. 8	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	9:00 am
Feb. 8	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Feb. 13	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
Feb. 15	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Feb. 20	City Council mtg.***	6:45 pm
Feb. 21	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Feb. 21	Teen Commission (Sports Center).....	6:00 pm
Feb. 27	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
Feb. 27	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 pm

City offices will be closed Feb. 19 For the President's Day holiday.

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