

## 4th of July Fireworks at Cupertino High School

The city of Cupertino is pleased to announce that the annual fireworks display will again be held on July 4, 2004 at 9:30 p.m. Due to ongoing construction at DeAnza College, this year's show will be launched from Cupertino High School and will be visible from parks and open public spaces on the east side of town. Residents close to Cupertino High School are encouraged to view the fireworks from their neighborhoods.

Old and new activities are scheduled throughout the day. Beginning at 7 a.m., the De Anza Optimists will start the day at Memorial Park with their traditional pancake breakfast. Following a 9:30 lineup, the children's parade begins at 10 a.m. followed by the community sing-along.



Things will be quiet until 6:45 p.m. when roving entertainers, games and face painting begin at Creekside Park, Hyde and Sedgwick schools. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

For safety reasons, there will be **no** public access to the Cupertino High School campus. Finch and Tilson Streets will be closed to traffic from 6 to 10:30 p.m. For handicap accessible parking locations, please contact the Parks and Recreation Administration office by July 2, 2004, at 408.777.3110. For all other questions, please call the Quinlan Community Center at 408.777.3120.

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## Cali Mill Plaza: It is about people

On Saturday, July 24, at 10 a.m., dedication ceremonies will be held for Cali Mill Plaza. The public is invited to celebrate this city landmark with music, give-a-ways, face painting and refreshments compliments of Park Place Restaurant and Le Boulanger.

The corner of De Anza and Stevens Creek Boulevards has historically been the center of Cupertino. As home to the Cali Brothers trucking company and mill, "the Crossroads" was the economic hub of the area's agricultural economy.

More than a mere reminder of Cupertino's past, Cali Mill Plaza will also celebrate the new collaborative spirit of the community. Most of the money to pay for the sculpture "Perspectives" was provided by Apple Computer. Le Boulanger will soon be moving into retail space on the plaza, Helios is changing its name to Park Place, and coffee carts are already being planned. The plaza already enjoys free wireless Internet access provided by the Cypress Hotel. For more information call 408.777-CITY, or visit [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) and check the schedule of events.

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## Cupertino Scene

The *Cupertino Scene* is published monthly, except in August, and distributed to all residents and businesses in the city. Information may be submitted via e-mail to [rickk@cupertino.org](mailto:rickk@cupertino.org). Questions may be directed to the Public Information Office at City Hall, 777.3262. Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month for the next month's issue.

## Cupertino Temporary Library is Open



### New Library Hours

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



The Cupertino Temporary Library is located at 10441 Bandlely Drive, one block west of De Anza Boulevard between Lazaneo and Mariani. Parking / Entrance at the back of the building.

Library telephone numbers are:

General Library Number	408.446.1677
Accounts, Billing	800.286.1991
Dial-in Catalog	877.471.3349
TeleCirc	800.471.0991

The library has a Web Catalog at <http://webpac.santaclaracountylib.org/>, as well as a Telnet Catalog at <telnet://library.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>.

### Summer Storytimes July 6 – August 31

Bedtime Storytime (age 3 years and up)  
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-1/2 to 3  
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

### **Track It @ Your Library**

Kids are invited to sign up for the 2004 Summer Reading Club anytime between June 14 and July 31.

If they read ten or more books during the summer, they will receive a certificate and be able to choose a free book provided by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

### **Drop-In Crafts for School-age Kids**

Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> anytime between 2 and 5 p.m.

### **Celebrate your reading success with singer/musician Bonnie Lockhart**

Tuesday, August 1, 2 p.m. Cupertino Room, Quinlan Center.

### **Parent-Child Catalog/Internet Classes**

Parents of schoolchildren may schedule appointments with a children's librarian for either introductory Internet (exploring web sites for children) or library catalog instruction. The classes are open to parents alone or with their children. To schedule an appointment, call 408.446.1677, ext. 3310.

### **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.

### **Internet Basics for Adults**

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library every Saturday, 10 to 10:30 a.m. 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, come to the Adult Reference desk at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

### **Help the Library**

The new Cupertino library is scheduled to open in October 2004. For information on how you can help visit [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org)



## **Search for Talent Is On**

Community performers from age 13 to adult are encouraged to audition for a talent show to be held in the fall. Auditions will take place Sunday, Aug. 29, at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 10120 N. De Anza Blvd. The top 15 acts will go on to compete for cash prizes at the Talent Show on Saturday, Oct. 16, during a three-day carnival extravaganza at St. Joseph of Cupertino School. Deadline to register for the talent show auditions is Aug. 18. All entrants must fill out an application form, available online at [www.sjcschool.org](http://www.sjcschool.org) (follow carnival link to talent show), or by calling 408.252.9775. Applications also may be picked up at the school office. Questions about the audition process may be e-mailed to [talentshow@sjcschool.org](mailto:talentshow@sjcschool.org). First place talent show winner will receive \$500; second place prize is \$300 and third place prize is \$200. The talent show is only one event planned for the carnival, which will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15, 16 and 17. Billed as a Family Fun Festival, the event will feature a free concert Friday evening by the Joe Sharino Band, non-stop musical entertainment and demonstrations throughout the weekend, a mini flea market, gourmet coffee shop and pantry, plenty of food, children's activities and carnival rides and games.

## **The Better Part**

The Better Part, produced by and for seniors, airs Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights at 7 p.m. on Comcast cable channel 15 in Cupertino, Los Altos and Mountain View.

Programs for July 2004 include:

July 5, 6, & 9 #763, Take Control of Your Arthritis. If you have problems with arthritis, you will not want to miss this program. July 12, 13, & 16 # 764, VCR to DVD—The Transition History. From 1956 to 2004, enormous changes have occurred in the video-recording world. This program provides an overview of this transition. July 19, 20, & 23, # 663, Bees. A local beekeeper demonstrates the value of bees in our environment.

July 26, 27, & 30 # 759, Andrew Norblin, Journey of a Guitarist. A young boy's dream comes true.

## Simply Safe: Reduce Risk of West Nile Virus

*From the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES)*

Three simple precautions can help reduce your risk of exposure to West Nile Virus. 1) Take steps to prevent mosquito bites, 2) Mosquito-proof your home, and 3) Report dead bird sightings.

The virus was first identified in the West Nile District of Uganda, Africa in 1937. In 2003, the Center for Disease Control reported 9,862 cases in 46 states, which resulted in 264 deaths. Three of those reported cases were in California and were not fatal. The virus is expected to continue to spread throughout the west coast this season.

West Nile Virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and can infect people, horses, other mammals, and over 110 species of birds. Though the risk of infection is already low, precautionary steps can help reduce the risk even more.

Most people who become infected with the virus exhibit either no, or mild, symptoms. On rare occasions, an infection can result in a severe and sometimes fatal illness. The risk of severe disease is higher for persons 50 years of age and older. There is no evidence to suggest that West Nile virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person. The incubation period is usually 3 to 14 days. Symptoms of mild disease will generally last a few days. Symptoms of severe disease may last several weeks, although neurological effects may be permanent.

Most infections are mild, and symptoms include fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. More severe infection may be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis, and, rarely, death.

### Prevent Mosquito Bites

The hours between dusk and dawn are peak mosquito hours. If you are outside during this period, apply a mosquito repellent containing DEET to your skin and clothing. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants treated with repellent.

### Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Install or repair window and door screens so mosquitoes don't have easy access to your home. Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water, so drain anything in your home that holds pools of water.

### Report Dead Bird Sightings

Dead birds might indicate that West Nile Virus is circulating between mosquitoes and birds in your area. Though not all infected birds will die, reporting dead birds can help local health authorities monitor and prepare for a virus outbreak.

If you find a recently dead bird (particularly a crow, jay or magpie, finch, or sparrow), do **not** touch the bird. Call the Santa Clara County Mosquito and Vector Control District (SCCMVCD) at 408.792.5010 or 800.675.1155, or the California Department of Health Services (DHS) at 877.968.2473.

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Learn skills that will benefit you for a lifetime. This 18-hour course offers free training to Cupertino residents to help you and your family better prepare for, and cope with, earthquakes and other emergencies. Sessions include first aid, earthquake preparedness, damage assessment, light search and rescue, fire suppression, terrorism awareness, neighborhood preparedness and more. It is a fun, interactive learning experience for adults of all ages. The final session includes an earthquake drill and fire extinguisher training. CERT is part of a nationwide program for disaster preparedness.

### **CERT #3, Wednesday Evenings**

July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
August 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **CERT #4, Thursday Mornings**

July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
August 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### **CERT #5, Thursday Evenings**

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**For information on Kaliedescope classes visit [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).**

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# SUMMER CONCERTS 2004

Relax and enjoy  
free music!

Thursdays 6 pm to 8pm

In the Amphitheater at Memorial Park!

At the corner of  
Stevens Creek  
& Mary.

July 8 Kapalikiko  
Traditional Hawaiian melodies & hula

July 15 Inoahband  
Jazz and funk

\*Last concert takes  
place at the corner  
of Stevens Creek Blvd.  
and De Anza Blvd.  
introducing the new  
Cali Mill Plaza. Come  
join the grand opening  
from 10am to 1:30pm!

July 22 Cupertino Symphonic Band  
Classical, symphony, waltz, big band,  
and patriotic music

\*Saturday 10 am to 1:30 pm

\*July 24 Mark Russo & The Classy Cats  
12 piece big band and swing

At the Cali Mill Plaza



Please call the Parks and Recreation Department  
for more information 408-777-3120.



## CCS 20th Annual Auction and Barbecue

Cupertino Community Services (CCS) will hold its 20th annual auction and barbecue event at Blackberry Farm on September 11, 2004, from 4 to 9 pm. CCS is dedicating this event to our firefighters. To show its appreciation, they have switched the traditional cowboy hat for a firefighter's helmet. As usual, the barbecue dinner will be prepared by local firefighters. The event will feature live and silent auctions, children's games, food and entertainment.



Event proceeds will benefit and support CCS, a private, nonprofit community-based agency that provides basic social and housing services to thousands of low income families and individuals in the West Valley each year. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For ticket sales, information, or to make an auction donation, please call CCS at 408.255.8033 or visit their website at [www.cupertinocommunityservices.org](http://www.cupertinocommunityservices.org).

## Cupertino Names 'Distinguished Artist'

Kate Curry, has been selected by city's Fine Arts Commission as the 2004 "Distinguished Artist of the Year."

"The natural world is always my starting point," says Curry who is known for her vivid expressionistic landscapes. Her work can be seen at SFMOMA Artist's Gallery in San Francisco, the Foxhall Gallery in Washington, D.C., as well as her studio in downtown San Jose.

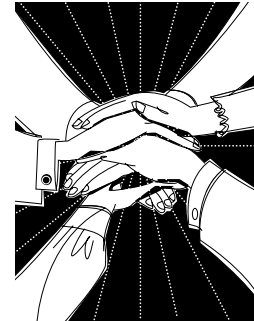
The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission plans to present the "Distinguished Artist" award to Curry before a performance of Free Shakespeare in the Park in August at Cupertino's Memorial Park.

Further information about either the annual Distinguished Artist award or the Shakespeare Festival performances is available from the Cupertino City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223.

## Retirement Plans for Small Business Owners

On Wednesday, July 21, W. Scott Stauffer will discuss how to maximize deductions, minimize fees and lower costs for retirement plans structured for small businesses. He will discuss the benefits and disadvantages of: SEP, Simple IRA, Profit Sharing, 401(k) Safe Harbor.

W. Scott Stauffer is an Investment Representative with Edward Jones Investments. Mr. Stauffer is a frequent speaker on such topics as Retirement and Estate Planning, College Savings, and Portfolio Management. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of California at Davis and a B.A. in General Science from Grinnell College in Iowa. Prior to working for Edward Jones, Mr. Stauffer had a twelve year career in training leaders and senior managers in the private, public, and non-profit sectors.



The Cupertino Small Business Forum is a group of small business owners who meet monthly to share information about establishing and running their businesses. Each month our speaker is an experienced professional offering advice and insights into an important aspect of starting and maintaining a small business. Karen Purtich, Purtich & Associates, HR Services and Nancy Bigham, Fields of Endeavor Business Planning, host the Cupertino Small Business Forum in partnership with the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce.

The Small Business Forum meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce offices located at 20455 Silverado Avenue, Cupertino, CA (off of South De Anza Blvd). Cost is \$15. Light refreshments are served. For reservations, call: [sherri@cupertino-chamber.org](mailto:sherri@cupertino-chamber.org) or 408.252.7054 x15.

## City-Wide Garage Sale in October

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held October 2 and 3 at individual homes and other private locations within the city, and in neighboring unincorporated areas. The city is inviting residents and community organizations to register, and will be provided free advertising, and a garage sale "how-to" kit. Garage sale participants manage their own garage sales and keep the profits. There is no fee to participate.

A few changes are planned for this year's garage sale to streamline the operation and accommodate reduced city staffing. We are asking all participants to register on-line at the city's website, [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) (click on "Garage Sale"). The "how-to" kit and accompanying information will also be available on the web. The completed list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website exclusively.

The garage sale is later than usual this year. You may start registering on-line on August 23. The last day to register to get on the city's official list, is **September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The city's goal in sponsoring the Cupertino City-Wide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away or recycled, when they can be re-used by someone else, and to have some fun.

## Household

### Hazardous Waste Disposal

The County-wide Household Hazardous Waste Program will be holding a disposal event in Cupertino on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The program is available free to residents and, at a nominal fee, to small businesses. The event is conveniently timed to help residents dispose of unwanted, potentially hazardous materials that they discover while getting ready for our October City-wide Garage Sale.

Typical materials that are brought in include: latex and oil-based paint, solvents, toxic cleaners, pesticides, batteries (car and household), mercury thermometers, old pool care products, motor oil, antifreeze and other car fluids, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, hobby chemicals, and photo developing chemicals.

### Air Pollution and Barbecue Starter

As summer heats up, smog begins to develop in the South Bay. One simple way individuals can help to reduce the amount of pollution in the air is to avoid using charcoal lighter fluid when starting barbecues. Other less-polluting methods to get your barbecue started include: electric barbecue starters or cylinder-shaped "chimney" briquette starters (burns crumpled-up newspaper to start the coals). Or consider buying a gas-powered barbecue. Your neighbors will know you're having a barbecue because they smell your food, not your lighter fluid.

## Support Builds as Library Completion Nears

By Barbara Rogers

The Cupertino Library Campaign has been busy raising funds throughout the community to support the new Cupertino Library. Donations have been as heartfelt and diverse as the community. Recent donors include Michelle and Jackson Hu. The Hus moved to Cupertino in 1987. Michelle is a financial consultant at First Allied Securities, and Jackson is the CEO of United Microelectronic Corp. Their son, Ben, is a sophomore at Cornell University. Michelle's volunteerism includes the co-presidency of Asian American Parent Association (AAPA), two years as co-chair of the Lunar New Year Unity Parade, and membership on this year's General Plan Task Force. Michelle and Jackson have contributed \$15,000 to the Library Campaign and have a sponsorship for the new Library's Business Resources Area. Their contribution represents their commitment both to the Cupertino community and to the importance that they place on having a good library.

As a commitment to the community in which they do business, Menlo Equities has donated \$25,000 to the Library Campaign Fund and has reserved a sponsorship for the new library's Grand Staircase. Menlo Equities is a local real estate development and investment company based in Palo Alto and own over 4,000,000 square feet of commercial real estate in Silicon Valley. Metropolitan is located just east of Vallco Financial's three office buildings at the corner of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Wolfe Road in Cupertino.

Most recently, students from Garden Gate's GATE program presented a check to the campaign of \$2004. Students had elected to benefit the library with the proceeds of the annual carnival.

The Cupertino Library is quickly approaching completion, yet funds are still needed. Every contribution counts. Please use the attached envelope in this month's Scene to show your support for a world-class library in Cupertino.



## Thunder Down Under

Come to the coolest place in Cupertino for teens this summer! The Down Under located at the corner of Stevens Creek and Stelling below the Sports Center. If you are or will be in 8th to 12th grade the Down Under is the place for you. We are open Monday through Saturday from 12 to 10 p.m. Check out [www.cupertinoteens.com](http://www.cupertinoteens.com) or call 408.777.1335 or 408.777.3120 for more information.



## CALLING ALL WRITERS

On July 28 at 7:30 p.m., the Powerful Pens, an internet-based writers group based in Cupertino, is proud to present: "How to Get the Most Out of a Writers Conference: The Do's and Don'ts of Winning the Contest, Schmoozing with the Right People, and Wow-ing an Agent." Beth Proudfoot is speaker at this event.

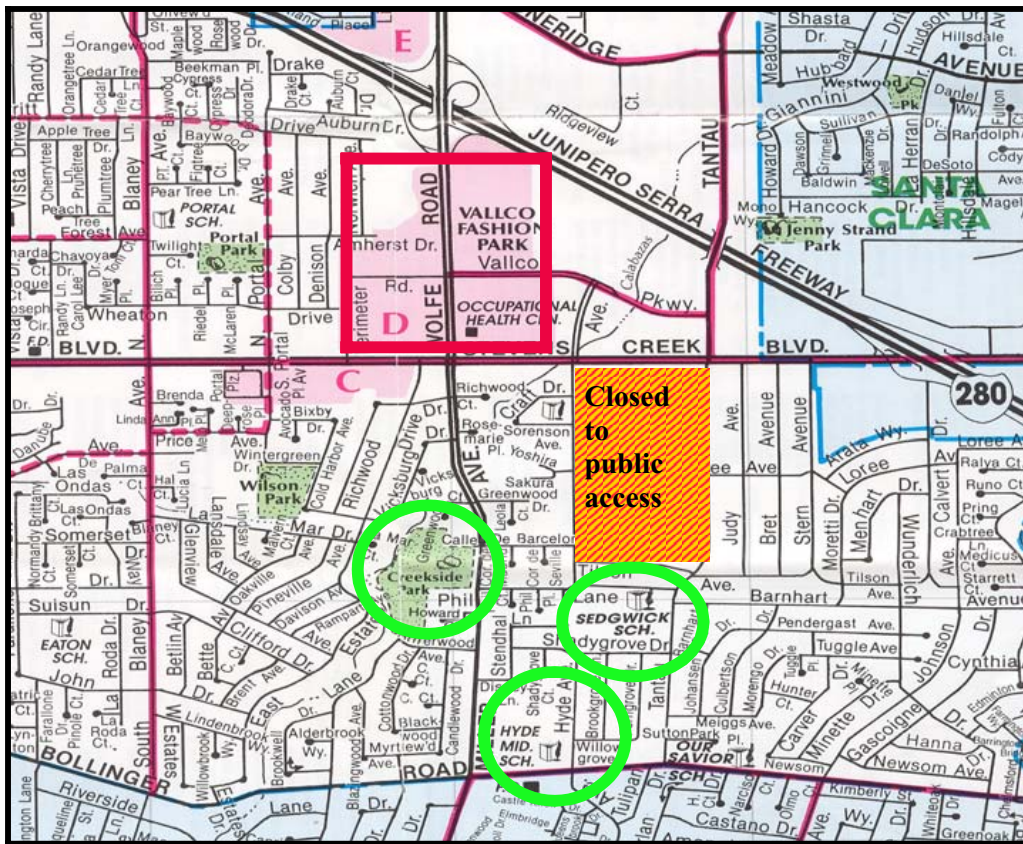
Ms. Proudfoot is a novelist and director of the East of Eden Writers Conference, celebrating it's second year in Salinas. The next conference will be held August 27 through 29, 2004. To register on line: [www.southbaywriters.com](http://www.southbaywriters.com).

Beth has won a wide variety of writing contests and will be sharing a wealth of knowledge to help new and experienced writers.

This is a Powerful Pens Writers Club presentation to residents of Cupertino. To attend, call 408.861.1247 or email Patricia J. Johnson, President, Powerful Pens, at [pjohnson@rcare.com](mailto:pjohnson@rcare.com). Powerful Pens meets 7:30 p.m. at two locations in Cupertino, twice a month at no charge to Cupertino residents. Non-residents pay \$12 at the door, to participate in meetings and events.







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**DAYTIME PROGRAM AT QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND MEMORIAL PARK**

7 to 11 a.m.: De Anza Optimist Pancake Breakfast (Quinlan Community Center’s Cupertino Room)

9:30 a.m.: Line-up for Children’s Parade

10 to 10:30 a.m.: Children’s Parade starting at the Memorial Park ball field and proceeding to the Quinlan Community Center

10:30 to 11 a.m.: Children’s Community Sing-along at Quinlan Center (backside of Center at the fountain).

**EVENING PROGRAM**

Come early and bring your picnic to Creekside Park, Hyde or Sedgwick Schools.

- Free parking at Vallco Fashion Park
- Handicapped parking available at Creekside Park

6:45 to 9:15 p.m.: Roving entertainers, games and face painting at Creekside Park, Hyde and Sedgwick Schools

- No alcohol, no pets, no portable barbecues, no bicycles

**Street closures to vehicles and pedestrians 6 to 10:30 p.m.:**

- Finch Ave. between Stevens Creek and Phil Lane
- Calle De Barcelona
- Phil Lane
- Tilson Ave. @ Tantau Ave.
- 9:30 p.m.: Fireworks set off @ Cupertino High School.

***Special thanks to the many generous people who donated to the fireworks.***

- Min Wang & Ishan Wu*
- Mark & Sue Perkins*
- Ellen & Jay Israel*
- Steve & Katherine Williams*
- M. Carlson*
- Michael & Mary Anne Larimore*
- Robert & Virginia Hendrickson*
- Georgia Sutherland*
- Frank & Carol Bonzell*
- Christine & Andrew Stack*
- Paula Jean Quinterno*
- Norman Donovan*
- Alice Ramsauer*


**Roots**  
 By Gail  
*Fretwell  
 Hugger*

## The Blue House

The massive oak trees at The Oaks shopping center on Stevens Creek Boulevard have seen a lot of history. No doubt the Native Americans who lived in our area gathered acorns and enjoyed these trees long before the first settlers came.

In the mid-1900's the trees were more numerous and in a grove set back from what was then a two lane road, a large blue trimmed house sat shaded on the acres of property than surrounded it. I always thought it looked very mysterious way back among the huge trees that were so old even then. I remember asking mother who owned the house. "A movie star," she said. My goodness, that made the house even more exciting and mysterious.

In 1965, the late artist, A. "Pete" Emig, did a feature in the Cupertino Courier on Cupertino's movie star. His name was Edmund Lowe and he was reared in the Cupertino area and graduated from the University of Santa Clara in 1910, with a B.A. in dramatics. His roommate at school was the Cupertino historian, Louis Stocklmeir, whose home on Stevens Creek still stands near the Blue Pheasant restaurant. Mr. Stocklmeir recalled the words of the University of Santa Clara drama coach, Martin Merle, that Eddie had to be the star in each school play, especially in the yearly Passion Play produced by the Jesuit fathers. Upon graduation from Santa Clara, Edmund went straight to act in

the famous San Francisco Alcazar legitimate theatre and from there to Hollywood. Perhaps his most well known film was, "What Price Glory", that was a big hit from 1927 to 1929 and also starred Victor McLaglen.

Edmund Lowe's aunt, Mrs. Mary Lowe O'Keefe, originally owned the big blue house and 50 acres on Stevens Creek Road. She left it to Edmund. He would come home to Cupertino in his biplane and land near where Homestead High School stands today. The first Cupertino Fine Arts exhibit reception was held in the home and gardens in 1962.

The article in the Courier was prompted by a brief story in a Bay Area newspaper, stating that Edmund Lowe, now 72, was ill and residing in the Motion Picture Home & Hospital in Southern California. Landmark Commission co-chairman, Juanita McLaren, traveled from Cupertino to visit Mr. Lowe at the hospital to tell him that Cupertino still remembered him. He gave her his famous smile and said he was so glad to be remembered in Cupertino. Mr. Emig included the full address

in his article so that other old-timers could send cards and well-wishes.

I don't have a date of death for Mr. Lowe, nor further information on his life or passing, but if anyone does, please send it along.

As we celebrate our country's Independence Day, a rousing Happy July 4th to one and all in Cupertino. We celebrate and remember those who helped preserve our many freedoms.

In addition, after 36 years at the library, I am retiring. This is a fond goodbye to all the wonderful people who have frequented our library over the years. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and will miss your faces over the checkout counter. God bless you all.



## How Much Will HDTV Cost?

*By Steven Ting,  
Telecommunications Commissioner  
This is the fourth of a five-part series  
regarding high definition television (HDTV).*

For HDTV sets, the good news is that prices are likely to continue to decline in coming months. The bad news is that the TV shopping will remain complicated due to the wide variety of sets and services.

### Selecting an HDTV Set

There are three basic displays available, cathode ray tubes (CRT), flat panels (plasma and liquid-crystal display LCD), and rear projection, and they all come in a range of types, sizes, and prices. The most important development for HDTV sets has been the plunge in the price of both flat-panel and projection displays. There are lots of choices below \$3,000. But, if you're looking for a relatively small display, sets based on picture tubes offer excellent value. The brightness and clarity of flat, widescreen CRTs are the best of any technology. The drawbacks are size and weight. The \$2,499, 40" Sony WEGA XBR, the biggest CRT made, weighs 304 lb. and is 26" deep. Plasma displays most closely rival the image quality of a first-rate CRT and go from 32" to 61", though units up to 80 in. are on the way. Prices range from less than \$3,000 for a 32" to more than \$15,000 for the biggest screens. LCD picture quality is rapidly approaching that of plasma, though the top size is much smaller. High-definition LCD sets range from 17 to 40", with 50" and bigger sets in development. Prices are around \$3,000 for a 30" and \$5,000 or so for a 40" screen. The rear-projection sets, which use an internal system of lenses and mirrors to project an image on a screen, have improved radically. New units create images with either tiny LCD panels or a Digital Light Processing (DLP) chip. Quality still isn't as good as the flat panels, but it's noticeably better than older projection sets. These TVs are also slimmer: A 42" Sony LCD projection unit is 14 1/2" deep, and RCA has announced a 61" DLP model less than 7" deep.

Prices range from \$2,000 for 42" models to \$7,000 for Sony's 70" unit.

### HD Programming

Another consideration is the availability of HD content. Satellite and cable systems are carrying high-definition channels, including both the HD versions of standard channels as well as such specialty programming such as the HDNet sports channel.

If you have an "HD-capable" or an "HD-ready" TV set, a Comcast HD box is the only additional equipment you need (available for a monthly \$5 fee). So there's no need to buy a separate HD receiver or antenna.

DIRECTV recently announced an HD Programming Package that will begin on July 1st that will give you all of their HD programming for \$10.99 per month.

For \$999, DISH will deliver a set-top box that receives and decodes HDTV signals and either a 34-inch tube-type widescreen TV or a 40-inch projection TV. You have to agree to subscribe to a year's worth of programming that starts at a minimum of about \$40 per month. DISH offers eight channels of high-def programming, including ESPN, Discovery, HBO, and Showtime. If your local stations are broadcasting in HD, you can plug a regular TV antenna into the dish box to get local programs over the air. DISH basic HD programming service costs \$9.99 monthly.

Starting at \$39.90 per month, VOOM (a satellite television service, provided by Rainbow DBS, a subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corporation) offers up to 39 premium high definition channels (as of 6/1/04) to consumers across the continental United States, including 21 brand-new, exclusive, commercial-free HD channels. Free installation with dish, HD receiver (\$9.50 monthly), and remote control are included.

### What it all Means

All HD television sets and HD programming are not created equal, and therefore the price varies widely. The downward price trend and increasing number of HD programming available are evident though. Do lots of shopping around.

# Community Calendar

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 777-3202  
[lindal@cupertino.org](mailto:lindal@cupertino.org)  
 Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.  
 Call the contact number for details.

JULY	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1 Thurs</b>	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	253-3219
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	7 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I*	Noon	International House of Pancakes / St. Crk. Blvd.	252-7054
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Connect Club III*	Noon	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
<b>2 Fri</b>	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7:00 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691- 8724
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	253-8394
<b>3 Sat</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
<b>5 Mon</b>	De Anza Flea Market Organization of Special Needs Families*	8 to 4 2 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College 20920 McClellan Rd.	864-8946 996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
<b>6 Tues</b>	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
<b>7 Wed</b>	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327- 1649
	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903- 0321
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis* Knights of Columbus 4981*	Noon 8 p.m.	The Blue Pheasant 10201 Imperial Ave., #3	252-3830 243-8462
<b>7 Wed</b>	Cupertino Men's Service* Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	Noon 9:30 a.m.	The Blue Pheasant Senior Center	252-2667
	AI-ANON Family Group*	7:00 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734- 5869
	AI-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	650-292- 8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club* Cupertino Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Holder's Restaurant Blue Pheasant	253-4424 255-3212

<b>7 Wed</b>	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous*	6 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488
<b>8 Thurs</b>	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
<b>9 Fri</b>	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
<b>10 Sat</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>12 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center Social Room	253-2230
<b>13 Tues</b>	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622
	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366 S. Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd.	252-2584 255-5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	725-8091
<b>14 Wed</b>	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
	The Powerful Pens	7:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community, 22445 Cupertino Rd.	314-3410
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	777-3331
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	253-9136
<b>15 Thurs</b>	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257-4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578-5917
<b>20 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>27 Tues</b>	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
<b>28 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7:00 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	314-3410

*Deadline for submitting September calendar information is Aug. 4.*

## Council Actions



### City Council Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2004

Council Members present: James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval, Wang

Accepted a city project performed under contract for Cupertino Sports Center Remodel, Project 2203-9212 (XL Construction)

Adopted resolution No. 04-335 approving an Improvement Agreement with Richard Shwe and Alma M. Shwe, Husband and Wife as Community Property, 21840 Hermosa Avenue.

Voted not to implement an Emergency Communication Response Fee (9-1-1).

Adopted Resolution No. 04-337 approving a semi-rural designation to eliminate the requirement for sidewalks for Hibiscus Drive and Court; Wallace Drive; Caroline Drive; portions of Peninsular Avenue; and Barranca Drive.

Voted to accept staff's recommendation regarding an additional sign for the new Cupertino Community Hall to identify it as the City Council Chambers.

Authorized the City Manager to execute documents regarding the potential partial prepayment of the City Attorney's housing loan.

Voted to implement a Weekly Single-Stream Recycling program and directed staff to negotiate an agreement the Los Altos Garbage Company (LAGCO) for weekly composting.

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 1939 prohibiting skateboarding and rollerblading at Cali Mill Plaza and Civic Center Plaza.

Selected application deadline (August 27) and interview date (September 7) for Hyde and Homestead Teen Commission applicant interviews.

### City Council Meeting Monday, June 21, 2004

Council Members present: James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval, Wang

Closed sessions held regarding initiating litigation regarding possible action against Edward Britt, Norman Hackford, and Gerald Cooley related to initiative measures (building height, density, and setbacks). Council decided not to proceed with any pre-elec-

tion lawsuit.

Council also met in two closed sessions regarding negotiations for lease of real property (Blue Pheasant Restaurant) and labor negotiations, but no action was taken in the closed session.

A representative of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) gave a presentation regarding regional housing requirements imposed by the State of California.

Adopted resolution 04-340 approving final tract map and improvement plans, for Murano Homeowners Association, 7308 and 7310 Rainbow Drive at Poppy Way.

Adopted resolution approving an application for Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Transportation Funds for a Clean Air Grant for the Mary Avenue Gateway Pedestrian Crossing Project.

Adopted the 2004-05 budget.

Adopted resolution for the annual renewal of fees for the Storm Drainage Nonpoint Source Program for 2004-05; the fees remain unchanged from the previous year.

Received information from the Public Works Director regarding the steps that had been undertaken to address the flooding in the area of Elm Court and Bubb Road.

Approved an offer of settlement for release and indemnity of liability at a cost to the City of \$9,596.00 for cleanup at the Gibson Environmental Site (Bakersfield, CA).

Denied the assignment of the Blue Pheasant Lease to Giti Majdy and Kianoush Kakavand, dba San Jose Teamsters.

## Agenda Preview

### Planning Commission

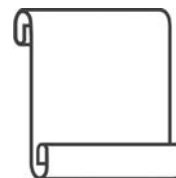
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July 12, 2004, 6:45 p.m.

Applicant: Sandra Steele/  
The Alaris Group, 940 S.  
Stelling Road.

Use permit to locate Sprint Wireless Communication antennas and equipment within an existing cross tower at Redeemer Lutheran Church and to extend the height of the cross-tower to 55 feet.

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June	2	Design Review Committee (Council Chambers)	6:00 p.m.
June	3	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
June	7	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
June	7	Teen Commission (Community Center)	6:00 p.m.
June	9	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
June	10	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
June	10	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
June	14	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
June	15	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
June	16	Economic Development Committee (Conf. Rm.)	8:00 a.m.
June	16	Design Review Committee (Council Chambers)	6:00 p.m.
June	16	Teen Commission (Community Center)	6:00 p.m.
June	16	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
June	21	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
June	22	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
June	23	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
June	24	Senior Commission (Senior Center)	2:00 p.m.
June	28	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.

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