



## Cupertino Teen Issues Forum

*Following are excerpts from the summary report of the main points that were covered at the Cupertino Community Forum on Teen Issues last April. The complete summary is available at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).*

### Teen Issues

Participants made the following points in response to the teen issues that were identified by the students in the first fishbowl discussion. Question posed to the groups: "What did you find most surprising or interesting about what the students said...?"

- The prevalence of alcohol and drug use, especially on campus during school.

- How easy it is for teens to get alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, and other drugs.

- The lack of parenting and adult supervision, contributing to off-campus partying and alcohol and drug use.

- The intense pressure that students are under from both their parents and their peers to get good grades (example of the 4.1 GPA) and get into a good college.

- The intense stress that students are under, and how it contributes to other problems such as alcohol, drug use, social isolation, and cheating.

- Parents, teachers, and the community at large are in denial or they simply choose to ignore teen problems; the issues are downplayed.

### Actions and Recommendations

Participants made these points in response to the following question: "What can the city, the schools, and the community do to improve the way that teens issues and problems are addressed?"

- There are not enough services and programs at the schools; it is more effective if the programs are school specific.

- There should be a closer connection between the city Parks and Recreation Department and the schools; they should complement and overlap one another; for example by using school facilities for city services and programs.

## AccessCupertino is Online

The city of Cupertino has inaugurated AccessCupertino, a means for residents to access and track service requests, questions and complaints 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. This web-based service enables residents to submit any type of concern to city government at a time that is convenient for the resident. AccessCupertino is a powerful tool to augment existing means of communicating with city hall. "Our goal is to make public input as convenient and comprehensive as possible," said Cupertino City Manager, David Knapp. Try AccessCupertino by visiting our website at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

## Garbage Rate Increase

The Los Altos Garbage Co. has received a 2.56% cost-of-living increase as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. A typical monthly single-can residential bill will increase from \$17.22 to \$17.66.

- There is a need to establish communication links between teens, adults, schools, and community services.

- Take proactive steps to better understand different cultural customs through staff training and other educational opportunities.

- There is a need for "parent programs" to educate them about teen issues and how to communicate with teens.

- There is a need for preventative education programs that focus on the consequences of alcohol, drugs, smoking, and sex.

- There is a need for "real life" education programs, emphasizing such things as life skills and how to apply for college.

*Special thanks to forum participants, Teen Commission members and participants in Tomorrow's Leaders Today. Future columns will discuss initiatives coming from this forum.*

See page 5 for information on Tomorrow's Leaders Today.

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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 (new hours)
Tuesday	12 to 9 (new hours)
Wednesday	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6
Sunday	1 to 5 (new hours)

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>, and a Dial-in Catalog.

### 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>.

### Teen Photo Contest

The Library's Teen Photography Contest winners will be announced the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Prizes, donated by the Friends of the Cupertino Library, will be awarded at the library at a reception during Teen Read Week on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### Chinese Storytimes

Children and their parents are invited to celebrate the Moon Festival with a special series of storytimes in Mandarin Chinese. Librarian Bonnie Wang will share stories, puppet shows and crafts Thursday evenings September 11, 18, and 25, at 7 p.m.

## Children's Storytimes

Bedtime Storytime (age 3 years and up)

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-1/2 to 3-1/2)

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Twos Storytime (ages 1-1/2 to 2-1/2)

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

## 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. Those interested should come to the Adult Reference desk at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

## Internet Classes in Mandarin Chinese

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.

## 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 next to the New Books in the Temporary Library.

**The Cupertino Temporary Library is located at 10441 Bandley Drive. Parking and entrance at back of building.**

## Making Sense of California Elections

The Easy Voter Guide helps make sense of the October 7th special election. There is unprecedented coverage about California's special election on October 7th but many people are still confused about what is on the ballot and the substance of the issues. You can play an important role by making certain you are prepared to participate with nonpartisan information about the choices you face. **Remember, the last day to register to vote for the October 7 special election is September 22.**

Community organizations and public agencies can order free copies of the Easy Voter Guide in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese (with free shipping and handling). An order form can be downloaded at [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org). Formerly known as the Easy Reading Voter Guide, the Easy Voter Guide has been produced for every statewide election since 1994.

The nonpartisan 8-page guide explains the special election, covers the candidates for Governor and offers a concise overview of the two important statewide propositions that will also be on the ballot. The guide's layperson language and user-friendly layout have made it popular with new voters and busy voters alike. This nonprofit guide is being produced and distributed with support from the California State Library, in partnership with the California Secretary of State's Office, the League of Women Voters Education Fund and The James Irvine Foundation.

Requests will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Guides will be shipped by UPS in early September. To expedite timely delivery, shipping priority will be given to orders of 500 or more. There is a 50 minimum per language. For smaller quantities, visit your public library or download a PDF copy at [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org).

In addition to HTML and PDF versions of the Easy Voter Guide, the [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org) website will also be featuring: visual information about the voting process along with a virtual tour of a polling place (also in Spanish). The Guide will also include additional information about the candidates for governor in multiple languages background on Proposition 53 (re: infrastructure spending) and Proposition 54 (re: collection of racial data). For more information visit [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org).

## 'The Better Part' celebrates 20 years

By Diane Benedetti and Valerie Jaffrey

2003 is a very special year for Cupertino Senior TV Productions (CSTVP) producers of **'The Better Part.'** It is their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of producing informative and entertaining programs for seniors.

How did it all start? Well, twenty years ago a DeAnza College video student, Sherry Hutson, inspired and encouraged a small group of seniors who wanted to produce a public access television program. The seniors met at the Cupertino Senior Center and decided to call themselves **Cupertino Senior TV Productions.** Sherry was convinced that seniors could and would be able to master the professional cameras and control room equipment to produce their own shows. The group has proved how right she was!

Bob Clancey, Jim Cochrane, Bob Dufur and Dorothy Stevens produced the early programs and when the host for the first program dropped out at the last moment, Dorothy Stevens bravely took over the host spot. Dorothy later became the group's Executive Producer and continued as the main host for many years until she left the group in 2001.

Over 730 programs have been produced so far. Loyal fans will remember many of the broad range of topics covered: NASA Women in Space, Travel Adventures, Eclipse over Zambia, Cardiac Exercise Program, Electric Car, Good Bugs/Bad Bugs, Hormone Replacement Therapy and the Flying Hatfields to just name a few. A recent pro-

gram, Diving Back into Life, features a paraplegic who is a maintenance scuba diver at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and tells his story of conquering his handicap.

The group has kept up with changing technology, moving from the analog to the digital world. They learned new recording equipment and editing software. They are not afraid to tackle new challenges, the latest change being their recent move from the DeAnza College TV studio to their new

home at KMVT15 in Mountain View.

*The Better Part* has received many awards locally and nationally including several from the Western Alliance for Community Media. For the past three years, the Cupertino Outstanding Producer Award (COPA) has gone to members of CSTVP: Dorothy Stevens 2000,

Ernie Piini 2001, Val Jeffery 2002. All three winners are quick to point out that the programs are a team effort.

An October Anniversary Celebration is planned at the Cupertino Senior Center. Invitations will be sent to local dignitaries, supporters, past members and program guests. "We are still trying to trace more past members to invite them to the celebration", says Val Jeffery, Chairman of the Celebration Committee, "so if any of your readers know the whereabouts of someone that belonged in the past, please let us know through the Cupertino Senior Center (408) 777-3150".

*The Better Part* airs on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights at 7 pm on Cupertino Channel 15 and Los Altos Channel 26. They subsequently air on Community Access Television in San Jose, Mountain View, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill and Gilroy. For more information visit <http://www.thebetterpart.com>.



*Back Row (left to right):  
Ernie Piini, Bob Allen (President), Vesta Walden, Dennis Palsgaard, Bill Mannion, Bill Richerson, Carl McCann, John Heather  
Front Row (left to right):  
Billie Atwood, Dottie Schmid, Madhuvanti Mirashi,  
Diane Benedetti (Executive Producer), Ruth Moore, Val Jeffery, Marilyn Priel, Myrna Gelpman  
Not in photo: Chuck Johnson, Gordon Peterson*

## Planning for Wireless Communications

By *Colin Jung, Senior Planner*

Have you ever tried using your wireless phone at home and found out it doesn't work? Most surveys that have been conducted on personal wireless services including, cellular phones, PCS, ESMR and other communication services, have found coverage to be spotty or non-existent in many Bay Area locations, particularly residential neighborhoods. There are two major reasons for this lack of coverage: 1) wireless service companies, such as, Verizon Wireless, AT&T Wireless, Sprint PCS, and T-Mobile have historically focused their cell site facilities, the rectangle-shape antennas mounted on poles and buildings, along freeways, major streets, and commercial and industrial centers where most of their mobile customers use their phones; and 2) many communities have prohibited cell site facilities from being located in residential areas because of health concerns or visual impacts.

Still, wireless communications continue to grow in popularity. The Federal Communications Commission, reports that there were 122 million wireless subscribers nationwide at the end of 2001, up 54% from 1999. In California, wireless phones are even more popular with the number of subscribers soaring 76% over the same period. Some time in the near future, wireless customers will demand in-home services, not just audio, but video and data communications and internet services. To accommodate these types of in-home services, there will be increasing pressure to bring cell site facilities into neighborhoods.

The city is anticipating growing demand for these cell site facilities. Basic questions to be answered are the safety of radio frequency radiation, and how should such facilities be sited and designed to have the least impact on the community.

City staff has been working with the Telecommunications Commission over the past year to develop a draft wireless master plan. The draft will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its September 22 meeting. Your input will have important impact on how our community looks and works for many years to come. Please visit the City website at: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) to download the document, or contact the Community Development Department at (408) 777-3308 to obtain a copy by mail.

## CCS Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> birthday at fundraiser

Cupertino Community Services (CCS) will hold its 19<sup>th</sup> annual auction and barbecue event at Blackberry Farm on September 6th from 4 to 9 pm. The event will feature live and silent auctions, children's games, food and entertainment.

This year's fundraiser holds special meaning as the agency will also celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "People Helping People."

Event proceeds will benefit and support CCS, a private, nonprofit community-based agency that provides basic social and housing services to low income families and individuals in the West Valley.

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.

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## Winter Art Fair

Applications are now being accepted for the Saturday, November 1, 2003, Winter Art Fair to be held at Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino. The Art Fair is co-sponsored by the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department and the Fine Arts League of Cupertino.

There will be space available for around 30 artists to show and sell inside the community center. For information please contact: Nancy Bennett, Recreation Coordinator at (408) 999-3120 or email, [NancyBennet@cupertino.org](mailto:NancyBennet@cupertino.org).

## Tomorrow's Leaders Today

High school students in Cupertino and Sunnyvale have a great opportunity to delve into the world of leadership and careers through participation in the TLT Program. Monthly sessions cover such fields as Science & Technology, Health & Medicine, Local Government, and Public Safety. Students also perform community service and do a group project designed to benefit the community. Students can earn 5 units of credit from the Fremont Union High School District. Tuition is \$250 for the 9-month course. For applications and information, please contact City Hall at (408)777-3220 or send an email to [dorothys@cupertino.org](mailto:dorothys@cupertino.org).

## Simply Safe

By Leslie Martin

Patricia Eastman, 64, was driving on highway 17 during the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989. “My car started bouncing around like a toy and its radio went out,” she remembers. Eastman drove to the local Nob Hill to shop for food and candles, but anxious customers were turned away due to damage inside the grocery store. “I’d lived in California since 1960 without any real awareness of being prepared to survive without necessities for an extended period of time. I didn’t like the feeling of being a victim.”

Eastman is one of over 140 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) students who participated in August graduation exercises, at De Anza College, marking the end of CERT training for 2003. Over 500 residents have graduated from the Cupertino CERT program since 1995.

As of the 2000 Census, Cupertino’s population was 50,456. Responding to emergency calls on any given day in the city, are 18 fire fighters, including 5 paramedics, and six to eight Sheriff’s deputies. Yet, after the 1989 earthquake, hundreds of calls for help went unanswered as the first responders and 9-1-1 systems were overwhelmed. Fire and Sheriff’s representatives are the first both to thank residents for taking the classes, and to warn students to prepare for 72 hours—or more—of self-sufficiency following a disaster.

Most class members admit they thought about CERT training months before they registered. Eastman’s sense of having been caught unprepared in an emergency is not an anomaly. CERT students often share first-person accounts of surviving earthquakes, house fires, burglaries, car accidents, and medical emergencies. Students are motivated to register for reasons as varied and unique as they are.

CERT Coordinator Al Tsugawa believes most people procrastinate until something bad happens to them. “We’re trying to encourage people to

plan ahead. There is a lot they can do to stay safe.”

For Kristopher Kernahan, 17, CERT was a natural extension of his hobby as a licensed Ham radio operator and member of Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CARES). He is also a member of Monta Vista High School’s student emergency response team.

Being a mother of two was a factor for Tania Tengan, 41. Howard, 65, and Sue, 56, Trudeau, signed up when their neighbor, a CERT graduate, moved.

### What would motivate you?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training (Saturdays Only)

Sept 6, 2003. **Triage/Fire Suppression** - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Search & Rescue** - 1 to 4 p.m.

Oct 4, 2003. **Terrorism/Disaster Psychology** - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Graduation Exercise** - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

January 16,17,23,24,30,31  
**CPR** (Adult, Infant & Child) Training. Cost is \$10 per person.

September 25 (Thursday), 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

November 1 (Saturday), 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



### If you only do one thing this month to prepare...

Call the Santa Clara County Public Health Department at 408 793-2020 and ask for a copy of their free “Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness”. It is full of useful information and folds up so that you can keep it with you all the time.

To register for classes or request additional information: Click the “Emergency Preparedness” link at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or call Cupertino OES at (408) 777-3335. Registration forms are also available at the Library, Quinlan Center, and City Hall.

Martin is a Cupertino writer who became a CERT graduate after she faced one too many emergencies unprepared.

## Environmental News

By Pam Ledesma

### Rebate for the old Fridge

The State of California still has a program to encourage residents to get rid of old, inefficient refrigerators and freezers that are still working. Residents can receive a \$35 rebate check in exchange for an old fridge or freezer. Call 800-456-2722 to schedule a 4-hr window for pickup. The working appliance must have been plugged in and cold for 24 hours before the scheduled pickup.

### Citywide Garage Sale Sept. 13 & 14

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be Sept. 13 and 14 at individual homes and other private locations in the city. We are anticipating that about 500 residents and community organizations will hold sales this year.

The registration deadline was August 29, so it's too late to be included in the city's official list. However, the city would like to encourage you to consider having a sale anyway. If there are other sales on your street, shoppers will find you.

On September 9, a list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website, and printed copies of the list and map will become available at local 7-Eleven stores, coffeehouses, sandwich shops, and city facilities. Online viewers will be able to search for specific items on the list by using the "find" function. Block sales and multi-family sales will be highlighted.

The city's goal in sponsoring a City-Wide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away as garbage. And, in addition to finding unusual garage-sale treasures, use this opportunity to learn about our city by shopping in neighborhoods that you've never visited before. Call 777-3337 for more information.

### TV Recycling Costs Less

The city has recently negotiated a lower fee for disposing of unwanted TVs: \$20/ea. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. to arrange an appointment for pickup. Because there is lead embed-



ded in the screen's glass, it is now illegal to dispose of a TV in the garbage.

### Computer Recycling

Reminder: Cupertino residents can recycle computers and other electronic equipment, at no charge, at 10300 Bubb Rd., Mon., Wed., and Fri.

from 8- 4:30.

### Start a Compost Pile

Backyard compost workshops will be held on the first Saturdays of September, October, and November. Because leaves are abundant in the Fall, it is one of the best times to start a compost pile. Workshops are free, and are held at McClellan Ranch Park on McClellan Rd. Call 918-4640 to register.

### Caring for Wisteria

Two years ago, Diane Mahan, this city's Pest Control Advisor and Public Works Dept. supervisor, tried a new Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technique to control a pest that was attacking the beautiful wisteria vines that grace the arbors on DeAnza Blvd. She had discovered that Tussock Moths, in the caterpillar stage, were aggressively eating the vines. Previously, she had used a "broad-spectrum" systemic pesticide, designed to be drawn into the entire plant, that poisoned the caterpillars, but it is very toxic to bees. While the poison stopped the caterpillar infestation, the problem would come back each year. In addition, the powerful pesticide was potentially dangerous to her as the applicator.

In 2001, she began using a low toxicity pesticide, known as B.t. (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), with great results. The pesticide needs to be applied just as the caterpillars begin eating—so correct timing is critical. B.t. is a bacteria that only affects caterpillars—giving them a deadly flu. The less-toxic treatment was so successful, the Tussock Moth never returned to the medians.

If you're looking for information on how to use common sense and less-toxic products to win a battle against pests, look in the city's website: [www.cupertino.org/environmental](http://www.cupertino.org/environmental). There is a direct link to an Integrated Pest Management website.

## Cupertino HS Inaugurates Alumni Assoc.

Cupertino High School is in the process of organizing a first of its kind All Alumni Association. Membership which will be composed of not only students who attended CHS but all others who have had an association with the school during its 45-year history. This will include those who have served on its faculty, parents of students as well as all classified employees. In addition present day staff members and parents of current students will be invited to join.

The three major goals of this All Alumni Association of Cupertino High School will be to:

1.) Rekindle friendships among former CHS students as well as associations between student, teacher and parent alumni of CHS.

2.) Arrange get-togethers which will range from a 2005 unveiling of the school's newly renovated campus, and in



2008 a 50th anniversary of the school's opening in 1958 to specialized gatherings such as athletic teams, Baja Trip members, Rose Bowl Parade 1972, art students, aiding specific graduating class reunions and also

arranging reunions of entire decades. 3.) Raising money to supplement funds no longer available for classroom field trips, extra curricular programs, TV studio "equipment, the CHS Hall of Fame etc.

To accomplish all of the above and more we ask \$50 a year in membership dues. If you can afford more we will gladly accept your generosity. If you wish to give less we will also warmly accept you as members. Anything you give will be tax deductible.

Please contact, Bill Boggie, at [bog@morse40.com](mailto:bog@morse40.com) if you would like to join or even help out in getting the All Alumni Association of Cupertino High School off the ground.

Payvand & Iranian Federated Women's Club

## Payvand Cultural and Arts Festival

Payvand Organization and the Iranian Federated Women's Club (IFWC) announce and invite you to their Seventh Annual Cultural and Arts Festival at the Cupertino Quinlan Community Center on Sunday, September 28, 2003.

This one-day, all-day public festival and fundraiser event provides a great opportunity to familiarize the community with Iran's elegant, diverse and exotic culture and heritage. The event will consist of various community activities, such as dance, music, poetry, art and crafts, book signings, art gallery and face painting, accompanied by delicious authentic Persian cuisine.

"Our annual festival is more than educating the community about Persian culture and arts," said Mrs. Fariba Nejat, President of Payvand and IFWC. "It's about raising awareness within the realm of Middle Eastern culture and uniting people to appreciate and embrace America's magical world of cultural diversity. Especially during times like now, education and awareness are the universal keys to bringing people together."

Payvand and IFWC are non-profit organizations that serve and empower young Iranian Americans to become educated, self-reliant and confident citizens within their Persian and American heritage and upbringing.

Payvand cultural and arts school provides students with a myriad of opportunities to learn English and Persian, traditional and contemporary dance and music, art and several other activities that positively integrate Iranian heritage and American culture.

### About PAYVAND and IFWC

Payvand and IFWC are local, non-profit, non-political and non-religious organizations whose sole mission is to integrate and empower the Iranian community, arts and culture in the Bay Area, by providing educational services, scholarship opportunities and various cultural activities to the community.

For more information visit: [www.payvand.org](http://www.payvand.org) or call 381-4268. Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.



## De Anza College Fall Registration

De Anza College's fall quarter begins Monday, Sept. 22. More than 60 new courses will be taught in 2003-04. De Anza offers a wide selection of high-quality education, small classes, personal attention from faculty and staff, and a full range of support services.

The following classes are examples of the expanded curriculum: "Introduction to Network Security" (Computer Information Systems 76) - In this four-unit course, learn about standard protocols and algorithms as well as the four aspects of security (privacy, integrity, authentication and non-repudiation). "Topics in California Political and Diplomatic History" (History 51W, X) - Examine topics relating to California's political and diplomatic history from the time of early Spanish explorations through the present, looking at both Spanish, Mexican and United States rule. "Topics in History of Transportation in California" (History 52W, X) - Learn about topics relating to California's transportation history and look at the influences of various cultures and national rulerships from the earliest human occupation to the present. "Cultural Pluralism and American Law and Justice" (Intercultural Studies/Administration of Justice 58) - Study the legal perspective on cultural diversity in the United States, including race, ethnicity, culture, gender, class, religious background, disability and sexual orientation. Six new courses on Urdu, the language of Pakistan - The five units for each course are transferable to public universities in California. "Elementary Urdu" (Urdu 91) will be taught on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:20 to 8:40 p.m. The classes in this series are numbered Urdu 91 through 96.

Note that not all courses are offered each quarter. Visit the college's Web site at [www.deanza.edu](http://www.deanza.edu) to review a complete listing of fall course offerings and/or to apply online. Once students apply, they will receive a date and time to register. Then the student may choose to register either online or by telephone. The last day to apply and register online for fall quarter is Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.



## Environmental Volunteers Teach Cupertino Youth

Why don't spiders get caught in their own webs?  
Why is kelp vital to the health of the ocean?

Chances are, your child or a child you know can answer these and many other questions about the wonders of science because they have been educated by the Environmental Volunteers, a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving Cupertino schools. Since 1972, the Environmental Volunteers has been promoting understanding of and responsibility for the environment through hands-on science education. We believe that all children deserve to learn about the natural world through personal exploration so that they can become responsible stewards of the earth.

Last year, the Environmental Volunteers (The EV) instructed nearly 2,000 elementary and middle



school students in the Cupertino school district. The EV uses specially designed learning kits and a hands-on, inquiry-based method of teaching. Classroom instruction is frequently followed by a field trip to see science principles "in action."

Cupertino teachers praise The EV programs as "outstanding" and "enriching children's lives." As Kristin Conley, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Eaton School said, "The (learning) stations were excellent and the children loved them."

All of our classroom and field trip services are performed by more than 180 trained community volunteers who give over 6,000 volunteer hours annually to teach local students. The EV's vital work could not be done without the support and involvement of the community. If you would like more information or would like to get involved sharing the wonders of science with children, please contact the Environmental Volunteers at 650-961-0545 or on-line at [www.EVols.org](http://www.EVols.org).



# Roots

By Gail

Fretwell Hugger

## William E. Smythe & the “Little Landers”

Every so often someone will call or write, requesting historical information on the Monta Vista/Cupertino area. These requests are always a treat to answer, as we live in an area that, while not very old, is still rich in history and sharing it with others is a pleasure.

A recent phone call turned up a completely unknown (to me, anyway) aspect of early community history. Mary Lou Pozzo, from Tujunga, California, wanted to know if there was any information available on William E. Smythe and the “Little Landers”. After more than a few questions to determine what a “Little Lander” was, Mrs. Pozzo sent along some information she had collected on the subject. After reading her material, it didn’t seem to connect to any information in our local history files. But a few days later, going through a box of old papers, a newsletter surfaced that looked interesting. Entitled Junior Reserve Special- The House of Hoo-Hoo - the 12 page newsletter chronicled the activities of the local Junior Reserve organization for boys (sort of like the Boy Scouts) at Camp Russell in Monta Vista. Several photographs showed the boys in drill formation at the Hoo Hoo House, camping in big tents, picking fruit and washing in the creek. There was a 7 mile hike to another creek and Sunday Bible reading was observed under the big trees. Halfway through the newsletter there was a second section devoted to the Interests and Residents at Monta Vista, Present and Prospective, detailing the agricultural efforts of the J.R. Watson family on their recently purchased property in Monta Vista. The Watsons were Little Landers.

The Little Lands movement was established in the early 1900’s, in Southern California and represented a back-to-the-soil movement “devoted to the most valuable of the arts of deriving a comfortable subsistence from the smallest area of soil”, according to their Little Lands magazine. The publication went on to state, “It is marvelous, but true, that upon as little as one acre, in any part of the United States, the average industrious man, working under right conditions, can make better provision for his family than half the citizens of the country are doing now.” William E. Smythe, the movement’s founder, was considered the foremost authority on the New West, having founded the National

Irrigation Congress, and published the “Irrigation Age” and his famous book, “The Conquest of Arid America.”

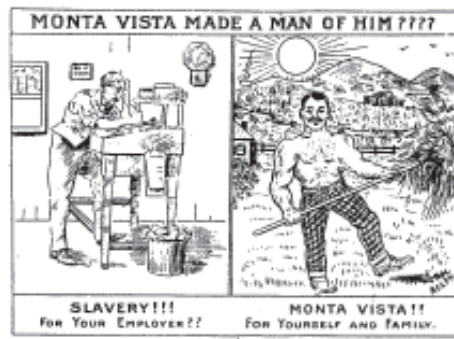
Under the title, The Land of Milk and Honey, the Watson family in Monta Vista raised the following on their half acre plot: trees - 2 peach, 2 cherry, 2 orange, 2 lemon, 1 grapefruit, 1 tangerine, 2 walnut, 1 persimmon, 1 yellow egg plum, 1 crab apple, 1 Skinner pippin apple, 1 Bellflower (?) / Animals - 52 chickens, White leghorns, Rhode Island reds, 25 Belgian hares, 17 squab / Vegetables - Chilean pumpkin, summer squash, strawberries, raspberries, potatoes, string beans, peas, parsley, celery, lettuce, 2 apri-prune and several grape vines. Mr. Watson went to work every day in San Jose, Mrs. Watson presumably, did not work out- side the home and there were two small children in the family.

Evidently, according to the newsletter, colonies of Little Landers also existed in Montana and Missouri as well as So. California. Sadly, the Little Lands movement was a short-lived social and agricultural experiment. Often the land that the colonies purchased was in regions of very poor soil or climate and growing enough food to feed a family from a half-acre or acre of land proved

to be nearly impossible. Even in the optimum climate of the Santa Clara Valley, the colonies were unable to sustain themselves and differences of opinion among the leaders hastened the demise of the movement.

Mrs. Pozzo sent a small brochure giving a short history of Bolton Hall in Tujunga, an early building used as a clubhouse by the Little Lands colony in that area. The building was constructed using local stone, with arched windows, a great fireplace resembling a natural precipice under which local Indians might have built their cooking fires. The builder, George Harris, wanted the building to harmonize with its setting between the Verdugo Hills and San Gabriel Mountains. After the Little Lands movement ended, the building housed many different city offices and then stood vacant for many years, until 1980, when the Sunland- Tujunga Little Landers Historical Society and the city of Tujunga coordinated in preserving the unusual building. It now houses a large combination meeting room, museum and research library.

The Junior Reserve Special and House of Hoo-Hoo newsletter along with the material sent by Mary Lou Pozzo makes for interesting reading on this bit of little known early Monta Vista history. The papers are on file at the Cupertino History Museum in Quinlan Center. Note - a photo and explanation of the Hoo-Hoo House are on the cover and page 12 of the newsletter.



## Reflections on a Community's History

Join us for two unique evenings of local Cupertino history. Learn more about Elisha P. Stephens, Cupertino's wineries, and some of the more hidden facts of our town's colorful past. This class will be offered in the Parks and Recreation FALL 2003 schedule on Thursday, October 9, and Thursday, October 16, at 5 p.m. The class code is 15595. The cost of the class is \$30 and includes a complimentary copy of the *Cupertino Chronicle*. To register visit <http://reg4fun.cupertino.org/econnect> or telephone 777-3102 or 777- 3103, 24-hours a day.

## Globalization and Local History

On September 18, 2003, the Heritage Council of Santa Clara Valley (a consortium of 30 local history museums) will present a panel on the topic of "Globalization and how it Affects Local History." This inaugural event kicks-off History Month (October) and begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Hinson Campus Center at De Anza College in Cupertino. The event is free. Parking is \$2. The panel will be moderated by San Jose Mercury News columnist Leigh Weimers. The panelists include: Michael Foulkes, Manager for State and Local Government Affairs at Apple; noted history professor of Santa Clara University Robert Senkewicz and Jan English-Lueck, the head of the Anthropology Department at San Jose State University; and other local elected officials. For more information visit our website at [www.historymonth.org](http://www.historymonth.org).

## Writers Club

Patricia Johnson is organizing a Writers Club. Anyone is invited to participate. The club is designed to be a networking group for persons who wish to share and discuss writing techniques.

Virtually any type of writing is encouraged. Creative writing - poetry and prose, technical writing, screenplay, fiction, non-fiction, marketing of various mediums, journalism, journals, and resumes. Currently no fee to participate. Meeting place to be determined according to number of participants. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1st and 3rd week of month. Call Patricia Johnson at (408) 777-3820 for more information.

## Senior Center News

The arrival of September brings thoughts of learning and starting new activities. Cupertino residents over 50 have many opportunities for learning at the Cupertino Senior Center located at 21251 Stevens Creek, at the corner of Mary.

De Anza College faculty offer college level classes, free, at the Senior Center. These classes meet weekly. Most are in a lecture/discussion format. Registration is with the instructor on the first day of class.

Fremont Adult Education teachers offer a variety of classes such as painting, drawing, English as a second language, Italian, and exercise. Some of these are at no cost, and others have a small fee, payable to Fremont Adult Education before classes begin.

The Senior Center itself organizes classes from qualified instructors on a variety of topics such as computer use, yoga, English conversation, and music appreciation. Pre-registration with prepayment of the fee is required.

The Senior Center is also a place where those over 50 relax and socialize. In addition to ongoing classes, there are "one off" lectures on topics such as art related to local, current exhibitions, distant places anticipating future Senior Center trips, and health enhancement. There are lunches on Wednesdays where members can relax between things and get to know one another. There are birthday parties once a month. Throughout the year, there are special events catering to Cupertino residents' desire to learn, have fun, eat adventurously, and participate in great entertainment. By the end of 2003, members will have enjoyed a total of over 124 travel days on over 60 trips, which range from one-day outings to three-week adventures.

The \$12 membership fee allows Senior Center members to participate in classes, events, and trips. With the membership comes a monthly newsletter that brings announcements of events, class schedules, trip information, and news of special interest to those over 50. Members also get a parking sticker that allows parking in our lot while participating in Senior Center activities.

# 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. Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

SEPT.	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1 Mon</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
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
<b>2 Tues</b>	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
	Cupt. Toastmasters 4608*	6 p.m.	Community Center	973-7803
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
<b>3 Wed</b>	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
	Narcotics Anonymous	Noon	St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan	998-4200
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	Compaq, 10501 Tantau	865-1815
	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
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	777-3331
Overeaters Anonymous*	6 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488	
<b>4 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	252-2633
	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	252-7054

<b>4 Thurs</b>	Connect Club II* Connect Club III*	8 a.m. Noon	Pancakes / St. Crk. Blvd. Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce	252-7054 252-7054
	Overeaters Anonymous* HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7 p.m. 7:00 a.m.	Union Church HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	253-8394 650-691- 8724
<b>5 Fri</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group De Anza Kiwanis*	5:00 p.m. 7:15 a.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd Intl. House of Pancakes	374-8511 973-1456
	De Anza Flea Market Organization of Special Needs Families* Overeaters Anonymous*	8 to 4 2 to 4 p.m. 9 a.m.	De Anza College 20920 McClellan Rd. Union Church	864-8946 996-0858 842-0688
<b>8 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows* Fine Arts League	8 p.m. 7 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd. Creekside Park	252-3954 253-2230
	Southbay Toastmasters* Sertoma Club* Poets Society*	6:30 p.m. 7:15 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258 1366 S. Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd. Coffee Society	253-7622 252-2584 255-5293 725-8091
<b>10 Wed</b>	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
<b>11 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
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	253-9136
<b>12 Fri</b>	Malihini Orchid Society Cupertino Coin Club	7:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm West Valley Pres. Church	267-3397 253-1232
	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>16 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>18 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>23 Tues</b>	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
<b>24 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	973-1600

*Deadline for submitting October calendar information is Sept. 3.*

## Council Actions



### City Council Meeting

**Monday, July 7, 2003, 6:45 p.m.**

**Council Members Present:** Chang, James, Sandoval, Kwok, Lowenthal

Approved a tentative map, rezoning, and use permit for Saron Gardens located at 7310 Rainbow Drive.

Approved a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation for the Forum at Rancho San Antonio from Residential Very Low 5-20 acre slope density to Residential Very Low 5-20 acre slope density/ Quasi-Public Institutional.

Upheld the appeal of a Design Review Committee approval of a new two-story 4,463 square foot residence at 10110 Mann Drive

Adopted a policy and procedures regarding the naming of City facilities and recognition of financial donors, and directed staff to prepare a resolution ratifying that decision.

Adopted a Public Access contract with KMVT for programming on Cable Channel 15.

**Monday, August 4, 2003, 6:45 p.m.**

**Council Members Present:** Chang, James, Sandoval, Kwok, Lowenthal

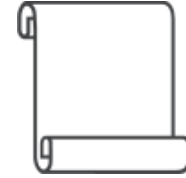
**Planning Commissioners Present:** Wong, Saadati, Miller (Joint Study Session only)

City Council and Planning Commission held a study session regarding a development plan for the Cupertino Financial Center (northeast corner of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Wolfe Road). The owner wishes to build 117 podium-level condominium units and 7,000 square feet of ground-level retail uses on the parking lot side of the site, and to master plan future buildings along the street frontages.

Awarded bids for the De Anza Boulevard Adaptive Traffic Signal System and for the City Center Park (corner of Stevens Creek and DeAnza Blvds.)

Received a status report on the Cupertino Civic Center and Library Project budget and authorized these items for the project: Audio visual equipment, library wireless hub, signage upgrades, community hall patios, and community hall ceiling upgrade.

## Agenda Previews



### City Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 2, 2003, 5 p.m.**

5 p.m. - Study session of the City Council and Cupertino Library Foundation regarding the library fundraising effort.

6:45 p.m. - Presentation by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cupertino Lodge #70 to the Sheriff's Office and the Santa Clara County Fire Department in honor of 9/11.

Approve an amended Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA).

Approve the installation of Cupertino Education Endowment Foundation (CEEF) engraved donor recognition bricks at City Center Park.

Authorize an amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to fund the efforts of the Watershed Protection Collaborative; authorize an agreement with CONCUR, Inc. for the administration of the Watershed Collaborative process.

Conduct a public hearing regarding the 2003-04 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds.

Adopt a resolution confirming the policy and procedures regarding the naming of City facilities and recognition of financial donors

Receive report on the Prevailing Wage Complaint Enforcement Investigation procedure.

Approve the concept of a 2,000 gallon salt water Tropical Reef Aquarium for the new Cupertino Library lobby; and accept, in principle, a donation from Mr. Fred Chan for the fabrication and installation, and a commitment for five years of annual maintenance.

Consider an application by the Chinese Church in Christ, 10455 Bandley Drive, for a General Plan Amendment to locate a church in an existing office building.

Discuss a possible Senior Commission.

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### Monthly City Meetings

September	2	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
September	3	Telecommunications Commission	7:00 p.m.
September	4	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
September	8	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
September	9	Teen Commission (Community Center)	5:30 p.m.
September	10	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
September	11	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
September	11	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
September	15	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
September	16	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
September	17	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
September	22	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
September	23	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
September	24	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
September	25	Teen Commission (Community Center)	5:30 p.m.

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