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## Citywide Garage Sale October 2

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held October 2 and 3 at individual homes and other private locations in Cupertino. All residents and community organizations are invited to register. The city will provide free advertising and a garage sale "how-to" kit for all registered sellers. About 500 residents and community organizations will hold sales this year. Participants can register online at the city's website, [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or by calling 408.777.3354. The last day to register is September 20.

On September 28, a list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website, with printed copies available at City Hall, Quinlan Community Center and the Senior Center. Online viewers will be able to search for specific items on the list by using the "find" function. Block and multi-family sales will be highlighted.

In addition to finding unusual treasures, this is an opportunity to learn about our community by shopping in other neighborhoods. For more information, check the city's website, [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or call 408.777.3354.

## Cupertino Library Closes Sept 14

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## 20th Annual

IN HONOR OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS



## CCS 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 p.m. to 9 p.m. The day is dedicated to honoring local firefighters. To show their appreciation, CCS has switched the traditional cowboy hat for a firefighter's helmet on the event logo. As in past years, the barbecue dinner will be prepared by our 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 so-

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## Temporary Library Closes Sept 14



The new Cupertino Library grand opening will be Saturday, Oct. 30 at noon. In preparation for the move into the new library, the Cupertino temporary library will close permanently at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep. 14. There will be no library service in Cupertino from Wednesday, Sep. 15 through Friday, Oct. 29.

Library patrons are encouraged to check out lots of library materials in the two weeks prior to the closing of the temporary library and keep them until the new library opens. In the meantime, please use the other nearby Santa Clara County libraries: Saratoga Library, Los Altos Library, and Campbell Library for your library needs until the new Cupertino Library opens at 10800 Torre Avenue.

### Cupertino Temporary Library Hours through Tuesday, September 14, 2004

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12 to 9</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12 to 9</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 to 9</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 to 9</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 to 6</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10 to 6</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

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

### Library telephone numbers are:

General 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>. A brochure, Library Catalog Access from Home or Work, is available at the library.

## 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.

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cial 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).

### **Bookmark these library web addresses:**

Santa Clara County Library Web Site:

[www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org)

Teen Page Web Site:

[www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen).

Kids Page Web Site:

[www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids)

There will be no Friends of the Cupertino Library lobby book sale or annual book sales until the new library opens in October.

### **Children's Programs**

#### **Storytimes**

There will be no more storytimes at the Temporary Library. Storytimes will begin again when the new library opens.

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

These classes will be available until Sep. 14 when the Temporary Library closes in preparation for the move to the new library. Classes will be offered again when the new library opens.

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.

#### **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. The books are available on a first-come, first-serve basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week. The collection is located next to the New Books section in the Temporary Library.

## **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 September 2004 include:

September 6,  
7, & 10 #757,

Digging your Grave with your Teeth. You'll smile while you learn the latest scoop about keeping healthy teeth and gums. September 13, 14, & 17 # 673, Fitness After Fifty. This program presents strategies on becoming fit and staying fit. September 20, 21, & 24, # 772, Changing Faces. An intimate talk with two reporters about what many of us think but won't say.

September 27, 28, & October 1 # 769, Stroke. You, or a loved one, may be the victim of stroke, and this program will show you how you should respond.



## **Citizenship Classes**

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offer two citizenship classes. They are an ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class, for those students who are at an intermediate level of English proficiency, and a Citizenship Preparation Class, for students who are advanced English speakers. Both of these free classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings; they start Monday, August 30, and end on Wednesday, October 31, 2004. The ESL/Citizenship Class, whose hours are from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m., is in room 82, at Fremont High School. The Citizenship Class is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 83, at Fremont High School. In these classes students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting. Students should register in class. For more information, please call 408.522.2736.

# Five Myths About West Nile Virus

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, there are five common myths about West Nile Virus. The myths and truths contained in this article represent the views of the Centers for Disease Control.

## Myth No. 1: “There’s not much I can do about West Nile virus.”

Truth: There is a lot that you, personally, can do to reduce your chance of West Nile virus infection.

Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent with DEET when outdoors. Spray repellent on exposed skin and clothing, but get the details about safe repellent use.

Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors. You can reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home. Mosquitoes breed in standing water, so check your yard once a week: get rid of containers that aren’t being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths and maintain clean gutters. Make sure window and door screens are in good condition.

## Myth No. 2: Kids are at the most danger of getting sick from West Nile Virus.

Truth: People more than 50 are at the highest risk for developing severe West Nile disease.

Relatively few children have been reported with severe West Nile Virus disease. By contrast, most of the deaths due to WNV are among people over 50 years old.

It is always a good idea for children to avoid mosquito bites, but it’s also important for adults – especially older adults – to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

## Myth No. 3: It’s only people who are already in poor health who have to worry

about West Nile virus.

Truth: Healthy, active older adults who spend time working and exercising outdoors have been affected by severe West Nile Virus infection.

Being over 50 is a risk factor for developing severe West Nile disease if infected with the virus. There is a risk of getting mosquito bites while leading an active life outdoors. This doesn’t mean you have to stay inside – it does mean that it’s important to use repellent when you go outside.

## Myth No. 4: Repellents containing DEET are not safe.

Truth: Repellents containing DEET are very safe when used according to directions.

Because DEET is so widely used, a lot of testing has been done. When manufacturers seek registration with the U.S. Environ-

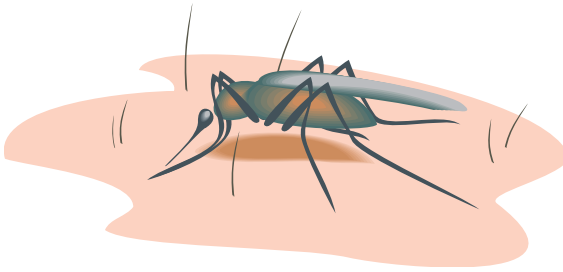
mental Protection Agency for products such as DEET, laboratory testing regarding both short-term and long-term health effects must be carried out.

There are products with different strengths (percentage of DEET) available. The longer the protection you need, the higher percent of DEET needed. Repellent with DEET can be used for both adults and children, according to directions.

## Myth No. 5: “As long as my area has a mosquito-control program, I don’t have to worry about using repellent.”

Truth: Mosquito-control activities don’t eliminate every mosquito, so personal protection is still important.

Public activities, such as using products to kill mosquito larvae and adult mosquitoes, are one part of control. Personal protection, such as using repellent, keeping window screens in good condition and control of household breeding sites are other important steps. Collaboration between the community, the family and the individual is needed to achieve the best prevention of West Nile virus infection.



## YMCA Playground Dedicated

On September 18 at noon, Northwest YMCA will dedicate their new children's playground. This project has been a five year vision and effort to create a safe outdoor space for their members and families. The community is invited to celebrate and participate in the dedication and a Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cheryl Vargas, Executive Director, sees the Northwest YMCA as a place for the members of our community to come and get to know each other. "We want our community to come to our YMCA, work out, enjoy a healthy snack or lunch at the picnic tables, play together on the playground, and then participate in the open swim time at the pool. While here, they have the opportunity to get to know the people that live near them but not necessarily in the same neighborhood."



More than 2600 Cupertino families currently enjoy the Northwest YMCA as members. Many others take advantage of the swim lessons and other programs the YMCA offers. The playground will also provide kids from the YMCA Teen Center with a place to exercise and play.

Leadership, organization, and funding for this project were provided by the YMCA Service Club. Over 90 volunteers came together to assemble the playground on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18. Y Service Club members, Rotary members, YMCA Board Members, families, and staff were all part of the process. People ages eight to 80 worked to complete the construction that started in February of this year.

For more information, please call the Northwest YMCA at 408.257.7160.

## Advanced Science Center Opens at De Anza

When fall quarter begins at De Anza College on Monday, Sep. 20, students will have the chance to take biology and chemistry courses in a new \$20 million Science Center designed to be a vibrant teaching and learning facility. In addition, students will have an easier time parking their cars because the college's second multilevel parking structure will be ready for use on the east side of campus.

Both construction projects were funded by Measure E, which was passed by local voters five years ago. De Anza's share of those funds is about \$130 million. Cupertino residents are invited to attend the Science Center's grand opening celebration on Friday, Oct. 1, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Guests will have the chance to watch science demonstrations and take tours of the new complex. Agilent Chairman, President, and CEO Ned Barnholt will be the keynote speaker.

The 46,400 square-foot, three-building science complex is the largest De Anza construction project funded by Measure E. Located to the south of the Planetarium, the Science Center was constructed to be energy efficient, and uses sustainable products wherever possible.

The new center will feature "smart classrooms" equipped to project PowerPoint and multimedia presentations, and will have capabilities for overheads, videotapes and DVDs. Some labs and instructional areas will be "super smart" because they will be web-ready.

Faculty, staff, and administrators who will use the center, were involved in the design from the beginning, according to the BHES Dean Stephanie Sherman. "Our small, dedicated group met throughout the academic year and even in the summertime on our days off," she said. "We've designed the Science Center so additional environmentally friendly features may be added as funding becomes available, including photovoltaic cells in the adjacent parking lot and solar panels on the roof, both for energy production; and ponds, a waterfall and a mural to enhance the beauty of the complex."

## Garbage Rate Increase

The Los Altos Garbage Company has received a 1.22% cost of living increase as of August 1. A typical monthly single can residential bill will increase from \$17.66 to \$17.88.

## Best Time to

### Start a Compost Pile

Backyard compost workshops will be held on the first Saturdays of October and November (October 2 and November 6). A “kid-friendly” (school-aged children and adults) class is scheduled for the October 2 workshop. Free worm bins will be provided. 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 Road. Call 408.918.4640 to register.

## Computer Recycling

Reminder: Cupertino residents can recycle computers and other electronic equipment, at no charge, at 10300 Bubb Road, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Auto Pollution

The phrase “auto pollution” often brings to mind an old car, with smoke billowing out of its tailpipe. In reality, smoky old cars are only part of the problem. Some of our cars are polluting the watershed in other ways. Leaking motor oil and antifreeze build up on our driveways, streets, and parking lots every day. During rainstorms, rainwater carries these pollutants into our storm drain system, which flows directly into creeks, and into San Francisco Bay—where it can harm the plants and animals that live there.

### How You Can Help:

- Keep carwash water out of storm drains. Washing your car in the driveway, street, or carport can carry detergents, oil, copper from brake pads, metals, and other chemicals to the storm drain. Wash your car in an unpaved area (where many chemicals can decompose in the dirt and the sun) or better yet, take it to a commercial car wash.

- Fix car leaks. You knew that! If you see a buildup of fluids on your parking spot, place a plastic tarp or drip pan underneath your car until you repair the leak.

- Do-it-yourselfers: Do it right! If you change your own oil, use a funnel to carefully pour the oil into plastic 1-gallon jugs—and recycle it at the curb on recycle day. Capture the first three gallons of antifreeze and radiator flush in a drain pan, and take it to the County’s Hazardous Waste Program (call 408.299.7300). Never drain your radiator directly onto the street or into a storm drain.

- Carpool, or use a bike, train, or bus when you can to give your car a break.

By protecting the watershed, creeks and bay, you are protecting the environment for yourself, your children, and future generations. For more information about how to protect your local watershed, call 1.866.WATERSHED or visit [www.watershedwatch.net](http://www.watershedwatch.net) for a free Watershed Watch Kit.

## Compost Available

The city’s compost site is open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at no charge at the Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam). No appointments are necessary. As only city residents can participate in this program, please bring proof of residency. The site will be closed Labor Day weekend. Call 408.777.3269 for more information (between 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).

## On-Call “Yardwaste/ Woodwaste Days”

Each home in Cupertino (with “can” garbage service) is entitled to schedule two on-call disposal days in a calendar year. One or both of the days can be designated yard waste/wood waste days if a resident has an unusually large amount of yard waste or unpainted and untreated wood waste to dispose of. If specifically scheduled as a yard waste/wood waste day, these organic wastes will be hauled to a compost site, instead of a landfill. Call the Los Altos Garbage Company at 408.725.4020 for an appointment.

## Walk/Bike to School Survey Result

By Eric Zhou, Monta Vista High School  
Senior, June, 2004

Thirty years ago over 66 percent of all children walked to school. Yet today, only 13 percent of America's children walk or bike to school. Recent studies show that 20 to 25 percent of morning automobile traffic is generated by parents driving their children to school. Anyone who lives within half a mile of a school has probably experienced the early morning and the 3 p.m. traffic jams. Most would agree that it is not a pleasant experience. Unfortunately, while nearly everybody agrees that being stuck in traffic outside school is not fun, there is very little consensus on how the problem should be solved. Some say overprotective parents are the problem. Others say it is the lazy kids' fault. Still others blame it on the bad drivers and dangerous conditions. How do we find a solution?

Last month, the Cupertino Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission conducted a four-question survey in an effort to identify problems and solutions. The survey included responses from about 650 parents of children of nearly every elementary school in the area, including Regnart, Lincoln, Faria, Sedgwick, Collins, Garden Gate, and Stevens Creek. The results are quite interesting.

For example, nearly half of those surveyed responded that their children walk or bike to school zero times a week. Of the children that actually walked, however, over half walked every day of the week.

So it seems obvious that in order to alleviate the traffic problem, more kids should be encouraged to walk or bike to school.

But what are the reasons why these kids aren't walking? When asked for the top reasons of what would make parents let their kids walk to school, most respondents answered that they would if they were assured that there would be no "stranger danger." A third of the parents said that they would if there was an organized walking school bus, where many students walk to school together, accompanied by a parent. A large number also wanted more crossing guards at major

intersections, including the one at Rainbow and Stelling, which was described by one parent as "a time bomb" because the free right turn gives drivers a blind spot. Several parents also expressed concern that not all streets have sidewalks, making walking potentially dangerous, as kids are forced to walk on the street itself or on dirt and mud. Several others were of the opinion that the school day starts too early, because students may have to wake up and walk in the dark during the winter. They advocate that school starting and ending time be moved back half an hour.

There was also a question for those parents whose kids already walked to school, on the methods that would encourage them to walk more often. The results were close; many said they would if their parents accompanied them, and others said that monthly prizes would increase participation. Many parents also indicated that having kids walk or bike with their friends would also serve as incentives.

Walking to school has many benefits, of course. When asked to select the top three benefits of walking, a large majority of those surveyed said that the regular physical activity provided by walking makes kids healthier and fitter. Half also put down that it helps reduce traffic as a top three reason. Other frequent responses were that walking or biking to school teaches kids about traffic safety and that it gives them a taste of freedom and responsibility in being able to transport themselves to school.

The solution here is to raise awareness. Parents need to understand the great benefits of walking to school, as well as be assured that it is perfectly safe to let their kids do so. Drivers need to understand that it is imperative to drive safely, and to always watch out for pedestrians. Schools need to realize the importance of this problem and take steps to spread the message. Everyone needs to get the idea that walking, biking, or scooting to school is a good thing, and helps to raise healthier, more responsible kids. Only by raising awareness can we hope to get more folks off the streets and onto the sidewalk.



## Library Donations

### Continue to be Needed

*By Barbara Rogers, President,  
Cupertino Library Foundation*

The Cupertino Library Campaign has enjoyed enormous support from the community. Many contributions have arrived from the envelope included in last month's Scene. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Other donations have also come in.

The Diana Chien Memorial Fund raised over \$25,000 from friends and neighbors, and also from employees at Tivo, Inc. where Diana's father is employed. The Fund was established as a memorial in Diana's honor after her tragic death in New York as an NYU sophomore. Because Diana loved to read, and because she passed away at the age of 19, the \$25,000 was donated to sponsor the Teen Group Study Area in the Library.

After serving two terms on the Cupertino City Council and two terms as Mayor, The Friends of Michael Chang raised \$25,000 at a retirement dinner to honor him as the first Chinese-American elected to city council. This \$25,000 was designated as a sponsorship for the dais in the new community hall. Prior to election to the City Council, Dr. Chang served on the Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees. Dr. Chang has been on the faculty of De Anza College for 15 years and teaches in the Inter-Cultural/International Studies division. He also chairs the Asian and Asian-American Studies department and is Director of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute there.

There remains only \$396,000 to be raised from the pledge of \$1,200,000 for the cost of the new library's furniture, fixtures, and equipment. The last date for monies to be received is September 27 for inclusion of names on the Donor Wall Plaque, which re-

quires a minimum donation of \$500, and on the Sponsorship Plaques, which begin at \$10,000. Newly available are \$1,000 sponsorships for book shelving units throughout the library.

For more information on the library, and how you may help support the Cupertino Library, visit [www.cupertino.library.org](http://www.cupertino.library.org), or call Barbara Rogers at 408.252.8568.

## ROARING 20s: CEEF Celebrates 20 Years

The Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation's (CEEF) twentieth anniversary celebration will culminate in a "Roaring 20s" black tie gala on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Cypress Hotel in Cupertino from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. All event proceeds will benefit classroom music, art, and information resources at all 24 schools in the Cupertino Union School District.

A number of special vintage touches are planned to recapture the classic era, including a red carpet welcome, antique cars, Wheel of Fortune, and a Gatsby treasure hunt. Guests will enjoy a cocktail hour tasting of signature appetizers and wines from favorite local restaurants and wineries, a martini bar, and a celebrity silent auction.

The newly reconcepted [reconceptualized?] Park Place Restaurant will cater the formal sit-down dinner in the gardens of Cali Mill Plaza. There will be a lively auction of travel and entertainment packages, jewelry, and adventures. After-dinner festivities will include a casino, dancing, dessert and coffee liqueur bars, a school basket promenade, and a celebrity silent auction.

The spectacular appetizer and wine tasting will feature Armadillo Willy's BBQ, Baja Fresh, BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, Canton Delights Seafood Restaurant, Fontana's Italian, Hobe's DeAnza, J. Lohr Vineyards and Wines, Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards, Viaggio, and Whole Foods Market.

Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information or to receive an invitation, please call 408.446.2333 or e-mail [gala@ceefcares.org](mailto:gala@ceefcares.org).



# Cupertino Sports Center

21111 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, CA 95014  
408.777.3160

The Cupertino Sports Center features a newly renovated fitness room, child watch, teen center, 17 tennis courts, pro shop, tennis instruction, Cupertino Tennis Club, USTA, 2 racquetball courts, fitness classes, 1/2 court basketball, table tennis, volleyball, and badminton courts!

## Fitness Classes

### Monday

9:30 am Body Sculpting

5:30 pm Pilates

7 pm Yoga

### Tuesday

9:30 am Yoga

6 pm Step Aerobics

7 pm Circuit Training

### Wednesday

9:30 am Aerobics

5:30 pm Pilates

7 pm Yoga

### Thursday

9:30 am Yoga

6 pm The Triad Workout

### Friday

9:30 am Aerobics

### Saturday

8:10 am Aerobics

9:15 am Body Sculpting

10:30 am Circuit Training

11:30 am Fitness Equipment

Orientation

### Sunday

9:30 am Yoga

## Free Adult Day Pass

Bring this coupon to the Cupertino Sports Center for a day of fitness.

Coupon is good for fitness room, adult sports and fitness classes only.

*Limit one per person.*

## Adult Sports

Free for Passholders or \$5 for Drop Ins!

### Basketball

Monday 8:30 pm

Thursday 7:30 pm

Friday 6:30 pm

### Badminton

Wednesday 8:30 pm

### Volleyball

Saturday 10:30 am

### Table Tennis

Tuesday 7:30 pm



## Roots

By Gail

Fretwell  
Hugger



## The Shoe Shop

Found an old story about Monta Vista's first shoe repair shop. It was run by Ned Kirkish and his wife, Marie, who lived on Byrne Ave. Their first little repair shop was right by the railroad tracks in Monta Vista in the 1950's. Originally, the tiny building had been a real estate office. Ned's brother helped him add a little space for a waiting area and more workroom in the back. In the 1960's, Ned reminisced about moving into the shop next to the rail road tracks.

"It took a couple of weeks to get used to the area", Ned said. "When the passenger trains came by the whole building shook. This didn't bother my customers as much as when the trucks would hit the tracks. Nowadays we have another problem—flying hubcaps. Most every day someone hits those tracks too hard and loses a hubcap. One day one flew right through the window but I just kept on working. Three months ago, a car came through the window. Back one day in 1959, I stopped to read a newspaper outside the shop before opening up. I found out later that while I was standing there engrossed in the story a car collided with the train. The collision shoved the car right past my shop. I didn't even know about it until the officials came to question me." Ned joked about getting used to the noise after awhile.

Wife Marie helped in the shoe repair shop in its early days. Ned and Marie were of the Seventh Day Adventist faith, so the shop was closed Saturdays and open Sundays. Business was brisk on Sundays. Marie said that after

awhile Ned got along fine on his own so she stayed home with son, Rick.

The shop was owned by neighbor Paul Quinterno, who had the Shell station a few yards away. Paul's house was behind the station. Finally, the building became so old that it was razed and Kirkish moved his shoe repair shop into a space in the old Creamery building, a few hundred feet down the road. The building is still there; the Creamery (a local teen-age hangout in the 1950/60's) became Vivi's, but Ned's little shoe repair shop is still next door, under the present ownership of a friendly and very capable Asian gentleman who has had the business for some time.



The Kirkish family moved to Monta Vista in 1948. They lived next door to Hub and Posie Fretwell and since there were very few churches nearby at that time, Marie would hold a little Saturday (instead of Sunday) school class in her home and invite neighborhood children to learn the Bible stories as she illustrated them

with flannel figures on a flannel board in her living room. She was a very sweet lady.

If you go into the little shoe repair shop, nothing has changed a lot. There are smells of oil, polished leather and the sound of stitching machinery. Ned used an old Singer machine with a foot treadle. Monta Vista has a number of flourishing mom and pop businesses, a refreshing way to do business in an age of mass production and high tech.

Resource: Cupertino Courier - Jan. 14, 1965.

## Gathering at the Crossroads

*Gunfight at Mussel Slough* Author to Speak at History Museum. It was one of the deadliest gunfights in the history of the West. When the dust settled, seven people lay dead. May 11, 1880 lived long in the minds of the settlers in the San Joaquin Valley's Mussel Slough. The haunting tragedy of that fateful day

gripped California's writers as well: John Muir, Frank Norris, and others brought the story and its characters to life in articles, cartoons, and novels like *The Octopus*.

In his new anthology *Gunfight at Mussel Slough: Evolution of a Western Myth*, Terry Beers uses the gunfight to examine the mechanisms whereby history becomes story, and specifically how writers create theme and meaning out of tragedy, and how their writings reflect the time periods in which they lived.

Professor Beers will be speaking on this topic at a lecture sponsored by the Cupertino Historical Society, which will be held on Tuesday, August 31. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Cupertino Room inside the Quinlan Community Center located at 10185 N. Stelling Road. The lecture is \$5 for non-members and free to members. For more information, please call 408.973.1495.

## History Meeting at Apple

The Cupertino Historical Society will hold their annual meeting September 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Apple Computer to discuss recent developments at Apple. Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. RSVP to 408.973.1495 or [cuphistorysoc@juno.com](mailto:cuphistorysoc@juno.com).

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## Should You Get HDTV today or wait?

By Dave Egelston,  
*Telecommunications Commissioner*  
*This is the fifth of a five-part series regarding high definition television (HDTV).*

This is a good question with an "it depends" type of answer. If you want to focus on the pluses, the bottom line is that we cannot help but find HDTV to be irresistible. We are sensory animals. The combination of high-resolution display and three-dimensional sound stimulates our sensory system in a way that few other forms of entertainment do. For the first time, it is within reach for a family to recreate the theater experience at home and provide each family member with the "best seat in the house" for favorite films and events.

The HDTV system supports images that are sharp, and appear more realistic. We have

become accustomed to seeing the highest quality images in our magazines and movie theaters, and in doing so, that becomes the standard by which our home entertainment systems are measured. HDTV provides home users the level of quality set by these commercial standards. With the additional packaging advances in flat panel and plasma displays, HDTV systems can become part of a home's décor, creating an impact far beyond any previous experience with television.

### Why is it so expensive?

With many new technologies, early adopters tend to pay a higher price than more patient consumers. We have seen this sequence in many items like personal and handheld computer systems, cell phones, fax machines, and entertainment systems.

The display portion of the system is usually the most expensive component as well as the part that is most driven by your individual preferences. The highest quality displays will always be the most expensive because of the materials used and the high manufacturing standards for production. That will probably only change as production quantities increase from the manufacturers. Early adopters of large plasma displays will pay the most for having first use of the new technology.

As more digital format entertainment is available and the digital components of the HDTV system become more sophisticated, users will find a wide array of affordable choices. A continual improvement in the digital technology part of the HDTV system should result in increased features and reduced price in the following years.

HDTV system prices are falling and today, a review of electronic store advertisements usually include a complete entry level system combination of an HD monitor and digital receiver that can be had for around \$1500. This is much less expensive than just a year ago, and the expectation is that the prices will continue to fall.

So, in answer to the question, "Do I want an HDTV system?" my answer would be "Oh yeah". My plan is to buy the best display device I can afford, to get a good receiver knowing that better ones will be available within a year, and to start enjoying the HDTV experience.

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

SEPT	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1 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
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creek #104	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	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
<b>2 Thurs</b>	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252-3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 p.m.	Cupertino High School	262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488
	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holden's 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
<b>3 Fri</b>	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
	HP Communicators	7:00 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T	650-691-8724
	Toastmasters #4606*	7 p.m.	19055 Pruneridge Ave.	253-8394
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	253-8394
<b>4 Sat</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	Fast Start Group	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
<b>6 Mon</b>	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4	De Anza College	864-8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 p.m.	20920 McClellan Rd.	996-0858
<b>7 Tues</b>	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
	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
<b>7 Tues</b>	Take off Pounds Sensibly*	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
	TOPS	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
<b>7 Tues</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Women's Group	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	379-1051
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	379-1051

<b>7 Tues</b>	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	10131 Finch Avenue 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
	Cupertino Men's Service* Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	Noon 9:30 a.m.	The Blue Pheasant Senior Center	252-2667
<b>8 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.	626-9784
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.		285-7332
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	253-9136
<b>9 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>10 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>11 Sat</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>13 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	255-6559
<b>14 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>16 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>21 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>22 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7:00 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	6269784
<b>28 Tues</b>	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495

*Deadline for submitting October calendar information is Sept. 1.*

# Council Actions



## City Council Meeting

### Thursday, July 19, 2004

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

Authorized the City Manager to Execute the Stevens Creek Corridor Restoration Partnership and Collaborative Action Plan Agreement.

Approved request by Santa Clara County Library Department to purchase additional furniture and equipment for the new Cupertino Library in the amount of \$30,000.

Changed regular Council meeting date to the first and third Tuesday of the month, effective November 2004.

Adopted Resolution authorizing application for the Surface Transportation Program Funding Program to fund Wolfe, Stelling, McClellan, and Stevens Canyon Roads Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

Approved fiscal year 2004-05 terms and conditions of employment for the City Employee's Association and Unrepresented Management and Confidential Employees.

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Stevens Creek Corridor Restoration Partnership and Collaborative Action Plan Agreement

### Monday, August 9, 2004

Council Members present: James, Lowenthal Sandoval, Wang. (Kwok absent).

Voted to waive the 51% Cupertino residency requirement for DYSL soccer for field use only for the rest of the calendar year, based on the conditions outlined by the Mayor, which included: (1) Working together on a policy to be reviewed at the meeting of September 20 and (2) Presenting verifiable information to staff on residency.

### Monday, August 16, 2004

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

Presentation by Assemblywoman Sally Lieber for Pearl Cheng as the Assembly District 22 Woman of the Year.

Gave architectural and site approval for park space as a part of the Civic Park development on Town Center Lane.

Accepted donation of a sculpture of Cyrus the Great and directed the Fine Arts Commission to hold a public hearing regarding its location.

Approved the relocation of the Cupertino Morion sculpture to City Hall.

Adopted a resolution establishing policies for donor artifacts in City facilities.

Adopted a resolution to revise the City policy on responsible contracting.

First reading of ordinance regulating skating and rollerblading in city parks.

Denied the petition for reconsideration of lease assignment for Blue Pheasant Restaurant.

Added a Council study session on August 31 to discuss the possible changes in public noticing procedures.

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## Agenda Preview

### Planning Commission

September 13, 2004, 6:45 p.m.

**Applicant:** Etsuko Kuromiya, 19990 Homestead Rd.

Modification of a use permit for late night activities: extending the hours of operation of a karaoke studio to 2 a.m.

**Applicant:** City of Cupertino. Location: Citywide.

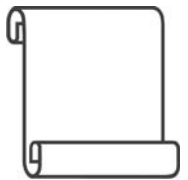
Amendments to Chapter 19.28 of the Cupertino Municipal Code (R1 Ordinance)

Continued from Planning Commission Study Session of August 23, 2004

Tentative City Council date not scheduled..

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<b>September 1</b>	Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>September 1</b>	Design Review Committee (Council Chambers)	6:00 p.m.
<b>September 2</b>	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
<b>September 7</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>September 8</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
<b>September 9</b>	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
<b>September 9</b>	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>September 13</b>	Teen Commission (Community Center)	5:30 p.m.
<b>September 13</b>	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
<b>September 15</b>	Economic Development Committee (Conf. Rm.)	8:00 a.m.
<b>September 15</b>	Design Review Committee (Council Chambers)	6:00 p.m.
<b>September 15</b>	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>September 20</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>September 21</b>	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>September 22</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
<b>September 23</b>	Senior Commission (Senior Center)	2:00 p.m.
<b>September 27</b>	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
<b>September 28</b>	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.

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