**Bike-to-Work Week**

Imagine a place where you can easily ride your bicycle to work. A place where the terrain is relatively flat, the weather is moderate all year, and the commuting distance is short. Where is this place? It is Silicon Valley.

A recent VTA study revealed that most employees live near their work site. One-third of local employees lived within a five miles of work, and about 50% lived within seven miles. This makes commuting by bicycle a viable alternative for thousands of people in the Bay Area. It is a healthy alternative to using a car.

National Bike-to-Work Week is May 17-21 and promotes bicycle commuting to work, school, or on errands. Cupertino is doing its part by sponsoring an energizer station on Thursday, May 20. It will be held 6:30 to 9 a.m. in front of the Quinlan Community Center on Stelling Road. All bicycle commuters are welcome. We will provide food, drinks, and freebies to help you along your route.

For more information check out the web site http://www.511.org/btwd, or contact David Greenstein if you have any questions, bpc@greenstein.com, 408.446.2525.

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**Library Spotlight**

*by Barbara Rogers*

As the new Cupertino library begins to take shape, the Cupertino Library Foundation is working hard to collect donations for the furnishings. Residents, old and new have come forward to invest in this city jewel.

The Cali Family has contributed $100,000 to the Library Fundraising Campaign and particularly to sponsor the lobby. In 1929, Rosario and Joseph Cali established the feed and grain mill on Stevens Creek Blvd. This activity helped set the stage for the establishment of the Crossroads and later, the city of Cupertino, in 1955.

Son, Ed Cali, later took over the operation until the closure of the business in 1986. Grandson, Ron, worked there until 1986, and now manages the family’s finances and property. This gift is one more contribution among the great many made by the family over 75 years of community service.

Friends of the Cupertino Library has donated $75,000 to the campaign and is very excited to have recognition for sponsoring the Children’s Story Room. The Friends organized some 35 years ago to help fund library projects and programs, including the children’s summer reading program, family and children’s programs and the library’s bestseller section. They raise substantial amounts of money from their used books sales. The $75,000 for this gift has been accumulated to benefit the long-anticipated new library.

For more information on the library and how to contribute, please visit www.cupertinolibrary.org, or call Barbara Rogers at 408.252.8568.
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Cupertino Temporary Library is Open

New Library Hours
Monday  12 to 9
Tuesday 12 to 9
Wednesday 10 to 9
Thursday 10 to 9
Friday  10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 6
Sunday  1 to 5

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

Library telephone numbers are:
General Library Number  408.446.1677
Accounts, Billing 800.286.1991
Dial-in Catalog 877.471.3349
TeleCirc 800.471.0991

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

Bookmark these library web addresses:
Santa Clara County Library Web Site: http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/
Teen Page Web Site: http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen

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. If interested, come to the Adult Reference desk at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

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

Bestseller Collection
Funded by the Friends of the Cupertino Library, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection organized 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. All titles check out for one week. The Bestseller Collection is located next to the New Books in the temporary library.

Help the Library
The new Cupertino library is scheduled to open in October 2004. For information on how you can help visit www.cupertinolibrary.org

Fireworks Donations
The city of Cupertino is soliciting donations to subsidize its 4th of July fireworks presentation. Residents and businesses interested in contributing to support the city’s annual fireworks display may send their money to: Fireworks, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014-3255. For more information, please call Marie Preston at 408.777.3267.

Euphrat Museum Holds Gala
Cupertino’s regional art treasure, the Euphrat Museum of Art, is launching its museum expansion drive with a gala benefit on Wednesday, May 19th, 2004. Honoring local arts advocates Margaret and Hsing Kung and Jerrold Hiura, the evening reception will feature Bay Area artists Diana Pumpelly Bates (bronze), Sharon Chinen (mixed media), Nina Koepcke (ceramics), Dawn Nakanishi (jewelry), Chen-Ju Pan, and Flo Oy Wong (mixed media). A Special Guest for the event will be Fred Euphrat, grandson of E.F. and Helen Euphrat, for whom the Euphrat Museum is named.

The Board of the Euphrat Museum of Art cordially invites all to enjoy a very special evening at the home of Margaret and Hsing Kung with delicious food and wine, a live and silent auction, and a chance to talk with the artists as they present their work. The benefit will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 19th, 2004. The cost is $100 per person. Call the Euphrat Museum at 408.864.8596 for details and directions.

Volunteers Needed
Cupertino Community Services (CCS) is seeking dedicated people to volunteer once a week for 2 to 4 hours to help provide direct assistance, referrals and housing services. They are looking for weekday volunteers for the following areas: front desk, picking up food and computer lab assistants.

To help them help others, sign up today with Ella at 408.255.8033 ext. 303, or ellaw@cupertinocommunityservices.org.
**ECO News**
*By Pamela Ledesma*

**Recycling Awards for Local Businesses**

Take credit for doing the right thing! Local businesses that would like to be recognized for their recycling efforts may apply for this year's Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP), sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Applications are due by June 30th and may be found at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WRAP. This is a recognition program, not a competition. Award recipients will be announced in September.

**Creek Cleanup on May 15th**

Volunteers are needed to clean up creeks throughout the county on Saturday May 15, National River Cleanup Day, from 9 a.m. to noon. For a list and map of creek cleanup sites visit the Water District’s web site at www.cleancreek.org or call 408.265.2607 Ext. 2238. The nearest cleanup site is Stevens Creek Reservoir Dam.

**Washing Cars? Watch Your Soap**

Since all types of soap and detergent (including “biodegradable” soaps) are toxic to fish and other aquatic creatures, when you wash your car, don’t pour the leftover bucket of soapy water into the street or down a storm drain. Storm drains are directly connected to the nearest creek. Instead, soapy water should be poured down a sink or toilet, or on a landscaped area where it won’t run onto a sidewalk.

Consider whether you even need to use soap on your car. Much of the dirt on cars can often simply be hosed off with water or wiped off with a wet sponge.

If your children become involved with a fund-raising carwash, please ask the organizers to contact the Public Works Dept, at 408.777.3354, for detailed guidelines for keeping soap out of our creeks. The city generally discourages fund-raising carwashes.

**Play in the Dirt**

Free “how-to” backyard composting workshops will be held at McClellan Ranch on May 1st and June 5th from 10 a.m. to noon. Come and look at our collection of compost bins. Finally get all of your composting questions answered by our Master Composter! Call 408.918.4640 to register.

And don’t forget that you can get free finished compost at the city’s compost distribution site, just across from Steven Creek dam on Stevens Canyon Rd—Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30-11 a.m.

**Spring Cleaning Garbage Info**

Residents with lots of “spring-cleaning” garbage should remember they could use “On-Call” Garbage Disposal Days, or Yardwaste/Woodwaste Recycling Days (two days per year), at no charge. Call the Los Altos Garbage Company for an appointment: 408.725.4020. (Available to residents with “can” garbage service only.)

Residents with just a couple of extra bags of trash can order “extra garbage” tags from the garbage company by calling 408.725.4020. Tags cost $5.14 each or 10 for $48.87.

For information on the city’s garbage and recycling programs: www.cupertino.org/environmental. For information on how to recycle just about anything, call the Recycling Hotline: 408.924.5453; or look on-line: www.recyclestuff.org. For a list of local non-profits that accept donations, call Public Works: 408.777.3337. For a free appointment to dispose of unwanted hazardous products

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**Cricket Training for Kids**

California Cricket Academy announces cricket training for beginners and advanced beginners, for the Summer of 2004. Two 8-week sessions will be held. Class will meet once-a-week for two hours. Students will play three to four games per session.

Classes begin June 18th. Professional coaches from India and West Indies will provide training. Students need to be from ages six to fourteen. Deadline for registration is May 23. For registration forms and more information visit, www.calcricket.org. Or contact Kinjal Buch at 408.777.9983, or kinjal@calcricket.org.
Simply Safe
Pet Protection
By Leslie Martin

When the Loma Prieta earthquake hit, all four feet of the 125-pound Samoyed named Petrof left the ground as he attempted, in his panic, to jump into the lap of his owner. In no-bones-about-it body language, the dog was panicked and seeking safety somewhere off the rolling, bucking floor.

Petrof would shake for hours after the initial quake and do his best to stay in physical contact with his owner. His rolling eyes, hyperventilation, and jumpiness displayed symptoms of his distress.

Like people, animals have varying responses to disaster. They may panic, hide, or even fight, scratch, or bite. As with any other family member, your disaster plans should include pets. Simple precautions can help insure your pet’s safety.

Animals will instinctively try to protect themselves. If you get between them and protection they might unwittingly hurt you. Don’t try to hold an escaping animal.

Make sure all pets wear secure collars with accurate identification. A current photo will help you search if your pet runs from home.

Pet supplies can be packed in a duffle bag or portable bin. Include a three-day supply of food, medication with instructions, water, unbreakable feeding bowls, leashes, harnesses, newspaper, paper towels, a pet first-aid kit, plastic baggies, and veterinary records.

Don’t leave pets unattended in vehicles.

Use a carrier to transport your pet.

Identify a few safe places to take your pets in the event you must evacuate your home following a disaster. If home is too dangerous for you to stay in, it’s too dangerous for your pet. Never leave a pet tied up outside.

Health and safety regulations do not allow pets in Red Cross disaster shelters, and local pet providers may be closed or overrun beyond capacity. Locate an alternative pet shelter out of the area, whether at a friend’s or relative’s home, or pet-friendly hotel/motel. Keep a list of pet-friendly locations, phone numbers, and directions, with your emergency supplies.

If your pet is at a shelter, try to visit daily.

If your pet is lost during a disaster, immediately contact the California Veterinary Medical Association and local animal control (do the same if you find someone else’s lost pet). When claiming your pet, be prepared to show proof of ownership.

Registration for CERT, Kaleidoscope, CPR, First Aid and Basic Emergency Preparedness

Parks and Recreation now handles all registrations at 408.777.3110. Registration forms are also available at the Library and Quinlan Center. For other services, see www.cupertino.org/emergency, or call 408.777.3335.

Congratulations to the 25 Cupertino residents who graduated from CERT training on May 1st. This number includes 15 students from a single neighborhood. Talk to OES staff about customized CERT training in your neighborhood.

Pet First Aid, May 4, Red Cross. Call 408.577.1000 for classes after May.

Kaleidoscope

Congratulations to the 20 students who graduated from Kaleidoscope Public Safety Camp during their spring break. This disaster preparedness course for Jr. High and High School age students costs $25 for residents, $35 for non-residents, and includes a T-shirt. Topics include CPR, First Aid, 9-1-1, Earthquake Preparedness and use of fire extinguishers. Register now for the next session beginning July 12.

If you only do one thing this month to prepare:

To avoid fires and hazardous spills, check to be sure that household cleaning supplies and chemicals are stored on lower shelves away from heat sources, including pilot lights.

Leslie Martin (L.martin@aol.com) is a Cupertino CERT graduate.
Digital TV: Choices You Need to Make

By Sal Algeri

Last month’s article explained digital TV and how it is different from standard TV. There are several important factors to remember including the fact that the TV signals are not compatible. This is very different than when color TV was introduced.

At that time, the color signal was imbedded in the standard black and white TV signal. As a result, a black and white set could still receive the signal even though it may have been a color broadcast. This also meant that a color set could receive a black and white signal or a color signal with no change except for color in the picture. One had the full use of the screen. Because of this backward compatibility, anyone who invested in a color set during the transition years was making an investment for the future.

It is much more complicated for standard TV and digital TV. To receive and display a true HDTV signal, one must have a digital receiver and a high definition picture tube. Therefore, for a digital TV to be useable today, it must have two separate receivers, both analog and digital. A HD ready TV means that it only has the HD picture tube and that you must add a digital receiver to view true HDTV signals.

Another major factor to consider is the screen configuration, 4x3 for TV or 16x9 for widescreen. If you buy a 4x3 HDTV and you view a widescreen format like a DVD movie, you will see the familiar black bars both top and bottom on the screen. Likewise, if you buy a 16x9 HDTV and you watch a standard TV program, you will see the familiar black bars left and right on the screen. This can be annoying for any buyer to decide especially since the major cost on any TV is the size of the picture tube.

Cost is another consideration. HD ready or full HDTV sets are much more expensive than standard TV sets. It is true that prices have been coming down but some comparison-shopping will show that full HDTV sets with digital receivers are still several times the cost of standard TV sets.

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.


What about program content? There is some limited programming in HDTV format today. Clearly more will be available in the future. Just because there is HDTV content does not mean you can get it. If you use a TV antenna, you may be too far away to receive a HDTV signal even though you can receive standard TV. If you use cable or satellite, these providers are charging extra for HDTV signal delivery.

How long will we be in transition between standard TV and HDTV? No one has a definitive answer to this question. The FCC has been trying to set deadlines for conversion to HDTV. A complete cut over to all HDTV by a deadline may not be practical due to the hundreds of millions of standard TVs in the US. The installed base is huge and people will not abandon their standard TVs so easily. A transition over many years is the most likely scenario.

There are two reasonable choices. If you watch mainly standard TV, then buying a standard TV in 4x3 format is a good choice. If you are setting up a home theater for viewing mainly DVD movies, then buying a HD ready TV in 16x9 format is a good choice. For cases in the middle of these two extremes, the choices are not very clear. It appears to be driven by where do you want the black bars to appear on you screen and how much you want to spend.
CEEF Golf Tournament

Wednesday, May 26, 2004
12 Noon Shotgun Start
Cinnabar Hills Golf Club

The Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation’s 18th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club. Proceeds will benefit classroom music, art, and information resources at all schools in the Cupertino Union School District.

As part of CEEF’s 20th anniversary celebration, AXA Advisors has underwritten a special anniversary tee prize. The first 144 golfers to register for the tournament will receive an Izzo golf bag, as well as lunch catered by Outback Steakhouse, golf, cart, range balls, unlimited beverages on the course, awards dinner and auction.

Auction and drawing items include:
• Foursomes at Boulder Ridge, Cinnabar Hills, Los Altos Country Club, Poppy Hills, and Stanford
• Two 49er Tickets with Pre-Game Field and Alumni Tailgate Party Passes
• Romantic Stay and Dinner for Two at Bernardaus Lodge, Carmel Valley
• Private Luxury Box for 12 at Sarah McLachlan’s Concert at the HP Pavilion on July 9
• Private Airplane and Pilot for Two to Destination within 3 Hours of San Jose
• Three One-Hour Golf Lessons for Four with San Jose State Golf Director Nancy Lewis
• TiVo Recorder
• Autographed San Francisco Giants Bat
• Short Game Lesson and Golf for Four at Saratoga Country Club
• Custom Designed Golf Club from Ron Peach, Golf Tech
• Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn

Prizes are awarded for District School Championship, Corporate Challenge Cup, Men’s, Women’s, and Mixed Flights. Team are individual entries are welcome. For more information, please call Eleanor Watanabe at 408.446.2333 or email her at golf@ceefcares.org.

Small Business Forum

By Jody Hansen


Do you think your business is too small to need Human Resources? Join us on May 19 as we discuss how critical Human Resources are to protecting your business. We will discuss the Top 10 Ways a Human Resources professional can protect and help grow your business. Every business owner with employees must deal with these issues: recruitment, conflict resolution, compensation plan, benefits plan, paid time off policies, HR as help desk, employee agreements, workers’ compensation, interface to state and federal agencies, and interface to payroll.

Karen E. Purtich, principal of Purtich & Associates, has over 20 years of high-tech industry experience in all areas of Human Resources. Her company provides human resource services to growing businesses including recruitment, benefits planning, policy formulation, workers’ compensation, 401(k) administration, and interface to government agencies. Karen has worked in a variety of high-tech industries including software, bioinformatics, and semiconductor equipment. In addition, she has worked for a major retailer. The Small Business Forum meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce offices located at 20455 Silverado Avenue, Cupertino, CA (off of South De Anza Blvd). Cost is $15. Light refreshments are served. For reservations, e-mail, sherri@cupertino-chamber.org or call 408.252.7054 x15.
Volunteers Needed for Relay For Life

Walkers, cancer survivors, community leaders, team captains and hard workers are all needed to make the American Cancer Society Relay For Life a reality in Cupertino.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life. Patients, medical support staff, corporations, youth, families, civic organizations, religious groups and community volunteers join together in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is a team event where participants walk around a track, relay-style, overnight. Volunteers from the Cupertino community are needed to begin planning now for this event, which will take place July 17 and 18.

“Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund raiser,” said Cecilia Desmond, Event Chair. “Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and let the community know that you can beat cancer.”

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams; seek community support; coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment, and lend their support in any way.

If you would like to join the Relay For Life in Cupertino as a volunteer or team participant, call the American Cancer Society at 408.688.0127 or e-mail karen.smyth@cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information anytime, call toll free 800.ACS.2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Technology Lore @ the Senior Center

Know what the difference between is RAM and SPAM? Know what JUSTIFY means? Know what a HYPERLINK is?

Answers to these questions and many more will be found by taking the fun computer classes at the Cupertino Senior Center. Our classes are guaranteed to brighten your life as you learn skills you never thought you could.

- Beginning Computer, Surfing the Net (internet) and E-mail, Meet your Mac, Word Processing, including letter writing, Excel, Word, Draw, Paint, Data base, and Graphics. You can even bring in your own projects and get help and guidance from the lab instructor during the extra lab periods. Most classes are offered day and evening.

Once you’ve mastered these easy programs, try not to become a mouse potato.

What? You don’t know what a mouse potato is? Hurry to the Cupertino Senior Center and sign up so you can start having some real fun in your life. The requirements are simple. You must be at least 50 years old and a member of the Cupertino Senior Center. We’re located at 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd. (across from De Anza College) and we can be reached at 408.777.3150.
Teens Needed for Commission

The City of Cupertino is seeking applicants for the city’s Teen Commission. Created in 2002 by the City Council, the commission has had an immediate impact.

“Our commissioners have worked very hard to define the Teen Commission as a group that has a positive impact on activities and services for youth in Cupertino,” said Parks and Recreation Department Director Therese Smith. “Each commissioner has brought something different to the table, but all cared enough to get, and stay, involved.”

Teen commission applications will be accepted at the City Clerk’s office located in City Hall at 10300 Torre Avenue until 4:30 p.m., May 7, 2004.

The Teen Commission is expected to continue to be active advising the City Council and Parks and Recreation Department. Applicants must be residents of the City of Cupertino. The commission is comprised of 13 members, at least one from each public middle and high school in Cupertino. Commission members may also attend schools outside of Cupertino, private schools or be schooled at home. However, all commissioners must be in 8th through 12th grade during their term.

Reflecting on his time as a commissioner, high school senior Kenny Lin says, “I have learned a great deal about how the city works, politics, and even myself.” Other commissioners share their opinions and answer many questions about the Teen Commission at www.cupertino.org/teens.

Applications are available at City Hall, the Quinlan Community Center or at the city web site at www.cupertino.org/teens.

Peninsula Symphony

The Peninsula Symphony’s final concert of the season showcases the 2003 Winner of the Irving M. Klein International String Competition, Eric Nowlin, an exquisitely expressive Julliard violist. Mr. Nowlin joins with Conductor Mitchell Sardou Klein as guest soloist in Bruch’s Romanze for viola and orchestra, op.85 and vonWeber’s Andante and Hungarian Rondo, op. 35.

All the works on this program are virtuoso pieces for a symphony - demonstrating how a composer uses the colors, sounds and techniques of a symphony to create a distinctive listening experience. From the robust Roman Carnival Overture by Berlioz to Debussy’s delicate Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun Concerto to the culminating piece, Elgar’s mystical Enigma Variations (op. 36), the range of symphonic sound is celebrated.

Of interesting note is the unique origin of the mystical, magnificent Enigma Variations, written by Edward Elgar late in his composing career. As explained by Maestro Klein, “Taking a mysterious un-named theme, Elgar creates a musical tribute to his dearest friends after a lifetime of musical adventures together. Each one is a virtuoso composer’s thumbnail sketch of the person to whom it is dedicated. Figuring out which is which, and why, is another enigma!” The music is rich, varied, brilliant, at times even humorous, and profoundly moving.

Performances are May 21, 8 p.m. at San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 No. Delaware St., and May 22, 8 p.m. at the Flint Center, De Anza College in Cupertino. Adult tickets are $25, seniors and students are $19. Order online at www.peninsulasymphony.org, or call 650.941.5291.
Gathering at the Crossroads

Frederick E. Terman and the Rise of Silicon Valley

Join the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum on May 25, 2004, as we welcome Professor Jim Williams, noted history professor at De Anza College and professional historian. Professor Williams will be discussing the influences behind the technology boom of Santa Clara Valley.

Professor Williams has published two books, The Rise of Silicon Valley and Energy and the Making of Modern California. He is the former Executive Director of the California History Center Foundation and is a current board member. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the International Committee for the History of Technology.

The lecture is $5 for non-members and free to members. The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Cupertino Room inside the Quinlan Community Center located at 10185 N. Stelling Road. For more information please call 408.973.1495.

California History Center

Through June 10

Now on display at the California History Center is “Second Fiddle: Women’s Clubs Orchestrate New Roles, 1900-1920.” This free exhibit captures the history of the women’s club movement in the Santa Clara Valley and features photos, documents and various artifacts. It is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Call 408.864.8986 for details or to make a special appointment.

2004 Crest Award Winners

Seven individuals and one group, who have made outstanding contributions to the city of Cupertino will receive the 2004 CREST Award at a ceremony planned Wednesday, May 19, in the Cupertino City Council Chambers, 10300 Torre Avenue.

This annual event, sponsored by the city of Cupertino, takes place at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. CREST stands for Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken. This year’s recipients are:

Donna M. Austin, for her activism and membership in a wide variety of community organizations. Along with serving as president of the Cupertino Historical Society for the last three years, Donna has been an active member of the Cupertino chapter of Quota International. Donna is also a leader in her Neighborhood Watch Program, garnering nearly 100% participation among neighbors. She was recently appointed to the Board of the Portuguese Historical Museum at Kelley Park in San Jose.

Jack Birkholz, for the extra steps he has taken to help the Cupertino community by volunteering his time since his retirement 15 years ago. Jack has been an active volunteer at the RoadRunners and Lifeline Service to help people with no means of transportation. He has also been Chair of the Saint Joseph of Cupertino Parish Annual Appeal to raise fund for the betterment of the community. On top of his numerous other commitments, Jack helps distribute food baskets for the St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish and Cupertino Community Services.

Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CARES), provides one of the most valuable services in our community. In the event of a local emergency or disaster, the volunteers at CARES provide a reliable communication link to other communities and services. CARES volunteers have spent the last 18 years planning and training. With no compensation, these professional communicators give their time and equipment to make Cupertino a safer place to live. When there are no emergencies, they offer their
expertise on evenings and weekends to community groups for parades and events as well as providing support to city staff. CARES is an invaluable part of Cupertino's disaster response and will ensure that the city will have open channels of communication, no matter the situation.

Barbara Hill, is the heart and soul of the family volunteer program at St. Joseph of Cupertino School. Because of her welcoming spirit, unflagging enthusiasm and amazing dedication, the church's volunteer program is vibrant and continues to be a strong support for the school program. Barbara is always visible and sets an example for all volunteers due to her hard work and dedication. She coordinates every school special event, fundraiser, after school program and volunteer activity. Barbara works her magic with students and parents regardless of their background. She is a remarkable person who never hesitates to take on additional volunteer work.

Hema Alur-Kundargi, has enriched Cupertino by actively integrating, and advocating for, the Indian community. Hema has also been a tireless promoter of Indian culture. She has numerous awards from her cooking show “Indian Vegetarian Gourmet.” She demonstrates simple and quick vegetarian recipes, sprinkled with anecdotes of her childhood in India and cultural adaptations after coming to the U.S.

Additionally, Hema has coordinated cultural festivals including a Saree show at the Cupertino Library and Indian folk dance festivals. In 2003, she coordinated the cultural program for “Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights,” hosted by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce. Hema is also a member of the Cupertino Fine Arts Commission and is a regular contributor to the Cupertino Scene.

Mahesh Nihalani, is an active and prolific citizen of Cupertino. He strives to bring various facets of our community together and has been actively volunteering in various areas of community development. Mahesh’s activities range from the Cupertino Housing Commission and General Plan Task Force to membership in Philanthropic Relief Altruistic Service & Development (PRASAD). He has also been an active fundraiser for the Cupertino Library Campaign that is raising money to complete the new Cupertino Library in October 2004. Mahesh is not only active in his community, he is also active in his neighborhood. As a volunteer block leader, he has organized several activities to increase neighborhood involvement.

Laverne Swanson, has been active in the Sunnyview Manor Auxiliary for 20 years. She is an amazing upbeat person who along with many other duties, is in charge of the store at the manor. Keeping the books, stocking the store shelves has not kept Laverne from helping in many other ways, large and small. Laverne is an important part of so many peoples lives, whether it is a trip to the salon or a visit to the hospital. Her kindness and energy may turn up as elegant gestures of thoughtfulness, or help packing boxes to move. She is giving of her time, energy and love, and an inspiration to all who know her.

Members of the public are welcome to help recognize these people and organizations that have made major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino. Presentations will be made in the Cupertino City Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. Reception begins at 8 p.m. For information call 408.777.3200.
## 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.

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<td>1 Sat</td>
<td>De Anza Flea Market Organization of Special Needs Families* Overeaters Anonymous*</td>
<td>8 to 4 2 to 4 p.m. 9 a.m.</td>
<td>De Anza College 20920 McClellan Rd. Union Church</td>
<td>864-8946 996-0858 842-0688</td>
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<td>3 Mon</td>
<td>American Legion Post 642 Al-ANON Steps for Living* Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS Overeaters Anonymous*</td>
<td>8 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.</td>
<td>10201 Imperial Ave., #3 940 S. Stelling Rd. First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave. Union Church</td>
<td>374-6392 379-1051 252-2434</td>
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<td>4 Tues</td>
<td>Alcoholics Anonymous* Women’s Group Al-ANON Family Group* ToughLove* Cupertino Kiwanis* Knights of Columbus 4981* Cupertino Men’s Service* Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*</td>
<td>6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Noon</td>
<td>Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd. Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue Bethel Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Road</td>
<td>650-903-0321 379-1051 946-7970</td>
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<td>5 Wed</td>
<td>Al-ANON Family Group* AI-ATEEN* Cupertino Sanitary Dist* De Anza Optimist Club* Cupertino Optimist Club* Tandem Toastmasters* Cupertino Rotary Club* Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band* Overeaters Anonymous*</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m. 8 p.m. 7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Noon 7:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 6 p.m.</td>
<td>940 S. Stelling Road Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd. 20065 Stevens Creek #C Holder’s Restaurant Blue Pheasant</td>
<td>650-734-5869 650-292-8897 253-7071</td>
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<td>6 Thurs</td>
<td>De Anza Lions Club* Cup. Host Lions Club* Northwest Y Service Club* Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service Women’s Quilting Group* Connect Club I*</td>
<td>6:45 a.m. 7:15 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon</td>
<td>Holders Country Inn Mariani’s Restaurant Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive City Hall West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd. International House of Pancakes / St. Crk. Blvd.</td>
<td>253-3219 252-6262 725-8195 345-8372 253-2984 252-0932 252-7054</td>
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<td>Connect Club II* Connect Club III* HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606* Overeaters Anonymous*</td>
<td>8 a.m. Noon 7:00 a.m. 7 p.m.</td>
<td>Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Prunenidge Ave. Union Church</td>
<td>252-7054 252-7054 650-691-8724 253-8394</td>
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<td>7 Fri</td>
<td>Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group De Anza Kiwanis*</td>
<td>5:00 p.m. 7:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd Intl. House of Pancakes</td>
<td>374-8511 973-1456</td>
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<td>Daughters of Norway</td>
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<td>Cupertino Odd Fellows* Fine Arts League</td>
<td>8 p.m. 7 p.m.</td>
<td>20589 Homestead Rd. Community Center Social Room</td>
<td>252-3954 253-2230</td>
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<td>11 Tues</td>
<td>Southbay Toastmasters* Sertoma Club* Poets Society*</td>
<td>6:30 p.m. 7:15 a.m. 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258 1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. Coffee Society</td>
<td>253-7622 252-2584 255-5293 725-8091</td>
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<td>12 Wed</td>
<td>Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club* The Powerful Pens Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)</td>
<td>7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Collins School Sunnyview Retirement Community, 22445 Cupertino Rd. City Hall</td>
<td>245-9156 314-3410 777-3331</td>
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<td>Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing &amp; speech impaired) Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club Viewfinders Camcorder Club</td>
<td>Noon 11:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Blue Pheasant Community Center Social Room</td>
<td>252-8568 257-6136 252-1529 253-9136</td>
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<td>Malihini Orchid Society Cupertino Coin Club</td>
<td>7:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm West Valley Pres. Church</td>
<td>253-1232 736-9262</td>
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<td>Toyokawa Sister City West Valley Republican Women Rolling Hills 4H Club Embroiders’ Guild of America</td>
<td>7:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.</td>
<td>City Hall Monta Vista Recreation Center Sunnyview Lutheran Home</td>
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<td>Rancho Neighborhood Association The Powerful Pens</td>
<td>7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Rancho Pool &amp; Recreation Facility 18000 Chelmsford</td>
<td>777-3820</td>
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Deadline for submitting June calendar information is May 5.
Monday, April 5, 2004
Council Members Present: James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval, Wang
Council appointed Richard Abdalah to the Housing Commission, and May Koski to the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission.
Presentation by Tai Ji Men to recognize contributions of Mayor James for promoting Chinese culture.
Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Second Amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) in the amount of $80,000.00 for a total agreement amount of $325,000 for the District to fund the efforts of the Watershed Protection Collaborative.
Authorized the Director of Public Works to complete an additional encumbrance to the current agreement in the amount not to exceed $80,000 with CONCUR, Inc. for the continued administration of the Watershed Collaborative Process, on condition of approval of the reimbursement agreement by the City and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.
Reviewed and adopted City fees.
Authorized the City Manager to execute a lease and Guaranty Agreement with Ole Peter Rasmussen, President, Blue Pheasant Restaurant Inc., and Birthe Lisa Rasmussen for lease of city property at 22100 Stevens Creek Boulevard.
Waived fees for use of City facilities, for community groups raising funds for the Library.
Adopted a resolution supporting the statewide ballot initiative to require voter approval before State Government may take local tax funds.
Approved the agreement between Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) and its member cities regarding purchase of property at 3370 Thomas Road, Santa Clara.
Approved questions for the Biennial Community Survey.

Monday, April 19, 2004
Council Members Present: James, Kwok, Sandoval, Wang
Mayor James presented a proclamation to Chihua and Lihuei Wei in recognition of April as Autism Awareness Month in Cupertino.
Approved Library Commission recommendation appointing Commissioner Diana Wu as special emissary to Sister Library Hsin-Chu.
Reviewed and adopted City fees for 2004-05.
Adopted a resolution accepting the 2004-05 Fee Schedule.
Authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for animal services with the city of San Jose.
Awarded contract for Furnishing and Installing Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) Systems and External Traffic Signal Cabinets for Arterial Traffic Signals, which will provide for the installation of battery back up systems (BBS) at 22 major traffic signal locations within the City, to Republic Electric in the amount of $200,000.
Adopted a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Access Agreement between the City and Mr. Tom McNair for 22261 McClellan Road.
Received a report regarding current and future expected benefit payments of the City’s retiree healthcare plan.
Received status report on General Fund Revenue and Expenditures.
Initiating litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(c). Possible action against Edward Britt, Norman Hackford, and Gerald Cooley related to initiative measures. Released the legal opinion from the City Attorney to the employees that might be affected, on the dos and don’ts of participation in the Initiative process. This opinion is also able to be released to the general public; authorized the release of the 2004 Schedule for the Initiative Report Preparation and the Initiative Report Draft Scope of Work for the various elements in the report. The report is estimated to cost at least $100,000.
### Monthly City Meetings

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