



Lunar New Year Unity Parade is Here

The Lunar New Year Unity Parade Committee invites you and your family to come join in a special fun-filled day of celebration on Saturday, February 28, 2004, when the Second Annual Lunar New Year Unity Parade returns to Cupertino.

A big parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a procession along Stelling Road that's about 1.2 miles long from Jollyman Park to Memorial Park. You'll see and hear marching bands from our schools, a fireworks display, dancers representing a tapestry of multi-cultural talents, martial arts demonstrations, parade teams from community service organizations, Chinese Lion Dancers for good New Year luck, and vintage cars. At Memorial Park, there'll be an exciting International Fair that will continue throughout the day until 5 p.m. The Fair will feature a wide variety of energetic stage performances, music with an international flare, ethnic cuisines, family entertainment and ex-

hibits from many countries.

The mission of the Lunar New Year



Unity Parade is to bring our community's broad spectrum of cultures together while celebrating the Lunar New Year. In producing

this event, the committee hopes to encourage people from all backgrounds to work together as a team and showcase our diverse heritage in a quality program.

People of all ethnicities, ages and backgrounds are invited to participate and show their community support in this fun Cupertino festival.

For event information, contact Parade Committee Co-chairs: Richard Lowenthal at richard@lowenthal.com or Michelle Hu at 408.996.1267 or m_hu_2000@yahoo.com. For more information visit www.unityparade.org.

Lunar New Year Unity Parade

Schedule

9:30 am	Traffic blocking starts
10:30 am	Parade starts from Jollyman
11:30 am	International Fair begins
12:30 pm	Parade ends
12:45 pm	Firecrackers at Memorial
12:50 pm	Stage performances begin
1 pm	Opening Ceremony
4:30 pm	International Fair ends



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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. Questions may be directed to the Public Information Office at City Hall, 777-3262. Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month for the next month's issue.

Cupertino Temporary Library is Open



New Library Hours

Monday	12 to 9
Tuesday	12 to 9
Wednesday	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6
Sunday	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>; Kids Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>.

Drop-in Valentine Crafts for Kids

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

School-age kids are invited to come by the

library any time between 3 and 5 p.m. to make Valentine crafts.

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 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. All titles check out for one week. Located next to the New Books in the temporary library.

Community Crab Feed Planned

An all-you-can-eat crab feed open to the public is scheduled Friday, Feb. 6, in the St. Joseph of Cupertino parish hall, 10120 N.

De Anza Blvd., Cupertino. The third annual event

features a menu of fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert, along

with no-host beer and wine. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling the St. Joseph of Cupertino School office, 252-6441. After Jan. 28, available tickets will be sold for \$30 each. All proceeds from the event benefit students at the school.



Teen Center Now Open

by *Richard Davis*

Opened January 10th, the Teen Center is designed as an after school respite where eligible 13 to 18 year olds can have a quiet place to study, or they can surf the web, watch television or play cards in the game room across the hall. There is no membership cost, only parent verification of the child's age. The Teen Center is open from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, 3 to 10 p.m. on Fridays, 2 to 10 p.m. Saturdays, and is closed Sundays. The Teen Center is located within the Cupertino Sports Center and can be reached at 408.777.1335, or visit www.cupertinoteens.com.



Teach Science and Learning

Share the wonders of natural science with Cupertino kids. With the help of trained volunteers, the Environmental Volunteers educates nearly 2,000 Cupertino youth annually in eight broad science subjects. No prior experience is necessary to volunteer. Training classes are held February, March and April. Contact Hillary at 650.961.0545 or hillary@evols.org for more information or to sign up or visit our web site at www.evols.org.



City Seeks CREST Award Nominations

Applications are now available for anyone wishing to nominate an individual or an organization for a 2004 CREST Award.



Presented by the city of Cupertino, the CREST Award pays tribute to outstanding community volunteers. This year's ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue.

CREST stands for Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken. Nominees need not live in Cupertino, but must have made significant contributions to the quality of life in the city. Nomination forms are available at City Hall, the Cupertino Library, the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, the Quinlan Community Center and the city web site at www.cupertino.org.

The nomination deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Forms must be submitted to the public information office at City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino. Further information about the awards ceremony is available by calling the public information office, 408.777.3262.

Neighborhood Block Leader Training Offered

Cupertino residents who wish to help their neighbors get to know each other and work together are invited to a block leader training on Saturday, February 21 at the Cupertino Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

The training features mentoring from experienced neighborhood leaders and activities to help residents refine their neighborhood organizing skills. The city's Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch and Block Party programs also will be presented.

Block leaders serve as vital communication links between the city and the neighborhoods, and help to build community in

their neighborhoods. In addition, block leaders gather several times throughout the year to share experiences and to learn advanced communication techniques. Seventy-nine residents now participate in the city block leader program since it started in 2002.

To sign-up for the training and to receive more information, call 408.777.3331, or e-mail communityrelations@cupertino.org.



The Art Scene

with Shirley Lin Kinoshita

Cupertino has many hidden treasures, old, new and emerging, for discriminating lovers of beauty and creativity. As chair of the city's Fine Arts Commission, I would like to give you a taste of what is available in our fair city.

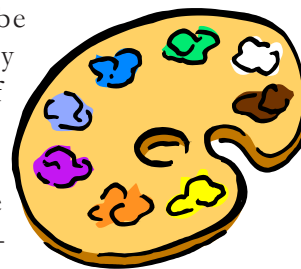
The Fine Arts League of Cupertino (FALC) just celebrated 40 years of creating local art last November. The group has a beautifully produced CD showing local scenes with narration on how they have changed over time, from laborer's shacks to high-technology companies and orchards to high-rise hotels. Immediate past FALC President, Elaine Revell, an art instructor, did a presentation on Cupertino's history through their artists to Chateau Cupertino residents in late January. The FALC members, many long-time Cupertino residents like Irv Webster and Zoe Thompson, and young dynamic newcomers like May Shei and Nina Uppaluru, have a new exhibit of art works on display at Quinlan Community Center until April 12. The exhibit of acrylics, watercolors, oil and mixed media paintings will be changed every three months.

All are invited to attend the Fine Arts League's monthly meetings, held on the 2nd Monday of the month. An interesting program, sometimes with renowned artists demonstrations, follows the short business meeting. Locations are listed in the Cupertino Scene's calendar, call Shirley 408.255.6559, or email me at silk@svpal.org for location and program information. Membership information is available from Elaine Revell 408.868.9023 or WLRevell@aol.com.



Did you know that DeAnza College, one of the top community colleges in California, also has a top rated small art gallery on its grounds? Group tours of current Euphrat Gallery exhibits are available by calling 408.864.8836. Park in fee-based lots, take the bus or walk to gallery. The next exhibit, opening February 25, is called "Reflections on the Urban Environment." Director Rindsflisch says it is about living in cities and how it affects us. Very apropos, for our city's residents, as we experience growing pains that comes with change.

Cupertino is gearing up for the grand opening of our new city center park/plaza on the corner of Stevens Creek and DeAnza Blvd. this Spring. Among the features worth noting are the installation of our city's the first major public art sculpture, "Perspectives," by Roger Barry who had previously winning design (which no longer will be used), taken by popular vote of city residents. The 30' stainless steel sculpture changes appearance depending on the angle you view it. It has multiple meanings because it has a multiple views, a coda for diversity and harmony for our city. This sculpture will be a way for Cupertino to finally have an identifiable icon for its place in Silicon Valley.



At the end of 2003, the Fine Arts Commission and City Council approved the generous donation from Dick and Carolyn Randall of funds to purchase several life-size bronze sculptures for the new Cupertino library/Civic Center Plaza, set to open in October 2004. It appears that Cupertino is growing up to become a sophisticated urban haven while still keeping the joy of small town living.

If you have art and cultural gems in our city you know, please share it with us through this series on art. Contact me at silk@svpal.org



by Pamela Ledesma

Wood to Gas Conversion Rebates

The Air District is offering rebates to encourage residents of Santa Clara County to burn gas instead of wood. They are offering these rebates:

- \$500—Replace woodstove (12 or more years old) with gas stove
- \$500—Replace wood-burning fireplace insert (12 or more years old) with gas insert
- \$300—Install gas fireplace insert in your fireplace
- \$300—Install gas log set in your fireplace

There is limited funding. First come—first served. All of these rebates require the installation of a new gas line. For more information contact your local participating retailer or call Ralph Borrmann at 415.749.4791. Find a list of retailers at www.sparetheair.org.

Wood Burning Tips

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months. Those cozy wood fires in the winter unfortunately contribute 40% of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still winter nights. Particulate matter is a health concern especially for children, seniors and persons with respiratory problems.

Here are a few tips on how to reduce the pollution in your neighborhood:

- Instead of wood, use manufactured fire logs—made of compressed sawdust. They burn cleaner because they burn slowly at high temperatures, producing less smoke and emitting 50% less carbon.
- If you burn wood, make sure it's dried or "seasoned" for 6 to 12 months

- Burn seasoned hardwood (oak, almond, madrone, apple). Minimize burning of softwoods (pine, poplar, cedar, redwood). Use softwoods to start the fire.

- Never burn garbage, plastic, glossy or colored paper, or chemically-treated or painted wood.

- Consider switching to a gas fireplace (for the ambiance of a wood fire without the gases and the pollution. You may be able to get up to \$500 for converting from wood to gas—see previous article. Natural gas is 99% less polluting than wood.)

To get an illustrated copy of the California Air Resources Board's "Wood Burning Handbook," call our local air district offices at 800-HELP-AIR, or find it on-line at www.sparetheair.org. You can also find the free handbook at the Quinlan Community Center and at the temporary Cupertino Library on Bandlely. This booklet explains how a fireplace and stove work, so you can use them more efficiently and burn cleaner.

Calif. Redemption Value Drop-Off Centers

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

- Nob Hill Market parking lot (DeAnza @ Rollingdell)
- PW Market parking lot (Homestead @ DeAnza)
- Safeway parking lot (Bollinger @ DeAnza)
- Sunnyvale Materials Recovery Station (SMaRT station) north end of Borregas in Sunnyvale

We Want Your Plastic Bags

A reminder: You can now recycle grocery, produce, dry cleaning, shopping, newspaper, and bread bags. Please bundle plastic bags inside a tied, plastic bag, and include it in your can & bottle bin. (No single bags please. They can jam the sorting equipment.)

Seeking Volunteers to Assist Low Income Families

Cupertino Community Services is seeking dedicated people to volunteer once a week for 2-4 hours to fulfill our mission of helping to provide direct assistance, referrals and housing services to the community. Week-day volunteers will assist in the food pantry and/or clothing closet. Volunteers will organize and maintain the food pantry and clothing closet for distribution of items to clients. Assistance is also needed at the front desk to greet clients and help with the intake process.

The mission of Cupertino Community Services is to encourage the sharing of community resources; to provide basic human needs in a caring and dignified environment; and to provide opportunities for volunteers to participate in Cupertino Community Services' activities.

Please aid us in our motto of *People Helping People*. We are urgently seeking Wednesday and Thursday morning volunteers in the food pantry. Sign up today with Ella at 408.255.8033 ext. 303 or at ellaw@cupertinocommunityservices.org.

Poll Workers Needed

Throughout Northern Santa Clara County poll workers are needed for the Presidential Primary Election on March 2nd, 2004, and for the Presidential General Election on November 2nd, 2004.

Who may Apply:

- United States Citizens
- Residents of Santa Clara County
- High School Seniors between 16 to 17 years of age

Positions Available:

Clerks at \$95 for the day (Training mandatory for all election clerks)

Inspectors at \$130 the day (Training mandatory for all election inspectors)

If you are not currently registered to vote, you will need to fill out an Affidavit of registration before you can apply to be appointed as a poll worker.

Applications & Registration forms are available at the Registrar of Voters Office @ 1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. #2, San Jose, CA 95112. For more information call North County Election Specialists: Edward Morillo at 408.282.3074; Derrick Rainbow at 408.282.3076.

The Music of Magic

The Peninsula Symphony's annual Family Concert on February 29 promises to be a magical event featuring Magician Kevin Madden and Theremin Player Robby Virus. Assistant Conductor Geoffrey Gallegos has created a program full of comic entertainment and interactive participation. Magic tricks, clownish acts and visual surprises have been choreographed by Magician, Kevin Madden, former Education Director of the Berkeley Symphony, to introduce children and their parents to the "Music of Magic." Selections include Williams' Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Symphonic Suite, Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice, and Stravinsky's The Firebird. The performance will run approximately 1 1/2 hours and is suggested for families with children ages 5 to 12.

The Firebird will feature San Franciscan Robby Virus playing a unique instrument called the Theremin. For those not familiar with the Theremin, this unusual and fascinating instrument is played without ever being touched. Two antennas protrude from the Theremin- one controlling pitch, and the other controlling volume. As a hand approaches the vertical antenna, the pitch gets high. Approaching the horizontal antenna makes the volume softer. Because there is no physical contact with the instrument, playing the Theremin requires precise skill and perfect pitch. Parents may recognize the Theremin from the Beach Boys' epic "pocket symphony" off the 1966 hit album "Good Vibrations."

February 29th, 3 p.m., Spangenberg Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Call 650.941.5291 or order on-line at www.peninsulasympphony.org.

Valentine Memories

It's funny how celebrating Valentine's Day brings back memories. Do you remember decorating your shoebox when you were in grade school and putting valentines in all the other shoeboxes of your classmates? Remember the red construction paper and lace doilies and shiny little red hearts and heart shaped candy with the messages imprinted on them and little Whitman's Samplers? Do grade school kids still do Valentine shoeboxes?

I spent an hour one evening not too long ago with Phil and Frances Bush, two of Cupertino's finest schoolteachers, now retired. Phil and Frances have a Valentine collection, from both sides of their family. Some of the Valentines of long ago are three-dimensional pop-ups, with children, animals, hearts, flowers —simply beautiful. They don't make ones like that anymore. The Bushes have been married for over 50 years and still exchange Valentines every February. They also collect historical information about Valentine's Day. The earliest mention of the name Valentine comes from an account of the martyrdom of a Christian saint named Valentine, who suffered persecution for following Christ and was executed under the reign of the Roman emperor Claudius. Pope Gelasius created a feast day in memory of the martyred saint and placed it on February 14, hoping early Christians would celebrate that day in memory of saint Valentine instead of the Roman love goddess, Juno.

Valentine's Day has appeared, disappeared and reappeared down through history in many different forms. In medieval England, poet Geoffrey Chaucer got together with his fellow poets and claimed that all the birds in the world chose their mates on St.

Valentine's Day.

Shakespeare refers to Chaucer's poem about the birds in his play, "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" and gives the name Valentine to characters in two other romantic comedies. King Henry VIII made Valentine's Day a national holiday. In the 1800's comic valentines appeared. Sent anonymously, they were

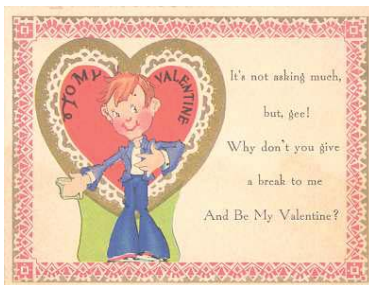
a form of social criticism, not the cute or romantic cards we know today.

The favorite gift of the day, chocolate, has a fascinating history. The Aztec soldiers and male members of the court drank as many as 2000 pitchers of chocolate every day.

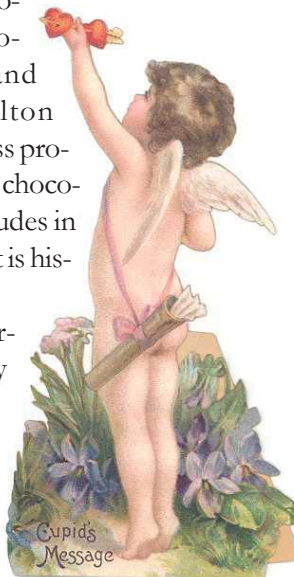
The Spanish explorer, Hernan Cortes, hated the taste of chocolate at first, but in time came to love it, introducing it to his native Spain. Cocoa beans were even used as currency in the Aztec economy, to buy and sell everything from rabbits (10 beans) to slaves (100 beans).

The Cadbury brothers (1868) introduced chocolate in heart shaped boxes. Peter Daniel and Henri Nestle promoted milk chocolate in Switzerland (1875) But Milton Hershey began mass producing inexpensive chocolates for the multitudes in the U.S. and the rest is history.

One of my favorite Valentine's Day memories involves a little elderly lady who lived many years ago at the north end of



(Valentines courtesy of Phil and Frances Bush)



Byrne Ave. She had a tiny cottage on a large corner lot - mustard bloomed yellow in the spring around her house. One January day as I was passing her house she called me to her door and presented me with a big bag of clothing. She wanted to do something for the poor and as she had little money, this donation was all she could do. I took the bag and thanked her, promising to pass it on to someone at church who helped those less fortunate. After that, whenever she saw me passing her house, she would wave. There never seemed to be any cars of visitors at the little house. In February, I got the idea of getting her a box of chocolates, sort of a thank you for her donation. When I showed up at her door on February 14 with big red heart filled with candy, she burst into tears. Since I was pretty young at the time, I thought I had made an awful mistake and somehow upset her. I almost started to cry too. Then she said no one had ever brought her candy before and that February 14 was her birthday. Some days have a feeling about them that warms you forever after. Happy Valentine's Day.

Gathering at the Crossroads

Join the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum on February 24, 2004 to hear author Phyllis Butler discuss her latest book titled, "The Valley of Santa Clara – A Guide to the Heart of Silicon Valley." She will show slides of rare photographs and recount the history of the neoclassical Squire House in Palo Alto, Paul Masson Winery's 14th century monastery and the Victorian Winchester Mystery House, among others. She will also discuss the more modern Silicon Valley landmarks, from the Hewlett-Packard garage to the new Science Center at Stanford.

Butler's book will be available for purchase and the author will be present to sign books.

The evening begins with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own service and a dish to share. The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Cupertino Room inside the Quinlan Community Center located at 10185 N. Stelling Road. The lecture is \$3 for non-

members and free to members. For more information, please call 408.973.1495.

Hands-On History

Ever wonder why Cupid is shooting arrows at people to make them fall in love? How did Valentine's Day get its name? Join us on February 14 at the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum from 1 pm to 3 pm to learn about the history of Valentine's Day and design some classic Victorian-era valentines to take home to your sweetheart. The event is free. The Museum is located at 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA. For more information, please call 408.973.1495.

Institute Seeks Used Computers

During the holidays, many people bought or were given faster, more advanced computers. If you're one of those people, you have the chance to help a student in need.

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District's Computer Scholarship Program will make sure a deserving college student receives your used computer.

The Occupational Training Institute (OTI) sponsors the program in a joint effort with the Foothill-De Anza Colleges Foundation. Foothill-De Anza students apply for the used computers at the Financial Aid Office at their respective campuses.

OTI is responsible for processing the donated computers. That includes collecting, refurbishing each unit, and installing software and operating systems. In addition, the hard drive is reformatted to ensure that all data is erased before the system has a new owner.

To make this program work, donated computers must meet or exceed minimum equipment standards. Please review those standards at www.oti.fhda.edu/computer_donation.html. If your old computer meets the requirements, contact Malmgren at 408.864.5713.

You may also donate money to the program. Cash donations are needed to buy computer replacement parts. Your donation (whether it is equipment or money) is tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Cupertino Cuisine: Flamboyant Turmeric



Spices have been used from time immemorial in different cuisine around the world. It is only in India where the art of cooking with spices has evolved into a high art.

The essence of good Indian cooking revolves around the appropriate use of mixed aromatic Spices. Base ingredients of such mixed spices are elements such as Coriander, Cumin, Turmeric, Red Pepper, Nutmeg, Mustard, Saffron, Cinnamon, Cardamom, Ginger Powder, Paprika, Mace, Cardamom, Cloves, Black Pepper. The expertise lies in the subtle blending of these spices to enhance rather than overwhelm the basic flavor of a particular dish.

Each has a function: some spices tenderize, others add heat, some color, others cool, some thicken, others bring a necessary tartness, while others curb flatulence. The Indian cuisine is as diverse as its culture, its racial structure, its geography and its climate. One spice, which is used prolifically in appetizers, lentils, beans meat, vegetables, used daily in every region of India, is Turmeric. Turmeric, with its brilliant yellow color, has been used as a dye, medicine, and flavoring since 600 BC.

Turmeric is a member of the Ginger family. Turmeric is the underground root or rhizome of the plant. This rhizome is boiled in water for 45 minutes, drained and dried in the sun for 10-15 days until they become hard and dry.

Then they are cleaned, polished and ground into powder. India is the world's largest producer and exporter of turmeric

Turmeric has held a place of honor in India's traditional Ayurvedic medicine for thousands of years. It is used as a digestive aid and treatment for fever, wounds, infections, dysentery, arthritis, jaundice and other liver problems.

My grandmother, who was doctor, always gave us turmeric milk when we complained of sore throat and cough. She stirred a teaspoon of turmeric and honey in a glass of hot milk and made us drink this concoction before going to bed. As a child I hated drinking this concoction from the kitchen, I would rather take the orange or cherry flavored cough syrup. Turmeric is mildly aromatic and has scents of orange or ginger with a pungent, bitter flavor.

Here is an easy recipe, my friend; Rekha Marathe makes, which is livened up with dash of magic yellow powder

Flamboyant Cabbage Rice

- 1cup basmati rice
- 1teaspoon oil
- ½ teaspoon garlic paste
- 5-6 cloves
- ½ teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3cups finely shredded cabbage
- ½ cup finely shredded carrots
- 3 cups boiling water
- Salt to taste

Wash rice in water, drain and keep aside.

Heat oil in a big pan. Add garlic paste and cloves. Wait till it sizzles and releases aroma. Add turmeric powder, cabbage, carrots and rice. Stir well. Add water, limejuice, salt and sugar. Cook on high heat for five minutes.

Lower the heat and cover the lid for next 5 minutes. Finally turn off the heat, and let the steam finish the process of cooking with the covered lid. Fluff the rice with a fork and serve piping hot.

Hema's Hints:

Here are some hints if you are using turmeric for the first time.

- Turmeric is also known as Indian saffron. Because of its bitter taste, Turmeric should not be used as a flavor substitute for saffron.

- Turmeric is extremely pungent, and actually gets stronger when cooked. A little goes a long way, so use it sparingly when experimenting

- Avoid touching your clothing when working with turmeric. It is a powerful yellow dye.

Cupertino Office of Emergency Services

Disaster Preparedness, Part II

Emergency supplies, as covered in last month's column, are a small portion of emergency preparedness. It is essential to plan and discuss what family and loved ones will do.

- Make sure everyone knows your "out of area" phone number so you'll be able to communicate if phone service is disrupted.

- Identify an alternate way to communicate if phones don't work.

- Reassure children that they will be safe at school and that it may be several hours before you can pick them up.

- Teach everyone the safest places to "Duck, Cover and Hold" in each room.

- Move or fasten down heavy objects that might cause injuries.

- Talk with neighbors about how to make contact if you're not home, get special help you might need, use resources in the neighborhood (ham radio operators, medical, translators, etc.)

Education can make the difference between successfully managing an emergency or becoming a victim.

- Learn what makes a building unsafe to enter and the proper way to manage a gas leak or household chemical spill.

- Review how to use fire extinguishers.

- Take CPR and First Aid classes.

- Enroll in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and learn everything at once.

Learn how to stay safe and comfortable after a disaster. The more survival skills community members can apply, the sooner the city can turn its focus from shelters and medical treatment centers to repairing, rebuilding and restoring services. Everyone wins.

Registration for CERT, CPR and First Aid

CPR class costs \$15, First Aid, \$25.

Paid class registration is now handled by Parks and Recreation 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.



CERT graduates can register for free classes through the Office of Emergency at 408.777-3335.

CPR February 13, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

FREE Sandbagging class February 21, 9 to 10 a.m. Call 408.777.3335 to register.

FREE CERT Session #2 March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Graduation May 1 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you only do one thing this month to prepare: Show someone you care this Valentine's day by filling a backpack with emergency supplies to keep in the car. Contact OES for a complete list of suggested supplies.

Marsha Hovey has been the Emergency Services Coordinator for the City of Cupertino since 2000.

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.

Programs in February include: February 3, 6, & 8, Martha Kanter. An interview with Foothill/DeAnza College Chancellor, Martha Kanter, who was the former President of DeAnza College.; February 10, 13, & 15, DNA. Learn about the building blocks of our bodies—DNA.; February 17, 20, & 22, Sweet Adelines. Enjoy the Barbershop harmonies of the Sweet Adelines.; February 24, 27 & 29. Meet editorial cartoonist, Scott Willis.

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.

FEB.	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone	
2 Mon	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	
3 Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321	
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051	
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	946-7970	
	Cupertino Kiwanis* Knights of Columbus 4981*	Noon 8 p.m.	The Blue Pheasant 10201 Imperial Ave., #3	252-3830 243-8462	
	Cupertino Men's Service* Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.	Noon 9:30 a.m.	The Blue Pheasant Senior Center	252-2667	
	AI-ANON Family Group*	7:00 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869	
4 Wed	AI-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897	
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	253-7071	
	De Anza Optimist Club* Cupertino Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Holder's Restaurant Blue Pheasant	253-4424 255-3212	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977	
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471	
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	777-3331	
	Overeaters Anonymous* Viewfinders Camcorder Club	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Union Church Community Center Cupertino Room	247-8488 253-9136	
	5 Thurs	De Anza Lions Club* Cup. Host Lions Club*	6:45 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Holders Country Inn Mariani's Restaurant	253-3219 252-6262
		Northwest Y Service Club*	7 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service		7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372	
Women's Quilting Group*		9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932	
Connect Club I*		Noon	International House of Pancakes / St. Crk. Blvd.	252-7054	

5 Thurs	Connect Club II* Connect Club III* HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606* Overeaters Anonymous*	8 a.m. Noon 7:00 a.m. 7 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave. Union Church	252-7054 252-7054 650-691- 8724 253-8394
6 Fri	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
7 Sat	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
9 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows* Fine Arts League	8 p.m. 7 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd. West Valley Presbyterian Miller/Bollinger – Rm. 15	252-3954 253-2230
10 Tues	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
11 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club* The Powerful Pens	7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Collins School 21269 Stevens Creek, Suite 610	245-9156 777-3820
12 Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired) Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	Noon 11:30 a.m.	Blue Pheasant	252-8568 257-6136 252-1529
13 Fri	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
14 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
17 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
19 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City West Valley Republican Women Rolling Hills 4H Club Embroiders' Guild of America	7:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	City Hall Monta Vista Recreation Center Sunnyview Lutheran Home	257-7424 252-6312 257-4745 578-5917
24 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
25 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association The Powerful Pens	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility 18000 Chelmsford	777-3820

Deadline for submitting March calendar information is Feb. 4.

Council Actions



City Council

Monday, January 5, 2004

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

Accepted the Treasurer's Budget Report for November 2003.

Adopt a resolution initiating reorganization proceedings for Monta Vista for February 2, 2004.

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a third Renewal Agreement for the Interim Agreement with Ricochet Networks, Inc. (RNI), for the payment of power costs for the pole top radio repeater equipment in City right-of-way that was abandoned by Metricom upon Metricom's bankruptcy.

Approved the neighborhood entry improvements to South Portal Avenue by the Marketplace Shopping Center. (Continued from December 15, 2003).

Reduced the number of Fine Arts Commissioners from seven to five members. (Continued from December 15, 2003).

Council consulted with City representatives David Knapp and Therese Smith regarding the Blue Pheasant Restaurant. Met in closed session regarding a potential lease of the Blue Pheasant and directed City representatives to negotiate a lease.

Regular meeting of the Cupertino City Council

Tuesday, January 21, 2004

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

Study Session – 5 p.m.

Discussed the options for the purchase of the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for the new library as well as funding for the purchase and installation of shelving.

Discussed the Fourth of July budget.

City Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.

Wave Award presentation to Cupertino Senior Television Productions for their program, "The Better Part."

Authorized the City Manager to sign a lease agreement for the rental of the Simms house.

Renewed bingo permits for St. Joseph of Cupertino Church and Cupertino Coordinating Council.

Deferred action until the February 17 meeting for the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) for the new Cupertino Public Library.

Adopt a resolution authorizing removal of the traffic barrier from Pacifica Drive and denying the petition to permanently close Silverado Avenue.

Reviewed and approved mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year 2003/04:

Authorize reductions from various accounts in the amount of \$1.7 million, and the use of the Economic Uncertainty Reserve in the amount of \$1.5 million to fund the projected revenue shortfall for the fiscal year 2004/04

Terminated the Red Light Running Program.

Selected March 1 at 5 p.m. and March 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. for a joint study session to consider recommendations from the General Plan Task Force; also selected March 15 at 5 p.m. for commission interviews.

Planning Commission Agenda Preview

City Council Chambers

February 23, 2004, 6:45 p.m.

Applicant: City of Cupertino, Citywide Amendments to Chapter 19.100 of the Cupertino Municipal Code related to parking regulations.

Tentative City Council date: March 15.

Planning Commission work program for 2004.

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February	2	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
February	2	Teen Commission (Community Center)	6:00 p.m.
February	4	Telecommunications Commission	7:00 p.m.
February	5	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
February	9	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
February	11	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
February	12	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
February	12	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
February	17	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
February	17	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
February	18	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
February	18	Teen Commission (Community Center)	6:00 p.m.
February	23	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
February	24	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
February	24	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.

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