

# Talk of the Town

News and chit-chat

## In rush for a Valentine's Day gift? Skip See's Candy

Much to the chagrin of chocoholics who have seen retail choices dwindle in Milpitas, the See's Candy store in McCarthy Ranch is closed. Permanently. The last milk chocolate Bourdeaux went out the door Jan. 25.

The closing brought an unexpected end to the popular West Coast confectioner's local retail shop, which had been in operation at that location since 1995.

See's Candy public relations representatives would only fudge that the shop closed because it lost its lease.

The nearest See's Candy store is located in NewPark Mall in Newark.

### BUT BUSINESS IS ROSY ELSEWHERE TODAY

Milpitas' largest flower shop, Marlowes Flowers and Gifts, estimates it will handle 350-dozen orders and about 200-dozen walk-ins on Valentine's Day.

### MILPITAS HIGH STUDENTS AMONG SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Four Milpitas High School students were among this year's recipients of Grove Foundation School-to-Career Scholarships. Yesenia Arreola, Mark-David Aspiras, Rosalba Gamez and Gustavo Soria were granted scholarships of up to \$4,000 for tuition, books and related educational expenses.

All four Milpitas High scholarship recipients applied for the award through the Central County Occupational Center, where the students spent half of each school day, while attending Milpitas High for the other half of the day. The CCOC — a unit of the Metropolitan Educational District — offers career-technical education programs for student at over 35 high schools throughout six Silicon Valley school districts.

Overall, 96 students in the San Jose and Santa Cruz areas were awarded with Grove Scholarships, which are granted



Marlowes Flowers and Gifts employees Yasuko Solar (left) and Maria Osorio take a quick break between the hectic pace of assembling and shipping hundreds of dozens of Valentine's arrangements by today.

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to students who will attend Cabrillo College, Evergreen Valley College, or San Jose City College to earn their career-focused two-year associate's degree or technical certificate.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON IN MUSD

Kindergarten registration will begin at all Milpitas Unified School District elementary sites beginning Monday, March 3, and will continue throughout the school year.

Students need to be 5 years of age by Dec. 2, 2008, to enroll in kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year.

Visit [www.musd.org](http://www.musd.org) to locate your home school using the new School Locator, obtain a list of items, and immunizations needed for registration.

Open enrollment requests for Milpitas residents only, will be

accepted from March 3 through March 31, only for the upcoming 2008-09 school year. Forms and site information can be obtained from the office of any one of the district's elementary and middle schools.

### RAINBOW THEATRE HOLDS OPEN AUDITIONS FOR "DISNEY'S MULAN JR."

Milpitas Rainbow Theatre is casting for its production of "Disney's Mulan Jr." Auditions are open to anyone ages 8 to 18 years old and will be held at the Milpitas Community Center (457 E. Calaveras Blvd.) on Feb. 13 and 14, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children should come prepared to learn a short dance routine and sing a song for the directors.

A participation fee of \$85 (\$65 for Milpitas residents) is due at the audition (no cash). Participation fees will be

returned to those not cast. For more information, contact Milpitas Parks and Recreation Services at 586-3210.

### PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO FEEL CRABBY AGAIN

The Milpitas Chamber of Commerce will hold its 15th annual Crab Feed on Friday, March 7. The evening will include a dinner of cold crab, pasta and garlic bread, followed by dessert and dancing.

This year, KeyPoint Credit Union will be presenting a "Red Carpet Cocktail Hour" from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Silent Auction Room of Napredak Hall. A limited number of \$10 tickets will be available for the cocktail hour, which will include a silent auction preview, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The auction will be expanded to include more items, and half the proceeds will be given to the Milpitas High

School Travel and Tourism Academy.

The event will take place at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, in San Jose. Doors open for the main event at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. The live auction and dancing will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$40 until Feb. 18, and \$45 thereafter. To purchase tickets, contact the chamber of commerce at 262-2613.

### RELAY FOR LIFE KICK-OFF MEETING IS MONDAY

Organizers are getting started on this year's Milpitas Relay For Life. They are having a committee kick-off meeting for anyone interested in working on the relay committee or in getting more information about becoming involved with the committee.

In addition to this, there will be announcements about changes for the 2008 Relay For Life.

A kick-off meeting will be Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at Laurel Rogers' home at 472 Woodcock Court.

Those interested in working with the committee, and those who want to form a team, are invited. For more information, call Rogers at 946-8492.

### MILPITAS POST HOSTS FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST IN MARCH

Post Editor and Publisher Robert J. Devincenzi, and any other staff members he can roust from their pre-dawn slumbers, will host the Sunnyhills Community Breakfast on Sunday, March 2, starting at 7 a.m. Expect a full breakfast cooked over a wood fire and an informal discussion about what the paper has achieved since last year's gathering. The breakfast is open to all residents. It will be held inside the Jones Hall of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 355 Dixon Road.