A CURE FOR SENIORITIS

By Miles McMullin

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How I Came to Have the Second-Best Dog in the World

After our dog, Moose, died suddenly in December, we decided to live without a dog. It was the practical thing to do.

Because as much as we missed Moose’s goofy presence in our life, things were easier without him.

I need to leave on short notice for three or more weeks at a time for the Red Cross; and with our youngest child off to college in September, Dan and I can travel more.

There was no dog hair to sweep up; no one to wake me up at 6 a.m. because he was hungry; no one to keep me from running into the park if I felt like it. Food left on the counter did not disappear. The lawn was not mowed with dog poop.

But practicality lost out to one simple reality — we missed Moose. We were lonely.

It struck home about a month after Moose’s death, when Dan left on a business trip. Suddenly the house was far, far too quiet. So, just out of curiosity, I started looking at dog rescue sites on the internet and reading the Craigslist pet listings. I seriously considered a Newfoundland puppy until the owner said she was trying to teach the dogs, which can reach 150 pounds, not to jump on people.

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I tried getting to stop e-mailing cute Corgi photos, I agreed to research the breed. The Corgi site, however, suggested I try another Web site to help figure out the best breed for my lifestyle. The only breed that met 100 percent of my criteria, it said, was a Labrador retriever.

“Well, duh,” I thought. Moose, a Labrador retriever, loved to do everything I loved to do — run, hike, play, visit people and hang out in the garden.

So, late that afternoon, I checked Craigslist and found a listing for an 8-month-old chocolate lab puppy. The owner, a divorced father of two young children, said he just didn’t have enough time for the dog.

He didn’t have a photo, but...
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FOUR GAIN EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Four scouts from Venturing Crew 222 in Menlo Park were awarded Eagle Scout rank at a ceremony held Jan. 4 at Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos. Venturing Crew 222 was formed in 2008 by scouts and leaders who were previously members of Troop 222 in Menlo Park.

The new Eagle Scouts are: Christopher Huang, now attending the University of California at Irvine; Grant Mahan, a senior at Summit High School; Kevin Moore a senior at Juniper Serra High School; and Ray Scott, who attends Foothill College.

Christopher, a graduate of Summit High School, earned 28 merit badges and attended Philmont Scout Ranch in 2004 and the Northern Tier canoeing expedition in 2006. His service project was building five benches for Flood Park. He is the son of Alex and Penelope Huang of Menlo Park.

Grant earned 22 merit badges and special awards, including the cycling merit badge and two 50-miler awards for Emigrant Wilderness in 2005 and Philmont Scout Ranch in 2007. His service project was building and installing six trail benches at Hidden Villa. He will attend Chico State University in the fall. Grant is the son of Gracia and Mike Mahan of Atherton.

Kevin earned 26 merit badges and awards including the BSA kayak award and the cycling merit badge. He earned 50-miler awards for Rogue River, Emigrant Wilderness and Philmont expeditions. He plans to attend the University of British Columbia next year. Kevin is the son of Gary and Terri Moore of Redwood City.

Ray Scott earned 26 merit badges and special awards including two 50-miler awards for Emigrant Wilderness and Philmont Scout Ranch. His conservation project was replacing a 20-foot trail bridge at Hidden Villa. He plans to transfer to the University of California system from Foothill College. Ray is the son of Andy and Carolyn Scott of Los Altos. Andy Scott is the assistant property manager of Hidden Villa.

BARBARA WOOD is a freelance writer, photographer and gardener from Woodside. Her column runs the third week of the month.
SamTrans raises bus fares by 16 percent

SamTrans raised its bus fares Feb. 1. Adult fares for local trips are $1.75, up from $1.50, according to SamTrans spokeswoman Christine Dunn. The cost of adult monthly passes and tokens increased as well.

The discount and youth fares did not change, but paratransit fares increased, as well.

Christine Dunn. The cost of operating the bus, and the last fare increase was back in September 2005, according to Ms. Dunn.

A complete list of the new fares is at www.samtrans.com.

Nominations solicited for business awards

The San Mateo County Economic Development Association is soliciting nominations of local businesses for its annual awards. The association is offering prizes for service to the community, environmental sustainability, and “best start-up,” among other categories.

The ceremony for the 2009 awards will take place on March 25. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 27. To submit a nomination, visit samceda.org.

The spelling bee A-Team

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Online shopping for open space

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has added merchandise featuring its new logo to its online store (www.openspace.org/store). Casual hoodies, hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets are for sale.

Outdoor gear also includes fleece blankets, tote bags, messenger bags and backpacks.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board suggests methods for reducing waste and greenhouse gases in the new year:

• Keep a reusable grocery bag in your car.
• Start a compost heap for your food waste.
• Donate clothes and hangers to a thrift store, homeless shelter, or center for battered women.
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says she will use her project to create a collection of clothes she has designed. “After working as an intern in the fashion industry this past summer, I truly recognized how much I wanted to pursue designing clothes,” she says. “So I will.”

At Crystal Springs, I have not yet decided what I will do. I believe I want to intern at a local business, and gain insight into how that business is run, but I have yet to lock-down a specific firm.

I am just happy to be able to do this type of work in my last month of senior year. These senior projects revitalize seniors and give them valuable experience that will guide them through the next phase of their life. And if we also get to sleep in a few extra hours during the month of May, that will be a welcome change.
Menlo School benefit slated for March 20

Menlo School’s annual benefit “Menlo 9 Takes Flight” will be held Friday, March 20, on the school’s Atherton campus.

The theme refers to the senior class of 2009 as it “prepares for departure” from Menlo School, “Co-pilots” for the benefit are parents Kathy Diekroeger of Woodside and Betsy Baum of Hillsborough. The Menlo School community and more than 150 parents have spent nearly a year planning the event.

With a look to travel and adventure, auction items for the fundraiser will include a week in a London townhouse and an 11-day trip to South Africa with Bushtracks. Menlo School will offer “Flight School,” an innovative week of classes for parents, modeled after “Knight School,” a week of challenging classes offered to Upper School students each spring to help them find a passion or pursue an interest.

Tickets for the benefit luncheon are $100 per person; dinner tickets are $200 per person. Online registration begins at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at www.menloschool.org. Bidding online on auction items starts March 12 at www.menloschool.cmarket.com.

Proceeds from the benefit will go directly to the school’s financial aid program.

TheatreWorks celebrates its 40th anniversary

TheatreWorks will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a full day of festivities at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Beginning at noon, there will be free events, including live music in the plaza and costume fashion shows.

Artistic director Robert Kelley will announce the performance lineup for the 2009-10 season at 7 p.m. in the main theater. Following the announcement, champagne and desserts will be served. For more information, go to www.theatreworks.org.

Where do socks go?

Have you ever wondered where missing socks go? Find out when Pauline Young reads her new book, “Socks Heaven,” at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Menlo Park Library.

Bring along an orphaned sock and she will help transform it into something new. Wear your most colorful socks for all to see. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Menlo Park Library.

Cooking classes in Portola Valley

Nutmeg Kitchens announces a series of new cooking classes at the home of chef Margaret MacKenzie in Portola Valley. The classes are: buffet entertaining, Feb. 21; bistro cafe, Feb. 26; family friendly entrees, March 14; soups and stews, March 21; and “It’s Springtime!” on March 28.

The fee for individual classes is $60 per person. Classes are held at 145 Portola Road in Portola Valley, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register for a class, go to Margie@NutmegKitchens.com or call 851-0937.

Local talk on Asian art

Docent Jane Norbeck of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco will talk about “Dragon’s Gift, the Sacred Art of Bhutan” at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the auditorium of Little House, 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park.

Her illustrated lecture refers to the special exhibit on Bhutan at the Asian Art Museum, which opens Feb. 20 and extends through May 10. Cost of the lecture is $3 for members and $5 for others. For more information, call 326-2025.

Program: Divorce and relationship recovery

People who need help in putting the pieces together after a divorce or the breakup of a relationship are invited to the Divorce & Relationship Recovery program at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

Programs are held every Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m., including holidays, in the Garden Court of the Menlo Park church. There is no charge, and free child care is provided for children from age 3 months through those in fifth grade.

In addition to a presentation each Monday, there will be a question-and-answer period and time for small group meetings with others.

For more information, call Monte Fisher 888-3215.
At Kepler's

Dan Simmons will discuss and sign his new book, "Drood: A Novel," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Kepler's bookstore in Menlo Park. The book is based on historical details of Charles Dickens' life, and tells a story of the voice of fellow author Wilkie Collins, Dickens' friend. It explores the mysteries of Dickens' final years, when he was writing the unfinished "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." The event is free. Kepler's is at 1030 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. For more information, call 650-348-4321, or visit keplers.com.

Classes, Workshops

Bridge Instruction. Here's your chance to learn Bridge. This 8-week series includes responses to no trump, laid-out doubles, the stayman convention, cue bids, opening leads, and slam bidding. One hour instruction, 30 minutes play, plus time to discuss hands. Students may bring in. Wed. Jan 14 to Mar. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. $80 members/$90 non-members. Averylands, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-399-2345. www.avenidas.org

Complete-Diet Mini-Farming. This class will show how to plan a garden or mini-farm that will produce healthy, nutritious food and be highly productive as well as sustainable. A 10-hour class that begins Thu., Feb. 26, 7-9:30 p.m. $35 per person. Seating limited. Fri., Feb. 27, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mid-embolgy, 494 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.middiebnu.org

Mainly Clay. The ceramic artists of The Main Gallery present their latest inspirations in the clay medium. Showing their work are Jeff Carpenter, Liz Cox, Doris Fischer, crabine, Nika Kopecky, Corina Mor and Susan Wolf. Through March 22, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main Street, Redwood City. Call 650-701-1018. www.themaingallery.com

Pankaj Panwar Solo Exhibition. Pankaj Panwar's sculptures in bronze, wood and fiberglass depict figures wrestling with the forces of nature. Pankaj Panwar Solo Exhibition. 15, Thu.-Sat. 8-10 p.m. Sun. at 2 p.m. Thu.: 6-7 p.m. No charge; donations accepted. Rooms of the 36 anonymous saints whose decency and generosity will be remembered. The 36 Saints exhibit is a multi-media collaborative installation, at the San Fernando Church, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-328-4496. www.36saints.org


Art Galleries


Strategic Planning on the Downlow. An open-door, off-the-record discussion. Attendees will have fun and learn how to make strategic plans do it in real time.” SRI says. Thu., Feb. 19, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Free, advance registration required. Must be an SRI member. For more information, call 650-329-5542. www.sri.com


At the Palo Alto City Library

Unfacilitated Speaking Circles(R). This series provides a comfortable, safe environment in which to explore and practice speaking, public speaking, and the unfacilitated speaking skills. Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m. $15. Every Woman Health Club, 535 Bryant St, Palo Alto. Call 650-323-4000. www.avenidas.org


Hand Weights How-To. Weight training builds bone density and increases muscle mass and metabolism. Learn the principles of hand weights to maximize the benefit to muscles and prevent injury. Sat., Feb. 21, 10-10:45 a.m. $15. Every Woman Health Club, 611 Jefferson Ave., Redwood City.

La Leche League at Blossom. La Leche League meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at Blossom. Bring baby todflder or bring a pump. First Thursday, 10 a.m. Free. 329 S. California Ave., Suite 155, Palo Alto. www.blossombirth.org

Reading by Yoko Tawada. “A part of the world I have always wanted to write about is Al��m and friends. Whether you've been in your current job for 20 years or you're in between jobs, this course will reveal your unlimited potential for fulfilling work. Through a variety of dispontment techniques as an eat practical skill-building exercises, well zero in on your untapped potential.” Unity Palo Alto, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-348-7322. www.unitypaloalto.org

Speaking Circles(R). Workshop on managing stress. Sun., Feb. 22, 2-3:30 p.m. $45 each. Unity Palo Alto Community Church, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-348-7322. www.unitypaloalto.org

Stanford Entrepreneurship Week. Enjoy a variety of events on campus throughout the week including workshops, networking receptions, workshops, round-table discussions and keynotes. Feb. 17-21. For more information, see the website (see below). http://seew.stanford.edu

Widow/Widower Grief Recovery. New 10-week series to help newly widowed deal with the shun of a spouse recently or within the past year. Classes begin Feb. 18, Tuesday nights. $35 for class workbook. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Rooms A26, 27; 9563 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. www.mpcc.org

Community Events


New Poetry by Iranians Around the World. A reflection of Iranian identity today by not only introducing readers to contemporary Iranian poetry, but also expanding the canon of significant works in the Persian language. Thu., Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-348-4321. www.keplers.com

Reading by Yoko Tawada. A multilingual reading in German, Japanese, and English. Yoko is a prize-winning author of the collection's "Facing the Bridge" and "Where Europe Begins," and of more than 30 other works including fiction, poetry, and drama. Thu., Feb. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Humanities Center, 424, 767 Stanford Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-0040.

Campus Forums at Little House. A part of the campus forums at Little House that invites a guest speaker to talk about an issue of human interest. Thu., Feb. 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Community potluck. Thu., Feb. 26, 6:30-9 p.m. Free. The Palo Alto City Library, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-348-7322. www.unitypaloalto.org

Women's History Month. "From the Time of Elizabeth to the Time of 2," Przeworski is professor of politics and international studies at New York University. The Wossn Lectures on Problems of Democracy, presented by the Stanford Center for Ethics in Society, will discuss certain interpretations of self-government and analyze whether democracies have achieved iconic status when both the state and the society have been participatory. Stanford Center for Ethics in Society, 379 Serra Mall. Stanford. Call 650-723-0040.

American Indian Women's Association's "Honeymoon in Tehran: Two Years of Love and Danger in Iran." In her new memoir, American-Indian author Elizabethi, who returns to Tehran in 2005 to cover Ahmadinejad's election, hopes to model her life on the work of her mother, hoping to make the city her permanent home. Her plans are complicated by the standoff between U.S. and Iran. Thu., Feb. 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Community potluck. Thu., Feb. 26, 6:30-9 p.m. Free. The Palo Alto City Library, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-348-7322. www.unitypaloalto.org


Producing the Universe: A series featuring a leading cosmologist


The Stanford Jazz Workshop CoHo Jazz Ensemble presents harpsichordist Mahan Esfahani, Thursday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. www.stanfordjazz.org

For all listings

This Calendar contains partial listings of community events. To see all listings, go to TheAlmanacOnline.com and on the green navigation bar on the left, click on "Community Calendar."
**ATHERTON**

- Beautiful custom home nestled on gorgeous large lot in sought after W. Atherton neighborhood. 5BD/4.5BA, elegant & spacious living and dining rms, epicurean kitchen w/ large breakfast rm, incredible vaulted ceiling Fam Room w/FP.
- Elizabeth Daschbach
- $6,595,000

- Traditional brick estate home in desirable Atherton, on quiet cul-de-sac. 6BD/5.5 BA home brimming w/exuberant light that gently filters through in lavish windows.
- Elizabeth Daschbach
- $2,195,000

- Single story completely remodeled. Own a home for the cost of the new condos. No square footage is wasted on stairs. This sparkling home is ready for the pickiest buyers. Rebuilt in 2008; street level in. Granite, hardwood, Italian tile, private yard, excellent neighborhood, great schools.
- Denise Watkins Smith
- $1,049,999

- Charming 3BR/2BA home blocks from Castro St. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac and a walk through a park.
- Kristin Cashin
- $899,000

- 1BD/1BA guest house features LR w/FP, pool, spa. Virtual tour at www.plansandtours.com/3879
- $1,595,000

- atherton.com

**BELMONT**

- Excellent location on cul de sac. Unbeatable views of the Bay. Expand or build. 3BR/3BA, large family room with oak hardwood floors. Panoramic view of the bay area!
- Brendan Royer
- $399,000

- Single level home in quiet neighborhood on 1/4 acre w/private yard. 4 BD/3BA, 2-car garage, gorgeous upgrades. Close to downtown Menlo Park, Menlo-Palo Alto schools, great schools.
- Jennifer Whelan
- $650,000

- **PALO ALTO**

- 2 storey home on large lot. Spacious first floor home, 2/2BA. LR w/FP, K/BA. Potential to add a large master retreat with full bath and view on the 2nd floor.
- Enayat Boroumand
- $1,250,000

- Condo in highly desirable location. 2 BD/2 BA, new carpet and paint, fireplace in living room, close to downtown shops & transportation. 4-story building. Close to downtown shops & transportation.
- Lilly Chow
- $699,000

- **EAST PALO ALTO**

- Bright corner unit, new double pane windows, freshly painted inside & out. 1BR/1BA, including hardwood floors in dining area, tile in entry and hallway, large living area and walk-in closet.
- Garth Wolfman
- $150,000

- **BAKERY HILLS**

- Updated 2BR/2BA in desirable area, close to good schools. 2BD/2BA beautifully remodeled. Lg, luxurious Mstr BR, hardwood floors and dual paned windows. Nice neighborhood and great schools.
- Camille Eder
- $699,000

- **MOUNTAIN VIEW**

- Located in Midtown PA w/a completely remodeled. 4BR/2.5BA home w/exceptional light that gently filters through in lavish windows.
- Tim Kerv
- $1,595,000

- **MENLO PARK**

- 3BR/2BA, beautifully remodeled. Microwave. Must see to appreciate!
- Paul Skrabo
- $580,000

- Small home with great views of the water. Mstr BR features Walk-In Closet, soaking tub and dual sinks. Steps away from boat dock.
- Lilly Chow
- $650,000

- **ATHLETIC PARK**

- Bright corner unit, new double pane windows, newly painted throughout, LR w/FP, Dine. room. Can entertain from large deck. Attached two-car garage and one block from Menlo Park.
- Enayat Boroumand
- $1,250,000

- **PORTOLA VALLEY**

- 4BD/4BA, Finnish built for exp. home. Close to shopping & major commuter routes. Features dining area in FR, wall-to-wall carpeting & tile.
- Jane Norton
- $799,000

- **LA HONDA**

- 6BD/5.5BA, new paint. Mint BR has Walk-in Closet, duel paneed windoos and a gorgeous kitchen with custom cabinets. Open floor plan.
- Jennifer Whelan
- $649,000

- **SARATOGA**

- 4BD/3BA That/3bedroom updated home features a completely reconfigured kitchen w/ custom cabinets. Mint BR has a reconfigured W/I Closet, dual sinks and updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances.
- Rachel Royer
- $379,000

- **CUPERTINO**

- 4BD/3BA This/T3bedroom updated home features a completely reconfigured kitchen w/ custom cabinets. Mint BR has a reconfigured W/I Closet, dual sinks and updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances.
- Rachel Royer
- $379,000

- **ROSEVILLE**

- 1BD/1BA unit is only seconds from the waters edge. Private dock. Enjoy boating/water ski, kayaking, paths along shore for bike rides or stroll along the water.
- George Monse
- $395,000

- **ALL PLEASANTON**

- Lovely property on designated scenic route. Over an acre housing a variety of mature trees including almond, pear, plum, apple, walnut, pomegranite and apricot. Nice pond & private yard.
- Mark Gazzara
- $499,000

- **GREAT BASIN**

- 4BD/3BA This/T3bedroom updated home features a completely reconfigured kitchen w/ custom cabinets. Mint BR has a reconfigured W/I Closet, dual sinks and updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances.
- Rachel Royer
- $379,000

- **HAYWARD**

- Bright corner unit, new double pane windows, recently painted throughout, LR w/FP, Dining room. Can entertain from large deck. Attached two-car garage and one block from Menlo Park.
- Enayat Boroumand
- $1,250,000

- **SANTA CLARA**

- Single level 3BR/2BA, new carpet and paint, fireplace in living room, close to downtown Menlo Park, Menlo-Palo Alto schools, great schools.
- Jennifer Whelan
- $650,000

- **MOUNTAIN VIEW**

- All of the best elements of a genteel life style are realized in this 650-529-2900
- Paul Skrabo
- $499,000

- **BURLINGAME**

- 6BD/4.5BA, Finnish built for exp. home. Close to shopping & major commuter routes. Features dining area in FR, wall-to-wall carpeting & tile.
- Jane Norton
- $799,000
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