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By Amena Sherzad

**Bay Area Group Fights Junk Internet CDs**

George has extensive experi- ence in business development and brand strategy. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

The panel discussing the state of the East Bay economy will include Audrey Gove, Brad Graham, and D-Berkeley, has introduced a bill that would address the problem of what to do with the CDs instead of disposing of them in the trash. The bill, AB1166, would require that unclaimed CDs be offered for sale to the public. If no one purchases the CD, city and county officials may return the CD to the consumer. The bill also requires that disposable DVDs that erase themselves after 48 hours also be accompanied by a return envelope. Expired they could be returned for recycling.

**Partnership Including CSUH Opens New Business Development Center**

Jim McKenna and John Li

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The East Bay Small Business Development Center’s office is nearby, at 475 14th St., Suite 109. The university, the federal Small Business Administration and the Northern California Small Business Development Center will work together to open the new center, which offers classes, consulting services and business planning resources for small businesses. All consulting services are provided to clients free of charge, while courses are offered for a nominal fee.

The center will host an open house at its new training head- quarters on Tuesday, May 11, and a panel of business experts discuss the state of the East Bay economy at 4 p.m., followed by a 5:30 p.m. reception at Ve- benna Restaurant, where small business operators will have an opportunity to meet one-on- one with the center’s business consultants and share ideas with other small business people.

**MCB President Norma Weiss will give welcoming remarks for the event.**

The Center will offer entrepre- neurial and business leader classes on implementing new strategies, skills and ideas across varied business disciplines, and will tailor sessions to the needs of each business. Classes will be tailored to assist entrepreneurs in any stage of the business develop- ment process.

Organizations including the McBay Technology Center will offer specialized training. “The center’s consultants spe- cialize in reviewing business plans, financial projections, mar- kets research, marketing plans and business strategy,” said Raj George. East Bay SBOC director.

“Most of our consultants have MBAs or doctorates, and many are faculty members from Cui- State Hayward’s College of Busi- ness and Economics,” said George. MBA students will provide a consultation teams under the guid- ance of faculty members.

The center’s training and consulting services are available by calling (510) 208-0410 or by going online to the center’s Web site at www.eastbaysbdc.org.

**The Pioneer**

**Menlo Honda In Redwood City**

By Amnon Sherzad

A group called NoMore- CDs, which was formed after a radio talk show in Virginia three years ago in a campaign to stop the West from mailing out unclaimed CDs.

McKenna and John Li, founders of the center, plan to collect the CDs and sell them through an online auction.

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