

VARIETY WORKS!

Your Money at Work
Sunny Hills Children's Garden
Variety Film Forum

Variety Children's Charity of Northern California Monthly

Film Forum:

A New Variety Event.

Ever read the reviews, see a film and think 'I could have written a better review?' Well, now is your chance to get up close and personal with SF Bay Area film critics and filmmakers. Variety's Film Forum is a chance to chat about film with some of the best known film critics, filmmakers, and industry professionals in the bay area. This July, Variety launched a new event "Film Forum", an event that places some of the best-know critics and industry professional together with dedicated filmgoers to talk cinema. Look for the next event invitation in the mail or online at www.varietync.org as we discuss different film topics and trends. The first film forum was July 28th at Variety Preview Room with critic Barry Caine of the *Oakland Tribune* and Michael Fox of *SF Weekly*.



Variety and Sunny Hills Children's Garden Team Up

Variety has garnered yet another ally for children due to the recent teaming with Sunny Hills Children's Garden. Founded as an orphanage in 1895, Sunny Hill is now a leader in providing comprehensive services to children at risk. Transforming lives through residential and educational treatment programs, children from ages 6 to 12 get to live in family-style group homes with specially trained house parents and staff, who provide the emotional care and guidance necessary to meet a child's developmental needs in a nurturing and stable environment. In addition to Sunny Hills residential program they run the only emergency shelter that provides 24-hour care for young people who experience trauma as a result of getting separated from their family, and are in need of protection. What makes them special?

OPEN YOUR HEART, CLOSE YOUR LOAN

*Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Program
Makes It Easy to Support Community Efforts*



Roman Fan

BERKELEY, Calif. – July 30, 2004 - Homebuyers in Berkeley have a financing option allowing them to realize their dream of home ownership and support their local community in the process. The initiative is called the *Sharing Advantage*® program, and it is an easy way to finance the purchase of a home and support local community efforts. The program is uniquely designed to help organizations that serve the needs of minorities and/or low to moderate income individuals. The initiative allows homebuyers to direct Wells Fargo Home Mortgage to make a \$300 contribution on their behalf to a nonprofit organization of their choice following the loan closing. The contribution is paid for by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and distributed directly to the designated charity.

"The charitable contributions made by the homebuyers help strengthen the community with designated programs such as tutoring, after-school activities, day care and food services," said Roman Fan, a home mortgage consultant with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage based in Berkeley. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage recently donated \$3,600 to the Variety Children's Charity as part of the *Sharing Advantage* program.

For more information about the *Sharing Advantage* program, customers can contact Roman Fan at 510.292.2607 or their local home mortgage consultant to confirm that their area branch participates in the program. Or go to www.wellsfargo.com for a listing of the nearest Wells Fargo location.

Maybe it's their guiding philosophy that each child is unique and individual and has the right to be loved. Sunny Hill services children who are abused, neglected, abandoned and emotionally distrusted. Based in Marin County, Sunny Hills services hundreds of children throughout a dozen counties.

Annual Board Retreat Results:

*Programs of last resort hat restores hope
visions and direction to children 12 under*

On a productive weekend in July, members of Variety's Board of Directors, along with Facilitator Karen Vella, came together for a day-long work session. The board retreat's goals were looking at the future and direction of Variety. With a proactive stance and a growing importance on who we help, the aim of Variety was solidified into helping children that are 12 and under in the greatest need in the Bay Area.

Board members and staff voted on a new tag line and program titles that best fits the children that we serve. Our new tag line is now "Programs of last resort that restores hope, vision, and direction to children 12 and under". Our program titles are "VarietyCares", "VarietyGives" and "VarietyWorks". Look for another board update in October when members come back to the table for part two of this strategy session.

Film Mania in July

With the current summer movie blitz, Variety members have received a special treat with four screenings in July, including the blockbuster, *I Robot* and *Manchurian Candidate*. Watch your mailbox for invitations to *Danny Deckchair* this August, and many more to come!

