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MrCoupler is a quick garden hose connector that was invented by Los Gatos product engineer Ron Smith, who received a standing ovation when he showed it off at the National Hardware Show held earlier this year in Las Vegas.

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"Could this little bee be any cuter? This ring didn't take any official honors, but I heard many an editor admiring it on press day. So kudos to Teel's for this national recognition," JCK's **Jennifer Heebner** wrote. Teel's is a family-owned jeweler that opened in 1981.

Another family-owned business, **Thrasher Termite & Pest Control**, was recently named a **Diamond Certified** company by the **American Ratings Corporation**. The business was started in 1979 by Ja-

net Thrasher and her late husband, **Duff**. When Duff passed away in 2000 from a heart attack, Janet was left with both a household and business to run.

"Suddenly I had to make all the decisions while learning more about termites, ants, bees and fleas than I ever thought I would," she said. "When I was at my lowest, my family, my staff and other pest control operators stepped in to help." Since then, the company has tripled in size, and Janet has established the **Duff Thrasher Memorial Youth Fund**, which offers scholarships to local youth and provides grants to youth-focused community organizations.



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Janet Thrasher owns **Thrasher Termite & Pest Control**, which was recently named a **Diamond Certified** company.



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The **Bee Ring** was designed by **Robert Martinez** for a **Teel's Jewelry** client. The ring received good reviews from editors attending the **American Gem Trade Association Spectrum Awards**, held last month in New York.

In the technology world, **Saratoga-based Roku** is moving to Los Gatos in January. Roku manufactures streaming media players that allow you to watch programs on TV, via the Internet, that you'd normally only be able to watch on a computer or mobile device.

"We are moving to the Netflix campus," Roku spokeswoman **Tricia Mifsud** said. "As you probably know, they have vacated some space so we are leasing from them." Roku has about 400 employees and has outgrown its Saratoga location.

Charlotte Fors, founder of **Women in Wireless**, has been named **Nexmo** vice president of sales and account management. Nexmo is a cloud communications company, and Fors is a Los Gatos resident. In addition to founding the 12,000-member **Women in Wireless** group, Fors received a 2014 **Stevie Award** recognizing outstanding businesswomen.

Businesswoman **Sara Fung**, who owns the **Cotton Works** at 58 N. Santa Cruz Ave., has filled the store's walls with paintings by Los Gatos artists **Noreen Christopher** and **Jeanette Turkus**. The idea is to offer clients one-stop shopping, so the art was selected to complement the furniture that's

for sale.

The **Cotton Works** is nearly 40 years old and has evolved over time to become a lifestyle store that specializes in fabric, draperies and custom bedding. Visit cot-



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Los Gatos resident Charlotte Fors was recently named vice president of sales and account management at **Nexmo**.

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Home sales are the new forte of **Sharon Dauskardt**, who has just joined the **Coldwell Banker** office in Los Gatos. Previously, Dauskardt was a manager at **Stanford's Graduate School of Education**. Locally, she's active with the nonprofit **Dove's Club** of Los Gatos.

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