



## Aerogels Topic for First Science Lecture

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) lecture series, "Science on Saturday," returns Jan. 31 and runs through Feb. 28.

This year's talks explore an array of interesting topics - the unusual material of aerogel, the birth of the solar system, diverting asteroids with nuclear explosives, the path to limitless clean energy, and wind power in our future.

Lectures will be held in the Bankhead Theater located at 2400 First St. in Livermore.

The presentations are from a collaboration of Lab scientists and science teachers. The talks highlight cutting-edge LLNL science that is aimed at the understanding of students. The lectures are sponsored by LLNL's Science Education Program.

Kicking off the series on Jan. 31 is "Aerogels: The Materials Science of Empty Space," presented by Alex Gash, LLNL scientist, and Dean Reese, a Tracy High School teacher. This lecture explains how aerogels are a class

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## Conservancy to Take Input on No. Livermore Guide

The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) will unveil its North Livermore Resource Conservation Plan on Feb. 5.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue.

Sharon Burnham, TVC executive director, described the plan as a resource conservation guide. It identifies key properties for protection. "It is landowner friendly," she added. "The idea is make landowners aware of what is on their properties. If they feel they want to talk to us, we're available."

The guide is all inclusive in that it includes agriculture, horticulture, species, plants, wetlands. There are potential trail corridors and wildlife corridors identified. It is not about mitigation.

Burnham said the purpose of the Feb. 5 meeting is to take input from the public. "We are hoping they will let us know about any area we might have missed."

The meeting will begin with a Power Point presentation by Nomad Ecology immediately followed by a question and answer period.

For additional information, call 449-8706 or email info@trivalleyconservancy.org.

## Local Foods Way to Eat Well

Eating well, using local products, is not a new idea, nor is sustainable agriculture.

That was the message delivered by Christine Wente, fifth generation member of the wine-making family, at the kick-off event of Livermore Reads Together.

This year's read program has selected Michael Pollan's best-selling book *In Defense of Food: The Myth of Nutrition and the Pleasures of Eating*.

Wente said of the book, "It is fantastic. It highlights a life-style we should be striving for. It builds on the philosophy that Wente has been working on for one hundred and twenty five years."

She added, "There is better food awareness today. The movement to eat well is picking up speed." She listed Slow Food and Edible East Bay as resources to learn more about what local

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# Bus Fare Hikes, Service Cuts on the Table

By Ron McNicoll

The public will get its chance to comment on proposed fare hikes and service cutbacks at a Wheels public hearing on Feb. 2.

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. at the headquarters of LAVTA, 1362 Rutan Ct., Suite 100. LAVTA is the agency that operates Wheels.

After the hearing, the board will review staff recommendations, and is expected to make phase one cutback decisions immediately. Any cutbacks made would go into effect 30 days later. The board will take an extra month to decide about cutbacks proposed in phases two and three,

said agency executive director Paul Matsuoka.

Three workshops have been held to explain the proposed changes to the public. The third was added because LAVTA received so many inquiries from people who were just beginning to find out about the news, said Matsuoka.

The board's operations committee met Monday to decide recommendations for the meeting on Feb. 2. The committee, comprised of County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Livermore Councilmember Marj Leider, and Pleasanton Councilmember Cindy McGovern, backed

implementation of all of the phase one cuts.

The first phase changes are quick to accomplish. They did not run into opposition from people at the workshops, or from public comments on the agency's web page, said Matsuoka.

Second phase changes would be considered at the board's meeting in March. It will provide board members time to think them over. Phase two involves many changes in bus lines, and elimination of some runs. They could not be implemented until June, because of the need to figure out new schedules and have them printed.

The third phase has the changes that the staff doesn't want to see happen, because they are major. The board might deal with them in March, or a later meeting. Phase three has "stuff that really starts to cut into core of our system. We want to take the ideas to public and the board (for more consideration). We want to hold (phase three changes) in abeyance, and institute them only if the economy takes a huge nosedive," said Matsuoka.

The phase three cuts would be in the core routes, and would involve such things as eliminating weekend service on the No. 12

line, which serves Las Positas College. The core routes are the No. 10, 12, and 15 lines. Eliminating weekend service on the No. 8 line, which serves Pleasanton, had been nominated for phase one, but was pushed back to phase two, after the staff heard the public at the workshops, said Matsuoka.

The No. 8 line runs on a somewhat different route on weekends than it does on weekdays. It carries people from BART to the fairgrounds and parts of downtown. However, the weekend route for No. 8 also stops at the Pleasanton Senior Center and the senior

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Ashley Rodondi

## Local students experience history at Presidential Inauguration

By Patricia Koning

Ashley Rodondi, Mendenhall student Natalia Custodio, groups from Junction Avenue Middle School and Granada High School, and Malia Gonzales, Celine Asef, and Lauren Young of Our Savior Lutheran School all now have one special thing in common—they were present at the inauguration of President Barack Obama last week.

"It was just incredible. Hearing President Obama speak live, which is nothing like hearing him on television, and experiencing the amazing energy of the crowd," says Ashley, a junior at

Amador Valley High School.

"There was this amazing feeling of hope. It's hard to describe what it was like to be in a crowd of two million people who were all there for the same reason," says Junction teacher Jan Bennett.

Erik Taylor, a technology educator at Junction, began organizing the inauguration trip over a year ago. This was his third time leading students to Washington, DC. He was determined to witness the inauguration even before the candidates were selected. Taylor's mother, Elaine Taylor, who celebrated

her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Inauguration Day, joined him on the trip along with 11 Junction students and four adults, including Bennett.

The morning of the inauguration, the Junction group woke up at 3:30 am and was on a bus to the Mall in Washington, DC by 5 am. Keeping the students together in the massive crowd was difficult, but everything seemed to fall into place. "It was really a day of miracles. No one got hurt, no one got arrested," says Taylor.

The Junction kids found a spot about mid-way through the

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## Pleasanton Urged To Enact Right to Do Business Ordinance

A right to do business ordinance tops the wish list for many downtown Pleasanton businesses.

That was the view of several speakers who addressed the Pleasanton City Council last week during a discussion on economic development activities in the city, with a focus on the downtown. Another idea put on the table is a first floor retail only requirement in the downtown.

Such an ordinance would mean that businesses could do such things as be open late and provide music, if their permit allows for it, without fear of having such operations stopped due to complaints. The goal is to attract more restaurants, retail, and entertainment businesses to the downtown.

The council heard from the city's Director of Economic Development, Pamela Ott, who told the council there are significant projects underway throughout

the city. Roche Molecular has added 140,000 square feet to its building; 24-Hour Fitness is renovating the old Herald building into a 2-story super sportsclub. An office park at Bernal and Valley will include 59,000 square feet of shops and a 65,000 square foot prototype life-style Safeway store. In addition, Safeway is expanding its corporate presence. In the Rose Pavilion, plans for a Fresh and Easy are still on track.

However, Ott added, the current downturn in the economy has created challenges for businesses. In response, the city is looking at instituting programs to help attract and retain business. Staff is proposing several ideas.

Among them is a marketing match program that would increase assessment fee matching funds with additional money specifically to market the down-

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## Group to Push for Public Transit Funds

A national group, Transportation for America, has organized in an effort to change the focus on how money is spent on infrastructure. The group believes that, "Expanding highways must no longer claim the lion's share of national investment." The ir focus is on public transit.

The group brings together a coalition of real estate, housing, environmental, public health, urban planning, and transporta-

tion interests. Among them are Smart Growth America (co-chair) and Reconnecting America (co-chair). According to the website, they are working to create a national transportation program that "will take America into the 21st century by modernizing infrastructure and building healthy communities where all people can live, work and play."

Don Tishman, a long time real

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## Pipeline Is Insurance For Areas of Livermore

By Ron McNicoll

Even prehistoric bones didn't slow down a pipeline project. Zone 7 Water Agency is on track to install more water capacity that can be used for back-up or daily operations, for portions of Livermore.

The \$22 million pipeline is under construction from near Airway Boulevard and along Las Positas Boulevard to serve the Springtown and Wagner Farms areas.

The construction company unearthed some bones from a woolly mammoth and a 10,000-year-old horse not far from the Target store in Livermore in 2008. The artifacts have been set aside by a consultant and an archeologist for preservation.

The new line, with a capacity of 12 million gallons per day (mgd), will join an 8 mgd pipeline already there. The new one will add to the conveyance capacity for moving water to Springtown and Wagner Farms when Zone 7 has the Patterson pass water treatment plant down for maintenance.

When Patterson is shut down, Zone 7 draws water from Lake Del Valle, via the Arroyo Del Valle,

and from Valley wells. That water goes to northeast Livermore through the 8 mgd pipeline there now. The water travels from the west, instead of coming from the east, which is the route taken by lines that carry the Patterson Pass water.

There is no worry about the eastern lines that carry the Patterson water, because there is plenty of capacity to meet the summer's peak demand, said Zone 7 and Livermore officials. If the Patterson plant were down for maintenance in the winter, as happened for eight weeks recently, there also is no problem. Water use in winter is relatively low. The current 8 mgd line can handle it.

However, in summer, water use climbs to between 14 and 17 mgd, which is too much for an 8 mgd line. Water rationing would result. Simple math shows that the area would have to conserve by approximately 50 percent, said Livermore city staff water specialist Randy Werner. The new pipeline will erase any need for that.

However, if the pipeline were not in place by June 30, it can't

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Packing up food and clothing to ship to Honduras are (left) Chris Wilson and Susan Thomas. For the details, see page 5.

## Dougherty Settlement Funds to Collect Interest

The Livermore City Council voted to change how funds generated through the Dougherty Valley Settlement are handled.

Previously interest from the money went into the city's gen-

eral fund. The settlement did not provide for the allocation of the interest. Under state law it was paid into the general fund. Over the past ten years, over \$700,000 in interest has been paid to the

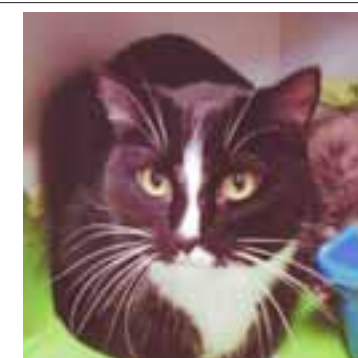
city. The money was used to compensate for staff time used in all open space studies.

Citizens for Balanced Growth (CBD) asked that the city hold

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Like a comet in the sky, Comet the cat is a rare find. He is a nurturing cat that loves to snuggle up with the baby kittens and take care of them! He is also a lap connoisseur, always searching for a warm lap to curl up in. To cuddle with Comet, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more information.



Granada High School students (above) and Junction Middle School students (right photo) were on hand for the inauguration.

## INAUGURATION

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crowd on the Mall, right in front of one of the massive screens. The adults spread out ponchos and blankets and most of the kids fell asleep.

"The crowd was really different. About 10 minutes before the ceremony started, everyone started yelling 'Obama, Obama' as if on cue," says Junction seventh grader Alex Pelote.

"When Roberts finished administering the oath of office to President Obama, absolute pandemonium broke out," recalls Taylor. "The ground just shook."

Through good fortune, Ashley watched the ceremony from an incredible location—right in front of the pond that separates the Capitol building from the rest of the crowd. "There were people everywhere, even sitting in trees," she recalls.

When Roberts and Obama stumbled over the oath of office, Ashley says the crowd barely reacted. "I think it showed us they are both just human. It was more special to me, that the President

can make a mistake but just keep on going. Everyone enjoyed it," she explains.

Granada High School teacher Bob Mariotti and 13 students were also in the Mall that day, standing near the Washington Monument and watching the ceremony on one of the large screens. For the Granada group, the logistics of getting to and from the Mall proved difficult. They had planned to walk about two miles from Arlington, Virginia, but were turned back and told to ride the Metro. After two hours in transit and getting separated, the group finally made it.

"As a teacher I'm not crazy about cell phones, but they kept us together that morning," he says. "There was never any real panic. The crowd was large but very polite."

Leaving the Mall wasn't any easier. Mariotti says it took over 2 hours to cover what would normally be a 20-minute walk to the Metro. "We were stuffed together like a bunch of penguins," he re-

calls. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I'm glad we did it."

Being part of the crowd of nearly two million people who watched the inauguration from as far away as the Lincoln Memorial was an experience unto itself. Ashley describes the incredible camaraderie. "There were no strangers, you could talk to anyone and everyone was so generous—sharing water and hand warmers and food," she says.

Ashley and Natalia attended the Inauguration as part of the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC), an invited program for middle and high school students who demonstrate leadership potential and academic achievement. Ashley was nominated for the PYIC after attending a National Young Leaders Conference at UCLA last summer.

"We found out she'd be going to the inauguration in August. It was really exciting because at that point we knew it

would be a historic occasion—either the first African American President or the first female Vice President," says Joe Rodondi, Ashley's father.

Ashley and Natalia's experience began the Saturday before Inauguration Day. Along with the thousands of other Inaugural Scholars, they attended talks by Al Gore, Colin Powell, Desmond Tutu, journalist Lisa Ling, and *Team of Rivals* author Doris Kearns Goodwin. The night of the inauguration, they attended a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball at the Air and Space Museum.

The Granada High School group's trip was organized through the education program Close Up. They spent a week touring the monuments, museums, and landmarks of DC. "My favorite part was going to the Smithsonian Museums," says Granada student Holly Mariotti, Bob's daughter. "The inauguration was very exciting too."

The Junction group filled the days before the inauguration with

a whirlwind sightseeing tour. They visited Mount Vernon, the Holocaust Museum, the Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, the Canadian Embassy, and took a walking tour of the Capitol. They walked a total of 13 miles on Monday and

Inauguration Day, walked close to four miles just getting to the Mall and back to the buses.

"My advice is if you visit Washington, DC, stay longer than a week," said Junction eighth grader Alex Cairel.

## LLNS Presents Funds to Local Schools

In support of science education in area schools, Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), has awarded gifts of \$5,000 to four local school districts and a community college foundation.

The organizations receiving the contributions include Las

Positas Community College Foundation, and the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon Valley school districts.

LLNS President and LLNL Director George Miller, along with LLNS Office Director Kathy Vaselopulos, presented the gifts during a special gathering Jan. 22 at the LLNS office in downtown Livermore. The gifts are part of LLNS' Community Gift Program.

"Both LLNS and the Laboratory are committed to supporting science and mathematics education in the community," said Miller. "These gifts are a direct investment in the science and engineering of tomorrow."

Accepting the contributions on behalf of their organizations were: Joel Kinnamon, chancel-

lor, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District; DeRionne Pollard, president, Las Positas Community College; Brenda Miller, superintendent, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School; John Casey, superintendent, Pleasanton Unified School District; Steven Hanke, superintendent, Dublin Unified School District and Christine Williams, assistant superintendent, San Ramon Valley Unified School District and Stan Hitomi, Science Education Programs coordinator, San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

The LLNS Board of Governors created the Corporate Giving Program to benefit neighboring communities of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The program includes a

recent match of \$1 million to the Laboratory's HOME Campaign (Helping Others More Effectively). Combined with the LLNS match, the HOME Campaign raised more than \$2.7 million for the annual charitable drive, which benefits more than 400 regional nonprofit agencies in the Tri Valley, San Joaquin Valley and Greater Bay Area.

The gift program donations come from the fee LLNS receives to manage Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and does not come from the Laboratory's operating budget. More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available on the Web at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/lnsgift.asp>

## Paws for Claws Benefits Animal Rescue

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's (TVAR) 4th Annual "Claws for Paws" will be held Saturday, February 7th, from 6-10 p.m. at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore

This Crab Feast is a fund-raiser for TVAR. Tickets are \$50 per person. The price includes all you can eat crab, pasta, Caesar salad, dessert and tea/coffee. A no-host bar will be available for wine, beer and soft drinks.

The event will also feature raffle baskets filled with goodies, and a cash donation raffle (where the winner splits the cash with TVAR 50/50), and a donation raffle for a Wii game system.

Tickets may be purchased through the PayPal link at [www.tvlar.org](http://www.tvlar.org) or send a check to: TVAR, P.O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Be sure to include an email address so we can send you a receipt.

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# CHANGES

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Ridgeview Commons apartments, and those were considerations that pushed the proposal back to the phase two level.

The operations committee did not talk about fares. Matsuoka is preparing specific amounts, sharpening them from the ranges announced earlier. On the basic fare, a hike of either 25 or 50 cents from today's \$1.75 fare will be recommended. Fares for other tickets would be geared to the percentage change in the basic fare.

## PHASE ONE CUTS RECOMMENDED

The operations committee recommended eliminating one run on Route 3, which travels in a clockwise direction from BART to Stoneridge Mall, and circulates in the northeastern quadrant of Interstate 580 and 680. The remainder of the 3 route, which travels counterclockwise, would continue.

Saturday service on the No. 18A line, which runs along 4th

Street in Livermore, from the transit center to Granada High school and into Sunset West, was recommended for discontinuation. Matsuoka said that the No. 10 line, which runs parallel along First Street and Stanley Boulevard, can pick up some of the slack.

The No. 12 line would also be affected in phase one. It would have longer headways of 45 minutes at some times in the day, and shorter, 15 minutes at others. Thirty minutes is the normal interval, and would be preserved on most runs. The change on No. 12 will allow Wheels to use three buses instead of four on the route, by eliminating layovers at both ends of the runs. That saves salary and fuel money.

The tighter run times also mean less elasticity for the No. 12 buses, if they run late because of traffic jams, especially on the short stretches of Interstate 580 they cover on part of the run. The delay could cause patrons to miss

a timely transfer to another line.

The No. 20 line would be modified. It goes from BART to the labs in the mornings along I-580, and returns via the transit center as a local to Airway Boulevard, where it goes back on the freeway. That would continue. However, on the afternoon runs, which reverse the route, the rush hour schedule would begin at 3:30 p.m., instead of 2 p.m. Also the local part of the run would be switched to an express, with fewer stops. That express would not be a substitute for the rapid transit buses set to go into use in 2010, if the government grants arrive in time to pay for it, said Matsuoka.

## BIG SAVINGS FROM CHANGES

The changes on the four lines will save Wheels 5300 hours of service annually, or about \$264,000. Most of the savings are in salaries and fuel, as well as some maintenance.

LAVTA has a \$2.7 million sur-

plus, but will be using part of it to offset the \$1 million loss so far in this fiscal year, which ends June 30. Wheels depends on the sales tax, which has taken a nosedive in the current financial crisis. That loss could grow to about \$1.5 million for the fiscal year by June 30, said Matsuoka.

The other big revenue source is the sales tax on gasoline, which has dedicated a portion to public transit. That has become a political football between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature. Sacramento took the money to patch budget holes, which cut transit assistance by 75 percent, said Matsuoka.

Schwarzenegger wants to "obliterate the fund completely this year, and forever. The governor said the public transit assistance fund would be abolished in 2010. What then? That's why we are looking at fare increases, and service reductions," said Matsuoka.

## County Taking Reservations For Valentine Weddings

The Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office in Oakland will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, to issue marriage licenses and perform wedding ceremonies on Valentine's Day.

The Clerk-Recorder is asking couples to make reservations by calling (510) 272-6362, if they wish either to obtain a marriage license or to have a wedding ceremony in the Clerk-Recorder's Wedding Room on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is always a busy day at the Clerk-Recorder's office due the large number of couples who wish to have weddings on the annual holiday celebrating love and romance. Several years ago, the Clerk-Recorder set up a specially furnished Wedding Room on the second floor of its offices at 1106 Madison Street, Oakland.

Times in the Wedding Room will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Dublin Assistant City Manager

Linda Maurer has been hired as the new Dublin Assistant City Manager. She will oversee the city's economic development division and the newly-created public information office.

Maurer is an industry veteran with over 17 years of combined experience in public relations and economic development. Prior to joining Dublin, she served as the economic development manager for the City of Brentwood, where she worked on a number of high profile development projects. Among them was the recently completed life-style center called The Streets of Brentwood.

"Dublin is an exciting community with a bright economic future," said Maurer. "I am looking forward to communicating these qualities and working with the city staff and the council to bring new jobs and revenue to Dublin."

Maurer will begin work on Feb. 23, 2009.

### Water Legislation

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) continued the effort to address the growing demand for water by reintroducing the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act, which will create a grant program to identify new water sources through such methods as recycling, reclamation and reuse. Rep. McNerney introduced similar legislation in 2007.

The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act, H.R. 700, will authorize \$250 million - double the 2007 proposed authorization - in funding for projects that increase the usable water sup-

ply by encouraging innovation in water conservation, recharge, recycling, reuse, and reclamation.

"California may soon be facing one of the most severe droughts in state history. Yet the state's population is projected to grow by five million people over the next ten years in conjunction with a significant decrease in Sierra Nevada snowpack, the state's main water reservoir," Rep. McNerney said. "With dry conditions entering their third year, we need to move forward quickly with identifying new sources of water. This bill provides grants to investigate just that."

The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2009 amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize alternative water source projects. It would provide a source of funding for projects like groundwater recharge, aquifer storage and retrieval and membrane filtering technologies that have the potential to considerably increase our ability to use water more efficiently.

Previously, State Revolving Loan Funds and Clean Water Act construction grants were available for identifying new water sources. However, communities increasingly depend on these funds to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of existing water infrastructure, and not for discovering new, and potentially less expensive, water supplies.

H.R. 700 was introduced Tuesday and was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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# EDITORIAL

## Incomplete Wildlife List

San Francisco, owner of 30,000 acres in the Sunol area, is in the process of developing a 30-year Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the area.

The HCP will guide operations and maintenance at Calaveras and San Antonio Reservoirs and a diversion dam at the Little Yosemite falls in Alameda Creek. Environmentalists are playing an active role, pushing for enlargement of the lists of wildlife and habitat that should be protected.

As proposed, the HCP lists five federally listed endangered species: steelhead trout, callippe butterfly, Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander. Environmentalists want the list to include wildlife that isn't officially considered endangered, but deserves special protection — golden and bald eagles, peregrine falcons, rainbow trout and others.

In addition, a representative of the California Native Plant Society has called for the listing of endangered native plants, of which there are 24 in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties (with only 5 listed).

This is a beautiful wilderness that SF owns. With the 30-year HCP, here's an opportunity to advance projects such as steelhead recovery, while also maintaining the general health of the area's wildlife and habitat. However, the wildlife and habitat that need to be protected must first be identified. As the environmentalists point out, names are missing.

## BUSINESS

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town; a first floor retail only restriction within the downtown; institute a sales tax reimbursement program to projects that meet a specific threshold of new sales tax receipts. Another idea would be to participate in the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program, which allows owners of property to finance development impact fees. There is also the potential to develop a loan program to assist with building renovations.

Peter McDonald said, "For three years there has been one issue on which there is consensus - a right to do business ordinance. It is needed so we can have entertainment businesses."

McDonald added that the ideal of first floor retail only has been rejected twice before. It is time to have the discussion again. However, the discussed should be led by downtown people who are impacted by the idea. He added that he didn't think the requirement was necessary. "If the downtown is a class 'A' retail site, retail will line up to be there," he stated.

A different view of first floor retail only was offered by Melanie Sadek, owner of Murphy's Paw. She is chairman of a downtown merchant's group. "We would like to see things change in downtown," she stated. Sadek said the group supports the first floor only proposal. Sadek added that the group supports the right to do business ordinance. "We have to have a fun environment," she stated.

Sadek also offered two other suggestions she believes would improve the downtown. One would be an ordinance that requires property owners to maintain their property. A second would be to waive, reduce or set up a grant program to pay the parking fee. She said that it could be as high as \$500,000 for some sites. "If we can bring down some of the cost, it would bring down the cost to lease space."

She also said she would like to see a faster process for construction and renovation projects.

Michael O'Callahan, who spoke for the Pleasanton Downtown Association, agreed there needed to be a reduction in fees and a less cumbersome approval process. For example, it has taken over a year to acquire the permits to renovate the Union Jack site.

However, he said, "The number one priority action item is to develop and institute a right to do business ordinance. I do not feel staff is behind us on this. However, such an ordinance would help to create a vibrant night life atmosphere."

O'Callahan agreed with McDonald that the downtown should be the lead in discussions of potential changes, such as first floor retail, and marketing ideas. "Give us the money and let us work with it. Property owners don't want restrictions. Retailers need help. There is over 50,000 square feet of empty space on Main Street."

Only three councilmembers were present. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio were in Washington, D.C. attending the inauguration.

Vice Mayor Jerry Throne urged staff not to forget about businesses outside the downtown.

Thorne said of the downtown, "It is clear that the competition to attract and retain businesses is intensifying. The city needs to be involved in the process. I do support looking at first floor retail. I totally agree with the right to do business ordinance." He suggested a cap or percentage of certain types of businesses could be considered. Thorne also suggested that the city push harder to streamline the permit process.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan asked about the potential of building in the large parking lots along Main Street.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that the downtown specific plan calls for intensifying the use of those properties. However, motivated property owners are needed. The city is willing to spend money to look at design ideas.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said she was looking for a vibrant downtown. "We have to set goals for the area, perhaps establishing the percentage of banks and real estate businesses in the area. I hear from the public that we don't need another bank in the downtown." She explained that setting goals would put downtown funding and city funding on the same track.

Sullivan agreed with the idea of setting goals and looking at what it takes to create a truly pedestrian oriented downtown. He suggested establishing a permanent ACE station with some small scale residential development would benefit the area. He supported looking at first floor retail only. When it comes to a right to do business ordinance, there needs to be a balance. People are living in the downtown.

"Cities are competing for retail dollars. Perhaps it is time to look at diversifying the local economy. There is a huge green economy coming that the city needs to look at being a part of. On the eastside, there is an opportunity for some research and development business, light manufacturing and partnering with education," Sullivan stated.

McGovern also wanted to review the parking fee, which Fialho said is \$14,000 per stall. "Many people are concerned about the downtown. They see it as one of the keystones of the city. I can see the positives and negatives of retail only. We need something in place to talk about percentages of retail, restaurant and entertainment businesses. Keep the area around the Firehouse Arts Center as high end as possible, so it becomes a focal point and gathering spot for the downtown," said McGovern.

She asked when the council might receive an update on the ideas discussed by Ott.

Fialho said that the city wants to partner with the Economic Vitality Committee and the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) in discussing changes in the downtown specific plan. The PDA is the marketing arm. Fialho added that expanding the "shop local" campaign is seen as a benefit to the downtown. "It's about getting people into the downtown,"

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce has become the fifth largest chamber in the Bay Area in 2008. CEO Dale Kaye points to the Chamber's ability to be "forward looking," rejecting cookie-cutter thinking as a major reason for the Chamber's success.

The Chamber has plans to grow even more, expanding its efforts on the international level.

The Livermore Chamber will work with the two Livermore national laboratories, the city's technology companies and education partners as well as the US Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Commerce on an International Forum in 2009. Chamber leaders believe that many Bay Area businesses depend on international relationships. Most business leaders for small and large companies feel that the area needs to embrace a world perspective as part of the regional economic strategy. It should include the infrastructure that comes with it. Because of this, the Chamber will play an important role in advocating for free trade agreements and zones and the loosening of restrictions on visas for foreign talent.

In 2009, Livermore Chamber members who have had the resources to build their own website will have a new benefit. For a small fee, members can have a Chamber web page added and search engine optimized by Thomas Petty from WSI (<http://www.wsismartolutions.com>).

During their annual planning

## FUNDS

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the open space funds in a separate, interest-bearing account.

The council voted unanimously to support the request. The interest already paid would not be paid back. The city would bill the account for any activity for open space acquisition related to the Dougherty Valley Settlement.

Under the settlement agreement, the money is to be spent on acquisition of permanent easements or fee title for conservation or agricultural preservation. Priorities for funding are in areas north of I-580 and east of Collier Canyon Road within Alameda County. The city is required to consult with CBG on any purchase.

There is currently \$4.6 million in the account. At build-out, the amount would be \$5.17 million plus interest.

Mayor Marshall Kamena had favored retaining the status quo, but voted for the change. "I think we're all fans of open space. This is a settlement agreement. It was settled ten years ago. It's a contract. I feel reticent to change how we do things. My preference would be to say, 'Thanks, sorry you didn't insist in 1999.'"

Councilmember Jeff Williams

## TRANSIT

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estate developer and a Pleasanton resident, is one of the members.

Tishman commented, "I think it's a great cause. The only way to solve pollution is by getting cars off the road." He sees such projects as the high speed rail and BART extension to Livermore as meeting the criteria of the organization.

He adds that doesn't mean that people won't be buying cars. People will still need them. The point is not to use them to get to work.

Tishman hopes the proposed stimulus package, as well as reauthorization of the current \$286 billion national transportation program, will be sources of funding.

He continues, "It's not just about transportation, it's about how we build our cities. Livermore is on the right track with its focus on cultural activities. They will attract a lot of people, especially if mass transit is available. Setting an urban growth boundary was a terrific thing. When you continue to expand outward, it costs more to provide services than revenues received."

According to the website, "We can continue on the current path of spending taxpayer dollars with little accountability on a system that is both broke and broken." Local Congressional representatives will be contacted. Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher represents the entire Northern California region on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. They plan to lobby President Obama to adopt several key policies.

One would be to invest in a world-leading sustainable transportation system, including high speed rail and public transportation. Bottlenecks in freight cor-

ridor need to be fixed. Cities and towns must have safe streets for walking and biking to reach transit, school and jobs. Public planning and implementation of rail transit, especially, can unleash billions in private investment that can be applied to its construction and operation.

Others are as follows: Establish national transportation objectives and hold agencies accountable. Provide federal funding and direction so that communities may retrofit unsafe urban roads; create complete streets safe for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists; and encourage active living in communities free of harmful levels of vehicle emissions.

Establish a special program to restore and maintain our existing highways, bridges and transit and maximize their efficiency. Provide funding and decision-making authority to local regions. Empower metropolitan planning organizations and other local entities to address transportation and development issues, but require improved performance and democratic representation in decision-making bodies.

Give priority to investments with multiple pay-offs. Transportation and development go hand in hand. What is needed is an efficient system that rewards communities for developing in smarter, more sustainable ways, reducing energy use and carbon emissions while ensuring the availability of housing affordable to families of all incomes, near job centers and public transit.

Broaden the capital and operating funding base.

For addition information visit the website at [www.t4america.org/who-we-are](http://www.t4america.org/who-we-are).

# Livermore Chamber of Commerce Has Plans to Continue Growing

Kent, board chairman, CEO Dale Kaye, and the board of directors have worked hand in hand with the city to position our town as the premier destination spot in the county. The synergy between the city and the Chamber has catapulted our vitality enormously."

The Chamber's Livermore Valley Film Commission markets the area for film and television production and has brought in over 300 days of production. The Cities of Pleasanton and Dublin officially joined the commission this year, broadening the area's appeal to production. The chamber points out that producers are discovering the large variety of filming sites in the area from ranches to ultra modern office complexes, from wineries to the VA Hospital. The film office now has a library of over 1,000 photos and is continually working with Discover, PBS and filming national commercials for products like Sutter Health Care, PG&E, Chevron, Toyota, Dodge and Wii's Samba de Amigo.

According to Wilson Wu, an award winning location manager who has shot for years in Northern California, "The Livermore Valley Film Commission is one of the best, if not the very best, film commission in Northern California. It has friendly, helpful, resourceful people who move on a moment's notice"

Mayor Kamena has not only been a great asset as a member of the Chamber's Board of Director, but also has had the vision to immediately become a key ad-

vocate for a film commission in the area, according to the Chamber.

The Livermore Chamber's Hispanic Business Council was formed to give a voice to Hispanic business owners and to teach the non-Hispanic how to market to the growing Hispanic community. Jose Madriz, owner of El Charro Taqueria, a member of the Hispanic Council said, "I am so happy the Chamber started this council. I need to market more to Hispanics and this will help me develop the tools I need. Hispanics are a huge part of the Livermore area."

2008 also saw the redesign and optimization of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce's Web site (<http://www.livermorechamber.org>). The design of the Web site drew praise from top advertising executives, but more importantly site visits increased 100 percent and the number of pages views increased a whopping 400 percent due to the new structure and search engine optimization. Lou DiGuisto, Senior Partner of Louws Management, a consulting company for top ad agencies around the world, praised the site as well as the Chamber's quick use of social networking. "A blog, MySpace and Facebook are a particularly effective way to market members' businesses and a path advocated for all businesses around the world."

The Chamber's Wine Country Luncheons held in Livermore Valley's wine country were sell-outs.

## Museum Hosts 'Once Upon a Time'

"Once Upon a Time," presented by Pleasanton's Museum On Main, will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, at the museum, 603 Main Street. The theme is this month is presidential study.

The program is designed for preschool to third graders with a historical reading and an activity program. The evening weaves three stories through two activities/games and ends with a treat. Each evening will focus on a theme and encourages parent participation.

The fee for each date is \$5 per child due on date of event, along with forms. Parents or guardians must fill out the Educational Program Registration, Agreement and Release of Liability, and

Photograph Permission Forms prior to the event. Forms can be found on the Pleasanton's Museum on Main web site under Public Tours Administrative forms or at the museum, 603 Main Street.

All events are at the museum on Sunday from 5-6:30 p.m. Upcoming events are: March 29, Spring Fling; April 26, Heroes; May 24, Remembrance; June 28, Nature's Cycles; July 26, Transportation; August 23, The Sky and Stars.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 1-4 p.m. For more information call the museum at (925) 462-2766 or [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). Visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

## PIPELINE

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be used to deliver needed water, however remote the chance a drought will occur, Werner told Zone 7 directors at their board meeting Jan. 15.

**STATE SHUTDOWN ILLUSTRATED PROBLEM**

Livermore had a preview of that kind of situation last year, when the state shut down its pumps at the Harvey Banks pumping station in the Delta for nine days. The state didn't run out of water for the Valley, because it did have at least nine days of back-up in nearby Bethany reservoir.

The state doled out the water at a reduced rate to meet the needs of Zone 7 and two other downstream agencies. While the Harvey Banks pumps were shut off, the Bethany reservoir was getting low, and the water was becoming murky, said Werner. He asked the Zone 7 board for assurances the new pipeline would be finished by June 30.

Werner acknowledged that it's unlikely there will be any crisis. However, he wanted to pursue the worst-case situation with the board, in order to cover all bases. Werner cited the delay in starting the project as a reason for his skepticism.

The project began a few months behind schedule, because the board rebid the construction contract. The board awarded it in April 2008 to Ranger Pipelines. Work on the project began in July, and was projected to be finished in one year.

Rhett Alzona, the Zone 7 staff member in charge of the project, said it looks to be on track for a completion June 30. About 53 percent of the pipeline has been laid so far.

Werner met the day after the meeting with Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig. "Jill reassured me that the state reassured her that it will keep Bethany reservoir full, no matter when the pumps are shut off," said Werner.

**CLOSE TO RECORD DRY YEAR**

The board also heard assistant general manager Kurt Arends report on projected rainfall. Zone 7's normal allocation from the state water plan is 77 percent of total capacity, since the state water plan has never been built

to 100 percent capacity. Last year, Zone 7 wound up getting 35 percent on that scale.

(Actually, Zone 7's share has declined to about 70 percent, now that a federal judge's ruling has imposed certain conditions on pumping from the Delta, said Arends.)

This year, the agency was given an estimate at the start of the rainfall year, Oct. 1, of 50 percent of capacity, the same as it was given at the start of the previous rainfall year. It's hard to tell right now where the water deliveries will wind up exactly, said Arends. The months of heaviest rainfall, February and March, are still ahead.

However, a chart that Arends provided the board shows that unless things change radically, the weather pattern is for one of the driest years in modern times. It looks a lot like last year's performance, said Arends.

The northern and central Sierra precipitation records, not Valley rainfall, are what count for Zone 7 water supply. So far, precipitation in the northern Sierra in January has been 15.4 inches. That's lower for mid-January than the 20 inches for 2007-08, and the 25 inches for the average between 1922 and 1998. This year's 15-inch performance is above the 5 inches at this time in 1923-24, the driest season on record, and 3 inches for 1976-77, the second driest season.

The amount of water stored at Lake Oroville, a significant dam on the water project, was described as "very low" in general manager Jill Duerig's report to the board.

**ZONE 7 APPROVES SALMON STUDY FUNDS**

On another item, the board unanimously authorized spending \$40,000 as Zone 7's share of a study about restoration of steelhead to Alameda Creek. Zone 7 has been one of 17 agencies to take part in the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup, which was formed in 1999.

The first phase of the workgroup's study is complete, and the second phase will be underway this year. The additional funding is to support the second phase.

## Pleasanton Chamber to Present Community Service Awards; Install New Officers

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has announced the recipients of its 46th annual Community Service Awards program. The 2008 recipients will be honored at a dinner on January 30, at the Hilton Pleasanton at the Club. The public is invited to attend.

**Business Service Award:** For businesses that have provided philanthropic service beyond the scope of normal business activity. Recipient: Knit This Purl That: Donated yarns valuing over \$5,000 to Shepherd's Gate, a non-profit shelter for battered and homeless women and children. The donation led to a regular knitting class at Shepherd's Gate named Purly Gates where women at the shelter created gifts with the materials and helped raise \$7,000 for Shepherd's Gate.

**Business Development Award:** For businesses that have made a positive impact in the Pleasanton community through their achievement within the scope of normal business activity. Recipient: Studio Blue Reprographics: Studio Blue has been printing since 1954 from a photographic studio in a two-room apartment in Walnut Creek to the operation of two reprographic plants - in Walnut Creek and Pleasanton. The Pleasanton office opened in 1991 and provides first rate customer service

and top quality products to business, organizations and individuals throughout the community.

**Non-profit or Public Service Organization:** For non-profit organizations that have contributed to Pleasanton through philanthropic efforts. Recipient: Valley Humane Society: Valley Humane Society has transformed itself from a purely animal rescue organization to one that emphasizes the animal human bond. Valley Humane Society has partnered with Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven, Hope Hospice (caring for the animals of patients), Critter Camp, (pet education for kids) and many more.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** For individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through philanthropic efforts. Recipient: Ben Fernandez: Ben has been a long time member of the Pleasanton Lion's club and served as its president. Ben is also a long time member of the Chamber of Commerce and served as its President in 1975. He also served on the Downtown Committee of the Chamber before there was a Downtown Association. He served on two general plan review committees in 1986 and 1993.

During the first portion of the

program, the 2009 Chamber Board Officers, Directors and the Foundation Board will be recognized and individuals will be recognized for special awards including: Chairman's Award, Carol Bush Award and Jenny Doehle Leadership Pleasanton Award.

Before the Community Service Awards portion of the program comedian Jeff Applebaum will entertain the crowd. Jeff recently made his national U.S. TV debut on CBS as a comedian on the "Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson." Jeff was cast by Sandy Hackett, the late Buddy Hackett's son, to play the principal role of Joey Bishop in the long-running musical tribute "The Rat Pack Is Back," in San Francisco, Chicago, Manchester, NH, and Las Vegas. Jeff is also credited and appears in the blockbuster film "The Pursuit of Happyness," starring Will Smith.

The Community Service Awards and Annual Dinner is sponsored by UNCLE Credit Union. A no-host cocktail reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner program is at 7:00 p.m. Cost to attend is \$75 per person. Reservations can be made online at [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org) or call (925)846-5858 ext. 201.

### Pleasanton Police Honor Top Officer, Employee

The Pleasanton Police Department has announced the winners of the 2008 "Officer of the Year" and "Employee of the Year" awards. Officer Roy Gamez is "Officer of the Year," and Shannon Revel, "Employee of the Year."

Employees are nominated by their peers. The nominations are then reviewed by a committee, with a final selection made by the Police Chief. "I know I join the rest of the department in conveying our respect and pleasure in working with both of these fine individuals. They exemplify total dedication in their work with the public and with their peers," observed Chief Mike Fraser.

Gamez is a familiar face to many Pleasanton students as the School Resource Officer assigned to Amador Valley High School, Village High School, Community Day School, and Pleasanton Middle School. As a Spanish speaking staff member, Officer Gamez assists with translation requests and often logs more than a 40-hour week in his work for the department and the school district.

In addition, he spends hours at school events such as football and basketball games and serves as a role model for Pleasanton youth. He also served as both a head coach and an assistant coach to the AVHS wrestling team. Officer Gamez has been with the Pleasanton Police Department since 2005, when he joined the force from the Riverside Sheriff's Department.

Revel, who joined the department three years ago, coordinates numerous public outreach programs. They include the curriculum for the Teen Academy, Pleasanton's National Night Out activities and crime prevention. She is known as an innovative employee who is passionate about crime prevention education. Revel regularly speaks to the public about patrol functions, crime prevention, youth and other issues of interest.

## Cedar Grove Comes to Aid Of Flood Victims in Honduras

Members of Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore have been busy collecting food and clothing to send to victims of floods in Honduras.

Last week, they were packing up the donations for shipment. The shipping container is expected to be in Honduras in time to distribute the items on April 24 and 25, during a Mike Silva International Conference.

Liz Wilson explained that the project is through Family-to-Family. "The donations will go to San Pedro. There is a huge contrast in living conditions in the area from a beautiful mall to temporary shelters in huge slums."

Chris Wilson said the church members were filling boxes with rice, beans, toothbrushes, tooth-paste, the essentials along with household items. There are also

soccer balls and basketballs. They are sending 260 boxes from Cedar Grove. Additional boxes are being donations through other churches.

This is the second time the church has embarked on such an effort. The last was about three years ago with items going to Nicaragua.

There is a lot of clothing. In fact, Susan Thomas related a funny story about the clothes. There was extra funds available, so church members went to Kohl's where the cleaned out the clearance racks. "We spent two and a half hours at the check-out register," according to Susan.

Liz added, "We are thrilled to be able to contribute. During these economic times, I think people are more aware of need and are willing to help."

## SCIENCE

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of materials with fascinating properties, but they are hardly materials because they can be composed of up to 99.8 percent empty space. During this lecture, the presenters will describe and demonstrate the structure, properties and advanced applications of aerogels, and even synthesize one.

The series of five free lectures and demonstrations is targeted at middle and high school students. Topics are selected from the forefront of science and technology research in a variety of disciplines. In addition to the Jan. 31 lecture, the following talks are offered:

Feb. 7 - "Order From Chaos: The Birth of the Solar System," presented by John Bradley, LLNL scientist, and Dan Burns, Los Gatos High School teacher.

Feb. 14 - "Avoiding Armageddon: Diverting Asteroids With Nuclear Explosives," presented by Dave Dearborn, LLNL scientist, and Tom Shefler, Granada High School teacher.

Feb. 21 - "Star Power on Earth: The Path to a Limitless Clean

Energy Future," presented by Ed Moses, LLNL scientist.

Feb. 28 - "It's a Breeze: Using the Wind to Power Our Future," presented by Julie Lundquist, LLNL scientist, and Bret States, Tracy High School teacher.

All lectures are open to the public and held at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Two presentations are offered each Saturday at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no pre-registration. Admission is free of charge.

Teachers attending the presentations will receive a copy of the PowerPoint slides used in the lecture, and a DVD with the movie from the talk.

In addition, this year, the series of lectures will be simulcast to students at the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif.

For more information about Science on Saturday, directions and a map, go to the Web at <http://education.llnl.gov/sos/> or contact Richard Farnsworth at (925) 422-5059.

## WHAT IS ALL THIS TALK ABOUT WELLNESS CARE AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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It seems to me THAT WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH CARE, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS.

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## TALK

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foods are available. "Wine is the ultimate local food," continued Wente. The crop is processed into wine near where the grapes are grown.

Wente Vineyards embraces sustainability. "We couldn't be farming in the same place for 125 years if we hadn't farmed sustainably. Farmers and ranchers have been employing sustainable practices for a long time. I think we are just talking about it more now," she said.

Karl Wente described the Livermore Valley as every bit as good any region in the world for growing wine. It depends on how you control the growth of the vines in order to produce the quality fruit.

According to Christine Wente, The Wine Institute lists three goals in defining sustainability. One is that farming must be economically sustainable; secondly it must be socially sustainable - be good to all the people you interact with and be out in the community; and finally, farming should be environmentally sustainable.

Among the environmental practices employed at Wente is composting. By-products from wine making, the restaurant and local ranches are used. Cover crops between rows help to prevent erosion and to harbor beneficial pests. "You don't want to just spray," said Wente. There are owl boxes. The owls eat rodents. Roses are used to indicate the presence of mildew; they show the effects first.

"Water management is important. There has been an evolution of irrigation from flooding the land to one hundred percent drip at Wente. Drip is best because you use the right amount of water to produce the foliage needed to grow quality fruit."

There are two other initiatives underway on Wente properties. One is working towards green certification for the hospitality side of the business. The second is a program working in conjunction with the Audubon Society. The Wente golf course has been named an Audubon Sanctuary. "We have put together books showing various species and

birds that live on the properties," Wente said.

The restaurant makes use of products grown within a 100 mile radius. In addition, there is an herb and vegetable garden on site. Michael Pollen, in his book, emphasizes preparing a meal, and then sitting down and being in good company while enjoying the food. "Look for tasty food. Don't read labels. Just eat good food," is the message, said Wente.

The food style at the restaurant she described as really hardy, good food that is rustic, yet refined. Foods are seasonal. "Things just taste better if they are fresh," she said. She has a produce box delivered once a week to her home. "That forces you to eat locally."

Copies of books and event schedules for Livermore Reads Together are available at all Livermore Public Library locations. *Livermore Reads Together: In Defense of Food* is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional events check the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us).

## Back Burner Blues Band Performs

Chef Joey Altman and his all-chef Back Burner Blues Band will perform at 7pm on Tuesday, February 3 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

Joey Altman is a San Francisco based chef who wears many hats - television host, cookbook author, restaurant consultant, and food & wine educator. In 1998, he launched *Bay Cafe*, a food-magazine television show, recognized 3 times by the James Beard Foundation for Best Local Cooking Series. In addition, Altman has also hosted two series for the Television Food Network - *Ap-*

*pette for Adventure*, a show where gourmet cooking meets the great outdoors and *Tasting Napa*, a culinary travelogue through Northern California's wine country.

This program is part of *Livermore Reads Together: In Defense of Food*, a community-wide reading program, featuring Michael Pollan's book *In Defense of Food: The Myth of Nutrition and the Pleasures of Eating*. The community of Livermore is encouraged to join their neighbors by participating in the *Livermore Reads Together* book discussions and free events for children and

adults during the month of February 2009.

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## Downtown Installs New Officers, Hands Out Awards

Downtown Livermore Inc. hosted the 1009 board installation and downtown awards ceremony.

New board members are President Anthony McPeake, McPeake Insurance; Vice President Brook Witherspoon, First Street Alehouse; Treasurer Jeanette Faenzi, Member-at-Large; Secretary Chris Doczy, John Christopher Cellars; Immediate Past President Karen Long, Member at Large; board members: Elizabeth Fields, Woopsiedaisy Toys; Robert Gundry, Member-at-Large; Lance Leber, Vino Cellars and Accessories; Nancy Mueller, Bankhead Theater; Dennis Swanson, Main Street Designs; and Anna Vickroy, Ultra-Spective Photography-music/design.

The 2008 Award Winners are: Volunteer of the Year - Pam Perreira; Property Owner of the year - Alan Williford; Building Renovation of the Year - The Carvery at Harry's Hoffbrau; Downtown Business of the Year - Candy Bouquet; City of Liver-

more Employee of the Year - Rob White, Economic Development; New Building Development of the Year - Danny Nigg; Board Member of the Year - Tommie Van Fossen.

Festivities were held Tues., Jan. 27 from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Vine Center. Hors d'oeuvres were served by Zephyr Grill and Bar. The installation and awards celebration followed at the Vine Cinema.



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**Requests for Proposals (RFP) from The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority for**

- Paratransit Coordination Services
- Paratransit Survey Services

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) is seeking proposals for the two above separate contracts to commence services on July 1, 2009.

#### Important Dates:

- Pre-proposal meetings at the ACTIA Office on **February 12, 2009.**
- **10:00 a.m.** - Paratransit Coordination Services
- **11:00 a.m.** - Paratransit Survey Services

Proposal submission deadline is March 6, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Visit ACTIA's website, [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com) for each proposal's scope of services, schedules and due dates

- Interview dates vary by proposal; please refer to ACTIA website
- The ACTIA Board will approve contracts of top-ranked firms on **April 23, 2009**
- All approved contracts commence **July 1, 2009**

Proposals are subject to the ACTIA Local Business Contract Equity Program. The ACTIA goal for professional services is 70% for Local Business Enterprise and 30% for Small Local Business Enterprise. For Program's Requirements and Forms, refer to the ACTIA website. Any contract to be awarded as a result of this Notice will be awarded without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

All RFP documents are on ACTIA's website and may also be obtained at the ACTIA office located at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612 or by contacting ACTIA staff at (510) 893-3347. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to ACTIA no later than February 6, 2009 at 12:00 noon (PST). Fact sheets for each RFP are available on the ACTIA website ([www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com)) and in the ACTIA offices.

# SPORTS NOTES

## "All Pro Dad" to Livemore

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30-11:30 PM at Christensen Middle School's Athletic Field in Livemore dads go head-to-head in a flag football game. National PTA and "All Pro Dad" have partnered to encourage participation by dads in their children's education. "All Pro Dad" is an organization founded by the NFL Col's head coach, Tony Dungy, with the mission to get dads involved in their children's education through active participation in school-related programs. With "All Pro Dad" as a sponsor, Altamont Creek and Leo R. Croce PTA's have organized a "Dad's Only" flag football game titled, "Superbowl Saturday." A total of 50 dads from both schools make up the two teams. The winner of the game takes home a trophy to display in the school's trophy case along with bragging rights until next year!

The goal of this program is to build community among families and to create a home-to-school connection. This is achieved by involving all three stages of education from elementary through high school. The game will be played on the Christensen Middle School field and CMS P.E. teachers, Mr. David Hill and Mr. Steve Peters, will referee the game. Half-time entertainment is provided by the Livemore High School Cheerleading Squad.

One dad commented at a recent Croce PTA team practice, "I've met more people through this than I have through any other PTA event at the school." Families on both sides of Vasco are excited about the "Big Game!" Everyone is invited to attend and root on their favorite team.

Information is available by contacting Monica Baucke, Leo R. Croce PTA President, at 925-447-5993 or by email at mbaucke@sbcglobal.net or Trisha Johnson, Altamont Creek PTA Flag Football Chairperson, 925-245-1804 or by email at tricia@johnsonclan.org.

## World Championships

The USA Women's Volo Team is going to the world bocce championships in Bavagna, Italy. The team is from Campo di Bocce in Livemore.

There will be a fund-raiser on Feb. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. to help pay for the trip to Italy. It is an all you can eat spaghetti dinner with Caesar salad, and beverage for \$25. All of the proceeds go to the team. It will be held at Campo di Bocce, 175 E. Vineyard Ave., Livemore.

For additional information, call or email the coach, Benjamin Musolf, at 249-9800 or benjamin@campodibocce.com.

## Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer (BUSC) U-13 boys soccer team built on their success as Golden State Soccer League season champs to advance out of pool play in the CYSA State Cup this weekend and move on to the round of 16.

The Ballistic boys, who have taken on the team nickname of the Batmen, traveled to Hanford over the weekend. The first match Saturday was against the Madera Scorpions. Ballistic jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, cruising to a 9-0 victory.

The second game Saturday was much tighter against Elk Grove Everton. Joey Devivo put Ballistic up 1-0 on a goal about halfway through the first half. Everton came right back to tie the game at one. In the second half, Eric Toombs scored to put Ballistic up to stay and Devivo added an insurance goal near the end to give the Batmen a 2-1 victory.

On Sunday, Ballistic came back to play North Fresno Cyclones. Needing a win or a tie to win their bracket, the Batmen came out fired up. Halfway through the first half, Marco Neves broke a scoreless tie by splitting through the Cyclones back line and drilling a shot into the lower left corner of the net to make the score 1-0. After the halftime break, Ballistic broke the game open with 3 goals in the first 7 minutes of the second half. Goals were scored by Devivo, Toombs, and a second by Neves. Ballistic played solid to the end with Nate Grixti and Brandon Inchauste adding a goal each while the Cyclones got on the board at the end to make the final 6-1.

So the Batmen finished the weekend 3-0 out-scoring their opponent 18-2. The second round will be played February 7th in Morgan Hill.

All Caffredo Youth Soccer League and District III champions Pleasanton Ballistic Black U13 reignited over a field of 33 teams from northern California to win the CYSA Association Cup tournament on Jan. 25 in Danville. Ballistic went undefeated over 3 consecutive weekends in the tournament, besting the Almaden Strikers 4-0, Elk Grove Real Madrid 3-0, Los Gatos FC 2-1, Mission SF Chivas Rayadas 3-0, Rohnert Park Cougars 1-0, and South San Jose Independent 2-1. Super leadership by coach Pablo Espinosa, along with multiple post-season scrimmages, fitness training, and disciplined practices paid off. The Ballistic offense executed brilliant plays, and the mighty defense allowed only 2 goals against during the entire tournament. This championship marks just the second time in 10 years that a Ballistic team has won Association Cup.

The Livemore Elite Fury U-13 girls completed its season with a second place finish in NorCal State Cup play and participation in State Cup action. Although Livemore fell to a strong Mustang Revolution team 4-0 in the NorCal final and lost two close games in State Cup, the team played quite well during its first season at the D1 level.

The Fury defense was strong consistently and helped keep most games close throughout the year. Amanda Fairclough, Morgan Brandt, Ryley Landreth, Erin Winegarner, Skyler Kriz and goalkeeper Emily Kalantar were the team's defensive standouts. In the midfield, Livemore received nice play from Elise Falgout, Brittany Ahrebek, Alyssa Stevenson, Rebekah Johnson and Beth McCall. Leading the offensive attack were Jenna Hatch, Elyse Codrioli, Alison Pierson and Kaitlyn Bulhoes.

Ballistic United U12 entered State Cup competition this past weekend and came away with 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss. Ballistic played PAC and lost 2-1. Daniel Rodriguez scored the lone goal for Ballistic on a well placed free kick from about 20 yds. out. The

defense of Cameron Casby, Collin Blaney, Collin Alexander and Blaz Perko stopped many scoring chances by PAC. In the second game of the day Ballistic was on fire. Sahit Menon, Eric Johnson, Alex Krause and Stephen Dougherty led the offense and scored 2 team effort goals. Collin Richardson and Gabe Turner did a nice job distributing the ball in the middle. Ballistic won 2-0. In the final game of the tournament Ballistic tied Castro Valley 0-0 in a very physical match. Dylan Tuell and Justin Taylor played well, for Ballistic. Goalie Sam Musbach had an amazing tournament having many key saves for Ballistic. It was a great tournament and season for the entire team.

Pleasanton Rage U11 AC White went undefeated during their State Cup seeding games this weekend. They beat Novato 1-0 on a goal from Sadie Moore. Strong defensive play from Nicole Tsuno, Jasmine Dessouky, Monica Martinez and Megan Martin kept the ball away from their goal for the entire game. The Rage team also beat PSA United 2-1 in a hard fought game played in Saratoga on Sunday. Both goals were scored by Julia Densmore, with assists from Monica Martinez and Madison Avery. Jenna Crawford, Taylor Campbell and Christina Echevia played well in the win.

The Pleasanton BUSC U12 Black team ended its bid for the CYSA Association Cup championship with a 1 to 0 loss to El Camino Real Milan in the semi final round on Saturday afternoon. Both teams played an aggressive, well executed match with several scoring opportunities on both sides. Milan scored early in the first half with a short chip shot as the defense was caught flat footed. From that point on, the Black teams smothering defense neutralized Milan's offensive attacks, shutting them out the remainder of the match. BUSC mounted their own offensive attacks, narrowly missing goals on some flet footed break-aways failing to convert in each attempt. The Black team demonstrated superior speed at both ends of the field and was denied goal conversion from an outstanding performance by Milan's keeper. The boys played with great intensity throughout the entire match, "leaving it all on the field." The team consisted of Jared Siegel, Bradley Pilkington, Brian Kinnee, Ben Smedley, Mason Picone, Roberto Beard, Chris Goldhawk, Joshua Cole, Brendan Gold, Alex Lee, Matt Teng, Jack Geasa, Ryan Vicencio, Sam Hanson, Andrew Griehammer and Joey Repac.

Pleasanton Rage U13 Division 1 Premier Girls Soccer team finished the State Cup Tournament with 2 victories and 1 loss. The games began on Saturday, January 24 at the Fremont Central Park. In the first game against Bay Oaks, Rage controlled the game and had many more shots on goal than their opponent. Haley Lukas served a corner kick to Haley Chow who headed the ball into the net for the only goal. Final score 1-0-Rage. Rage lost the second game against Santa Rosa.

In the third game on Sunday against Stockton, Stockton's goalie came out of the box and made a save, but Andie Boehm rebounded the ball into the net for the first goal. Chow came down the middle for the goal and fired into the net for Rage's second goal. Chow did it again by dodging the goalie and kicking the ball into the lower left corner. Within minutes of the second half, Jessica Medina crossed to Boehm who tapped it into the net for the fourth goal. Kira Ewanich scored Rage's fifth goal with a powerful kick about the goalie's head. Nicole Fettsch was served a perfect pass and finished it into the net. Final goal was made within a huddle at the net. Lukas found a hole and buried it into the net. Final score 7-0-Rage. Excellent performance by Marlo Aghazarian, Precious Akanyirige, Cambi Cukar, Kirsten Jensen, Lindsey Kail, Tori Larsen, Brianna Nicholas, and Georgia Savage. Outstanding efforts by the goalies Brittany Gray and Lexie Nichols.

SM/SC 5th grade boys (#514) played their best game yet against St. Isidore (513), winning 24 to 20. Scoring points for SM/SC were Parker Turk 4pts, Michael Eckles 6pts, Dominic Mingione 6pts, Ryan Eckles 4pts, and Connor Jones 4pts. Playing great offense with several rebounds and assists were Curtis McDonnell and Spencer Herrera. Playing great defense, blocking out, were Chris Ayon and Nathan White.

SM/SC 5th grade girls (#5004) led 12 to 24 to CCOP (#5006). Despite consistent rebounds and turnovers by Isabella Widmann and Kelsie Norton, SM/SC was unable to hold CCOP's girls Ashley Balestreri, and Paige Heacock. Defenders for SM/SC were Alexa Chavarria, and Brittany Conley against CCOP's top players Rebecca Bland, and Shelby Carter.

SM/SC 4th grade boys (423) in a battle with St. Isidore fell 23-21 in a very close, physical game. The score was tied at the half and was close all the way. Kavan Bagatelos and Jacob Murdoch led the scoring for SM/SC with 6 points each while Ben Kerling chipped in 4 points and Luke Hottinger chipped in 3. Jacob Murdoch and Blake Downer were the top rebounders for SM/SC.

SM/SC 4th grade girls (#4004) vs CCOP (#4001) won 31 to 16 extending their record to 8-0. Both teams played well inside; making it hard to score in the paint. Madison Jackson led SM/SC with 12 points. Taylor Peterson had 6 points; Jennifer Gibson had 5 points and Alex Lonsinger had 4 points. Samantha Dukes and Holly Julson finished off the scoring for SM/SC with 4 points each. Emily Hawkins and Milia Steinberg played outstanding defense with some key rebounds and steals to help get the offense going.

CCOP girls 4th. Bulldogs pulled off a huge upset, beating St. Raymond's 17-14 this past Sunday in the most heavily contested battle of the season. The Bulldogs were reeling from a prior loss to St. Raymond getting punished 18-2 before the Christmas break. The Bulldogs were down by 4 points almost immediately while was priming St. Raymond for another blowout. The Bulldogs then unleashed the fury with Lexi Blair piling on 3 buckets in rapid fire mode. Reya "The Animal" Paulos muscled in an additional two buckets to bolster the Bulldogs position. By mid third period the Bulldogs had slipped again and were down by six points prior to finishing the game with a 17-14 win. Laura "Angel Face" Belichak fouled out after tormenting several of the St. Raymond players with her Ninja like tactics. Overall solid floor game was played by both Tricia Ritter and Daniella Block. Alexis Simmons while recovering from minor injuries during a tense PYB game on Saturday, was still able to contribute by cutting off the passing lane for several key steals. Larsen Perry and Orla Lamont locked up the back end of the court, essentially creating an impenetrable force field around the paint.

SM/SC 4th grade boys (4BA) defeated St. Joan of Arc (#43) 22-13. In the first half, SM/SC took a commanding lead with a score of 12-0. SM/SC played well forcing Joan of Arc to turn over the ball 8 times. Top scoring players for SM/SC were Logan Cole with 6 and Zach Patterson with 4. Top defensive players for SM/SC were Jason Frost and Chase Madrid.

In a battle for 2nd Place, St. Joan 4th grade girls A team (4003) (3-3) defeated SM/SC (4004) (3-3), 16-8. Tiaja Andrews and Missy Nunes led SM/SC in scoring with 4 points each. Shutdown defense by Kiara Arias, MacKenzie Farro, Riley Heffron, Claire Abele, Katelyn Johnson, Isabella Neads and Adriana Shlenorio limited St. Joan to only 2 points in the second half. Rachel Murphy led St. Joan in scoring with 8 points. Marley Fernandez scored 6 points and Tiffany Berryman (#20) had 2 points to round out the scoring for St. Joan. SM/SC fought hard to come back from a 14-2 halftime deficit to make this game competitive.

SM/SC (Hot Shots, 3015) lost a hard fought game to St. Raymond's 14-4. Kira Karter scored all 4 points for the Hot Shots. Jenni Kovisto, Alyssa Silva, and Madison Kahway all provided strong rebounding for the Hot Shots. The offense was led by the passing of Talina Quezada, Regan Wiedenfeld, Maddie Stewart, and Sydney Mendoza.

SM/SC 6th grade girls (#627) vs St. Isidore (#623) fell 20 to 26 in a hard fought battle. Jordan Murdoch led SM/SC with 6 points and 4 rebounds. Johnny Bagatelos, Brandon Corey, and Matthew Wells played a balanced defense with 3 rebounds each plus

they all chipped in baskets to add to the scoring.

SM/SC 6th grade girls (#6005) took on St. Joan's (#6003), losing 23-12. Top scorers for SM/SC were Jessica Elfin, Rachel LaRont and Lainey Hibbard. Leading rebounders and overall top defenders were Cameo Schubert, Samantha Schwartz, Elisha Sands, Jaime Maita and Ashley Breyer. St. Joan's was led by excellent outside shooting.

Kyla Peinado converted a clutch free throw with 26 seconds remaining to lead CCOP (7005) to a 26-25 victory over SM/SC (7003). CCOP trailed by six points early in the fourth quarter (23-17). CCOP's defense tripped a 4th quarter rally as they went on a 9-2 run to close out the game and secure the victory. Peinado led a balanced CCOP scoring attack with 7 points and Madison Lingenfelder followed with 5 points. Tracey Lem, Emily Tsvivikas and Madison Steele each contributed 4 points and Emily Oakland rounded out CCOP's scoring with 2 points. Top Offensive Players: Kyla Peinado, Emily Tsvivikas, Madison Steele; Top Defensive Players: Tracy Lem, Madison Lingenfelder, Emily Oakland.

CCOP Team #71 Boys 7th grade defeated St. Raymond's #75, 48 - 42. An exciting hard fought game from the beginning, but CCOP found themselves down 15 -7 after the first quarter. They battled back to tie the game at 21 at halftime. CCOP fell behind early in the 3rd quarter but took the lead 29-27 and never looked back. A balanced attack once again with Jassae Virk leading the way scoring 14 points. Josh Stevens with 10 and Michael Coyle had 2 key baskets in the 3rd quarter that gave CCOP the lead for good.

SM/SC 1st/2nd grade boys Warriors vs. Wildcats: teams came out ready to end their seasons right. Warriors offense was led by Skyler Rosa-Ferguson, Kevin Lee and JJ Knight. Wildcats were led by Jacob Dougherty, Jacob Peterson and Jasan DeSantis. Defensive protection led by Warriors Steven Lee, Ryan Anderson and Anthony "champ" Guerra; Wildcat defenders Evan Purl, Nick Hill and Patrick Connolly.

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# OBITUARIES

## Henrietta Freitas

Henrietta Freitas passed away peacefully at her home on January 17, 2009 at the age of 96. She was born to Henry and Adele Freulon in April 1912, in San Francisco. She raised her family in the city of Oakland. She later moved to Livermore, where she lived for 33 years.

She loved playing Bingo and gambling, however her favorite hobbies were embroidery and playing piano. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, whose spirit of strength and support will be greatly missed by each and every one of her children.

Henrietta is survived by her daughters, Joyce Smith and Yvonne Miller, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and all others that loved her. She will be deeply missed.

There will be a private ceremony for her immediate family.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## A Grand Bankhead Lady

Doris Elizabeth Bankhead, a resident of Livermore for the past seventy one years, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2009 after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Doris was born on March 2, 1919 in Beaver City, Nebraska. She married Russell David Bankhead in 1936 and was married for 50 years.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband Russell Bankhead, sisters Millicent Sigurdson and Elenor Perry, and son-in law Carlo Ridolfi. She is survived by her loving family, daughter Delphine and husband Richard Perry of Livermore, son Gordon and wife Emily Bankhead of Valley Springs, granddaughter Janet and husband Hector Garcia, granddaughter Kathy and husband Daniel Andrews, granddaughter Tammy Bankhead and partner Oliver Nguyen, and granddaughter Debbie and husband Matt Meiers, nine great-grandchildren Danyelle, Briana, Jonathan, Samuel, Cole, Carson, Mia, Kyra, and Kailynn, one great-grandson Caeleb, and step grandchildren Marissa, Nick, Jake, Austin, Bret, Ellah and Dalilah. She is also survived by nephews Jack Bankhead of CA, Mike Bankhead of Idaho, Paul Bankhead of Montana, Malcolm Bankhead of Livermore, and one niece Nancy Bankhead of Livermore.

Doris worked at Valley Memorial Hospital as a dietician for 20 years. Her last job at age 89 was working as a greeter at the Livermore Wal-Mart, which became a second family to her. They called her Grandma Bankhead or Grandma B. She loved her job, her co-workers, and customers who always looked after her. She loved to go to Reno every chance she could to play the slot machines. In 2007 she went to see The Price is Right, one of her favorite shows, and met Bob Barker. She loved her little Pomeranian named Rusty. She always enjoyed Christmas and looked forward to spending the holiday with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was an active member of the community and member of Rebekah's lodge #154 for 50 years and I.O.O.F. lodge #219 for 50 years. Doris liked to cook, bake and make crafts. She liked to share her creations with her friends and family. Doris will be most remembered by her family and friends by her cheerful personality, welcoming smile, and her loving hugs.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan., 30, from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan., 31, from 11-2 p.m. Chapel Blessing Services will be held on Saturday, January, 31, 2 p.m.. Both will be at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

## Robert "Bob" Charles Miller

Livermore resident Robert Charles Miller passed away on January 11, 2009 at the age of 77.

Bob was born in Spokane, WA June 1931 to Edward and Marie

Miller. He served in Korea with the U.S. Marine Corp. and moved to the Bay area in 1969.

Before his retirement in 1986, he worked as a Research Technician with Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation. After his retirement Bob enjoyed gunsmithing, reading, and playing table tennis.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Patricia; his stepson, Will (Teresa Scagliotti) Anderson of Los Gatos, and his best friends of many years, Bill and Milly Meyer of Spokane.

At Bob's request, services will be private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary

## Wayne C. Cowden

Wayne Cowden, 78, passed away peacefully at his home on January 10, 2009. His wife of 56 years, Donalyn, and his three children Martha Brown (Harold), C r a i g (Leigh) and Paul (Lori) were at his side. Eleven grandchildren, who were his pride and joy, Katy, Wayne Cowden W e s l e y, Preston, Matthew, Makenna, Michael, Thomas, Jeffrey, Skye, Grace and Paige, and great granddaughter, Lauren, also survive him.



Born and raised in Colorado, he graduated from Mesa College and Colorado State College of Education. While in school, he participated in track and field and basketball. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and then returned to Colorado after his discharge to teach. Wayne and his family moved to Pleasanton in 1958 where he began a career at General Electric Vallecitos in the metallurgy group. He spent another 22 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in materials fabrication, retiring in 1993.

A humble man with a great sense of humor, Wayne had many interests. Skin and SCUBA diving, traveling the world, attending the Olympics in Mexico City in 1968, relaxing in Maui, and following the pursuits of his grandchildren are some.

Since retirement he had been an active member of the Bay Area Woodturners Association. Recognized as a first class woodturner, he spent his retirement years learning and perfecting his skills. Over the years he created many beautiful wooden bowls, ornaments and other creative designs. He and his wife enjoyed attending national and international woodturning symposiums, where he learned many new skills that he applied when creating his works of art.

His family and friends have many happy members of times spent with Wayne. After family services, his ashes will be scattered in Maui. In his memory, gifts may be sent to Hospice of the East Bay, 3479 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

## Lila Gail Manning

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 for Lila Gail Manning who died in Pleasanton on Dec. 22, 2008 at the age of 82.

The service will be held at 4 p.m. at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.

Gail Manning lived virtually all of her life in Arvada, CO. before moving to Pleasanton in 2006 to live with her niece, Betty Gail Hunt and her husband, Tim, as well as Gail's brother-in-law Morris Mote.

She out-lived 49 cousins, two husbands and her son, James Anderson and her only sibling, Eleanor Mote.

Mrs. Manning's only son, James Anderson fell victim to Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) when he was 35 and died six years later. Her husbands, Cliff Anderson and Dave Manning, also died prematurely, Jim's dad Cliff to cancer and Dave to an accidental gunshot wound. Her sister, Eleanor Mote, also died prematurely.

Her mother, Evalina Campbell had attended teacher's college and taught school before she married. Gail was the first in her family to attend college and

graduate with a degree.

She taught business classes in the Jefferson County (Colorado) school district at the high school level for more than 25 years until she retired in 1986. She led the Future Business Leaders of America chapter at the high schools and helped establish chapters at other schools.

She was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church in Arvada.

After retiring, she travelled widely, but particularly loved spending time in Lauai Beach, Poipu on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. She enjoyed attending the performing arts in Arvada and downtown Denver. She was a docent at the Arvada History Museum and at the performing arts center there.

One of her "travel buddies," Donna Staley, met Mrs. Manning when they were both teaching business and remained a close friend. They travelled together from 1973 to 2006 when Mrs. Manning moved to California.

During her retirement years, Mrs. Manning volunteered to tutor elementary students in math and reading. She was active with the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association and prepared the monthly newsletter for many years.

She met regularly with a group of fellow Arvada students with whom she attended school and graduated from high school. They set up reunions for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Manning was also the driving force behind many family reunions of the Axtell family cousins and relatives. She, like her grandparents and parents, would drive miles just to get together with relatives. She also maintained closed ties with the Campbell side of the family.

After moving to Pleasanton, she attended Centerpointe Presbyterian Church.

"Gail had a debilitating interstitial lung disease and we were thrilled to have her so close by as her condition worsened," said Glenna Mote, the oldest of her nieces. "We are grateful that Betty Gail and Tim Hunt and Morris Mote were willing to share their home with her. This allowed her to be close by in comfortable circumstances for more care and family participation by all of her California nieces and families."

"We are so grateful to the teams at Senior Support in Pleasanton and Hope Hospice in Dublin for the important roles they played with Auntie Gail. Senior Support counselor Jodie Landsittel really helped Gail and the Hospice team, particularly her nurse Jeanie Olivero, did a superb job of working with her and us in the final four months of her life," said Betty Gail Hunt.

In Colorado, she is survived by many nieces and nephews of her husband, Dave Manning, and many cousins, sons and daughters of her first cousins.

In the Bay Area, she is survived by her nieces, Glenna Mote of Point Richmond, Betty Gail Hunt of Pleasanton, Nora Mote of Montana and Sally Mote-Yaffe of Livermore.

The family prefers contributions in her memory to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd. Suite 214, Dublin, CA 94568-3151.

## Sharon Ann Rector

Sharon Ann Rector, loving wife of Jesse Rector passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Saturday, January 24, 2009, at their home in Livermore.

Sharon was the brightest spot in the lives of her family and friends. All who knew her became part of her family.

A Memorial will be held on at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 31, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to either the A.S.P.C.A. or local Hospice organization.

## Ronald William Harrison

Ronald William Harrison departed this life on January 21, 2009 while doing something that he loved.

Ron was born in Los Angeles, CA in May 1939 to William and Juanita Harrison. His family later moved to Medford, OR where he met his lifetime friend Bill Morse. After graduating from Crater High School in 1957, he joined the U.S Marine Corps where he was recognized with top honors.

Ron was a successful entrepreneur, opening his own home building business; Northwood Homes, Inc. in 1976. Ron has been a long time Livermore resident, where he has spent much of his time enjoying his hobbies, including; hunting, fishing and field training.

Ron is survived by his best friend and wife, Lori, his five children Darrell (Charlene) Harrison, Dixie (Larry) Florio, Kimberly Fagin, and Karly and Joseph Harrison. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Talia, David and Makenzie, his sister Evelyn (Frank) Harden, brother George (Cherie) Harrison and many nieces and nephews, all of whom were very dear to him.

Ron's never-ending generosity and infectious smile will be sincerely missed by all who knew him.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, January 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m with Chapel Blessing service to follow, at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel 3833 East Ave, Livermore.

## Cleo Graf

Cleo Graf of Walnut Creek, formerly of Livermore, died Friday, January 24, 2009 after a long struggle with cancer. She was 76.

A lifelong Bay Area resident, Cleo was born in San Francisco May 9, 1932 to Madeline and Bill Cebulla. She graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1949, and from San Jose State College in 1953 with a BA in drama.

After her marriage, Cleo worked at Sylvania's Electronic Defense Lab, helping Bert to earn a master's degree from Stanford. The couple then moved to Virginia where Bert was stationed for two years with the U.S. Army. They settled in Livermore after Bert's Army service and subsequent employment in 1957 at the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory, as it was known then.

Cleo and Bert were active in the Livermore theater group, the Cask and Mask Players, appearing in a number of productions during the 1960s and 1970s, and working backstage. Cleo also worked on the annual Oktoberfest event, a fund-raiser for the Livermore Cultural Arts Council.

In addition to theater, Cleo enjoyed tennis and bridge, and was a voracious reader—especially of good mystery stories. She took pleasure in cooking for her family and friends and often served as an informal cooking consultant for friends.

For the past three years the couple lived in the Rossmore community of Walnut Creek, but Cleo will be remembered fondly by many Livermore friends who appreciated her upbeat realism and warm humor.

Cleo is survived by her husband, Bert Graf; sons Randall Graf of San Francisco and Russell Graf of Fairfax, Va.; a sister-in-law, Sharon Van Dusen, of Beaverton, Oregon; several cousins and five grandchildren.

Friends are welcome at a gathering in her honor at 3 pm Saturday, February 7 at 2275 Chateau Way, Livermore. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Livermore Performing Arts Center, 2222 Second Street, Suite 18, Livermore, CA 94550, or a favorite charity. Deer Creek Mortuary made final arrangements.

# BULLETIN BOARD

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

**Pleasanton Reads needs volunteers.** new tutor training and orientation will be Sat., Feb. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult volunteers provide free tutoring to adults who want to improve reading, writing, and English speaking skills. Tutor qualifications are: at least 18 years old; interest in helping another adult; no teaching experience needed. Please call to register for the Project Read orientation. For more information, call Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or email jbaumann@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

**The Tri-Valley Republican Women** Federated will continue its 2009 speaker series on Thursday, February 12, 2009, with guest speaker Mike Jarchow, a Danville resident active in The Cuba AIDS Project, a US-based humanitarian organization serving HIV/AIDS patients and families in Cuba. Jarchow will address the true political, social and medical conditions in Cuba that he has witnessed first-hand. Location: Frankie Johnnie and Luigi Too Restaurant, 11891 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. 6:30-9pm. \$26 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Reservations required. Call 925-846-5944 by Sunday, February 8.

**Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind** meets on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. Do you know anyone who is blind or is experiencing vision loss? Our organization can help people to adjust. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more info.

**Economic Survival Through Personal Budgeting**, free three hour seminar, Sat., Feb. 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Celebration Christian Center, 1145 Bluebell Drive, Livermore. Taught by a local financial advisor, the seminar will teach budget design, creative budget ideas and core principals that will improve and strengthen financial position and help avoid adverse consequences. Designed for people facing financial challenges, the seminar helps them analyze their situation and establish sound financial principles in their personal finances. For more information call 925-455-4250 or visit www.CelebrationCC.org.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Jan. 31, 30 miles Cinderella training ride from Donlon School in Pleasanton to Livermore, meet 9 a.m. Bekki Livingston, http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/pedlpushers. Sun., Feb. 1, 20 miles combo ride, relatively flat event, meet 10 a.m. at 6640 Spruce Lane, Dublin. Bob and Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., Feb. 4, 38 miles Livermore Airport to Pleasanton, Blackhawk and back to Livermore, meet 10 a.m., Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**The Tri-Valley Apo/E Gene Diet Group** presents: Health and You! Thurs., Feb. 5, 7 to 9 p.m., Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free, open to the public. Information: PR at apoegenedieta.com or 925-980-9655, JoAnne. The Apo Gene Diet group is an informal group of people who have asked Pamela McDonald to speak on integrative medicine.

**Dublin High School Alumni Association** St. Patrick's Day Scholarship Drive on Saturday, March 14th, starting at 4PM at the Dublin Sports Bar & Grille, 7294 San Ramon Rd., Dublin. Booth at the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Festival and then head over to the Dublin Sports Bar and Grille around 4PM. Please RSVP at EVITE or on Facebook at: dhsalums. If you can donate a raffle prize, please contact DHSAA treasurer, Linda Culbertson at lculbe@gmail.com

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, general meeting 12:15 p.m. Tues., Feb. 3, Dublin Library, potluck luncheon (bring finger food), general meeting and a single winner take all bingo game. Birthday dinner Black Angus Steakhouse, Dublin, Feb. 1, 4:45 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 29 to Athens, 846-0111. Dinner in Pleasanton, Amaron Restaurant, Feb. 7, 4:30 p.m., RSVP by Feb. 3 to Lou at 628-4463.

**Educators' Scholarship.** Four scholarships, each worth \$1,250.00, are offered through the Tri-Valley Retired Educators Scholarship Fund. The awards are offered to high-school graduating seniors and college/university students. Requirements are: a) applicants must be residents of the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol area who are planning a career in education; b) high school applicants must be seniors planning to attend college in fall, 2009; c) college applicants must be sophomores who will continue as juniors in fall, 2009. Questions about the scholarship should be sent to greengo@pacbell.net or call 925-443-6097. Application packets for the scholarships can be downloaded at the retired educators' website, www.tvrvt.info. Application deadline is March 6, 2009. The 2008 scholarships were awarded to two high school seniors, Steven Pangelinann and Dara Stepanek, Genand High School, and two college sophomores, Caitlin Mellberg, Sonoma State University, and Daniel Scarbrough, Cal Poly State University.

**Recruitment Grant Available.** \$500 for a woman student pursuing a career in education. Eligibility requirements: graduate of a high school in Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin; full-time student of upper division or graduate standing as of fall 2009; must have a good GPA. Deadline for applications is March 20, 2009. The grant is awarded by the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honor society for women edu-

cators. To receive an application form, send self-addressed stamped envelope to Kathy Brooks, 1581 Osage Ct., Livermore, CA 94550.

**Annual Rummage Sale.** First Presbyterian Church, 451 South K St., Livermore, Feb. 6 and 7. Hours 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

**Ohlone Audubon** meets 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Pleasanton Middle School. Scott Smithson, the new Executive Director of the S.F. Bay Bird Observatory, will discuss how weavers and finches from Africa and Asia survive in the urban jungles of the Los Angeles Basin. Refreshments. For information call 510-507-3383.

**St. Michael School**, 345 Church St., in Livermore will be holding an information night on February 5. Anyone interested learning about grades K-8th please meet in the Kindergarten classroom at 7 p.m.

**Book Sale.** Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, February 1, from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and audio-visuals are sold at deep discounted prices. There will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

**East Bay Women's Network (EBWN)**, meets Feb. 4 at 1151 Harbor Bay Parkway, look for signs to the conference room in Alameda. 11:15 am to 1:30 pm The movie "Glow" will be shown. Meeting cost is \$25 for guests, \$15 for members. Membership to join EBWN is \$90 for twelve months. For more information contact Gail Chabourne Bark Busters Home Dog Training at pr@EBWN.org or 510 228-8973

**Recognizing depression and suicidal warning signs.** Teens, learn how to help yourself or your friends by the signs. Discussion and social program designed to increase knowledge and confidence for teens and their peers. Program Thurs., Jan. 29, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Snacks and door prizes will be offered. This program is free and presented by the Teen Health Education Club from Foothill High School for teens ages 13-18. 931-3404.

**Rabbit Adoption and Education.** sponsored by Dublin Tri-Valley SPCA, House Rabbit Society, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary, and Martinez Rabbit Rescue, held at the Dublin Tri-Valley SPCA, 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin on the 1st Saturday of each month (Feb 1st, 2009, March 1, 2009, etc) 11am - 4pm. Meet abused or abandoned bunnies who are looking for new homes; get answers to all your rabbit care questions; find out if a rabbit is the right companion for you; bring your bunny in for a date; buy toys and treats for your critters; or just come play with the bunnies! For information, go to www.eastbayspca.org/events or contact Karen Johanson at kjohanson@menke.com or 510-727-1589.

**Take Charge of Your Health**, four week class sponsored by the Senior Support program of the Tri-Valley. Wed., Feb. 4 to Wed., Feb. 25, 1 to 2 p.m. No charge. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Information, 931-5365.

**Livermore Lunch Bunch Toastmasters Open House**, Feb. 2, noon to 2 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Open to all. Drop in. Information at www.livermoretoastmasters.org. Questions? call Jill 209-914-8449 or Cindy 449-2125.

**Preventive Health Screening & Care.** Preventive health care decisions and recommendations become more complex as we age. Learn about the recommended health screenings, when and how often we need them; preventive measures you can take to avoid major illness; and how to navigate the maze of vitamins, minerals, and supplements. Dr. Anupama Velupuri of Bay Valley Medical Group shares information at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tuesday, February 10, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$150 Residents/\$2 Nonresidents.

## RELIGION

**Tri-Valley Unity Church.** Rev. Steve Maynard of leads a study group on Deepak Chopra's "The Third Jesus" and the DVD interviews between Chopra and Rev. Wendy Craig-Purell, which were recently featured on KOED, entitled "Jesus and the Awakening to God Consciousness." The book/DVD study is Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., or alternately at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, at TVU's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Call 998-0038 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com

**Tri-Valley Unity Church.** "The Third Jesus" of Sermon Series - Rev. Steve Maynard of applies concepts from Deepak Chopra's latest best-selling book in his Sunday morning talks. This week focuses on practices for experiencing the presence of God. TVU meets at the Dublin Radisson, 6680 Regional St., at 10 a.m. Sundays. Ongoing classes and groups available. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or see www.trivalleyunity.com

**The Future of the Catholic Church** is the L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experience) presentation offered at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave. in Livermore, Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Borromeo Hall. Frederick Parrella, Th.D., a Professor of Theology in the Religious Studies Department of Santa Clara University, will do presentation. In addition to contributing chapters to books, he has edited four volumes, most recently, *From Trent to Vatican II: Historical and Theological Investigations*. There is a \$5.00 freewill donation to pay for the speaker. For more information contact Julie at utpcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549ext 114

**Tu B'Shavt seder and potluck lunch.** Sunday, February 8, 11:30 a.m. Bothwell Center 2466 8th St. in Livermore. Guest speaker environmental educator David Darlington. \$5/non-members of Tri-Valley Cultural Jews. Bring a dish for 8 to share. Children welcome. Reservations CulturalJews@aol.com or 925 485 1049.

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## The Sippy Cups End SaturYAY Series

The family rock band, *The Sippy Cups* will perform in the fourth and final show in the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts' SaturYAY!, Saturday morning series of entertainment for children and their parents.

The 11:00 a.m. matinee on Saturday, February 7, will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

*The Sippy Cups* was founded by the parents of preschoolers who are excited by the world of creativity inhabited by their children. The group's family-friendly performances are inspired by children and feature, in addition to their pop-rock band, a circus performer and large-scale puppets.

In their high-energy show, the San Francisco Bay Area band guides parents in making music with their children, teaches children how to resolve conflicts non-violently and educates and entertains them about the wonders of the environment, all because "it's great fun."

The Sippy Cups' guiding principles are the following: Be yourself and express yourself! Make music with your family! Rock and roll dancing is great exercise! Everybody plays, no spectators! Respect nature by learning about your environment! Cooperation, kindness, peace and love!

"Our new SaturYAY! series has been very well received by Tri-Valley families this season. It's

been fun watching them participating and enjoying themselves at the shows," says Program Coordinator Michelle Russo. "We look forward to expanding the series next fall and providing even more live Saturday morning entertainment for children and their parents."

Tickets to The Sippy Cups are \$10, \$14 and \$18 for adults and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children. They may be purchased online at [www.civcartickets.org](http://www.civcartickets.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to each performance.

## Food and Agriculture Theme of Exhibit

The Livermore Art Association will exhibit artwork with the theme "Food and Agriculture" throughout the month of February 2009 in the Library Gallery at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

The Livermore Art Association was established more than 50 years ago. Members are local artists who have diverse talents in painting, sculpture, textiles, photography and jewelry making. Many of the members show and sell their work at the gallery in the Carnegie Library building on Third Street in Livermore.

This exhibit is part of *Livermore Reads Together: In Defense of Food*, a community-wide reading program, featuring Michael Pollan's book *In Defense of Food: The Myth of Nutrition and the Pleasures of Eating*. Copies of books and event schedules are available at all Livermore Public Library locations. *Livermore Reads Together* is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Library.

For additional events check the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us). For more information contact Rosemary Dukelow at 925-373-5514.

## Artists at Work at Deer Ridge

Five local artisans will demonstrate their art form and share their artistic process during an Artists at Work weekend at Deer Ridge Vineyards in Livermore.

The event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 8. Deer Ridge is located at 1828 Wetmore Road.

Among the arts and crafts will be torch work bead making, soldered stained glass, pendant jewelry, fine art painting and more.

The public is invited to bring craft projects and knit, bead or craft stress away. There will be art and jewelry available for purchase. A complimentary wine tasting is part of the event.

There is no admission charge. The public is invited. For more information, call 1(866) 561-0838.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Nicely Nicely Johnson (Nickolas Quintell), Benny Southstreet (Ron Houk), and Nathan Detroit (John Maio) discuss location of "floating crap game."

## Good Music, Great Cast, Great Entertainment

by Janet Armantrout

It's easy to forget how much fun a well produced and acted musical can be. A great reminder is the newest production of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, "Guys and Dolls."

From start to finish, the cast captures the comedy and performs the songs with great skill, drawing the audience along to an expected conclusion. The costumes are colorful. The set provides a backdrop that sets the mood for each scene.

The story is set in Damon Runyon's New York City, focusing on gamblers and their dolls.

The opening scene is of bustling street scene featuring a variety of characters ranging from sightseeing tourists and their guide to assorted street hustlers and pickpockets; and policemen. Three gamblers, Benny Southstreet (Ron Houk), Nicely Nicely Johnson (Nickolas Quintell) and Rusty Charlie (Chris Olson), enter, reading aloud the daily horse-race scratch sheet. They trade tips about different horses in a "Fugue for Tinorns."

As the gamblers finish their pitch, Sergeant Sarah Brown (Chelsea Nenni) and the Mission Band enter playing a hymn ("Follow the Fold"). Sarah delivers a street-corner sermon on the evils of gambling, inviting all sinners to visit the Save-A-Soul Mission and repent before it's too late. Nicely Nicely and Benny observe that Sarah is wasting her good looks on Mission work.

The plot grows from that encounter and focuses around a bet made between two of the main characters, Sky Masterson (Eric Neiman) and Nathan Detroit (John Maio). The wager is that the first lady seen by the two would go away to Havana with Sky Masterson. The chosen lady

is Sarah Brown.

The play has three subplots. Two are love stories.

There is a growing love between Masterson and Sarah Brown that surprises both of them. The comedy comes from the love story involving Detroit, who is trying to fend off marriage, but not lose his long-time love Adelaide (Jennifer Bell). They have been engaged for 14 years. Adelaide has invented an entire family.

The third is gambling. Detroit is the entrepreneur of a "floating crap game" for which he is desperate to find a location. The interaction between Detroit and Adelaide provide some hilarious moments.

It's hard not to leave the theater humming some of the numbers. Bell as Adelaide performs such songs as a "Bushel and a Peck," and "Adelaide's Lament" with just the right amount of humor and a great voice. Numbers like "Luck be a Lady," and "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat," drew a rousing response from the opening night audience.

It's an entertaining evening out, so head to the Bankhead and for Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "Guys and Dolls."

Performances continue at 8 p.m. Fridays/Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb 8 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Tickets are \$35 for adults (18-60), \$33 for seniors (60+), and \$25 for juniors (under 18). There is a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. Tickets may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater, online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org), or by calling 925-373-6800. Note that the Bankhead Theater will add a facility fee to the price of each ticket.

## An Exquisite Evening

by Susan Steinberg

Exquisite! No other adjective could possibly describe Del Valle's recent concert by the Gleusteen-Ordronneau Duo. This reviewer has never been more enthralled by a musical experience.

Classical good taste and delicacy informed every piece, a welcome change from so many highly-touted "competition winners." All too often, these contemporary "sound-alikes" opt for crashing chords and ponderous pedal use on the piano, or frenzied speed and excessive schmaltz on the violin.

This pair was enthusiastically applauded by an audience deeply appreciative of their style. Long-time concert goers with sophisticated musical tastes stood up and cheered after every piece, rather than waiting for the finale.

Excited intermission conversations centered on the elegance of the music-making, the "intensity with finesse" of the interpretations, and the unusually sensitive partnership of this husband

and wife team.

Many commented on the unusual tactile keyboard technique of pianist Catherine Ordronneau. The fluid flexion of her wrists allowed her to literally caress the keys rather than striking them, and the effect was magical to watch and hear. This was especially notable in Schubert's clear sparkling runs, evoking images like the joyous mountain stream in his "Trout Quintet."

Others praised the extraordinary suppleness of violinist Kai Gleusteen's hands and fingers and his amazing virtuoso bowing technique, from harmonics to spiccato – all clean, unforced, and thrilling, especially in his wildly bravura Hungarian encore.

The program consisted of three seldom-heard selections, beginning with Johannes Brahms' romantic Scherzo from the unique "F.A.E." Sonata, in which each movement was written by a different composer as a musical puzzle for famed violinist Joseph Joachim.

Kai Gleusteen then helpfully

provided an insightful verbal guide to the often-misunderstood Schubert Fantasia in C Major, allowing listeners to follow the nuances of mood and meaning through the arc of many disparate movements. His obvious passion for the music, combined with an endearing personality, elicited spontaneous audience affection.

In fact, before the final selection, when he seemed ready to play, listeners urged him to speak about the Violin Sonata #1 by Camille Saint-Saens, another unfamiliar work. It soon became obvious why few perform the fiendishly difficult composition, but this duo sailed through it with impressive ease and panache.

A large crowd waited patiently in the lobby to thank the performers for their gift of magnificent music. The specific praise heard again and again was one this reviewer echoed: "They play like one body with one soul and four hands."

Thank you, Del Valle, for a truly exquisite evening.

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Wild Vine Art Gallery and Wine Lounge.** Angela Johal will display her abstract oil paintings for the month of February. The artist reception will be on Thursday, February 5, from 7-9 p.m. The Wild Vine is located at 2187 First St., Livermore.

**Broadway Chorus,** a community chorus located in the Tri-Valley area, seeks new members to join the 80-member group. No prior singing experience is necessary although an ability to read musical scores and experience singing within a chorus is preferred. Those interested should attend the first practice session for the 2009 season which will be held Sunday, February 8, at 6:00 PM at the Ridgeview Dining Commons, 5200 Case Ave., Pleasanton. The room is located directly across Case Ave. from Pleasanton Middle School. Broadway Chorus is part of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, formerly known as Pleasanton Playhouse. [www.broadwaychorus.org](http://www.broadwaychorus.org).

**The Underpants,** Role Players Ensemble, Danville, Jan. 16-Feb. 7. [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com).

**The Best of Doo Wop,** Thursday, January 29, 8 p.m., with original Coaster Leon Hughes, the Vibrations and tribute groups playing the hits of the Drifters and Del Vikings. Tickets \$55/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at 925-373-6800. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org)

**An Artist Way Group** is forming in Livermore. Meeting on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at UCC 1886 College Ave. Sign up to join the group by email [jjlock080103@yahoo.com](mailto:jjlock080103@yahoo.com) or calling 925-449-6820. Meetings are February 4, 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15. The Artist's Way is a spiritual path to higher creativity.

**Franc D'Ambrosio's Hollywood,** Sat., Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy. In Hollywood, he will take a nostalgic look at favorite musical films. \$35 & \$40; Grand Box Seats additional \$15; Parterre Seating additional \$5.00. [www.athegrand.org](http://www.athegrand.org), by phone or in person at the box office. 209-831-6858.

**Heartbreaker: A Live Rock Tribute to Led Zeppelin,** Sat., Feb. 14, 8 p.m. The Grand Theatre, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy. Tickets are \$33-\$43. To purchase tickets, call the Theater Ticket Office at 209.831.6858 or visit: <http://www.athegrand.org>.

**Punch Brothers** featuring Chris Thile of Nickel Creek fame, Sun., Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. The acoustic bluegrass Punch Brothers formed by mandolin player Chris Thile of Nickel Creek fame, serve up bluegrass with modern classical composition. \$55/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. 925.373.6800 or online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**Tango Fire,** Wed., Feb. 18, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. Featuring a quintet of brilliant young musicians, ten torrid dancers and one of Argentina's finest singers, Tango Fire traces the history of Tango, from its origins in the red light district of Buenos Aires to the glamour of the Roaring Twenties, and its evolution

to the world of contemporary ballroom, accompanied by the music of Astor Piazzolla and many others. \$55/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. 925.373.6800 or online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**New Orleans Bash at the Bothwell,** 2466 8th Street, Livermore, Friday, February 20, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Street artists, boas and masks for sale, fortune-telling, a la carte Louisiana-style dining, hurricanes at the Pirate's Corner bar, and a street-style party featuring Big Money in Gumbo. New Orleans jazz club experience in limited-seating "Preservation Hall." All proceeds benefit the Bothwell Arts Center. Purchase tickets in advance at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, 925-373-6800. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Do you want to help decorate, hand-paint art, make paper mache float décor? Call Linda at 925-447-ARTS. \$15 - admission; \$25 - admission and Preservation Hall Concert; \$3 to \$10 - Drinks and Dinner a la Carte. **Mask Yourself - Earlybird Mask Shopping & Mask Making Event,** Sunday, February 15, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Free - Earlybird Shopping; \$15 - Mask Making.

**Lamplighters Music Theatre,** fully staged version of Iolanthe, Gilbert & Sullivan's subversive political satire on how a government should be run, Iolanthe. Performances Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets \$11-\$46. 943-6469 or [www.lesherartscenter.org](http://www.lesherartscenter.org).

## 'Fearless Creating' Class Offered in Pleasanton

Artists Tricia Poulos Leonard and Kim Pace will be offering a class for creators for the first time this winter through Amador Valley Adult Education. The class, "Fearless Creating" is aimed at those who are creators or wish to be creators in the arts. It will be held from February 12th through April 9th on Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Amador High School.

The course is based on the work of Eric Maisel, Julia Cameron and several other experts in the area of creativity. Tricia completed a course in Creativity Coaching taught by Eric Maisel, a St. Mary's instructor and psychologist. Kim is a practicing Life Coach trained by the Institute of Life Coach Training. Both Kim and Tricia are working artists and coaches to other artists.

According to Tricia, "This course is one I have wanted to teach for a long time. In our course we will be doing exercises to help artists through blocks, conducting discussions about the areas of creative growth we need to work toward, research ways to show our work, and establish a community with which to share and communicate. We welcome creators in all of the arts: writers, dancers, visual artists, actors, and musicians. The principals of creativity apply to all of the arts."

Tricia has recently retired from the Pleasanton School District where she worked for thirty years as a teacher, counselor, and school administrator. She has been an active local artist. She has shown and won awards at many local art shows. Her work can be seen at the Worthington Gallery in Pleasanton, at several local businesses that display artwork from the Pleasanton Art League's Circuit Program and on her website: [www.triciastudio.com](http://www.triciastudio.com). She has been certified as a Creativity Coach by Eric Maisel. Tricia may be contacted at [tricileonard@comcast.net](mailto:tricileonard@comcast.net).

Kim Pace received a BA in Fine Arts from Binghamton University and an MS in Education from SUC at Cortland, both in New York, and has a working background in both education and business. Her lifelong inter-

est in the arts was fueled by her untrained but highly creative grandfather. Kim has pursued her passion in several modalities, the most recent being jewelry design. Her work has been sold through several galleries and stores, including Worthington Gallery West and Frank Bette Center for the Arts, and can be viewed at [www.KPaceJewelry.com](http://www.KPaceJewelry.com). As a trained life coach, Kim has a keen ability to help her clients focus on and achieve their goals. She can be contacted at [www.KimPaceCoach.com](http://www.KimPaceCoach.com).

Interested adults can sign up for the course on line at: [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/EducationalServices/AdultEducation](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/EducationalServices/AdultEducation)

The cost for the nine week course is \$65 for Pleasanton residents. Non-residents are also welcome.

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Science on Saturday is a five-week series of free lectures and demonstrations intended for middle and high school students. The program runs January 31 - February 28.

The series will be held at The Bankhead Theater located at 2400 First Street, Livermore. Two 1-hour presentations starting at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Seating is first come, first served. No pre-registration. For more information see <http://education.llnl.gov/sos>

Contact: Richard Farnsworth, Education Outreach Manager, Science Education Program, e-mail: [farnsworth1@llnl.gov](mailto:farnsworth1@llnl.gov)



# Young Musician to Be featured Soloist with Young People's Symphony

As part of the Winter 2009 Concerto Concert of Young People's Symphony Orchestra (YPSO) of Berkeley, Livermore resident Annie Sandholtz, 17, will be a featured soloist as one of the orchestra's three concerto competition winners in concerts on February 7 and 8 in Moraga.

Annie, the orchestra's concert mistress, was selected from a host of other violinists who competed in YPSO's annual concerto competition at the Crowden Music Center in Berkeley in December 2008. Annie will play the first movement of Edouard Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole.

Annie started playing violin when she was five. She grew up in Provo, Utah, taking violin lessons from Linda Duncan and later Lois Stout. She has been part of many youth orchestras, including Timpanogas Preparatory Orchestra and Timpanogas Chamber Orchestra.

The family moved to Livermore just before her junior year in high school in 2007. She currently studies with Debra Wood



Annie Sandholtz

Schwartz in Berkeley. Last year, Annie played in the Junior Bach Festival. Her favorite part of being a violinist is getting to know other people and playing music with them.

She is a senior at Livermore High School who enjoys academics and sports as well as music. Also featured on the program

will be YPSO Concerto Competition winners cellist Dylan Mattingly, 17, who will play Béla Bartók's Concerto for Cello and Orchestra and clarinetist Madison Greenstone, 16, who will play the Rondo from Carl Maria Von Weber's Concerto No. 1 for Clarinet.

The program will also include

the world premiere of Mattingly's Rain, Steam and Speed, a work for orchestra with solo piano, Gershwin's rhythmically infectious Cuban Overture, and the rousing Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria vonWeber by Hindemith.

Founded in Berkeley in 1935, YPSO is the oldest youth orchestra in California and the second oldest in the nation. Celebrating his 20th Season as Music Director/Conductor, David Ramadanoff conducts 104 YPSO musicians who range in age from 12 to 19 and hail from 31 Bay Area cities in five counties. Maestro Ramadanoff and YPSO had a successful tour of Australia and New Zealand in the summer of 2008.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 general, \$12 for students and senior citizens, in advance or at the door. For tickets and information, visit [www.ypsomusic.net](http://www.ypsomusic.net), call (510) 849-9776 or email [ypsomusic@yahoo.com](mailto:ypsomusic@yahoo.com).

# Artists Invited to Participate in 'That's Entertainment'

Artists are invited to submit entries into a juried art show/auktion/sale to be held Sat., May 16 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

The art will be part of "That's Entertainment!" fund-raiser. Net proceeds will support the capital campaign to complete the Firehouse Arts Center currently under construction in downtown Pleasanton.

The facility will be operated by the City of Pleasanton. It will include a 240-seat theater, 2,000 square foot art gallery, and 2 large art classrooms.

The "That's Entertainment" event will provide a preview of both the visual and performing arts that patrons will enjoy once the Firehouse Arts Center opens in the spring of 2010. Guests will be entertained by live music, theater and dance performances during the evening event. There is also a visual arts component to the evening.

For more information on the Firehouse Arts Center, please visit our website at [www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org](http://www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org).

The deadline to submit artwork is March 5.

For questions on the art sale/show, please contact committee member Tricia Poulos Leonard at [tricialeonard@comcast.net](mailto:tricialeonard@comcast.net) or (925) 462-8263.

# Big Band Music Concert at the Library

What's Up Big Band! performs at the Pleasanton Library n Sun., Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. The 17-piece band plays the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Harry James, Bunny Berigan and more.

This program is free and open to the public. It will take place in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Jo Ellen Neuman  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 2, 2009. Expires January 2, 2014.  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Kristen Clay  
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**REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES**

# What Baby Boomers Look for in Homes

By Cher Wollard

Conventional wisdom has sixty-something homeowners moving to condos or mobile homes in places like Florida or Arizona. But today's soon-to-be seniors appear poised to defy the C.W.

"A lot of people have theories about the Baby Boomers," says William Frey, a demographer and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a think tank in Washington, D.C., "but Boomers always have tended to confound expectations."

The reality could have a strong impact on the real estate market over the next two decades. In 2011, the first of that generation's approximately 78 million Americans turns 65.

"These are active adults. Still very mobile. Some of them are still working," said John Daley of Aesthetics Construction Inc., who has worked in the 55-and-over housing sector for over a decade. "The big trend that we recognize is that they want to stay in the community they are in now."

Baby Boomers - generally defined as those born between 1946 and 1964 - are far different from previous generations because they are living longer, have no set path for retirement and have more varied circumstances in life, according to the findings of a 2006 study conducted by Harris Interactive for the National Association of Realtors.

"A significant portion of Baby Boomers married later in life and had children at a later age, which means many will continue to work beyond the traditional retirement age," said David Lereah, former chief economist for the NAR.

"Older Boomers are thinking about retirement, but one-third expect to go back and forth between periods of work and periods of leisure, and another 35 percent want to work at least part-time or start a business. All of this will have an impact on the kind of homes they buy, as well as where they buy them."

The median age at which Baby Boomers expect to stop working is 70, but more than a quarter of those surveyed said they never intend to stop working.

Whether they retire or not, many Boomers are beginning to downsize for the greater flexibility such a move can make in terms of lifestyle. At age 55, they can usually transfer their tax base within the county, making the financial advantages of a smaller home even more attractive. Nearly one-third of Americans in this age range plan to retire in the West.

Usually these seniors want a house that is in turnkey condition, with little required maintenance, allowing them to travel or engage in other activities.

"What they are enjoying most is a renewed sense of freedom - the turning of a page," Daley said. "The kids are gone. They can come and go as they please because they are not pinned down to a big house."

Most Boomers live in two-income households. Many will have enough income to purchase second homes, so that they can divide their time between the community where they have long lived and one where they like to play.

When do seniors shop for a new home, the key requirement is location: proximity to family, to services, to transportation, to outdoor activities, and a sense of community. They also have clear preferences for certain features, such as:

- First-floor master bedroom. "They don't want to deal with stairs," Daley said. "Really, they prefer ranch-style houses, but if it's two-story, they want the master on the main floor. We also put in wide staircases to accommodate two people, in case one needs some help." In multi-level developments, residential elevators are a popular option.
- Space for one or two home offices or work areas, with high-speed internet access, so they can pursue intellectual and creative activities even after they retire.
- A bedroom and bathroom with a tub for guests. They want the children and grandchildren to visit.
- A two-car garage.
- Efficiency features to keep utility costs down. "Seniors are more educated. Homes that are built in a shabby fashion do not pass the test," Daley said.
- In addition, many seniors - even those who are active and healthy - seek features that will allow them to age in place, such as threshold showers and levered handles.
- Some people want the upgrades - granite countertops and high-end appliances. Others don't want to spend the extra money.

But more important than any of these features is what Brent Green, author of "Marketing to Leading-Edge Baby Boomers," calls "The Transcendental.

"They want to be in neighborhoods that focus on learning, creativity, avocations and a sense of community. They want 'being spaces' that stimulate thinking, growing, actualizing and connection with the wider world," he said. And they want opportunities for volunteer activities.

For many seniors, that means purchasing a house a suburban neighborhood, such as the Tri-Valley, with its rich cultural life and proximity to major urban centers. For others, it means finding a first or second home in an active-adult community that caters to them.

"Developers like Del Web are building communities for 55 and older that are becoming very popular for people who want that active lifestyle," said Joy Elliott, a Realtor and Seniors Real Estate Specialist with Windermere Welcome Home. "Really high-class living, with elegant dining rooms. Some even have limosines to take you here or there."

Some are even located in desirable resort areas, such as Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, others in suburban neighborhoods like Brentwood and San Ramon.

Many of these communities offer a range of accommodations, from independent living to full-time care facilities.

"As they age, they can stay with friends that they make," Elliott said.

When younger Boomers choose a planned community, it is often for reasons of safety, convenience and that built-in community.

"They don't want to cut grass, they don't want to fix sprinklers, they don't want to trim hedges," Daley said. "There is a lot to be said for that lifestyle. These communities often offer clubhouses, pools, green areas for picnics. Some even have vans and concierge services."

"If they want to travel, they just lock the house and hit the road," Elliott agrees.

"They are not thinking of retirement homes as when they put me out to pasture," she said.

For some Boomers, downsizing is not an option for the foreseeable future. They may still have children or grandchildren at home. An elderly parent may have moved in with them, requiring more room.

For these seniors, fixing up the home they are in may be the best way to obtain the features they desire. That suits Daley, whose current company specializes in remodeling, just fine.

"We know how to do that," he said.

*Cher Wollard is a local Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home.*

## Legacy Joins LREC

Bill Aboumrad, owner of Legacy Real Estate & Associates, announced last week that the company has joined The Leading Real Estate Companies of the WorldR (LREC) to further the residential broker's marketing and referral network.

Legacy Real Estate & Associates has offices in Fremont and Livermore. The company was formed a year ago after being a RE/Max franchise for 13 years. The firm has over 160 real estate professionals covering the East Bay.

Leading Real Estate Companies of the WorldR is a global network of nearly 700 premier real estate firms with 5,500 offices and 170,000 sales associates in 38 countries around the world. The organization only accepts companies with strong market share in their respective service areas as new affiliates of LREC.

"As Legacy grows and matures we want to increase our exposure internationally and strengthen our referral network by aligning ourselves with a global company and a group of solid and reputable independent real estate companies," said Legacy's CEO Bill Aboumrad.

As an affiliate of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World, Legacy Real Estate & Associates agents can assist individuals in purchasing or selling property in virtually any community in the U.S. or abroad with services including real estate assistance, comprehensive destination orientation programs, household goods move management and more. The membership also enables Legacy to assist with corporate relocation accounts through RELO DirectR.

## SHORT NOTES

### Nature Program

Mammals are the focus of a nature program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Jan. 31. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park.

Lots of critters are mammals, but what exactly makes one a mammal? What are the advantages and disadvantages of being one, and where do humans weigh in on "mammalness"? These and other questions will be answered. The group will also look at some related cool critter stuff. Good for ages 5 and up.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### New Exhibit

The Museum On Main Street has a new exhibition "Treasures of the Tri-Valley II: Tri-Valley on the Move." The exhibit features items relating to transportation provided by local collectors. The exhibit will be on display at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton until March 7.

Collections featured include Charles Huff's vintage California license plates, Gary Briggs's motorcycles, Chris Rizzoli's railway relays and switches, James Jellison's and Leland Kiplinger's aviation paraphernalia and John April's and Ernie Manzo's model rail cars, engines, and model buses.

General admission to the museum is a \$2 per person requested donation. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Contact the museum at 925-462-2766 or office@museumonmain.org. Visit www.museumonmain.org.

### After School Program

Students at Livermore's public middle schools have an alternative to going home and flipping on the television after school. The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District provides the Police Activities League (PAL) for middle school students before and after school as both academic enrichment and a place to have fun.

Now in its ninth year, the program also has another benefit: allowing parents more convenient times to drop off or pick up their children at school. PAL is open on campus from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays during the times students are not in school. LARPD's program is unique from other after school programs in that it is extended throughout the whole year, including during breaks from school.

The recreation program includes homework time, a snack, physical activity games and board games. All programming is geared to the middle school age group. LARPD's PAL program operates out of a portion of all four public middle schools in Livermore: Mendenhall, Junction Avenue, East Avenue and Christensen.

The PAL program aims for a student/staff ratio of 10:1, meaning plenty of individual attention for participants. Space is still available for this year's PAL program at all four Livermore middle schools - students can start the new year off right for 2009. Families can sign up their students at any point during the year by contacting LARPD at 925-373-5700. For more information, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

### Republican Officers

The Alameda County Republican Central Committee has a new leadership team headed by Chairman Karen Wind and Vice Chairman Walter Stanley III.

Karen Wind has a long history in Alameda County politics working on behalf of many local, state and national candidates. She was the Central Committee Treasurer before assuming the chairmanship. She is also past president of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated. Karen previously served in elected office as a member of the Newark Unified School Board, and she currently serves as an appointed member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. Karen is a disability benefits attorney, with a primary practice representing claimants in federal court.

Walter Stanley III is a relative newcomer to Alameda County Republican politics, but he has already proven his leadership and devotion to the cause. During the 2008 election cycle, the group he organized, the Constitutional Republicans, became one of the leading Republican volunteer organizations in the county and put in a great deal of work for the two major campaigns in the Tri-Valley, Dean Andal for Congress and Abram Wilson for State Assembly.

Other new officers are Treasurer Michael Sites, Asst. Treasurer David Latour, Secretary Anne Woodell, Asst. Secretary Brian Eschen, Parliamentary Richard Spees.

The County Party has taken the first steps in rebounding from the November election and redefining itself as a party of limited government.

As one of the newly elected committee members stated, "We had an exemplary meeting tonight. This shows what can be accomplished when good people work together to get things done." Another said that she was ready for a "Republican revolution" in Alameda County.

### Financial Aid Workshop

The Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission is hosting a financial aid workshop for college-bound students and their parents. Theme is "Despite Economic Crisis there is money available to help pay for college."

It will be held at 6 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 3 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Topics to be covered include how to apply for financial aid, student and parent loans, and how to search for private and institutional scholarships.

There is no charge to attend this event. Prizes will be given away in a free raffle including one 2-hour session resume or college essay consulting and three 2-hour sessions on college counseling.

### Blending Boot Camp

The next session in the Quest for Excellence series is set for Tues., Feb. 10. Topic is "Blending Boot Camp."

The series presented by the Tri-Valley Conservancy and the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association to assure the highest quality wine grapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley winegrowers and vintners.

The meeting will be from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

Experts will discuss the art and science of blending. This unique "hands on" session is limited to 40 participants.

RSVP online at www.lvwine.org by February 6. The session will have a participation fee of \$10.

### Expanding Your Horizon

"Stay in the game - play to win" is this year's theme for the annual Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizon (EYH) conference set for Saturday, Feb. 28, at the San Ramon Campus of Diablo Valley College 1690 Watermill Road, San Ramon.

The EYH conference is specially designed for 6th through 9th grade girls to encourage them to consider education and career options in math and science.

Keynote speaker, Donna Djordjevic, a computer scientist from Sandia National Laboratories who specializes in developing computer games, will share her background and motivation for her chosen career.

At the conference, girls will meet and interact with professionals from industry, government, academia and public service, discussing career and education choices in a friendly and relaxed environment.

They'll attend two workshops where they'll be part of hands-on science and math-related activities. Workshop topics include: LEGO™ Robotics; Potions; Learn about Chemistry; Dream It, Design It, Build It; Genes in a Bottle; Industrial Hygienists—The Workplace Detectives; and many more. In addition, participants will visit a career fair.

About 300 girls from the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon school districts are expected to attend. Girls from other school

districts may also register.

Co-sponsored by volunteers from Sandia National Laboratory, Diablo Valley College, the American Association of University Women and Lawrence Livermore National Security, the Tri-Valley EYH conference registration fills quickly. Registration is now open. Go to the Web at http://tveyh.org to register and for more information, or call (925) 422-2453.

### Student Speakers Contest

The Lions Clubs of California is sponsoring the 72nd Annual Lions Student Speakers Contest. The topic for this year's contest is, "Water - Will California be left high and dry?" The contest is open to all students, grades 9-12.

The Livermore Lions Club has scheduled the local club contest for 7pm, Thursday evening, February 19, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave in Community Room A. The club winner will receive a \$50 check and will advance to the Zone 9 contest (Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, & Danville).

The winner at each level will advance from club, zone, region, district, and area to the final California contest scheduled for June 6, 2009 in Palm Springs. The total prize and scholarship funds to be awarded to the winners will exceed \$100,000.

Students who plan to participate must contact the Livermore Lions Club immediately.

While students are to write their own speech, the Livermore Toastmasters Club has agreed to provide assistance for students who desire coaching in the delivery of their speech.

The Livermore Lions, the Livermore Toastmasters Club, and the Livermore High Schools are enthusiastic about the opportunity this contest provides for Livermore students to extend, refine, and apply their public speaking skills and to share in the +\$100,000 of available awards and scholarships. Visit www.LivermoreLions.org for additional information or contact the Lions by email at LivermoreLionsClub@comcast.net.

### Cutest Kid Contest

Local photographer, Anna Vickroy of ultra-spective, is participating in the National Charity Model Search to select "America's Cutest Kid" and to raise funds for charity.

Participating photographers will submit portraits of local children, ages 18 months to 14 years, for online voting to determine the city finalist. The child voted city finalist may elect to serve as a model during the 2009 Sandy Puce Tots 2 Teens Seminar Tour at a city near their home.

City finalists are determined by online votes. Anyone may vote. Each vote is \$1, and all proceeds from each vote benefit Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep (NILMDTS.org). Photography and modeling industry experts will determine the contest's national winner. The national model winner receives many prizes, including a \$5,000 US Savings Bond and a Canon PowerShot G10 digital camera.

Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep (NILMDTS), is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization committed to assisting parents and families going through the difficult time when they experience an early infant loss.

Parents who want to enter their children in the contest may do so by calling ultra-spective at 925-449-9879.

For further information, visit www.sandypucemodels.com.

### Cash for College

Las Positas College's Financial Aid Office has scheduled four free "Cash for College" information workshops in the Tri-Valley region. These workshops will help college-bound high school seniors and their parents learn about the many types of financial aid available and how to apply for them.

Financial aid can help students pay for college and may be available for either full or part-time students. In addition to grants and scholarships, aid may include fee waivers, work-study positions, and student loans. These funds can help with student expenses such as transportation and personal expenses, as well as tuition and fees, room and board, and books and supplies.

All high school seniors attending the workshops will qualify for several \$1,000 Cash for College scholarships being offered if they file a FAFSA and a Cal Grant GPA Verification before March 2.

Workshop topics will include the types of financial aid available; common misconceptions; important deadlines; qualifications for types of aid; the application process; "independent" versus "dependent" students; resources for scholarships; important hints for completing the FAFSA; and a question and answer session.

The Cash for College workshop schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m., Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore
- Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m., Livermore High School, 600 Maple St., Livermore
- Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m., Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin
- Sunday, February 22, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore

Two simultaneous events will be held in Building 2400: 12 p.m. - Information Workshop; 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. - A concurrent "drop-in FAFSA lab" will be held in the Computer Lab, to assist applicants with the FAFSA application. Personal assistance will be provided in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Urdu and Hindi. Participants are asked to bring a pen, 2008 W-2 forms (or tax returns) for parents and student, and all other pertinent income and investment information.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. For additional information, please email the Las Positas College Financial Aid Office at lpcfnaid@laspositascollege.edu.

### Claws for Paws

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's 4th Annual "Claws for Paws" is planned for Saturday, February 7th, 2009, from 6-10 p.m. at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore

This crab feast is a fund-raising dinner for the group. The event will also feature raffle baskets filled with goodies, and a cash donation raffle (where the winner splits the cash with TVAR 50/50), and a donation raffle for a Wii game system.

Tickets are \$50 per person. This price includes all you can eat crab, pasta, Caesar salad, dessert and tea/coffee. A no-host bar will be available for wine, beer and soft drinks.

Tickets may be purchased through the PayPal link at www.tvvar.org or send a check to: TVAR, P. O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Be sure to include your email address in order to receive a receipt.

### Education Seminar

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present a free community educational seminar, "Minimally Invasive Treatment for Varicose Veins," from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 3. The program will be held at San Ramon Regional Medical Center's South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Soo Hyun Kim, M.D., vascular and endovascular specialist, will discuss surgical and nonsurgical treatments for varicose veins, and how to reduce pain and discomfort. Dr. Kim will be available for your questions.

Varicose veins and spider veins can be more than a cosmetic concern.

They can lead to night cramps, leg swelling, itching, fatigue, and even ulcers. An estimated one in 10 people has varicose veins. Most are women, particularly those who stand and sit for long periods of time, who have been pregnant, or do anything else that places pressure on the veins and restricts blood flow.

Seating is limited. To register for the community seminar, call 800.284.2878 or register online at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

### Birds in Art Contest

People of all ages are invited to go outside and look for Birds in Art/Art in Birds for a contest sponsored by the Celebrate Urban Birds project at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

For the Birds in Art/Art in Birds challenge participants can take photos, do some painting, write a

story, create a sculpture. What do you see in a bird that is beautiful, stirring, or inspirational?

Prizes include bird sound recordings, books, gift certificates, "green" products, and more. The first 50 entrants will receive a copy of "Doves and Pigeons" poster by Julie Zickefoose. Selected images will be posted on the Celebrate Urban Birds website.

How to enter: Email your photo, art, or video entry to urbanbirds@cornell.edu. Links are acceptable for videos. Write "Art in Birds/Birds in Art contest" in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address. Tell why you submitted your entry to the Art in Birds/Birds in Art contest.

Deadline for entries is February 28, 2009. Visit the Celebrate Urban Birds web site for more information.



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# Our Savior Lutheran Talent Fair Showcases Student Achievement

Ever wondered what material makes the strongest levies? Or if grey water affects how well plants grow? Ever wished you knew more about Xerxes, Leonidas, Hatshepsut, the roaring 20's, Texas, Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, *Lord of the Flies*, or Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*?

Last weekend, the answers to all of those questions and more could be found in the multipurpose room of Our Savior Lutheran School. In the school's annual Talent Fair, middle school students prepared displays and reports on topics of their choosing in science, history, literature, and art.

The Talent Fair runs like a science fair, with students explaining their projects to judges and awards presented for outstanding work. In fact, Our Savior Lutheran held a science fair until four years ago, when the organizers decided to incorporate art, history, and literature as a way to showcase a broader spectrum of talents.

Another change this year is the inclusion of fifth grade students. "Many of our sixth graders found creating their Talent Fair project to be overwhelming," says admissions counselor Angela Westphal. "So this year our fifth graders are creating mini science projects. They aren't judged, but they get the experience of putting together a large project."

The fifth graders were given small assignments and due dates to help them pace their work evenly. Students in the sixth through eighth grade, however, self-manage their entire project. The students also choose their own topics, with a teacher's approval, making many of the projects very personal.

Seventh grader Bailey McCrory chose a history project on the 1920's because that's when her grandmother was born. "I thought I could interview my grandmother, but it turns out she didn't know much about the 20's because she was so young," says Bailey. "I did use her pictures on my poster."

In researching her project, she learned that the 1920's saw the invention of band-aids and Kleenex and the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Eighth grader Brandon Reichmuth's interest in photography led him to choose Ansel Adams as his topic. He earned third place in the photography/graphic arts division. In his display he included a Kodak Box Brownie camera, the type that Adams used for his first photo-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Seventh grader Celine Ases made a "flapper" dress as part of her project studying the 1920's era

graphs, which his father had found years ago at a garage sale. In researching his project, Brandon learned that at Yosemite National Park there is a mountain named after Adams and an area of the park is dedicated to him.

Sixth grader Jacob Olafson researched the strongest materials for building levies. "We have a friend with a big ranch in Sacramento that was flooded in 2006. So I chose this topic to help him prevent future floods," he explains.

To conduct his research, Jacob built levies out of different materials and then flooded them each with 5 gallons of water. As he predicted, he found that the strongest levee was made from rock. Because rock is expensive, he recommends a mixture of rock and dirt for a cost-effective but strong solution.

Other science fair projects also tackled relevant issues. Michael Rademann tested the effectiveness of a solar distiller as a solution for bringing clean water to areas with extreme water shortages. He found that his solar distiller worked, but would not provide enough water on which to live.

Eighth grader Colton Jones, who was the second place grand champion in science, approached the water shortage issue from a different angle. He tested whether grey water, which is wastewater except from toilets and garbage disposals, would impact plant growth. He found that the plants grew well with grey water and recommends that

Lutheran 2009 Talent Fair are:

**AREA OF ART / GRAPHICS**—Grand Champions: 1<sup>st</sup> Kaila Silver (8th); 2<sup>nd</sup> Logan Slater (8th); 3<sup>rd</sup> Clara Neal (6th). Fine Arts: 1<sup>st</sup> Danielle Dufek (6th); 2<sup>nd</sup> Bianca DiRegolo (6th); 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Abarquez (6th). 3-D Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Katie Thibault (7th); 2<sup>nd</sup> Krystal Hill (7th); 3<sup>rd</sup> Paytin Ducham (6th). Photography/Computer Graphics: 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Sanlis (8th); 2<sup>nd</sup> Noah Pacheco (6th); 3<sup>rd</sup> Brandon Reichmuth (8th).

**AREA OF LITERATURE**—Grand Champions: 1<sup>st</sup> Malia Gonzales (8th); 2<sup>nd</sup> Klayton Brauer (7th); 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ellam (7th). Sixth grade: 1<sup>st</sup> (tie): Catherine Elliot and Tabitha Malakoff. Seventh grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Benjamin Nilsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelby Houghton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Rachel McMenamin; Honorable Mention: Sarah Angelo. Eighth grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Kaylie Phillips; 2<sup>nd</sup> Devan Bertolino; 3<sup>rd</sup> Neal Steward.

**AREA OF SCIENCE**—Grand Champions: 1<sup>st</sup> Roberto Quihuis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Colton Jones; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Stager. Sixth grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Stager; 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Dawson; 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Ashley Padilla and Elise Prachar. Seventh grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Roberto Quihuis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Nico Pinelli. Eighth grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Colton Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Larson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kenneth Sturgill.

**AREA OF HISTORY**—Grand Champions: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jonathan Wapman (Grade 8); 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jessica Estrada (Grade 8); and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Letitia Edwards (Grade 8). Sixth grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Sabrina DiRegoiio; 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Stanley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Evans. Seventh: 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Chrisman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Clark; 3<sup>rd</sup> Matty Proetel. Eighth: 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Droege; 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Houghton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Branch.

households begin using grey water as a means of conservation. (For more information, there are many internet sites dedicated to grey water such as [www.greywater.com](http://www.greywater.com) and [www.graywater.net](http://www.graywater.net).)

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