



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Workers spent the last few days testing soil at a former gas station site at the corner of First St. and Livermore Avenue.**

## Open Heart Kitchen May Shutdown

Open Heart Kitchen is on the verge of having to close its doors at a time when its services are most needed.

Executive Director Linda McKeever declared, "We are in dire straits. We are cutting back and may have to close. Open Heart Kitchen is the only hot meal program in the Tri-Valley."

The downturn in the economy has meant a drop in donations. "Funding has pretty much dried up," said McKeever. "Our services are 100 percent funded through donations."

She said that Open Heart Kitchen is currently operating on its reserves. "If we don't reserve additional funding, we will be forced to close in 5 to 6 weeks when our reserves have run out."

Funding from grants awarded by banks, from realtors and the development community are no longer being provided. Individual donors are concerned about their own financial situations. Home prices are going down, the value of retirement accounts is decreasing. There is

concern about jobs. "People can't afford to give," she said.

The most immediate impact will be a reduction in hours in Livermore at Asbury Church. Meals had been served there from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Starting Monday, service will be from 3 to 6 p.m.

In addition to the drop in funding, there has been an increase in cost and the number of people who need the food. The cost of food has risen 9 percent. With the rise in fuel costs, a surcharge has been added to food

delivery.

"The need keeps going up," McKeever said. The demand for Open Heart Kitchen meals has increased by 23% in the last few months, while contributions to Open Heart Kitchen have decreased by 37%. Food costs have risen by 10%. It is anticipated there will be continuing increases in demand for meals in the months ahead.

An average of 450 meals a day are served five days a week. Last year, Open Heart Kitchen served up to 160,000 meals.

McKeever noted that those needing meals come from all walks of life. The majority are single parents struggling to make ends meet. They are losing their jobs. She provided one example. A woman with three children lost her job, was re-employed and then lost that job. Because she had been hired for such a short time, she does not receive unemployment benefits. "We are her food source," said McKeever.

"We haven't seen anything this bad since the Depression." (See KITCHEN, page 4)

## Students' Goal: Write a 50,000 Word Novel This Month

By Ron McNicoll

They may not come up with the mythical Great American Novel this year. However, two Amador Valley High School students sure like the exercise involved trying it out.

Melissa Ott and Vivienne Chen, both juniors at Amador Valley, are among students at the school who are joining at least 100,000 other writers around the world in an international novel-writing contest, thanks to the internet and a willingness to not be critical about what they are writing.

The participants have the entire month of November to attain the 50,000 word goal set by NaNoWriMo, a nonprofit group based in Oakland. The name is a contraction for National Novel Writing Month. It was thought up by freelance journalist Chris Baty.

Baty sat around one night with friends. They decided to collectively brainstorm their novels. They didn't care about the results. They found the process was more fun than watching TV, according to NaNoWriMo's community liaison person, Lindsey Grant.

Not writing with a critical eye, but just with the goal of getting the material out is still the focus of NaNoWriMo. Success, at least in material terms, is not the goal. People who write 50,000 words by Nov. 30 can download an award onto which they can attach their names.

Some writers have gone beyond the award to themselves. At least 25 novels begun at NaNoWriMo have been published. That's not counting books whose authors decided to publish themselves, or sent to a vanity press.

NaNoWriMo grew over the years to more than 100,000 participants last year. Despite the wide participation, the collective creativity angle is still present. There are 500 municipal contacts who call together meetings so that the writers can gather and simply write.

Vivienne and Melissa don't attend those "official" gatherings. (See NOVEL, page 5)

## LARPD Has New Master Plan

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board approved the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan during a regular meeting last Wednesday night.

The vote was unanimous with Scott Kamena absent.

The new plan is a more detailed, updated version of the Master Plan approved in 1995. The District's major goals remain the same, though LARPD plans to place a greater emphasis on ecological and environmental concerns as well as energy efficiency and recycling issues. The Master Plan also addresses the community's expressed interest in additional programs, trails, and open space.

One of the issues yet to be resolved is the western boundary of the park district. The board gave staff direction to work with Alameda County, LAFCO, and the cities of Pleasanton and Dub-

(See MASTER PLAN, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Students at Arroyo Seco Elementary School in Livermore placed their votes in the ballot box.**

## Arroyo Seco Students Choose Obama by a Landslide

By Patricia Koning

Hours before polling places in the East coast battleground states closed, students at Arroyo Seco Elementary School had already made clear their choice for the 2008 Presidential Election: Barack Obama, by a four-to-one margin. Of the 529 students in first through fifth grades who voted in the school's mock election, 405 went for Obama, with the other 125 choosing John McCain.

The mock election was organized and run by Lisa Wilson's fourth grade class. The kids' votes don't count, but at 1:30 pm on Election Day, they had already predicted the choice of the na-

tion. In mock elections that Wilson held in 2000 and 2004 at Sunset Elementary School, the students picked the eventual winner both times.

"In 2000, my kids said the Supreme Court wasn't necessary because everyone could have just asked them," she recalled.

The fourth graders running the polls took their duty seriously, as did many of the elementary school voters. "You need to vote to be a good citizen," said Danielle Frevert, one of Wilson's students. "If you don't vote, you can't complain if the person you didn't want wins."

Arroyo Seco had a 93% turnout of eligible voters, a number that is sure to beat the national average. "The kids are so excited and enthusiastic—maybe more so than the adult voters," said Shawnie Madrid, a parent of a student in Wilson's class. "They are learning that their opinions count."

To prepare for Election Day, Wilson's students have been learning about the three branches of government, the Electoral College, and political parties. They learned that as poll workers they could only encourage others students to vote, not try to

(See VOTE, page 4)

## More Strain On School Budgets

By Ron McNicoll

Along with further bleak budget news from the state, the Pleasanton school board discussed another item concerning future finances.

Assistant superintendent Luz Cazares, at her first meeting in her new job Oct. 28, told the board that a change in accounting procedures for schools could have an impact on the district's finances. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is requiring this year, for the first time, that California school districts show the financial liability they have for paying medical benefits to retirees.

A combination of rising health care insurance costs and the new wave of retirees among Baby Boomers brought up the concern at GASB. One intention of the practice is to let taxpayers know the district's full financial liability if it asks voters for a bond measure.

GASB took an actuarial look at the Pleasanton district and determined that its future liability for paying out those costs is \$15 million. The actuarial tables also showed that this year the district should be setting aside \$674,000 toward that larger obligation. Although such a set-aside is recommended, it is not mandatory.

However, recommendations from GASB tend to evolve into what amount to requirements, said Cazares. The figure is a future debt, and must be carried on the district's books. The figure can affect the district's credit rating.

Trustee Steve Brozosky, who is a former councilman and ran for mayor this year, said that Pleasanton city government has

a \$120 million liability, but only \$40 million set aside for it. Brozosky told the Independent later that the city has flexibility as to how much of the set-aside it wants firmly committed to the obligation, and how much could be diverted to other uses.

Brozosky and trustee Kris Weaver, both of whom are finishing their board service, said that it will be up to future boards to deal with the issue. Brozosky asked about future policy. Cazares said she will return with a possible plan about what percentage to recommend to the board to set aside in the district's annual budget.

### STATE BUDGET CAN BRING MID-YEAR CUTS

The new potential for tying up some of the district's assets comes at a time when a new estimate by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger shows a much bigger state budget shortfall than anticipated. The governor told a gathering of educators last week that the overall budget shortfall will be \$5 billion to \$8 billion, with a \$2 billion to \$4 billion take from education.

Cazares told the board that there is no way to tell right now just what the impact would be on the Pleasanton district. The governor is calling a special session of the Legislature. After lawmakers take action, she will have a clearer view of local impact. However, it's likely that mid-year cuts will occur in districts throughout the state. Pleasanton may be no exception.

Trustees mentioned that it is tougher to cut spending in the second half of a school fiscal year, if the cuts have to be made

(See BUDGET, page 4)

## Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Richard Rhodes Envisions The "Twilight of the Bombs"

By Patricia Koning

Richard Rhodes kicked off the Livermore Performing Arts Center's Rae Dorough Speaker's Series last Wednesday. Rhodes is the author or editor of 22 books, including *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize; *Dark Sun: The Making of the Hydrogen Bomb*; and *Arsenals of Folly: The Making of the Nuclear Arms Race*. He is at work on his fourth book in his nuclear history series with a working title of *Twilight of the Bombs*.

Rhodes explained that in coming up with the working title of his new book, which was also the title of the talk, he thought of "Twilight of the Gods," the fourth act in Wagner's *The Ring of Nibelung* opera.

"It brings to me the time when the gods end their role in human affairs and go off the stage, although not necessarily happily," he said. "I think it is appropriate to think about this post Cold War era of nuclear weapons as a 'twi-

light of the bombs.' I believe they are on their way out. At the same time, there is an instability today that was perhaps less apparent during the Cold War era when the nuclear challenge was basically bilateral."

He shared how he was stunned at a recent talk at Ohio University when a student asked why we would be worried about nuclear weapons now that the Cold War is over, adding that global warming is a greater concern. According to Rhodes, recent polls indicate that nuclear war used to be one of the top concerns. Now it has dropped to twenty-fifth. "This should give us pause. We are still living in a world with nuclear weapons," he said.

To make his point, he discussed recent research on the climatic effects of nuclear war, called a nuclear winter because of the reduced sunlight and extreme cold resulting from large amounts of smoke and soot released. (See BOMBS, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Youngsters waved flags during the annual Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade marched down Main Street on Sunday.**

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Ginger is a gentle Golden Retriever mix. She is a senior citizen looking for a caring home to spend her golden years. Even though she is getting older, she still has a spring in her step and a twinkle in her eye. She would be great with kids! To meet Ginger, come to Valley Humane Society Saturday's from 11AM to 2PM. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit the web site [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or call 925-426-8656 for more info.

# VA Hospital Honors Therapy Dogs

By Victoria Kamerzell

On October 25, the national Make a Difference Day, a group of veterans held a reception for some important volunteers. The veterans honored seventeen dogs whose daily visits to the Livermore VA Hospital frequently "make our day." The service dogs were awarded pins in a rank that corresponded to their hours of service.

Steve Wright is a veteran who epitomizes strength. In a room full of men who once fought for this country and now are battling with the devastating effects of strokes, dementia and other ailments, Steve grasped everyone's attention by talking about these dogs. He spoke of how the dogs made his fellow veterans light up. These are veterans who, for some, receive no other visitor than that of the service dogs and their owners.

Steve, and some volunteers, talked about one veteran who refused to interact with people but really connected with the dogs. One of the staff members didn't recognize this man when she saw him in the hall with one of the dogs. She had never seen the man leave his room. She asked him what he was doing. He replied, "Walking the dog." The staff member emphasized that everyone has really benefited from the presence of the dogs.

The Valley Humane Society runs the service dog program. Pat Wheeler is their contact person. She is also the volunteer who founded the program. Pat says that when her husband passed away in 2001 she adopted a dog.

Pat, who previously worked as an educational researcher, has now become a full-time volunteer. In addition to working as the volunteer coordinator for the service dog program at the VA, Pat plays in five community bands and is involved in several national organizations for music. In 2004, she founded the service dog program at the VA. Now she spends 2-6 hours per week scheduling the visits and bringing her dog Albert, a black lab/border collie mix, to the vets.

During the awards ceremony, which Steve Wright ran, psychologist Jeffrey Lane attested to the importance of the dogs, not just in working with the vets, but



Therapy dogs make a difference.

also in improving the morale of the staff. Lane said the nurses often become sick with various stress-related illnesses. The dogs have helped enable the staff to become better caregivers. Lane talked about one patient with severe dementia, who had become non-responsive to people and could barely move due to severe Parkinson's, and had responded to a dog. When one of the service dogs passed away, the veterans raised \$2,000, which they donated to the Valley Humane Center in the late dog's name.

Lane said the dogs are natural born therapists.

Belle, an English Cocker, has been visiting the vets along with her owners for about a year. Be-

cause of her small size, her owners are able to lay Belle on top of patients who are confined to bed. Some of the veterans are amputees who cannot reach the larger dogs. Belle's owners say they notice a special bond between Belle and the vets, especially when she is able to lie next to them. The day before the ceremony, when Belle and her handlers made their weekly visit, a nurse requested that Belle go see a new resident. The man could not speak. The staff was unsure of the man's cognitive abilities. When Belle came into the room the man slowly spelled, "love dogs" on a board. It took him a while longer, but then he spelled the name of his first dog.

Although it is not his district,

Congressman Jerry McNerney, asked one of his employees to come to the ceremony, which was held on a Saturday. Nicole Alioto presented Congressional awards to each of the service dogs. She gave a small speech attesting to the importance of the veteran's service, and of the service dogs, which in their own way were giving back to them.

Jiffy is a golden retriever who was raised to be a guide dog for the hearing impaired, but didn't pass the test. Her owner has been bringing her to see the vets for three years. During the ceremony, a different veteran presented each dog with an award. It was Jiffy's turn, and she was brought in front of one of the men.

"Everybody knows Jiffy. Ain't she beautiful?", the veteran said with tremendous strength, despite being in obvious physical pain. He lifted his hand towards the dog. "My hand hurts Jiffy, my hand hurts." As if understanding him, Jiffy proceeded to lick his hand. "Thank you," the man humbly told the dog.

The dogs pass several tests administered by the Valley Humane Society before they are allowed to become service dogs. Anyone who would like to volunteer with the Therapy Dog Program at the VA should contact the Valley Humane Society, which is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Their phone number is 925-426-8656, the website is www.valleyhumane.org.

## Flu Shots Available in Livermore

Community Health Team 1-Public Health Nursing, of Alameda County Public Health Department, serving Southern Alameda County and the Tri Valley area, will be offering free Flu shots on Friday, November 7, from 10 am to 2 pm. The clinic will be held at the Livermore Recreation and Parks Department District building, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

Please note that this clinic is offered to non-insured or under-insured seniors and adults. Seniors age 60 years and older, or

younger adults with chronic diseases such as heart disease or asthma, immunosuppression, or renal dysfunction should get this immunization. Adults who provide home care or work in places where there are infants below six months of age, seniors or high risk individuals should also get the flu shot. People who should not get a flu shot are people with a severe allergy to eggs and anyone who has had Guillain-Barre Syndrome within 6 weeks after getting a flu shot.

For more information call 925-560-5860.

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## Cal State Lecture Series Focuses on Afghanistan and Iran

California State University, East Bay is piloting a year-long series of lectures and artistic presentations through its College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences to draw attention to some of the special cultures of the Bay Area.

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the series will focus on the nations of Afghanistan and Iran — as they mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iranian Revolution and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan — through a variety of programs and presentations to be held in various Bay Area locations in concert with a consortium comprised of the San Francisco Asian Art Museum; the University of California,

Berkeley; and San Jose State University.

The first event is the exhibit, "Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul," which will be open until Jan. 25 at the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco. On loan from the National Museum of Afghanistan, the collection of nearly 230 artworks, from three archaeological sites, includes gold objects from the famed Bactrian Hoard, bronze and stone sculptures, ivories, painted glassware, and other ancient Afghan works of art, span the Bronze Age through the rise of trade along the Silk Road in the first century CE.

A highlight of that exhibit will

be "Afghanistan Today: A Conversation with Two Scholars," featuring Cal State East Bay's President Mohammad H. Qayoumi — an Afghan native — and another expert. They will discuss the current political and cultural landscape of Afghanistan against the backdrop of the archaeological treasures. This program will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. It will follow a docent tour of the exhibition.

The Afghanistan exhibit will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday during its run, and will remain open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$12. Additional information is available at [www.asianart.org/](http://www.asianart.org/)

afghanistan.htm. CSUEB students with valid student identification will be admitted free to the Dec. 11 program.

The second component to the series will be the collaborative conference, "Recovering Afghanistan's Past: Cultural Heritage in Context," Nov. 14-15. The conference will take place at Chevron Auditorium of the International House, located at 2299 Piedmont Ave., on the University of California campus in Berkeley. President Qayoumi will be part of a panel discussing, "The Future of Afghanistan's Past: Valuing Cultural Heritage," during the 9:30 a.m. to noon program on Nov. 14. The CSUEB

leader also will moderate a roundtable on cultural heritage from 3:45 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 15.

Other sessions will cover the archaeology of ancient Bactria and Bamiyan, the "Golden Hill" and the Kushans, cultural heritage in context, and preservation and protection. Additional information and registration are available on the Institute of East Asian Studies Web site: <http://ieas.berkeley.edu/events/2008.11.14w.html>.

This year's series of lectures and presentations will resume in early spring with several lectures to be announced.

In October 2009, a conference — "Dar Jahan, dar Hazar (In the World, At Home): Afghan and Iranian Diaspora Cultures and Communities in the Bay Area," is scheduled to be held on Cal State East Bay's Hayward Campus. Additional information on the conference will be available at [class.csueastbay.edu/global](http://class.csueastbay.edu/global).



## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Students Choose Obama

California's students overwhelmingly favor Barack Obama as the next president of the United States.

They also support bond measures for veterans, children's hospitals, and energy, while opposing a ban on same-sex marriage and a requirement for a parent to be notified before a minor can terminate her pregnancy.

Those are among the results of the 2008 MyVote California Student Mock Election, which Secretary of State Debra Bowen announced last week. "This historic election has captured the nation's attention. I wanted California students to have a chance to be part of the excitement," said Secretary Bowen, California's chief elections officer.

"The response to this year's mock election has been overwhelming. Students have immersed themselves in the issues and voted in droves, setting a new record for participation."

Launched by Secretary Bowen and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, the MyVote California Student Mock Election was a hands-on civic engagement project for students across the state. Nearly 260,000 students from 614 schools across the state participated in the election. Students cast ballots on the presidential race and California's 12 ballot measures.

President: Alan Keyes/Wiley S. Drake Sr. (A) 1,950, Barack Obama/Joe Biden (D) 190,891, Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente (G) 3,854, Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root (L) 2,546, Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez (PF) 6,253, John McCain/Sarah Palin (R) 54,153.

Proposition 1A High-Speed Train Bond 89,567 yes, 94,039 no; Proposition 2 Treatment of Farm 137,006 yes, 60,040 no; Proposition 3 Child Hospitals Bond 132,815 yes, 49,354 no; Proposition 4 Minor's 89,457 yes, 101,893 no; Proposition 5 Nonviolent Offenders 93,781 yes, 83,106 no; Proposition 6 Law Enforcement Funding 87,022 yes, 87,376 no; Proposition 7 Renewable Energy 124,479 yes, 55,040 no; Proposition 8 Same-Sex Marriage 85,283 yes, 110,844 no; Proposition 9 Victims' Rights, Parole 97,024 yes, 71,596 no; Proposition 10 Energy Bonds 111,287 yes, 63,009 no; Proposition 11 Redistricting 75,379 yes, 88,123 no; Proposition 12 Veterans' Bond 107,320 yes, 61,145 no.

Current and past mock election results are available on the Secretary of State's MyVote California website at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm).

### High Turnout in Early Voting

An unexpectedly high turnout for Early Voting in Alameda County prompted the County's Registrar of Voters, Dave Macdonald, to expand the hours of his office's Early Voting operation in Oakland over the weekend.

Early Voting was offered 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday at the Registrar's office. It continued on Monday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About 1,000 people voted during the Early Voting period's first weekend hours on October

25 and 26. Since then the daily total has grown steadily: about 1,400 people voted on Thursday at the Registrar's office. That number grew significantly again on Friday, with Macdonald predicting that as many as 5,000 people turned out to vote.

### DUI Arrests over Halloween

Officers from Alameda County's 21 police agencies arrested 76 people for suspected drunk or drugged driving over the new three-day Avoid the 21 Halloween weekend crackdown.

The effort began on Friday and ended Sunday, Nov. 2 at midnight. Although there were seven alcohol-related injury crashes, impaired drivers killed no one, said Lt. Mike Peretti of the Livermore Police Dept., Avoid the 21 coordinator.

It was the first crackdown covered by a three-year, nearly \$1 million dollar grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The grant adds five additional DUI blitzes and lengthens a summertime effort.

A three-week campaign begins Dec. 12 and ends on New Year's Day.

There are 40 other similar crackdowns in the state, each named for the number of law-enforcement efforts in the county, with a total of 450 participating police agencies.

### LARPD Personnel Commission

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors is seeking applicants through 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, for a position on its Personnel Commission. Personnel Commissioners are appointed by the Board to four-year volunteer terms.

The Commission monitors the District's personnel policies, oversees the hiring of full-time staff, hears appeals of disciplinary actions and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters of personnel administration. The Commission meets as needed, but normally not more than once a month.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and information on knowledge and experience with personnel administration to District General Manager Timothy J. Barry, LARPD, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, 94550. For more information about the position, please call Carolyn Ulrich at 925-373-5700 or visit the LARPD Web site at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

### Volunteer Drivers Sought

The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments.

The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle and carry personal automobile liability insurance.

Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: [ja.cullen@yahoo.com](mailto:ja.cullen@yahoo.com)

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# EDITORIAL

## Altamont Express Turns 10

October marked the 10th anniversary of the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE).

The line provides commuter rail service from the Central Valley to the East Bay and Silicon Valley, with four round-trips each weekday. Livermore and Pleasanton are among the stops. There's a lot of lovely scenery to view.

Almost 7 million riders have used the ACE since 1998. The present daily ridership is 3800, up 153% from the first months.

In light of the economy, ACE refrained from a gala, expensive celebration of the 10th anniversary. They used the event instead as an occasion to thank their riders. All through the month ACE staff stood on station platforms handing out little gift bags containing commemorative t-shirts, raffle tickets for free monthly passes and other goodies.

Ten years is an important milestone. This train is becoming a fixture in the local landscape. Happy 10th!

## KITCHEN

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People losing their jobs have no savings to fall back on. Most earn less than \$25,000 a year," she added. There is an increase in seniors needing meals. Most are living on retirement benefits that do not increase.

In addition to hot meals five days a week, Open Heart Kitchen also provides two box lunches for low income students to take home for the weekend. Meals are served at Crosswinds Church in Dublin on Mondays; Asbury in Livermore on Tues. and Wed., Vineyard Christian Fellowship in

Livermore on Thursdays; and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton on Fridays.

In addition, meals are served at Ridgeview Commons, a senior housing complex in Pleasanton daily from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The service is open to all seniors, not just those living in the complex.

Checks made payable to Open Heart Kitchen may be sent to 1141 Catalina Dr., #137, Livermore, CA 94550.

In addition, donations of food are welcome. For information, call 580-1615.

## BUDGET

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for the entire year's budget. Cutting in the second half really punishes the district twice as hard in that second semester than if cuts could have been made at the beginning of the fiscal year.

### COUNSELORS IMPROVE CRISIS PROCESS

The board also heard a report from school counselors about helping crisis intervention by installing a formatted document at all of the schools. Counselors came up with the idea after four serious events in three months last year, including student deaths and the deaths of close relatives of students. These were all emotional crises, not emergency events, such as fire or intruder drills.

The new document was put into practice almost as soon as the staffs received copies, because of an emotional occurrence at one school, said Kevin Johnson, the district's senior director of pupil services. The school staff relied on the document. Things went smoothly, because they did not have to sit around and discuss what to do next, said Johnson.

That is exactly what should happen, said Hart Middle School counselor Linda Carey. "This (document) shows step by step you don't have to think during a crisis. Everyone knew his/her role."

Abby Jones, a counselor at Lydiksen and Valley View elementary schools, said that after a parent died, a booklet on grief and loss was distributed to all teachers. The staff was sent an e-mail, based on the sample letter in the new document. Then a letter was sent to all parents, notifying them she is available to all of

the parents for the whole grade level.

Sometimes parents don't even know that a child is still grieving over the loss of a grandparent or a pet. Jones made up a special basket for children. It includes blank journals and a box of tissues. She left it in the classroom, in case students need it.

There is also a "Friendship Room," and in it, Jones has a big sign that says, "It's OK to cry."

Trustee Chris Grant said, "There is probably not a street you can go down in Pleasanton that doesn't have a crisis, (for example), someone diagnosed with cancer, or someone who has a substance abuse problem."

"At one level or another, these come directly back into our schools, either in the children themselves, or something that is affecting them or a neighbor or loved one. It's both a community and a school problem," said Grant.

Trustee Pat Kernan said that the counselors' efforts are in line with what he saw at a teacher of the year awards ceremony. "Their biographies all said they teach the whole child, and they teach from the heart," he said.

### PEACEMAKERS RECOGNIZED

The board also presented awards to members of the Peacemakers at Vintage Hills elementary school. Acting vice principal Lisa Cheney told the board that the students "use their communication skills to resolve conflicts in the classroom and on the playground. They model traits on a daily basis." Casey thanked the students for "keeping the school safe and friendly."

## Food Pantry in Need Of More Donations

More than 3500 Tri-Valley residents rely on a local food pantry for groceries each month.

Clare Gomes, the coordinator of the Tri-Valley Food Pantry, 418 Junction Ave., Livermore, said, "When we began operating the pantry six years ago, we served about 800 guests per month. The number has gone up steadily. This September, we have over 3500 guests."

Tri-Valley Haven is working to raise funds to support the pantry via a "Paper Food Drive," to encourage donations of grocery store gift cards and cash. Tri-Valley Haven staff and volunteers will have information tables in

several Livermore locations from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 22 where the community can learn more about hunger in the Valley.

"Donations of grocery store gift cards and cash allow us to be more responsive to our clients' special dietary needs and cultural traditions," said Haven executive director Ann King. "Also, our storage space is limited. With gift cards, we can purchase items as they are needed."

Information tables will be in front of Lucky's and Starbucks on Portola Avenue, Grocery Outlet on Stanley Blvd., and Panama Red Coffee Company on First Street in Livermore.

## VOTE

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influence their decision. They also visited the official polling place at Arroyo Seco's foyer and looked at an official ballot.

"It was really long," said Téa Stephenson, another of Wilson's students. "I didn't know that you get to make your vote in private."

While many students were very secretive about their choice, others freely discussed it while waiting in line to vote. "Since October, I've known that John McCain will just let us down," said third grader Fatima Mendez. "I'm voting for Obama be-

cause he'll stop the wars," said fifth grader Jonathan Navarro. "It's important to vote, because if you don't, you are letting someone else make that decision for you."

Students didn't limit their opinions to the two Presidential candidates. There was also much discussion centered on the mascots of the two political parties—the Democratic donkey and Republican elephant—that were printed on the ballots. The general consensus was that those animals are just silly.

## MASTER PLAN

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lin to confirm the western boundary.

LARPD Director Tim Barry said that there has been difficulty in discerning the boundaries, because many of the maps are faded. Furthermore, they do not match current conditions with the level of subdivisions and development that has occurred. He said it appears that the district would have to finance a survey.

Director David Furst noted that one of the maps indicates that the boundary extends beyond El Charro Road some 100 to 200 yards. With Staples Ranch moving forward and the district building a new trail along Jack London Blvd., it is important to establish who has the sphere of influence. Furst suggested that Pleasanton and Dublin be asked to help pay for any survey, since the outcome could have an impact on their cities.

Another issue had to do with gates built in private fences providing access to park property. Staff had recommended including wording that the district could deny access. The directors removed the wording, after it was pointed out that the district cannot deny the right of a property

owner to put a gate in a fence.

The concern came about because some are using the trails and parks to provide access to rear yards for storage of such things as boats, and for backyard improvements. In addition, some of the gates open through vegetation, causing damage.

Another matter approved by the Board is a recommendation to the Livermore City Council to extend the deadline for Robertson Park improvements by O'Brien Homes, developer of the Arroyo Crossings neighborhood. O'Brien Homes plans to build a \$300,000 playground as well as construct a respite area and trail at Robertson Park.

O'Brien Homes has requested the deadline extension because of slowing home sales causing the developer not to meet target completion dates for the project. The new deadline would allow for substantial completion by Nov. 15, 2009, with final completion by Jan. 1, 2010. This recommendation will be sent to the City Council for a final decision.

To view LARPD's Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan, visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us)

## Panel Backs Zone 7 Rate Increase

By Ron McNicoll

A proposal to skip any water rate increase next year by Valley water wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency did not make it out of the board of directors' finance committee.

The vote at the meeting Oct. 28 was 2-1 to recommend that the seven-member board follow the staff recommendation to boost the water rate by 16 percent next year. Board president Sarah Palmer, sitting in for absent director Steve Kalthoff, and director Sandy Figuers voted to support the rate increase. Director Dale Myers voted "no."

Myers recommended at the board meeting Oct. 15 that Zone 7 hold off any water rate increase until 2010. The board traditionally sets the annual rate in autumn for the following calendar year. The board had sent Myers' proposal to the finance committee for discussion.

Myers argued that in view of recent economic troubles and their impact on consumers, it would be good to hold off the increase. Under a 16 percent increase, more than \$4 per month would be added to the typical household's water bill next year. The monthly increase in dollars would be much greater on big water users, such as businesses, parks and school districts, because of their watering needs, said Myers.

Myers also said that with some aspects of the cost of fixing the Delta's environmental problems, waiting a year to raise rates would provide a clearer picture of what is needed financially from Zone 7.

A revised staff report sent to the committee recommended allocating 5 percent of the proposed rate increase to the Delta fixing fund and the remaining 11 percent to Zone 7's increasing cost. Zone 7 has obligatory costs

that rise each year, such as salaries, water-treatment chemicals, and other operational costs.

Myers proposed to take the money that Zone 7 would put into the capital improvements replacement fund for fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10 and use it instead for the ongoing costs, so that the rate in 2009 would not have to be raised. Meanwhile, Zone 7 could spend time before the 2010 rate is set to get a better handle on what the Delta costs might turn out to be, and also the impact of customers' water conservation on the budget. The more that customers conserve, the lower the revenue comes in compared to what is expected.

### RATE BOOST CAN HELP PREVENT PROBLEMS

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig told the Independent that it's important to have the 16 percent increase. Without it, some projects would have to be deferred. "The cross-valley (water) pipeline is starting to corrode. We need to at least conduct an assessment study, and see how corroded it is, before we have a big break (in the line). That costs \$300,000. That's before having to do any repairs."

There have been leaks in the bleach tanks that Zone 7 uses to purify water. They have been patched in the past. However, consultants say they are becoming unpatchable, and need to be replaced, said Duerig. All four tanks costs \$500,000 to replace.

Myers told the Independent, "While there is some risk in putting off maintenance, we have some options. I was just trying to make the point that we have the flexibility to raise rates later."

Palmer backed the staff's recommendation. She told the Independent, "It was a little disingenuous (of Myers to want to defer some maintenance). When

## ELECTION RESULTS

<b>Pleasanton Mayor</b> (74.47% of vote)	
Jennifer Hosterman (I)	10,934
Steve Brozosky	9,165
<b>Pleasanton City Council</b> (2 elected) (74.47% of vote)	
Cindy McGovern (I)	11,453
Matt Sullivan (I)	10,194
Jerry Pentin	7,040
Howard Neely	3,994
<b>Measure PP, Pleasanton</b> (74.47% of vote)	
Yes	11,791
No	7,866
<b>Measure QQ, Pleasanton</b> (74.47% of vote)	
Yes	10,869
No	9,113
<b>Pleasanton School Board</b> (3 elected) (82.86% of vote)	
Chris Grant (I)	10,210
Valerie Arkin	9,682
Jamie Yee Hintzke	8,497
Stephen Page	5,825
Jeff Bowser	5,200
Prasad Rallapalli	2,903
<b>Livermore School Board</b> (2 elected) (83.78% of vote)	
Stewart Gary	12,038
Chuck Rogge	7,760
Thomas McLaughlin (I)	7,503
Bill Morrison (I)	7,237
<b>Measure M, Livermore School Parcel Tax</b> (83.78% of vote) (2/3's vote needed to pass)	
Yes	17,523 (75.71%)
No	5,622 (24.29%)
<b>Livermore Area Recreation &amp; Park District</b> (2 elected) (84.21% of vote)	
Steve Goodman (I)	13,405
Beth Wilson (I)	10,338
Barbara Kraybill	8,321
<b>Measure WW, EBRPD Bond</b> (83.74% of vote) (2/3's voted needed to pass)	
Yes	229,963 (71.74%)
No	90,575 (28.26%)
<b>State Assembly District 15</b> (48.6% of vote)	
Joan Buchanan (D)	56,849
Abram Wilson (R)	42,612
<b>U.S. Congress, District 10</b> (45.9% of vote)	
Ellen Tauscher (D) (I)	90,585
Nicholas Gerber (R)	43,234
Eugene Ruyle (P&F)	4,625
<b>U.S. Congress, District 11</b> (53% of vote)	
Jerry McNerney (D) (I)	83,090
Dean Andal (R)	72,471
<b>BART Director, District 5</b> (81.43% of vote)	
John McPartland	38,304
Linda Jeffery Sailors	24,371
<b>Superior Court Office No. 9</b> (78.19% of vote)	
Dennis Hayashi	191,746
Phil Daly	115,504

## BOMBS

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leased into the atmosphere. When scientists revisited 20-year-old nuclear winter simulations using higher fidelity models, the results were even more drastic.

Rhodes said that a full-scale nuclear exchange of current nuclear arsenals would cause a drop in average global temperatures of 7 to 8 °C that would last for years. After a decade, the cooling would still be at -4 °C. In comparison, the average global cooling at the depth of the last ice age 18,000 years ago, was about -5 °C. (For more on nuclear winter models, see Alan Robock's webpage at <http://envsci.rutgers.edu/~robock/>.)

"Because we now live in mega-cities with so much combustible material, detonation of even a single terrorist weapon of modest yield could produce urban fatalities approaching one million," he said.

"Plus the entire metropolitan area would have to be abandoned for decades and the economic consequences, using the Katrina effect on New Orleans as a model, would be severe

nationally and internationally."

Rhodes brought up a question raised by Dr. Martin Hellman: whether a risk analysis, in the engineering sense, has ever been conducted on nuclear deterrents. Hellman is a retired Stanford professor who is credited as one of the developers of public key cryptography.

Rhodes argued that what we thought of as a nuclear deterrent was actually mutual caution. "You would have to show that one side was planning to use nuclear weapons, but decided not to because of the prospect of retaliation. There is no record that either side ever got there," he said. "Both sides have been involved in many conflicts, none of which was solved by a nuclear threat. In fact, where we tried to flex our nuclear muscles, we had worse outcomes."

He added that according to one national laboratory director, there has never been a scientific basis worked out for nuclear deterrents. However, if there is no such thing as a nuclear deterrent, how did we end up with so many nuclear weapons on hair trigger alerts?

he was general manager, he was really talking about having reserves, and being able to pay for different infrastructure problems. Now he is saying, we can postpone. I don't think he should be saying that."

Myers said he appreciated her perspective. "However, Sarah was not noting that things change over time. The last time we were in circumstances like this was the six-year drought in the 1990s. I wasn't general manager then. I was the finance guy. We used \$13 million from the capital account, with the board's approval, to minimize rate increases."

The money was paid back into the capital account over time. Sarah wasn't around then, and didn't know that. Delaying the rate increase is not disingenuous, but a consistent approach in solving the problem we are now engaged in," said Myers.

Palmer said that the discussion overall was worth having. She was referring to such ideas from Myers as having a look at cost efficiency overall on projects and how to estimate the adequacy of future supplies of water.

Myers said that it is important to look three years ahead on projected water supplies, not just one year. Further, Zone 7 has looked only at the historical record about droughts. With climate change upon us, new data will have to be taken into account, said Myers.

### STATE PUSHING MORE CONSERVATION

Another reason for the staff's insistence on an increase for 2009 is the word from the state Department of Water Resources (DWR) that water conservation will be a big priority in 2009.

In a normal rain year, the state delivers 76 percent of the promised amount of water to its con-

tractors. It can't deliver any more, because the whole State Water Project (SWP), which was designed in the 1960s, has not been built out.

It probably won't be completed, because public sentiment is against building more dams and surface reservoirs. Instead, future water needs will be met through water recycling and more underground storage.

This year, though, DWR won't be able to deliver 76 percent to Zone 7, even if rainfall were normal. The maximum will be 54 percent of the capacity, said Duerig. That figure is low, because reservoirs need to be filled much higher than they are now.

The reservoirs are low, because of two years of drought. Further, a federal court ruling is also limiting how much water can be pumped through the Delta in the spring when Delta smelt are spawning.

A forecast issued by DWR in October set the delivery at only 15 percent. However, that is expected to rise during the rainy season, as it always does, said Duerig.

Duerig said that she does not expect to ask the Zone 7 board for mandatory rationing, if it is a normal rainy season this winter. The Valley can get by with the voluntary 10 percent conservation that has been in effect for the past two years, she said.

However, in reality, in 2007, the figure was 11 percent conserved, during the hot summer months of high consumption. In 2008, the figure has fallen to 5 percent, through September. That's a signal that Zone 7 may have to meet with the valley's water retailers to renew efforts in promoting voluntary conservation. In any event, it is too soon in the rainy season to do anything more than speculate about what will happen said Duerig.

"Now that the Cold War is over, why not get rid of all or most of the nuclear arsenal?" asked Rhodes. "I believe a world without nuclear weapons is possible."

Rhodes endorsed the two *Wall Street Journal* op-ed pieces authored by George Schultz, William Perry, Henry Kissinger, and Sam Nunn: "A World Free of Nuclear Weapons" (January 2007) and "Toward a Nuclear Free World" (January 2008).

"It's time to start moving towards a world without nuclear weapons—gradually," he said. "No one believes that it will come quickly or easily. One important point about this process is that there will always be an important role for our national laboratories, in some different configuration, perhaps. You can't disarm everyone in the world of their nuclear weapons without making the world a very transparent place. Keeping track of all fissile material is an immense challenge. However, I don't think anyone is better qualified to answer that charge than the national laboratories of the nuclear powers."

## MAILBOX

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### Performance to Remember Walt Morgan Pleasanton

Last weekend we took in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of Miss Saigon at the Bankhead Theater; afterward I found myself compelled to write a Letter to the Editor about it. I have never before pretended to be a theater critic, but here it is.

We had seen Miss Saigon in London in 1995, but remembered it only as - how can I put it - good? How can I explain, then, that I consider this production to be memorable?

I really didn't like the early

scenes—bawdy houses and bare flesh, but that was just the start of an overall reality. Most will tout Miss Saigon as a love story, and it is. But Miss Saigon is also a war story: war is hell; and bawdy houses; and orphans. This performance was a powerful reminder of that.

As 15-year Pleasanton Playhouse ticket holders, we are often amazed at the competence of the cast, and this cast met our expectations. The orchestra was excellent in the sense that I was almost unaware of their presence: without the orchestra the play would have been nothing, but in fact they carried the story beautifully. The helicopter scene was at least as good as the London version. The costuming in the final scene was perfect. Best of all, truly world-class performances were delivered by Tony Rodriguez III as The Engineer and Miori Kennedy as Tam. (I was speculating how neat it would be to claim, 10 or 20 years

from now, that I had seen Miori's debut performance, but the program notes indicate that this is actually her second time in the role.)

A professional theater critic could probably list 15 ways the London performance was better, but the Livermore production is the one I will remember. The community is fortunate to have a facility like the Bankhead Theater, and organizations like TVRT to make such superb use of it.

(Editor's Note: Performances continue 8 pm Fridays/Saturdays and 2 pm Sundays through Nov 9, 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. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) or by calling 925-373-6800.)

### Health Care Benefits Richard Langlois Livermore

LLNL retirees, including myself, were first told about dramatic changes in retiree health benefits last week. The most disturbing thing about these changes is that Medicare retirees over age 65 have been singled out to lose the safety net of their group medical plans and told to purchase their own individual insurance on the open market, which will be very risky for elderly people. Benefit changes may be necessary if there are funding gaps. But, employees and retirees should share equally in the pain.

Since Lab management was transferred to the for-profit, private entity LLNS-LLP one year

ago, the Lab has down-sized by about 2000 people, including involuntary layoffs. Lab director George Miller made an emotional plea to the staff for the "LLNL family" to pull together to deal with these painful changes. Now, one year later, the aged and disabled members of "our family" are being singled out to lose group coverage. The heartless move may be perfectly legal, but it makes the Lab look mean-spirited and unfair for having targeted the elderly. I hope this change will be delayed until a more equitable solution can be found.

There will be a public meeting during which information about the change will be discussed. There are two sessions, one at 9 a.m. and a second at 1 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 6 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

### Developers in Disguise Anne Fox Pleasanton

I appreciated your "Skyline at Stake" editorial where you stated that Hosterman had betrayed her constituents in Pleasanton by spearheading Measure QQ.

It is amazing what developers/landowners do to hide their identity from Pleasanton voters in order to be in disguise. What better way to hide their true identity on mailers arriving in Pleasanton mailboxes like last week's hit piece targeting citizen's Measure PP, the Save Pleasanton Hills initiative, with a return address of a Hayward post office box.

The return address was "Californians United for Good Government;" however, the landowner/developer known as the Lin family, who owns the property for the Oak Grove development, actually financed this anti-

PP mailer.

On 10/17/2008, Hong Yao Lin/Kevin Lin contributed \$10,000 and ten days later on 10/27/2008, the California Secretary of State finally received the filing papers for the existence of this brand new "Recipient Committee" called "Californians United for Good Government." The Lin-financed Recipient Committee lists the home address/cell phone not of the Lins, but of Hayward resident Gregory Sanborn.

Sanborn is the Treasurer of the

Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, which Robin Torello chairs, and one of its members is Angela Ramirez-Holmes, who happens to be Hosterman's campaign manager for re-election.

When I called Mr. Sanborn Monday morning and asked how many members there were of "Californians United for Good Government" and who financed the mailer, his response to each question "No comment."

But follow the money and you too can find the truth.

## NOVEL

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ings. They are part of a group called Writers Bloc at Amador. It meets regularly with English teacher John Benbenneck.

Melissa's novel is about characters who camp in the Sierra, go on a hike, and encounter strange people, who turn out to be from the Gold Rush era. "I thought of it when I was camping with my family," said Melissa.

Participants upload their work daily to the NaNoWriMo web site. As of Nov. 3, Melissa had 4,665 words. To hit 50,000 by Nov. 30, she would have had to have 5000 words by Nov. 3. It's not a big gap to close.

Poetry is more to Melissa's taste. Her father, school board member Jim Ott, was once Pleasanton's Poet Laureate. He teaches English at Las Positas College. Melissa thinks that she has picked up her poetry interest from her father. She has attended the Pleasanton poetry festival to further her knowledge about the genre.

The NaNoWriMo web site also offers a chat room and a forum with tips on how to write well and fast, said Melissa. Her younger sister, Kelsey, is in the seventh grade. She is trying the contest for the second time.

Vivienne is a contest veteran,

having started in the eighth grade. She has written 50,000 words each year, and can proudly show off those downloaded awards. That kind of output may not be surprising for someone who wants to be a professional writer. Vivienne would like to major in English at an eastern university to enable that goal.

Vivienne hasn't chosen a theme for her novel this year. Last year, she set her novel at a high school that had some repressive aspects about it, similar to George Orwell's novel "1984." She brought in "some Amador aspects, as a basis, but Amador is not like that. I exaggerated certain things, and made them extreme things, (namely) what Amador isn't."

Jim Ott mentioned the contest at the school board meeting Oct. 28, to drum up more local participation in it. Ott found in an on-line search that papers have been published showing positive emotional benefits to writing. The work brings feelings to the surface, where the writer can become aware of them.

Ott likes the fact that since this "contest" is not judged by anyone, no one worries about self-editing or quality. The words can just flow, and promote creativity.

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# HORSES SHOT AND KILLED

## Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> in North Livermore!



Including this show horse that has appeared in the Rose Parade, Grand National Rodeo and many others.

Killed on Collier Canyon Road.  
 Tuesday night around 9:30pm.

Shot at close range. Ballistics indicate that the weapon might be a .223 rifle.

Companion horse was a rescue horse saved early this year and restored to perfect health. He was shot twice in the stomach and died after running across the pasture.

### IMPORTANT DETAILS (as of 11/4):

- 1) Cow shot on Manning Road and the horses shot on Collier Canyon were shot that evening with the same weapon.
- 2) Believed that the crime occurred at 9:30pm Tuesday night (Oct. 21) based on a witness that heard gunfire (3 shots) and the autopsy report from UC Davis.

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# OBITUARIES

## Duane Sewell

Physicist Duane Sewell, a "founding father" who helped shape the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for more than four decades, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008 in Livermore. He was 90.

Sewell began his Livermore career in 1952 as director of scientific operations, a position for which he was hand-picked by Lab founder E.O. Lawrence. He went on to hold a number of senior management positions, retiring in 1993 as a director at large. He also served as an assistant secretary of energy as well as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy and private industry in the fields of nuclear energy and weapons.

"Ernest Lawrence and I depended on Duane Sewell to make the Laboratory work, and that is what he did for most of his life," said Herb York, who served as the Lab's first director from 1952-58 and hired Sewell.

Sewell served seven successive Laboratory directors, including York, Harold Brown, Edward Teller, John Foster, Michael May, Roger Batzel and John Nuckolls. Sewell involved himself in every aspect of Lab operations and planning, as well as programmatic activities. He and York sketched out the design for the Laboratory's first computer building, what would become Bldg. 231, on a yellow legal pad.

Appointed the first assistant secretary for DOE Defense Programs by President Jimmy Carter in 1978, Sewell is credited with improving nuclear safeguards and security throughout the weapons complex, an accomplishment that earned him accolades from Congress. He served in that position until 1981.

Sewell began his 52-year career in science as a physicist at Lawrence Berkeley in 1941. During World War II, he worked on the Manhattan Project developing a process to separate uranium-235 from its other isotopes.

"We are very saddened to hear of the death of Duane Sewell. Duane was one of the Lab's founding fathers, and during his more than 40-year Laboratory career he served in a number of high-level management positions at Livermore and DOE," Director George Miller said. "Duane was a tireless advocate for integrating mission and operational excellence and for constant vigilance where safety is concerned. Duane will be remembered as a man of action and integrity, with a true love for Lawrence Livermore."

A memorial tribute will be held at a date to be announced.

## Jerry Eldon Bireley

After a valiant struggle with cancer, Jerry Eldon Bireley passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at his home, with his family by his side.

Jerry celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 24 surrounded by family and friends. He was a lifetime Livermore resident; born at St Paul's Hospital in 1938, graduated from Livermore High School in 1956, and received his AA from Auburn Sierra College in 1959. He was an Airman Second Class in the Air Force Reserves until discharged in 1965.

His younger years were full of adventures, riding his Harley across the US; and as an extra in the movie "The Greatest Story Ever Told" just to name a few. His first business was a Boat Launch and Sales in Bethel Island and then as an Owner/Operator of JEB Drayage Trucking Co. Having found his calling as a truck driver he spent his years until retirement on the road, with his arm out the window and the wind in his hair. Longtime Livermore Business Owner, he enjoyed restoring the Family Station on Portola Avenue built in 1923 to its original state.

His hobbies in his latter years included a fishing boat at the Berkeley Marina, annual trips to the Bonneville Salt Flats Speed Week, the Classic Boat Show in Lake Tahoe and as an active member of the Livermore Heritage Guild. He was a member of the Livermore Rotary Club and helped to organize and run the Livermore Rodeo Parade.

He is survived by his sister

Kathleen, his children Charlotte, John (Mary), William, Jerrod (Daniela) and his grandson Vaclav. He had a great love for his family and was surrounded by his children at the "K Street compound."

Funeral service for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave., Livermore.

## John Gordon Holland Jr.

John Gordon Holland Jr. passed away at home on October 30, 2008 after a brief battle with melanoma. John was born January 6, 1943, and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri. He moved to California in 1964 after discharge from U.S. Army. He had lived in Pleasanton since 1975. He owned and operated Holland Pest Control for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife Bette, daughter Regina Holland of Stockton, son John G. Holland III of Castro Valley, stepson Adam Brissette of Pocatello, Idaho, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers Richard Holland of St. Joseph, Missouri, Jim Holland of Avenue City, Missouri and sisters Ann Yama, BettyJo Ross, and Elizabeth Roberts, all of St. Joseph.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Services were held on Tuesday, November 4th in Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to Hope Hospice.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Betty May Roraback

Betty May Roraback was born September 20, 1918 in San Jose, CA to George and Hazel Roraback. She passed away October 29, 2008. Betty lived most of her life in Sunol. She was a resident of Livermore at the time of her death.

Betty began her career early with San Jose water district, and then went to work at the VA hospital in Livermore as an administrator for many years until retirement. After retirement, Betty went to work for the Purple Heart at the VA hospital.

In her early years, Betty enjoyed going to plays in San Francisco with friends. In her later years she enjoyed driving her 74' Chrysler; "the yellow sunshine" until she was 85 years old.

Betty was preceded in death by her niece Sally Roraback; and is survived by twin nieces Loretta Loftis and Nina Roraback, several grand nieces and nephews.

At Betty's request no services will be held.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Mary Louise McCart

Longtime Livermore resident Mary Louise McCart, 77, of Haskell, OK passed from this life Monday, October 27, 2008 in Tulsa OK. She was born March 15, 1931 in Wanette, OK to William and Leatha (Vestal) Cottrell.

Mary worked as a cook for many years and was of the Baptist faith. She moved to Haskell from California three years ago to live with her sister and enjoyed flea markets immensely.

Ms. McCart was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Lewis A. McCart, Jr. in 1994, whom she married on Sept. 7, 1950, and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by sons Jimmy, Ronald, and Richard McCart, all of Haskell, daughter and son-in-law Janice and Ernie Norton of Santa Ana, CA., brothers Charlie Cottrell of Coalinga, CA, Jay Cottrell of Wheatland, CA, sisters, Shirley Adams and husband Frank of Haskell, Christine May of Empire, CA, Lillie Elms of Henderson, NV, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 6, at 2 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

## Barbara Elaine Swartzwelder

Barbara E. Swartzwelder, 79, born in San Jose, passed away

after a long illness on October 20, 2008. She was born Feb. 7, 1929. She had lived in Pleasanton for 40 years.

She was a member of the San Jose Eastern Star, as a Star Point.

Barbara is survived by her loving family, her spouse of 60 years, Robert (Dean) Swartzwelder of Pleasanton, son Bryce (Mary Frances) of Nipomo, CA and sister, Lynda Sherry of Sonora, and grandchildren, Bryce II and Jessenda of Nipomo, CA.

Private Services will be held. Arrangements are by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## John Daly Dies at 71

John Daly, the British-born producer of 13 Oscar-winning movies including "Platoon" and "The Last Emperor" who helped launch the careers of many A-list directors and actors, has died. He was 71.

This past April at the 10th Annual California Independent Film Festival in Livermore California, Mr. Daly received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Daly, who was chairman of Film and Music Entertainment Inc., died Friday morning at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles after struggling with cancer, said his daughter, Jenny Daly.

Over a career that spanned four decades, Daly helped to produce films that earned 13 Oscars for Best Picture and 21 Oscar nominations, as well as numerous Golden Globes and other awards.

Daly's companies boosted the career starts of seminal directors such as Oliver Stone ("Platoon," "Salvador"), Bernardo Bertolucci ("The Last Emperor") and Robert Altman ("Images"), as well as actors Denzel Washington, Keanu Reeves and Julia Roberts.

"John was truly a giant in the industry who changed filmmaking for the better," said Lawrence Lotman, chief financial officer and acting chief executive officer of Film and Music Entertainment Inc., in a statement.

Born in London, Daly joined with British actor David Hemmings in 1967 to form Hemdale, a company that managed rock bands such as Yes and Black Sabbath.

Hemdale later became a leading independent film producer and distributor in Great Britain with movies such as "Tommy," according to a biography issued by Film and Music Entertainment Inc.

Under Daly's stewardship, Hemdale produced more than 100 films that grossed more than \$1.5 billion.

Since 2003, Daly had been at the helm of Film and Music Entertainment Inc. In 2004, he produced, co-wrote and directed "The Aryan Couple," starring Martin Landau, which received awards at film festivals around the world.

He is survived by three sons, Michael, Julian and Timothy, and one daughter, Jenny.

## Emile John Bonne

Emile John Bonne passed peacefully on October 29, 2008. Emile was born on November 29, 1923 to Leon & Mary Bonne. Emile spent most of his young life in Livermore, until moving to San Francisco and then spending his last 40 years in Sacramento. He served as a Technical Sergeant in the US Army Air Force Base Unit until his honorable discharge in 1943. Emile was a member in The Elks Club and loved collecting Antiques.

Emile is survived by his sister Marguerite Field of Castro Valley, sisters-in-law Adelaide Bonne of Livermore and Mary Ann Caratti of Modesto, nieces Linda (Kermit) Bankson of Castro Valley & Anne Marie (Bob) Olson of San Mateo, nephews Tim Field & Ron (Katrin) Field of Castro Valley, Leon Canzianni of Garden Grove and John (Mary) Caratti of Montana. He is also survived by his best friend Joe Lavrino of Sacramento.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov 6 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, with burial immediately following at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery 3885 East Ave, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Paula E. Low

Paula E. Low was born in Richmond, KY on April 22, 1953 to Roland and Dovie Yost. She passed away at home in Livermore on Oct. 27, 2008 after battling breast cancer for a year. She was surrounded by her family.

Because of her father's career in the military, Paula was well traveled and lived in a variety of places in her early adolescence, eventually settling in Mount Clemens, Michigan where she attended middle school and high school. Paula served as a Radioman in the Navy and was stationed on Oahu, Hawaii. Upon being discharged from the Navy, Paula came to California where she eventually settled down in Livermore. Paula was employed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in May 1977 where she worked as a computer technician. She continued to work there until her diagnosis of cancer in October 2007.

Paula was an excellent athlete and competed in a number of sports, including softball, rugby and roller hockey. In the summer she liked to jet ski on the Delta and at Lake Comanche with her family and snow ski in the winter. She loved to dance and had a passion for dachshunds.

Paula is leaving behind her mother, Dovie, her husband of 24 years, Bruce, her daughters Kari and Kelsey and her dachshunds, Maxie, Cody and Penny.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, November 13, 11:00 a.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. (925) 447-2942. A "Gathering of Friends and Family" will commence at 10:00 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, or to Hope Hospice, www.HopeHospice.com, who did an exemplary job of providing comfort and aid to Paula and her family in her last days.

## Eugene Clyde Barnett

Eugene Clyde Barnett died Nov. 1, 2008. He was born in Dibble, Oklahoma on Feb. 3, 1919. He was married to Jill for 67 years. They lived most of their lives in the Bay Area and Lower Lake, CA.

Dad served his country with distinction during World War II in the United States Army in the Pacific Theater. He was a finish carpenter for most of his professional life, working for Design Workshop in San Francisco. He was a master at working with his hands, but was just as comfortable solving complex mechanical problems. He was very active in the Southern Baptist church, where he served as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jill, daughters Genie Finch (Gene Finch) of Pleasanton and Betty Lopez (Art Lopez) of Northridge, CA. He is also survived by a sister, Hilda Cherry of Benicia, one grandson, three granddaughters, and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 5 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Memory Gardens in Concord. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## George William "Bill" Cushing

George William "Bill" Cushing, passed away peacefully at home on November 1, 2008. Bill was born and raised in San Francisco, where he met his beloved wife of 51 years, Barbara. He graduated from Archbishop Riordan High School and went on to serve his country proudly in the US Army. As a professional, he retired in 1999 after spending 28 years with Bank of America. He was a long time member of St. Augustine's Catholic Church, and was a classic car buff, belonging to the California Chrysler Products Car Club. Bill was affectionately known among his friends and family as the guy who could fix anything.

Bill is survived by his wife, and children, Susan Pratt and husband David of Antioch,

George Cushing, Jr., of Lathrop, Sheryl Thompson and husband Allan of Pleasanton, Gregory Cushing and wife Thu of Palo Alto; his brother Donald Cushing and wife Dale of Walnut Grove, and sister Maryann Schumacher and husband Gary of Daly City. He also left behind his grandchildren, Alexa, Sophia, Bradley, Joshua, Ronald, and Erika, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Visitation will be held Sunday, November 9, 12 pm - 2 pm with a Vigil starting at 2 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Mon., Nov. 10 at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Burial will be at St. Augustine's Cemetery, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 7000 Village Parkway Ste E, Dublin, CA 94568

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Floyd Mathes

Floyd Mathes, a longtime Livermore resident, passed away peacefully, after a short illness, on October 31, 2008. Floyd was born on March 7, 1921 to David and Wilhelmina Mathes in Pella, Iowa.

Mathes served in World War II as a Naval Aviator and attained the rank of Lieutenant. He was the Battalion Chief for the Arcade Fire Department in Sacramento, CA until his retirement.

Mr. Mathes is survived by his wife Carrie, his nephew David (Donna) VanArkel and many other family and close friends who were very dear to him.

There will be a private service, at the family's request.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations in Mr. Mathes's name, be made to Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin Blvd. Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

# HOLIDAY EVENTS

**ValleyCare Auxiliary Holiday Boutique.** The ValleyCare Auxiliary will hold their annual Holiday Boutique on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 6, 7 and 8 in the main lobby at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton; and Monday, November 17 in the lobby of LifeStyleRx in Livermore. Featuring holiday décor and specialty gift items from the Auxiliary Gift Shops. Boutique hours 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Holiday Boutique.** Heritage Estates, Senior Retirement Community, 900 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Fri. and Sat., Nov. 7th and 8th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Handcrafted holiday gifts exclusively made by senior residents. There will be handbags, beautiful blankets and scarves, custom jewelry, holiday ornaments, etc. There will also be home baked goods and candies. For more information call 925-518-5752

**Autumn Treasures.** Emma C. Smith is celebrating the 80s at their annual Autumn Treasures fundraiser on November 7. Smith Elementary School friends, parents and faculty join in the fun to help raise funds for school enrichment programs. Bid on packages such as exclusive owner's seats at a 6 wine country excursions, one-of-a-kind art and much more. Smith School's "Totally 80s" Dinner, dance and silent/live auction is Friday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. at The Palm Event Center, in Pleasanton. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact Kirsten Higgins at (925) 455-5533 or via email at kirstenbriitt@yahoo.com or www.smithelmentary.org.

**Donlon Elementary Annual Holiday Boutique.** Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. 4150 Dorman Rd., Pleasanton (behind Lucky's). Shop with a variety of vendors and handcrafters. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m., each price is valued at \$25 or more.. Raffles will be drawn at 2:30 pm. All raffle proceeds benefit Donlon Elementary School. For more info, email Patty at Donlon.AHB@comcast.net.

**36th Annual Holiday Bazaar.** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore. Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Many beautiful handmade gifts, ornaments, and holiday decorations. Homemade jams and jellies, baked goods and candies. Free admission.

**Country Folk Art, Home, Holiday and Gifts.** Nov. 14, 15, 16, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, Fri. 4 to 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many top artisans from across the country. \$7, handstamp readmits all three days. www.CountryFolkArt.com.

**A White Christmas,** theme for Christmas Tree Lane, Thurs., Nov. 20, Fri., Nov. 21 and Sat., Nov. 22 at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Benefit for ValleyCare Emergency Room Expansion Campaign and ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center. Schedule: Thurs. 5 to 8 p.m. Wonderland Family Stroll; Fri. 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Tinsel and Christmas Teas,

6:30 to 11 p.m. Silent Night Soiree. Sat., 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Silver Bells Luncheon. Tickets and information, 373-4560 or www.valleycare.com.

**Lights of the Valley Illumination Ceremonies,** symbolic lights, keepsake ornaments or names on wreaths of remembrance. Mon., Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center. Wed., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. Heritage Bank of Commerce in Pleasanton. Thurs., Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. Dun San Ramon Services District building. Wed., Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. San Ramon Regional Medical Center. Benefit for Hope Hospice. Information, 829-8770 or www.hopehospice.com.

**Holiday Boutique,** Emblem Club, Sat., Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livermore/Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Several vendors will offer handcrafted gifts. Handmade jewelry, Christmas decorations, wreaths, decorated T-shirts, stained glass, homemade baked goods, and more, will be offered. Snack bar will be serving lunch. Information, call the lodge office at 455-8829.

**2nd Annual Tri-Valley Basket Brigade.** Saturday, November 22, 10:00 am sharp, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Located at, but not affiliated with, Trinity Lutheran Church. The whole family can participate in this unique Thanksgiving food drive where donors gather as a group to assemble Thanksgiving gift baskets, then personally deliver them to Bay Area families in need. All ages invited to participate. Must bring a food item listed on the website at www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com. Information, 925-922-7615

**25th Annual Holiday Home Tour.** Sun., Dec. 7, hosted by Soroptimist International of Livermore. Five beautiful homes elegantly decorated for the holidays will be open to you from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person tax deductible. All the money collected goes to support local community projects benefiting women and children. The tour begins at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. For advanced tickets make checks payable to SIL and mail to: Soroptimist International of Livermore, P.O. Box 812, Livermore, CA 94550. Tickets will be available at Proctor's Custom Framing, 2200 First Street, or from any Soroptimist member. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at Alden Lane Nursery. Raffle tickets will be sold. For more information please call President Anita Thompson, 449-0612, or Charlotte Newman, 449-4079. For information about Soroptimist please go to www.sifounderregion.org.

**Christmas Open House.** Sun., Dec. 7, 12:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments and goodies, 2009 appointment schedules and holiday gifts. The Valley Humane Society will hold a special holiday event on the same day. There will be about 6 booths out back selling items to raise money for the VHS. The gazebo will be a bar selling wine, soft drinks and hot chocolate and coffee. There are going to various downtown vendors selling Christmas gifts. A Touch of Health Day Spa, 377 St. Mary's Street, Pleasanton.

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**for the Notice Of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Livermore Municipal Airport Rezoning Project**

**Tuesday, November 25, 2008 • 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Livermore City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue**

The City of Livermore will hold a Scoping Meeting and Open House for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Livermore Municipal Airport Rezoning Project.

The proposed Project involves the rezoning of a 395-acre± portion of the Livermore Municipal Airport to the proposed Airport (AIR) Zoning District, and would consist of two zoning subdistricts: 1) the *Airport Operations (AIR-OP) Zoning Subdistrict*; and 2) the *Airport Service (AIR-SE) Zoning Subdistrict*.

These subdistricts would not permit the development of new land uses other than those already permitted as part of the existing Master Plan.

The purpose of the Scoping Meeting and Open House is to receive comments on the scope and content of the Draft EIR for the proposed Project.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Copies of the NOP are available on the City's website: [www.ci.livermore.ca.us](http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us) or at Livermore City Hall, 1052 South Livermore Avenue. **Comments on the NOP may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed no later than Monday, December 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to:**

Susan Frost, Principal Planner  
Community Development Department  
1052 South Livermore Avenue  
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[Airport-Resoning@ci.livermore.ca.us](mailto:Airport-Resoning@ci.livermore.ca.us)

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**Birds of Brushy Peak**, hike on Brushy Peak led by Anthony Fisher 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday, November 9. This landscape often produces great views of eagle, hawks and falcons. www.ebparks.org 1-888-EBPARKS.

**25th Annual Holiday Home Tour**, Sun., Dec. 7, hosted by Soroptimist International of Livermore. Five beautiful homes elegantly decorated for the holidays will be open to you from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person tax deductible. All the money collected goes to support local community projects benefiting women and children. The tour begins at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. For advanced tickets make checks payable to SIL and mail to: Soroptimist International of Livermore, P.O. Box 812, Livermore, CA 94550. Tickets will be available at Proctor's Custom Framing, 2200 First Street, or from any Soroptimist member. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at Alden Lane Nursery. Raffle tickets will be sold for cash prizes and gift baskets. For more information please call President Anita Thompson, 925-449-0612, or Charlotte Newman, 925-449-4079. For information about Soroptimist please go to www.sifounderregion.org.

**Meditation: The Science of Bliss** with Marshall Zaslove, M.D. Thurs., Nov. 20, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Library meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Zaslove, MD, board certified psychiatrist, author, researcher, and seminar leader, will focus in this workshop on the latest discoveries in the 'technology of happiness.' The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

**The End of America (Liberty: Use it or Lose It)**, based on the NY Times bestselling book by Naomi Wolf, will be shown on Saturday, November 15th, at 7:00 PM at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 p.m., while short discussion follows the film. Refreshments are provided and the event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, and free/\$3.00 donation accepted. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**Granada High School Class of 1989**, Seeking all classmates from GHS Class of 1989 for upcoming 20th year reunion. Let us know where you are! Please contact us at ReunionCommittee@GHS1989.com or visit www.GHS1989.NET for more information.

**Hearing Loss Association of America, Tri-Valley Chapter**, meets at the Valley Community Church at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton on Nov. 20, at 7:00 PM. The program will start at 7:30 PM. The meetings are free, the public is invited and refreshments are served. The speaker will be Deborah McMenamin, Au.D., a local audiologist. She will discuss over-the-counter and prescription drugs, vaccines, herbs and chemicals which have the potential to damage your ears and have been associated with a vast array of symptoms including hearing loss, tinnitus, auditory hallucinations, pressure or pain in the ear, excessive ear wax, and/or balance disturbances. For more information Email Hiram Van Barligan at hvanbarligan@hotmail.com.

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network**, meets Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. for a discussion led by Dr. James Stalker. He will introduce and discuss a new technology called Advanced Allergy Therapeutics (AAT), which is a non-invasive, drug free, needle free method of allergy elimination technology without drugs, shots, supplements or herbal remedies. Meeting at Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., Pleasanton. Event is free for members & first-time visitors. For more information e-mail at Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com or visit www.holisticmoms.org

**Class of '59, Livermore High School**, 50th reunion fall of 2009. Looking for lost

classmates. Information should be sent to highschoolreunionhs1959@yahoo.com or call Joanne at 530-878-036. Missing classmates: Ron Acciaoli, John Alfague, Nancy Bosley Schnell, Glenda Bradley Hines, Mike Brengle, Michael Burwell, Jerry Clough, Rosalie Colita, Judith Evans Whiteoak, Bill Fisk, Janice Ford Gallaher, Alan Hall, Finis Hudson, Harold Hull, Carolee Lee Kerr Griggs, Sue Kimberling Allende, Greg Kline, Dennis Lutz, Gary Maddox, Beatrice Maitino, Pat McLaughlin, John Murphy, Janet Neuwirth Arnold, Jo Ormond Barr, Louise Ormond Richardson, Dennis Richardson, Don Rudolph, Joe Serna, Phyllis Russell Schmierer, Judy Smith, and David Woodruff.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, Fish fry in Dublin Fri., Nov. 14, 5 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 13, Hilda 398-8808. Dinner in Dublin Sat., Nov. 15, Elephant Bar, 5 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 14, Athene, 846-0111. Shopping trip in Livermore, Decor Store, 9:30 a.m., RSVP by Nov. 14, Rose 833-8427. Happy hour in Castro Valley, Fri., Nov. 21, 4 p.m. Palomares Cafe, RSVP by Nov. 19, Jill 510-881-4788. Friendly Bridge in Hayward Sat., Nov. 22, 1 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 19, Elma, 510-582-1308. Champagne brunch in San Ramon Sun., Nov. 23, 11:45 a.m. Marie Callender's, RSVP by Nov. 19, Marsha 830-8483.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Nov. 8, 35 miles Lafayette BART station to Happy Valley and Papa Bear, meet 9 a.m., Bob Hislop, 890-6300. Sun., Nov. 9, 55 miles Mt. Veeder area, meet 8:30 a.m. at Napa College, Don Carpenter, 228-1096. Sun., Nov. 8, hilly, brisk pace, 35 miles, meet 9 a.m. at Bankhead Theater, Livermore, Don Williams, 580-9395. Wed., Nov. 12, 35 miles, downtown Benicia to the state park, meet 10 a.m. B Street parking lot, Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace** is again sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, November 12, Wednesday, at 7 PM. The Vigil will be followed immediately by a peaceful march to City Hall. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. This is a monthly event, the second Wednesday of the month, as long as necessary.

**Computer Classes:** The Livermore Public Library is offering these free computer classes in November. Searching the Internet, Saturday, November 8, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm.; and Introduction to Microsoft Word, Saturday, November 15, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm. Classes are held in Community Room B and are first come, first served. For more information call 373-5505.

**Armechair Travelers**, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Nov. 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Richard Finn will share digital photographs of his adventures in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Adults are invited to this free program in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925-373-5500.

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** meets on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alisal School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The program will feature three representatives from Common Ground Education Center in Palo Alto discussing Edible Landscaping. Topics will include edible gardens and sustainable living, and solar technologies. For more information, please call Sally at 417-8809.

**Handling the Holidays**, Hope Hospice bereavement program offers two sessions to cope with the holidays following the loss of a loved one. Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hope Hospice Bereavement Center, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 214; 829-8770. Nov. 7, 10 a.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Please RSVP to Hope Hospice at 829-8770.

**The Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is having a planning/volunteer meeting. If you are interested in helping out, please attend on Wednesday, November 12th at 7 p.m., in the Bothwell Center at 8th and H streets. Volunteer sign-ups will begin at this meeting. For more information please check our website: www.LCTD.org

**Livermore Adult Education instructors sought**, is in the process of creating its Winter/Spring class schedule. Specifically sought are instructors for Tai Chi, Italian, dance, and beginning Spanish. Those with a talent or skill to share please call, 925-606-4722. Need not be credentialed to apply.

**The Barn Bash**, hosted by Discovery Church of the Nazarene, Sat., Nov. 8, 4 to 8 p.m. 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Activities for all ages including children's games, chili cook-off, karaoke, cake walk, and snack bar. Free admission. All are welcome.

**Jose Maria Amador Chapter, D.A.R., Daughters of the American Revolution**, meeting 9:30 a.m. Sat., Nov. 8. Members are descended from Patriots of the Revolutionary War of Independence from England. Prospective members are always welcome. For more information and meeting location, contact Susan at 699-4147.

**Coping with the Holidays when dealing with cancer**, Thurs., Nov. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240, Pleasanton. Examine ways to set priorities and delegate responsibilities and learn simple relaxation techniques. Free. Reservations are required. For information, call The Wellness Community, 933-0107.

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild**, meets Saturday, November 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This meeting will feature Ellen Anne Eddy presenting a lecture on Thread Magic. She is one of the premier thread artists in the country. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>.

**Brain Matters Lecture** Whatchamacallit? Whathismame? Where was I going with that? If you've ever found the words on the tip of your tongue and just out of reach, Kathryn Tourant of Bella Menti Learning Solutions will discuss how the brain functions, and how to tap the memories and thoughts in the corners of the mind. Friday, November 14, 10am to 11:30am, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. No charge.

**Bingo**, Sat., Nov. 8, Pleasanton Seahawks and Buenas Vista Youth Ranch benefit. The address is 3070 Pacific Ave Livermore. Start time is 6:30 pm. Bingo payouts are \$175.00 and \$250.00. Must be 18 years or older to enter establishment. Call 606-7777 for more information.

**Parenting Your Aging Parent**, class is for current and future caregivers of aging parents or other relatives and will provide support, information, and resources. Ruth Gasten, a Valley parent educator for over 35 years, who cared for her mother until her death at the age of 95, will facilitate the class. The class will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. You may attend any or all of the sessions. On Wednesday, October 15, the class will be held in Room G-1 at Amador High School. On November 19 and December 17, the class will be held in the Amador High School Library Conference Room B. Register by calling Amador Valley Adult Education at 426-4280, or come to the first class and sign in.

**Singles dance**, single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends who love to dance to the greatest hits from the 60s and 70s. Saturday, November 8, 8pm-Midnight, at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd, Pleasanton. This party is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization. The cost is \$20 at the door. Anyone wishing more information about this and many more parties may visit [www.ThePartyHotline.com](http://www.ThePartyHotline.com) or call 415/507-9962.

**Wine for a Cure**, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in collaboration with Zephyr Grill and Bar, Sunday, November 9. The night will showcase wine from the Livermore Valley and paired with local culinary dishes. The Wine for a Cure event will raise money to provide funds for the research necessary to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis is a fatal, genetic disease that affects over 30,000 children and young adults in the United States. The evening will include silent and live auctions. Tickets <http://nca.cff.org/wineforacure>, information 415-989-6500.

**Totally 80s**, Smith Elementary School, Livermore presents an Autumn Treasures, annual dinner, dance and auction, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. Tickets at [www.smithelementary.org](http://www.smithelementary.org).

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** meets Tuesday, November 11, at 7:30 pm. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Guest speaker is David Lowell. His topic is: "Our Lowell History, An American Story - The History of Abram Bradbury Lowell and His Family."

Visitors are welcome, no charge. Map to the meeting site: [www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html](http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html). For information: Marie Ross, 925-447-1806.

**RELIGION**  
**10 Great Dates**, Couples seeking to enrich their marriage experience can join 10 Great Dates any Saturday evening through Nov. 15 at Centerpointe Church in Pleasanton. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. with a video presentation covering the evening's discussion. Couples leave by 6:30 p.m. for their date. All evenings are designed to stand alone so there is no attendance requirement. Complimentary child-care is provided for children nine and under. The fee is \$20 for the workbook that covers the 10 sessions. For additional information, please call Centerpointe at 925-846-4436 or see [www.centerpointechurch.info](http://www.centerpointechurch.info).

**Community Service of Remembrance**, Fri., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. St. Philip Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona Dr., Dublin. Hosted by Hope Hospice. Event includes candle lighting ceremony, reflection and music. Potluck will follow. Candles are \$5 each.

Information, call Hope Hospice at 829-8770 or email [info@hopehospice.com](mailto:info@hopehospice.com).

**Tri-Valley Unity Church**, "Dedicated to the One We Love: Peacemaking as Sacred Service" is the topic of Rev. Steve Maynard's Sunday morning lesson on Nov. 9, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, at 10 a.m. The service will also feature Marine Corps Viet Nam veteran Tony Mustapich, who will speak both during and after the service on the theme of reconciliation, in honor of Veteran's Day. Former Marine Major Mustapich will show slides from his tour of duty in Viet Nam in 1965-66, as well as slides from his recent return trip, which illustrate the themes of healing, hope and inspiration. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733, [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Facing the holiday blues with a broken heart**, death of a loved one, divorce, loss of job, surgery, spouse or child in Iraq. Father Padraig will facilitate an evening Thurs., Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. to help people deal with the pain. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation.

## Eagle Badge Awarded

Michael Shaffer, a graduate of Granada High School, received Scouting's highest award of Eagle Scout on May 21, 2008. Michael has been a member of Troop 932 of Livermore.

Michael's Eagle Scout Project benefited the Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch in Livermore. He planned, led and carried out a project that restored the fencing and landscape area surrounding the pool. The project took over 80 hours to complete with the help of fellow scouts.

Throughout Michael's eleven year scouting experience he has received 26 merit badges, at-



Michael Shaffer

tended Brownsea Junior Leader Training, spent over 40 nights camping and taken on leadership positions in the troop. He has also gone on numerous hikes, including completing the "Rim of the Bay," hikes to six of the major peaks in the Bay Area.

In addition to Scouting, Michael played football for Granada High School for three years, is playing his tenth year with the Livermore Celtic soccer team and is a soccer referee. He is currently a full-time student at Las Positas College with plans to transfer to a University of California school upon completion.

## Vows Exchanged

Victoria (Tori) Colton and Steven (Jamie) DeCoite were married on August 2, 2008 at the Westin Market Street Hotel in San Francisco.

Tori is the daughter of Judith and Bradley Colton of San Anselmo. She graduated from the University of Arizona in 2003 and currently works for a commercial interiors firm in San Francisco.

Jamie is the son of Steve and Jane DeCoite of Pleasanton. He graduated from Arizona State University in 1997. For the past ten years he has been working in medical sales in San Francisco.

Along with close friends and family, included were the bride's brother Bryan Colton and the groom's three siblings, Monique Jasper, Jennifer DeCoite and Jonathon DeCoite. Grandparents from the bride's side included Gloria Hartman and Bradford and Kathy Baruh. The groom's side included Lea Terrill and Pauline DeCoite, both of Pleasanton.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Maui. Following their honeymoon, the couple returned to San Francisco, where they now live with their English bulldog, Stella.



Victoria Colton and Steven DeCoite wed.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Pleasanton Heat

The Pleasanton Heat, a distance running club that trains for Track and Field in Spring and Cross Country in Fall, hosted a Cross Country Meet at Shadow Cliffs on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Over 120 participants competed from all over Northern California including Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Roseville and the Sacramento area. Young athletes, ranging from third grade through high school, ran well and many of them placed in the top 10.

Sub Bantam Boys: (Born 2000 or later) (2K) 5<sup>th</sup> place Rohit Menon 14:59

Bantam Girls: (Born 1998 or 1999) (3K) 4<sup>th</sup> place Michelle Green 12:17; Bantam Boys: (Born 1998 or 1999) (3K) 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Falls 10:47, 5<sup>th</sup> Alex Sokol 11:23 and 6<sup>th</sup> Sam Reynolds 11:26

Midget Girls: (Born 1996 or 1997) (3K) 1<sup>st</sup> place Sophie Hartley 10:40, 5<sup>th</sup> Katie Moro 12:34 and 6<sup>th</sup> Shona McCarthy 12:35; Midget Boys: (Born 1996 or 1997) (3K) 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ryan Colaco 10:25, 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Tang 10:27, and 10<sup>th</sup> Nick Coumou 11:11

Youth Girls: (Born 1994 or 1995) (4K) 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicolette Sorensen 15:44; Youth Boys: (Born 1994 or 1995) (4K) 2<sup>nd</sup> Nolan Peterson 13:25, 5<sup>th</sup> Sean Aylward 13:34, 6<sup>th</sup> Aidan Goltra 13:48 and 10<sup>th</sup> Jacob Schlachte 15:05

## Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U12 Black team continued its winning streak with a 2 to 1 victory over Walnut Creek United, increasing their league record to 8-1. With this win the Black team is now tied for first place in the Al Caffodio league with Newark Arsenal.

Saturday's game against Walnut Creek started poorly for Pleasanton as the defense was caught flat footed allowing the United's forward to break through for an uncontested shot against a lone goalie in the first five minutes of play. The BUSC defense woke up and played shutout soccer from that point on, allowing only four more shots on goal for the balance of play. It was also the first time the Black team played a league game in rainy weather with poor field conditions. Heavy rain caused slippery footing, inaccurate passes and poor ball control. The boys maintained their composure and began an offensive barrage on the Walnut Creek goalie. The first goal, tying the match was a perfectly executed left footed chip shot over the goalies head (in the rain) by Jared Siegel. Another attack included a flurry of six point blank shots in front of the Walnut Creek goal narrowly missing each attempt. Two minutes later, a perfectly crossed ball to Mason Picone who had positioned himself at the far post, was slammed into the back of the net for the go ahead score. The boys showed great determination and teamwork in the come from behind win.

**BUSC U19 White:** It was remember the Alamo as the BUSC White, down to only 11 players for the game, hung in the entire 90 minutes for a competitive 3-0 loss to the Walnut Creek Evolution. GK duties were rotated among Nik Thompson, Nayam Karavada, Cory Beck, Nick Anderson, and Alex Martinez, and all performed admirably. Playing intelligently, the rest of the team, including Shane Schvaneveldt, Bryan Bai, Spencer Miller, Brett Smith, Jordan Mattson, and Michael Ubaldi, actually were able to create several dangerous offensive chances throughout the game.

**Ballistic United U16 White** defeated the Danville Mustang Scorpions 5 to 0 win on Saturday at the Danville Diablo Vista Field. The Ballistic scored early with a goal by Justin Medina in the 3rd minute with an assist by Jake Lorentz setting the tone for the match. Powerful left footed Jake Lorentz fired in a rare right foot goal in the 23rd minute, and then scored again in the 30th minute with assists coming from Nick Bayley and Vik Aulakh ending the first half up 3 to 0. Jake Lorentz had a total of 5 shots on goal in the match. Keeper Josh Cho had little activity in the first half as the Ballistic dominated ball possession. Anthony Hu scored a goal in the 55th minute with an assist from Nick Bayley and a beautiful cross ball. Vik Aulakh nearly scored in the 57th minute off a corner kick which was a brilliant hooking shot to the top corner of the goal barely saved by the keeper. Luis Castillo dribbled the ball around 3 defenders as he walked in a tap in goal in the 61st minute ending the match 5 to 0. Shots on goal in the match also came from Yashar Behnam, Jared Shohfi, Brandon Cohen, Tyler Mende, and Vik Aulakh. Keeper Lukas Moses had 2 saves in the second half. Top Offensive Players: Jake Lorentz, Justin Medina, Luis Castillo. Top Defensive Players: Frank Morley, Eric Brooks, Chandler Bullock.

## DIVISION 4:

**Under-9:** The Dolphins played a tough game against the Dons on Saturday, with occasional rain showers and lots of mud to make things more interesting. Sam Chase displayed his all-round versatility up and down the field, and scored the Dolphins' only goal. Andrew Helmers did a great job in goal, while the Dolphins as a whole played very effective defense, deflecting several Don break-aways. Top Offensive Players: Sam Chase, Varun Iyer, Tony Castillo - Dolphins; Jack Harker, Jeremy Mast, Jin Young Bae - Dons; Top Defensive Players: Andrew Helmers, Matthew Cahill-Glaser, Carter Penner - Dolphins; Jaden Sheppard, Donovan Brunk Jr., James Du - Dons.

**Under-10:** A post Halloween Mudball game played in wind and light rain between the Jaguars and Jackals was a lopsided game controlled by the Jaguars from the start. Matthew Reyes dumped in 3 goals and one more by David Kozuch to make it 4-0 at the half. In the 2nd half 4 more goals were added: 1 by Michael Leonard, 2 by Quentin Conboy and a sliding shot by Blake Gibson. Ahad Rauf in Goal made 6 saves to keep the shutout alive.

In the game between the Javelins and the Jets, as they met for the last time this season, the Javelins came away victorious with a soggy, but well played two to nothing game. Cole "Shooter" Torquemada remained red hot hitting a low screamer that skipped past the goalie for the Javelins first goal. The final goal of the game came off a perfect cross from Griffin "Guts" Chinn to a striking Cole Torquemada who one touched and shot a long ball from just outside the penalty area. The ball found a home in the upper right hand corner of the goal just out of the goalies reach. The two goals from Torquemada gave the Javelins a two to zero lead at the end of the first half. The second half was all about the Javelins defense and a hungry Jets offense. Chase Godie and Mathew Burns had their hands full warding off numerous attacks from the Jets combination of Joey Cassetti and Thomas Gallagher. The Javelins defense remained strong with several diving stops from goalie Mathew Burns followed by a few

heady plays by Chase Godie that denied the Jets all day. Zack Hartley and Cameron Monk rounded out the Javelins defense and kept the Jets off the boards. Lady Luck played a little role also as Joey Cassetti banged two shots off the post and Thomas Gallagher missed a close one over the top of the goal in the second half. Stan Luo, Jesus Hernandez, Barraque Airawi and Elias Pratt of the Javelins had some great plays but were kept from scoring by Jets goalie Mark Gaynor and fullback Holden Poplawski who shut the Javelins offense down in the second half but the Javelins offense in the first half paved the way to the victory. With this win over the Jets the Javelins hold on to first place with a seven and one season record.

Scores: Admirals 1, Aces 3; Jackals 0, Jaguars 8, Javelins 2, Jets 0; Top Offensive Players: Max Kim, Admirals; Matthew "Hat Trick" Reyes, Quentin "Q" Conboy, Blake "MudCrutch" Gibson - Jaguars; Cole Torquemada, Griffin Chinn, Stan Luo - Javelins;

Top Defensive Players: Paul Meyere, Admirals; Bailey "the foot" McMullen, Toby "Legs" Syna, Garrett "The Broom" Finley - Jaguars; Chase Godie, Mathew Burns, Cameron Monk - Javelins;

**Under-12:** In a game played in a steady rain, the Renegades slogged to a 5 to 1 victory over a gallant Rapids team playing short handed. Most of the scoring was in the first half as weather conditions worsened as the game progressed. The Renegades speedy front line dominated the game at the outset with goals from Curran Johal, Rod Hajian and Jackson Kwong. Chris Bayley added a goal from the mid field. The Rapids played a strong second half and played the Renegades even by putting offensive pressure on the Renegades defense and goalie Nick Dauskards. In other games, Luis Garcia scored both goals against the Rush for the Raiders in a very closely matched game. Jake Molz assisted on the first goal, and the Rush assisted on the second one. The Rush scored a lone goal in the first half, but couldn't keep the Raiders from the win.

Scores: Rush 1, Raiders 2; Rapids 1, Renegades 5; Top Offensive Players: Bryce Fan, Dev Naik, Patrick Ronan - Renegades; Jake Molz, Matthew Serrano, Luis Garcia - Raiders; Top Defensive Players: Nick Dauskards, Jimmy Kim, Rory Luk - Renegades; Zach Pinard, Dylan French - Raiders;

**Under-14:** The Predators avenged their previous loss against the Power by defeating them in a convincing manner during their second encounter. Grayson Muerrins shone under rainy conditions as he scored 4 goals.

Scores: Patriots 2, Pack 2; Predators 0, the Power 0; Best Offensive Players: Grayson Muerrins, Brett Lewis, Steven Kinnard, Predators; Best Defensive Players: Michael Roeder, Eric Crispell, Jamie Ebbes, Predators.

## Pleasanton Rage

**Pleasanton Rage U11 AC White** battled Lamorinda United. Despite a great team effort, Rage suffered their first loss in 7 starts at the hands of Lamorinda United. The girls played the second half of the game in pouring rain. Goal keepers Juliet Allen and Bryanna Schreiber weren't afraid to get down and dirty and made multiple saves. Shots on goal were taken by Julia Densmore, Makenna Elias and Sadi Moore.

**Pleasanton Rage U11 Grey** battled the Livermore Force for a win on a wet and windy Saturday. The first half of the game, the RAGE defense held the score to 0. Second half of the game, the Rage came to life and scored 2 goals. Mildreth Gil scored the first goal (with an assist from Kaitlyn Coleman). The second goal was scored by Dalia Shafi. Goalies Christy Jensen and Cara Ingram held the Force to zero goals. Top Offensive Players: Mildreth Gil, Dalia Shafi; Top Defensive Players: Kayla Bowers, Hannah Schwartz.

**Pleasanton Rage U13AC 0,** Diablo FC 95 Blue 0: The last game of the Pleasanton Rage season will be remembered by a very good performance during the 1st half and pouring rain in the 2nd half. It was the game that decided who will take 6th place in the league and after a 0-0 result; it belongs to Pleasanton Rage U13AC. Controlling the ball and pressuring their opponent, Rage created numerous situations to score but the very good Diablo FC 95 Blue goalie and near misses kept the result at 0 to 0. Molly Grozier was 1st to threaten with an excellent kick from 18 yards but the ball was a little bit wide. Mathea Turkalj used her left foot, but the ball went inches away of the right pole. Hannah Stapp was next to try but the pole stopped her kick. Hannah Jackson shot the projectile that went over the goal. Hannah Stapp tried again but the FC goalie stopped her attempt. Rage defense was flawless leaving Olivia Brown without work. Rage goalie Hannah Menk was on top of her performance and stopped some dangerous FC attempts. Rage offense created only few chances in the 2nd half. After a good run with the ball, Hannah Stapp kicked the ball towards the goal but was denied by the FC goalie. In the last minute Sammie Williams created a chance for herself but again the FC goalie was able to stop her kick. Top Offensive Players: Hannah Stapp, Mathea Turkalj, Top Defensive Players: Paige Hughes, Dani Leddemann, Lauren Fan.

**The U12 Rage** team held its opponent scoreless for the ninth time in 11 league games this season, defeating Mustang Mavericks. On a wet and slippery day, Maddie Aston and Mo Baker were able to come up with four big saves in goal while controlling the penalty box. Ally Nickel got the Rage on the scoreboard in the 11th minute off a great shot on goal from 22 yards out off a free kick that landed in the top corner of the goal. Around five minutes later, Julia Amos tallied a goal by beating the right back into the box, dribbling into the middle and firing a great, high shot before anyone could catch her. Defensively, Natalie Reichenbach made three cross field runs to catch attacking Maverick players that had got behind the defensive line before they could take a shot. Natalie, Ally, Lauren Epps, and Jessica Amos held together a formidable back line to limit the Maverick opportunities. Julia, Kalyn Epps, Anna Copenhagen, Kamryn Brown and Nicole Lindke controlled the mid field for the Rage. Top Offensive Players: Ally Nickel, Julia Amos, Kalyn Epps, Devon Bateau, Jordan Niemeyer. Top Defensive Players: Jessica Amos, Ally Nickel, Natalie Reichenbach, Lauren Epps, Nicole Lindke.

**Rage Orange U13 Div3** had a busy schedule this weekend, battling both the rush and the Livermore Chaos and Mustang Eagles. In game one on Saturday, Rage took on the Livermore Chaos and came away with a 1-0 victory. Vanessa Villanova controlled the midfield while Elysa Roman and Paige Zollars kept up the constant pressure and great sideline passes. This set up forwards Paige Peterson, Nikki Cerri and Kayla Bautista with some great runs and scoring opportunities. The lone goal came midway through the first half, when the Livermore goalie deflected a blast from Peterson. When the goalie was unable to gain control of the ball, Peterson kicked it out of her reach and Sara Ryan was there to fire it in. The Rage defense led by Kayla Cerri, Cassie Santana and Patti Norcross was able to shut down the Livermore offense and seal the 1-0 victory.

In early morning action on Sunday, Rage battled the number 1 Mustang Eagles. Rage came out fired up and executed some of their



Members of the U14 girls flight soccer team Division 4, Pleasanton United are (top row, left to right) Anisha Sheth, Olivia Harber, Lanie Markert, Bailey Downum, McKenzie Muller, Kylie Cardozo, Shayna Doyle, Lindsay Cole, Mena Downum (coach), Kayla Ashtiani; (bottom row, left to right) Madison Lingenfelder, Kourtnie Sicam, Megan Sensiba, Madelynn Fairchild, Stephanie Doi, Sabrina McGraw.

best play this season. Working well as a team, Midfielders Courtney Seams, Ariel Gershman and Ali Racer were able to get some deep passes up to the forwards for several scoring opportunities. Their hard work paid off in the 18th minute when Gershman fired one in the top of the net just over the reach of the Mustang goalie to make it a 1-0 game at the half. The Eagles came back strong in the second half, but were again met by the strong defensive play of Claire Hickel and Olivia Deutschman. Unfortunately, a penalty within the box gave the Mustangs a direct kick and the opportunity to tie it up. With the momentum shifting, the Rage defense was forced to step it up. Cassie Santana, Kayla Cerri and Patti Norcross played lights out. With only minutes left, the Eagles made one last surge only to be met by an amazing save by goalie Nikki Costello. In the end Rage would end the weekend with a 1-1 tie against the number one Eagles.

**Pleasanton Rage U15 Premier** faced Diablo FC at Concord in a battle for 2nd place in GSSL Gold, and made an early goal hold up for a 1-0 victory. In the 4th minute of the game, Courtney Stonesifer tapped in a short shot in front of the goal on a cross from Bria Outland that the DFC keeper could not control. Rage controlled play from the onset with a very balanced passing attack that effectively used their speed advantage to stretch out the DFC defense. Distributing the ball well from the midfield were Megan Tabler, Erika Emmanuel, Elisa Verita, Darlene Dang, and Kiki Simmons. Persistent offensive pressure was applied by Babe Stange, Alexa Espinosa, and Florife Nichols that forced several DFC defensive turnovers. Rage had multiple chances to put the game out of reach in the second half, but saw shots by Tabler and Nichols clang off the crossbar and post, and had a PK denied by an outstanding save by the Diablo GK. Ani Nahapetian went the distance in goal for Rage to notch the shutout, with a lot of help from a well-organized back line led by Brett Scheckla, Rachel Charkowicz, Sabrina Unglaugh, and Kiley Zeidler. Scheckla chased down a DFC forward from several yards behind to prevent the break-away from leading to a goal, and also denied another forward from getting a shot off on a wide-open net. The back line and defensive midfield support contributed by clogging up the middle and disrupting passing lanes to hold the potent DFC attack to only 6 shots.

**Rage U-16 Division I** beat Diablo FC in their last league game with an assist from Simone Melvin and a goal by Jalissa Freeman. Alana D'Onofrio, Jenna Sparks and Natasha Springer, and Tracy Hong played well in the center and mid sections. Brooke Mayo, Annie Amos and Paige Diamond, and Ally White secured the shutout. Top Offensive Players: Jalissa Freeman, Simone Melvin, Pippa Whitehead, Lauren Floro. Top Defensive Players: Paige Diamond, Ally White, Brooke Mayo, Annie Amos.

**U14 girls flight soccer team Division 4,** Pleasanton United, took first place in the Castro Valley Autumn Classic tournament over the weekend. On Sunday, October 26, United played well and fought hard. They tied the Castro Valley Green Beans, 0-0. In the afternoon they played Hayward Strikers, winning 3-1. On Sunday November 2nd, United took on the Castro Valley Polar Bears. It was a tough game, 0-0 at half. With ten minutes left in the game, Bailey Downum fired the ball into the net for the first goal. A few minutes later, Lindsay Cole made the second goal.

## Livermore Youth Soccer

**Livermore Force Division I-Boys U17** played to a 1-1 tie with Diablo FC 91 in their final game of the league season. It was a back and forth scoreless game until the last ten minutes when Diablo sank a perfect long shot. Being down by one in their final league game, Livermore dug deep and came up with the fire needed to dominate the rest of the game. The Force offense thundered down the field, and with less than four minutes left in the game, Zach Addington received a pass assist from Nick Crusco and delivered the goal for his team. In their first Division 1 season the Elite Force was very successful, placing third in a field of eight teams in their league. They were also very competitive in the three tournaments they participated in, taking home a second place award from Clovis and most recently a third place award

from Hanford. Zach Addington, Brandon Bauer, Peter Cabeceras, Nick Crusco, Jeff Felker, Alex Gaspar, Alex Gonzalez, Kyle Kline, Silvano Lopez, Cody Lutz, Peter Morrow, Joiss Pastor, Jared Silver, Eric Smyth, Scott Trummer, Joseph VanFossen, the Livermore Elite Force.

**Livermore Crush U9, 1,** Danville Mustang Tigers 0: On a wet and slippery field, the two teams played evenly in the first half with both teams making advances on the other goal without success. Team Crush defense was anchored by strong performances from Kaitlyn Oki and Kira Carter working together to prevent any significant shots on goal. Team Crush came out fast in the second half striking for a goal in the second minute by Makenzie Faro (unassisted) for the game's only score. The Tigers challenged but were denied the rest of the way thanks to three aggressive saves by Sophia Pearson in goal.

**Livermore Clash U12 Boys Team** played in two games over the weekend. On Saturday November 1st the Clash played ACC Leopards at home on the Kelman Field. The Clash let the Leopards strike first scoring six minutes in. Seven minutes later the Clash answered with a strong goal shot at the foot of Midfielder Jordan Murdoch. Recently pulled up to midfield from Sweeper Jordan was thrilled to taste an offensive goal. The first half ended tied up 1 to 1. Near the end of the second half another Clash player Tanner Sandy assisted in Joey Hajduk tasting the sweet taste of a goal by Joey scoring fifty four minutes in. Taking the Clash ahead the game ended in a Clash victory as home, 2 to 1 over the ACC Leopards.

Sunday morning brought another chance for the Clash to play. The game was on the artificial turf Pinole High School Field. The team that the Livermore Clash would meet was the WCC Milan. This game didn't go well for the Clash from the start. Twelve minutes in Milan scored, again Seventeen minutes in and a third time Twenty six minutes in, taking Milan up 3 to 0 at the half. In the second half the Milan domination continued with them scoring 3 more goals, one by Penalty Kick. Despite several attempts to rally a goal the game ended in a shutout, 6 to 0, WCC Milan on top. Clash was just off against an opponent they had previously been much stronger opposing. Looking forward to next week the Clash Boy's are Mike Brooks, Bailey Bartlett, Jacob Woll, David Adams, Brian Codington, Erik Salgado, Ryan Ball, Joey Hajduk, Tommy Earle, Jordan Murdoch, Tanner Sandy, Calvin Rasbold, Aede Foster, and Donnie Buchanan.

**The Livermore Elite Crew 95** captured 1st place in the U13 Division of the Livermore Headless Horseman Halloween Soccer Tournament. They played some great teams with the following results: Game 1 - Livermore Elite Crew 95 v Dublin Hurricanes 2-0 Crew Goals scored by Jessica Hopkins and Danica Eggleston Game 2 - Livermore Elite Crew 95 v Juventus La Fenice Black 2-0 Crew, goals scored by Jessica Hopkins and Danica Eggleston Game 3 - Livermore Elite Crew 95 v Stanford Typhoons 1-0 Crew The Crew battled hard in this game, and won with great plays from our strong defensive line. Championship Game - Livermore Elite Crew 95 v El Dorado United Eclipse (Champions of the California Capital Premier League) 2-1 Crew. This was an incredibly physical game, with both teams battling for the advantage. When regular play ended, the game was tied 1-1. Through the two 5 minute overtime periods no one scored. This led to the penalty kick phase, with the following results: Haley Grant, Danica Eggleston, and Makayla Molien each scored, resulting in the Crew winning 2-1. What a great effort by goalie Brielle Preece, not only throughout the tournament but during the penalty kicks. She stopped three balls, enabling the Crew to win.

**The Livermore Shock, Division 1,** U15 Girls soccer team captured 1st place in Livermore Halloween Classic Tournament. Shock allowed only one goal in four games and scored 8 goals for the weekend, coming away with the championship.

Shock beat Delta Storm 3-0 in their first game Saturday morning with goals from Angel Gosse (assisted by Kylie Hill), Racquel Hamblen and Lauren Kershner (both assisted by Ashlyn Conlin). Shock went against a physical Tracy Fusion team for their second game on Saturday, beating them 2-0 with goals from Lauren Kershner and Ashlyn Conlin (both assisted by Angel Gosse).

Outstanding defensive play by Haley Londry, Brianna Hyton, Nicole Gasior and Julie Lopez kept the ball in the opponents half most of the game. Forwards Tatyana Martinez, Jenna Lillie, Kailey Moser, and Rachelle Hamblin provided strong support for Shock's attacks.

Sunday morning Shock went up against another physical team, San Ramon Lightning. The intensity of play was high and both teams battled back and forth for a scoreless first half. Shock pick up the pace and pressured the San Ramon goal several times. A deflected ball was then buried in the back of the net by midfielder Kylie Hill for the only goal of the game. Alicia McKinney stepped up to play goalie for the whole game and was outstanding with more than six key saves.

For the championship game, Shock played under the lights against a highly skilled ACC Mavericks team. Shock scored first when Kylie Hill placed a perfect ball to teammate Angel Gosse who then slammed a left footed shot just inside the left goal post, out of the keeper's reach. Late in the second half, Shock scored an insurance goal when again, Kylie Hill sent a beautiful ball to Angel Gosse. Gosse battled and beat the defender, controlled the ball 15 yards to the goal and placed the ball to the right of the keeper. With just minutes left in the game, the Mavericks shot a rocket ball from 20 yards out that just squeezed in passed the left goal post. Shock goal keeper, Hannah Boger, was very strong in goal and nearly had a shut-out. Final score, Shock 2, ACC Mavericks 1.

**Livermore Youth Soccer League results:**  
**Livermore Elite League Div-1, Gold.** Under-15, Girls Livermore Elite Lazio (3) vs. Marin FC (0) Offense: Nicole Emerson, Lexi Tiago, Jessica Dixon, Livermore Elite Lazio Defense: Emily Clark, Shannon Sanassarian, Sarah Slabaugh, Livermore Elite Lazio Goals and Assists: Courtney Holsen (G), Katrina Kalantar (G), Cece Gonzalez (G), Livermore Elite Lazio Game Summary and Highlights: The Lazio wrapped up an undefeated season (8-0-1) in GSSL.

**Div-1, Gold, Under-11, Boys Livermore Elite Strikers '97** (3) vs. Diablo FC '97 (0) Offense: Scott Newby, Kyle Moylan, Miguel Suarez, Livermore Elite Strikers '97 Defense: Erik Martin, Osiris Chavez, Jack Schoendienst, Livermore Elite Strikers '97. Playing against an undermanned but spirited Diablo FC squad, the Livermore Elite Strikers got back on the winning side of the ledger, posting a 3-0 victory. Scott Newby got the scoring started in the first-half, followed by a second goal from Kyle Moylan. Miguel Suarez finished the scoring with a goal off of a corner kick from Carsen Paynter in the second-half. Erik Martin (GK) and Osiris Chavez (GK) played well covering the net, with only a handful of shots even challenging the two goalkeepers. The Strikers once again were helped by stellar defensive play, never allowing the Diablo squad to really challenge all game.

**Div-3, Bronze, Under-13, Boys 2008 Fremont Kick Or Treat Tournament Game Summary and Highlights:** The Livermore Elite Thunder finished fourth-place in the 2008 FC Fremont Kick or Treat Invitational. Playing up in the U14 Division-3 age-group. Going 1-1-1 in pool play and losing a hard fought battle against the N.V. Titans U14 Team 3-2 in the consolation game.

**Game 1: Livermore Elite (1) vs. Fremont Rayos (1)** Thunder opened the tournament versus the host team Fremont Rayos Saturday morning. Livermore dominated play and possession. Brandon Howard scored the first goal on an unassisted ball 12-yards out, ten minutes into the second-half. Thunder out-shot Fremont 21 to 9. The Thunders' back four consisting of Adam Holler sweeper, Brandon Howard stopper, and outside backs Grant Petrie and Brody Martinez kept frustrating the Fremont forwards for most of the game. Fremont scored with five minutes left in regulation for a 1-1 tie.

**Game 2: Central Valley Dynamo (6) vs. Livermore Elite Thunder (0)** Saturday afternoon Thunder faced a very large, fast, aggressive Central Valley Dynamo U14 team that dominated play. The Thunder mid-fielders consisting of Colten Paynter, Jose Gonzales, Kevin McKey, and Dalton Miller battled and fought hard. The team never gave up and played their hearts out to the final whistle losing 6-0.

**Game 3: Livermore Elite Thunder (5) vs. Rockridge Sting (2)** The Thunder came out on fire Sunday morning knowing they had to win to make it to the finals. Dominating time of possession and ball control with sharp passing and switching the ball side to side on the pitch, keeping the Rockridge Sting off balance. The Thunder advanced with a 5-2 win thanks to an outstanding game from Michael Carlson scoring all 5 goals. Assists from Jose Gonzalez (2) Brandon Howard (2) and Keegan Wright (1). Also contributing to the attack with outstanding play was Daniel Ramos, Pierre Sjogreen, Ivan Padilla. Keeper Kevin Amaral had an outstanding game

holding the Sting to two goals. Great job Thunder.

**Game 4: N.V. Titans (3) vs. Livermore Elite Thunder (2)** Thunder faced the U14 N.V. Titans in the consolation game. Thunder played tough throughout the game giving up one goal at the end of the first-half. Early into the second-half the Titans scored two quick goals to make 3-0. The scrappy hard fighting Elite Thunder roared back with ten minutes left in the game and scored two quick goals by Danny Ramos (1) with a nice assist from Grant Petrie. A beautiful one trimmer goal from Keegan Wright with an assist from a hard right-footed cross from Colten Paynter. The Thunder had many opportunities at the end of the game but came up short losing 3-2.

Including this tournament the Thunder has placed in four top four tournaments.

**Livermore Youth Soccer League Division-4, Copper, Girls Under-14.** Girls Force (2) vs. Lightning (2) Offense: Bella Johnstone, Sarah Amorin, Samantha Desiva, Force; Kirsten Mork, Brandy Guillen, Megan Cinquini, Lightning. Defense: Kaila Silver, Michaela Leonard, Samantha Erikson, Force; Tatiana Jansen, Hannah Stepanek, Grace Grim, Lightning. Goals and Assists: Sarah Amorin (2G), Samantha Desiva (A), Bella Johnstone (A), Force; Kirsten Mork (G), Brandy Guillen (G), Megan Cinquini (2A), Lightning. Both teams gave 100% playing aggressively. First-half both teams scored a goal making the game very intense. Second-half Force scored again which put the game 2 to 1. Lightning quickly turned around and scored making the game 2 to 2. With 25-minutes to go the game became even more intense. Both teams did everything they could to keep either team from scoring. Game ended with a tie.

**The Pack (4) vs. Intensity (1)** Offense: Marijosee Chacon, Emily Swiers, Cassie Dukes, The Pack; Madison Bernstein, Alejandra Mendez, Sydney Beard, Intensity. Defense: Tai Ball, Valerie Sommer, Ashley Lyons, The Pack; Michelle Soleil, Becky Bernstein, Korinna Oglim, Intensity. Goals and Assists: Christina Guilford (4G), The Pack; Olivia Cabotage (G), Intensity.

**Under-12, Girls Cyclones (9) vs. Hot Tamales (1)** Offense: Alicia Craft, Kelsey Pettilis, Taylor Lawson, Cyclones; Jenna Remund, Jazmynn Merchant, Kari Martinez, Hot Tamales. Defense: Cierra Wiedner, Daniella Goode, Diana Aguilar, Cyclones; Brittney Doughy, Olivia Garcia, Kattie Reddick, Hot Tamales. Goals and Assists: Alicia Craft (G), Kelsey Pettilis (G), Taylor Lawson (G), Madison Gerton (G), Cierra Prestegard (G), Cyclones; Kari Martinez (G), Hot Tamales. Alicia Craft and Taylor Lawson scored their first goals!

**Under-9, Girls Shooting Stars (5) vs. Soccer Sharks (2)** Offense: Amelia Sobrepnea, Macey Lake, Ciara Martinez, Shooting Stars; Sierra Deane, Taylor Sullivan, Mackenzie Riddle, Soccer Sharks. Defense: Andrea Sommer, Grace Stanford, Arianna Salcido, Shooting Stars; Morgan Laughlin, Malaya Pilon, Dominique Acego-Ramirez, Soccer Sharks. Goals and Assists: Ciara Martinez (3G, A), Heather Woelk (2G), Amelia Sobrepnea (2A), Shooting Stars; Taylor Sullivan (G), Madison Jackson (G, A), Soccer Sharks. Despite wet and rainy conditions, the Soccer Sharks played hard against the Shooting Stars. For the Soccer Sharks, Taylor Sullivan and Madison Jackson scored 1 goal each and Morgan Laughlin (GK) stopped many attempts to score by the Shooting Stars. The Shooting Stars played aggressively for a win. Ciara Martinez scored 3 goals with Amelia Sobrepnea assisting 2, and Heather Woelk scored another 2 goals. Defensive players Amanda Zeek, Arianna Salcido, and Andrea Sommer (GK), stopped many good shots.

**Sparklers (5) vs. Soccer Wizards (0)** Offense: Zaibaa Fakiri, Tessa Mullins, Savannah Stevenson, Sparklers; Devyn Montesinos, Carly Estevez, Kylie Tregar, Soccer Wizards. Defense: Sophia Schrodri, Kacie Long, Lauren Troutman, Sparklers; Marissa Carpenter, Alyssa Sausen, Elizabeth Waibel, Soccer Wizards. Goals and Assists: Emma Zika (G), Nitzia Gonzales (G), Tessa Mullins (G, A), Zaibaa Fakiri (G), Savannah Stevenson (G), Madison Stewart (A), Sparklers Game Five different girls scored for the Sparklers as the goal keepers recorded 6 saves in a shutout victory over the Soccer Wizards.

**Under-8, Girls Soccer Chicks vs. Rattle-snakes** Offense: Gianna Cole, Emily Trask, Soccer Chicks; Abby Fraser, Hayley Holt, Jordan Kennedy, Rattlesnakes. Defense: Zaret Zamora, Hayli Edwards, Soccer Chicks; Stephanie Boschee, Melia Miller, Rattlesnakes.

**Shooting Stars vs. Mustangs** Offense: Hannah Dolan, Briane Radliff, Camille Best, Shooting Stars; Kendall Yamamoto, Hayley Thompson, Alexah Nava, Mustangs. Defense: Olivia Armstrong, Jen Wise, Cassidy Herberth, Shooting Stars; Abby Andrews,

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## SPORTS NOTES

Tiara Birdsong, Leah Kline, Mustangs.  
Fire Breathing Dolphins vs. The Crushers: Offense: Jazmin Lopez, Tyler Rene Enderlin, Julia Rocha, Fire Breathing Dolphins; Gracie Groeniger, Rachael Brock, The Crushers. Defense: Alexandria Christeson, Casey Sansoni, Olivia Claypool, Fire Breathing Dolphins; Ashley Porter, Sophia Mylios, The Crushers.

**Under-7, Girls Superstars vs. Lil' Kickers** Offense: Essabella Grajeda, Sarah Carlson, Superstars; Desiree Gomez, Raven Michel, Lil' Kickers. Defense: Sierra Chroman, Chandler Duarte, Superstars; Farrah Lester, Maliah Chapman, Lil' Kickers.

**Cheetahs vs. Soccer Monkeys** Offense: Sydney Olsen, Joanne Flores, Cheetahs; Amber Feduniw, Bianca Pahler, Soccer Monkeys. Defense: Jaclyn Krewinkel, Jessica Warren, Cheetahs; Gracie Walke, Catherine Linney, Soccer Monkeys.

**Under-6, Girls Superstars vs. Shooting Stars** Offense: Kelsey Brumm, Kylie Neubauer, Superstars; Laura Gonzalez, Nina Fillari, Shooting Stars. Defense: Jackie Urban, Superstars; Annette Rizzo, Shooting Stars. Both Teams opened up with goals. Laura Gonzalez for the Shooting Stars, and Kelsey Brumm for the Superstars. Both Nina Fillari and Kylie Neubauer kept the scoring going for their respective teams. On the other side of the ball, Annette Rizzo led the defense for the Shooting Stars, while Jackie Urban anchored the defense for the Superstars.

**Wildcats vs. Dragonflies** Offense: Julia Passannante, Madelyn Bertolucci, Wildcats; Lily Redell, Nicole Stewart, Dragonflies. Defense: Sarah Brock, Iliza Shields, Wildcats; Anna Leary, Caitlyn Foster, Dragonflies

**Division-4, Copper, Boys Under-12, Boys Dark Knights (1) vs. Strikers (1)** Offense: Jose Peralta, Joseph Rodriguez, John Reggiardo, Dark Knights; C.J. Shimozono, Joel Udoutch, Jake Kerling, Strikers. Defense: Eli Smith Levi Makepeace, Matthew Marty, Dark Knights; Gino Stoneham, Omar Niason, Sterling Jeppson, Strikers. Goals and Assists: Jose Peralta (G), Dark Knights; C.J. Shimozono (PK), Strikers.

**Cyclones (4) vs. Blazers (0)** Offense: Jose Gutierrez, Daniel Byrnes, Joseph Roberts, Cyclones; Logan Warner, Mathew Wells, Vince Rizzo, Blazers. Defense: Clayton Franklin, Jacob Linney, Austin Harrison, Cyclones; Zach Bernett, Steven Kai, Anish Prabhu, Blazers. Goals and Assists: Jose Gutierrez (2G), Daniel Byrnes (G), Garrett Vest (G), Cyclones. Blazers played tough up to the later part of the first half but Cyclones started to find holes in getting shots. Jose led the way with a driving shot the first half and then another goal in the second. Daniel Byrnes and Garrett Vest also made excellent shots.

**Strikers (2) vs. Flaming Monkeys (1)** Offense: Brandon Corey, Anthony Perryman, Misael Preciado, Strikers; Austin Roeder, Llewellyn Slonge, Gerardo Tornero, Flaming Monkeys. Defense: Erik Mork, Logan Atkinson, Strikers; Brandon Smith, Nik Badders, Ryan Stuart, Flaming Monkeys. Goals and Assists: Joseph Vitale (G), Reagan Brunner (G), Strikers; Anthony Miller (G), Flaming Monkeys.

**Under-10, Boys Fireballs (5) vs. Terminators (0)** Offense: Spencer Kramm, Joshua Forshaw, Omar Malcaf, Fireballs Defense: Taylor Williamson, Ethan Epperly, Justin Pettis, Fireballs Goals and Assists: Spencer Kramm (3G), Omar Malcaf (G, A), Joshua Forshaw (2A), Nicholas Brown (2A), Leonardo (G), Fireballs. The Fireballs completed their season in the rain with an undefeated record of 10-0. Coach Bill Brown did an excellent job building the talent of all players throughout the season. They won their last game with three goals from Spencer Kramm, one from Omar Malcaf, and another from Leonardo. Nicholas Brown and Joshua Forshaw contributed with a pair of assists. Defense had their hands full with the constant pressure from the Terminators. Fireball's defense was led by Taylor Williamson, Justin Pettis and Ethan Epperly. Although the Terminators were superior, they put pressure on the goal throughout the game.

**Dominators (4) vs. Cougars (0)** Offense: Andy Solorzano, David Sanchez, Josh Harlan, Dominators; Robbi Hoff, Jacob Fumero, Peter Vance, Cougars. Defense: Colten Sofonio, Samuel Knuth, Shane Ward, Dominators; Diego Camacho, Sikander Hader, Jared Paul, Cougars. Goals and Assists: Ethan Shang (G), Zachary Scribner (G), Anthony Lopez (2G), Dominators

**Under-9, Boys Hot Lava Strikers (4) vs. Predators (2)** Offense: Alex Fregoso, Trenton Green, Hot Lava Strikers; Ryan Carlson, Zach Anderson, Eamon Smith, Predators. Defense: Ernesto Cruz, Phillip Knierieme, Hot Lava Strikers; Geno Murphy, Eamon Smith, Predators. Goals and Assists: Alex Fregoso (3G), Trenton Green (G), Hot Lava Strikers; Ryan Carlson (G), Eamon Smith (G), Predators. In a close first-half, the Strikers Alex Fregoso got 1 goal to the Predators 2 goals (from Ryan Carlson and Eamon Smith). The Predators' Geno Murphy (GK) made some great stops. During the second-half, the Strikers pulled ahead with 2 more goals from Alex Fregoso and a final goal from Trenton Green.

**Thunderballs (10) vs. Warriors (0)** Defense: Alex Forgatsch, Thunderballs; Dante Demayo, Warriors. Goals and Assists: Nick Bouilliere (3G), Braden Jackson (2G), Drew Arruda (G), Conner Johnston (G), Hunter Calkins (G), Ryan N (G), Thunderballs; , Warriors.

**Under-8, Boys Bombers vs. Crushers** Offense: James Attree, Ryan McCusker, Casey Wortham, Bombers; Zachary Macintire, Dominic Shepherd, Caleb Hardesty, Crushers. Defense: Colby Brocklesby, Gabe Parrish, Adam Lagodzinski, Roberto, Bombers; Matthew Reddick, Eric Moody, Trey Strout, Crushers.

**Quakes vs. The Rockets** Offense: Kevin Buklin, Landon Paiso, Cameron Meier, Quakes; Gunnar Hollingshaus, George Zika, Harrison Meadows, The Rockets. Defense: Forest Bishop, Alexander Pierce, Noah Britto, Quakes; Josh Freitas, Ray Montes, Jack Burke, RJ Ruckteschier, The Rockets. Goals and Assists: Gavin Finkbeiner, Cameron Meier, Avery Kempton, Quakes; Gunnar Hollingshaus, Marcus Robles, Colby Gibbons, The Rockets. Quakes' Cameron Meier came in and shot the first goal into The Rockets' net right at the beginning of the 2nd half. Then Gunnar Hollingshaus came in and kicked a goal in for The Rockets.

**Under-7, Boys Tigers vs. Thunderbolts** Offense: Brandon Martin, Evan Nystrom, Brandon Umeki, Tigers; Anthony Guerra, Dalton Johnston, Jeffery Fairbanks, Thunderbolts. Defense: Jack Wilson, Jacob



**Ledre McCullough of the Raiders ran down the field during a Livermore Junior Football League playoff game.**

Hutchinson, Zach Saal, Tigers; Nino Sabella, Rylan Matheson, Riley Hargraves, Thunderbolts.

**Raptors vs. Jedi SC** Offense: Tyler Blue, Eddie Garcia, Kevin Vega, Raptors; Drake Small, Machael Straus, AJ Morales, Jedi SC. Defense: Ricardo Alvarez, Thomas Cowles, Jacob Kixmiller, Raptors; Griffin Lawrence, Nathan Macdougall, Jedi SC. Griffin of the Jedi SC scored a solid solo goal dribbling the whole way. Kevin Vega of the Raptors scored a hat trick for the second time this season, while his teammate Ricardo Alvarez continued to consistently provide offense while making sure the defense was locked down. Tyler Blue of the Raptors scored his first goal of the season!

**Da' Bombs vs. Golden Eagles** Offense: Calvin Fletcher, Max Higgins, Ethan Montesinos, Da' Bombs; Josh Martin, Eric Ruloma, Patrick Connolly, Golden Eagles. Defense: Jonny Geyer, Ivan Ceballos, Cian Mullins, Da' Bombs; Nick Donaldson, Sean Pascual, Philip Weaver, Golden Eagles.

**Incredibles vs. Sonics** Offense: Jared Rittenmeyer, Cameron Winter, Zach Rittmann, Incredibles; Michael Buti, Matteo Crivello, Douglas Wynne, Sonics. Defense: Ryan Bartl, Carlos, Ventura, Jackson Brown, Incredibles; Gabe Erfminger, Gabe Hazen, Zach Fumero, Sonics.

**Heroes vs. Diamond Backs**: Heroes Offense: Ian Prachar, Josiah Knight, Ben Morrisroe, Thomas Kello Heroes Defense: Ryan Wenzel, Noah Woll, Trevor Wright; Diamond Backs Offense: Brandon Foye, Logan Vinson, Ash Lawson Diamond Backs Defense: Matthew Gomes, Colin Eads, Zahary Hollingshaus

## CYO Basketball

Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade boys team started the game off hot in CYO basketball action. They made a couple of early shots by Nishanth Palanisamy and Brian Henderson and got a key steal by Zach Summerfield that led to a basket. As the game went on Grayson Muerrens and Dustin Avila controlled the boards (10 rebounds each) and Grant Cohen took a hard foul but stayed in the game. The combination of outside shooting and inside defense continued as Muerrens, Palanisamy and Henderson made three or more shots, and six players had three or more rebounds. CCOP won the shoot-out 44 to 38.

CCOP #71 lost a back and forth contest to St. Isidore #72, 43 - 41. Trailing 8 to 4 after one quarter CCOP took a 16 to 15 lead into halftime. Strong rebounding kept CCOP in the game as they struggled from the field hitting only 8 of 29 in the first half and 11 of 31 in the second half. Leading the team in rebounds with 10 was Jassae Virk and in scoring was Austin Piscotty with 11 points.

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) team #7003 lost their season opener to St. Joan team #7004, 33 to 25 in 7th grade girls CYO basketball action. St. Joan jumped out to a 9 point halftime lead. SM/SC rallied back to within 6 in the second half but could get no closer. Leading scorers for St. Joan were Jessica Gillespie with 13 and Melika Ardestani with 12. Katie Keffler led St. Joan in rebounding in her first action returning from a foot fracture. Taylor Smith and Kelly Borden led SM/SC in scoring with 6 points each, followed by Christie Swinton with 4. Also scoring for SM/SC were Rebecca Bernstein, Natalie Land, Sarah McCallister, and Brianna Zarrinara.

## Livermore Jr. Football

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### Community Workshop #2

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**Monday, November 17, 2008**

**Robert Livermore Community Center – Palo Verde Room**

**4444 East Avenue**

**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The workshop will:

- Solicit input from workshop attendees
- Discuss progress made on the Zoning Code Update
- Summarize data gathered from macro and micro scale analyses
- Summarize input received from stakeholder interviews
- Outline next steps in the Zoning Code Update

For more information, please call Christine Rodrigues in the Planning Division, at (925) 960-4450, or email her at [cnrodrigues@ci.livermore.ca.us](mailto:cnrodrigues@ci.livermore.ca.us).

Irizzary scored on a run, while Caspersen made a nice catch off an option pass.

Also making big plays for the Jags offense was running back Nick Reyes, with several long runs and quarterback Jack Moroney, who ran the offense smoothly despite the tough weather conditions. The offensive line of Jacob Wilson, Aaron Banks, JP Pasteur, Nick Pasteur, Jacob Blair and Chase Barkdull did their usual sensational job of opening up holes.

The Jags defense, which posted its fifth shutout of the season, overcame the loss coming into the game of two key players and the departure of two others in the first half to shut down the Falcons.

Logan McHone, Jack Murphy, Jordan Mast, Jack Ryan and Grant Chinn got in done on the defensive line, with the trio of Irizzary, Michael Coyle and Zac Lander playing well at linebacker.

Finally, the defensive backfield of Ben Bandurraga, Nate Patocchi and Broder Heggelund were solid, making big hits on several occasions.

Miller, Reyes and Barkdull also got some quality time on defense in the second half.

**The Seahawks** persevered to pull off a 6-0 win over the Saints in the first round of the Pleasanton Junior Football League Senior playoffs last week. The lone score of the game came in the final two minutes, when the offensive line of Kevin Miller, Grant Soyka, Tyler Rains, Ryan Walsh, Nate Vickers, Harrison Heiser and Usman Khan powered through the rain and the Saints defense to lead Marc Luey to the end zone.

It was the first shutout of the season for the Seahawks' defense, as down linemen Alex Jader, Brandon Char-Lee and Sean Flynn played inspirational football throughout the poor weather. The Hawks also got great play from linebackers Cale Rubinson and Raymond Bartolomucci, as well as defensive captain Parker Dalton. Defensive backs Logan Finley, K.C. Chisim and Nick Mendonca all had big games, turning backs the Saints big-play attempts. Chisim made several tackles for losses, including one which caused a fumble.

On the offensive side of the ball, the game turned into a field position battle. The Seahawks put together a nice drive to open the second half, and while it didn't result in points, it did put the ball deep in Saints territory, from which the Saints never recovered.

Bartolomucci did a wonderful job of punting in the game, keeping the Saints from getting good field position at any point.

The win sends the Seahawks into the championship game this Saturday at Casey Lewis Stadium where they will take on the powerful Redskins.

## Bowling News

Pat Riles, in the Wednesday Modified Guys and Dolls League at the Granada Bowled, rolled a perfect 600 series to include games of 190-220-190.

Jerry Friesen rolled a 279 game in the Getaway Fours league and Lee Pettus rolled 54 pins over average with a 236 game. In the Modified Guys and Dolls League, John Graf had a high game of 268 and Adam Fuller a 245 game. Tom Fullam bowled 107 over series with a nice set of 190-210-166 games for a 566 series.

Senior Bowler Bill Nawrocki in the SIRS and Sirettes league turned in a 225 game, Mel Helbacka was right behind him with a 224

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Felici Piano Trio to perform.

## Trio in Concert at Bankhead Theater

Del Valle Fine Arts presents The Felici Piano Trio for its second concert of the 2008-2009 season on Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 pm in the Bankhead Theater.

A microcosm uniting three continents, the Felici Trio is the musical home of Taiwanese pianist Wen-Ting Huang, German violinist Rebecca Hang and American cellist Brian Schuldt. Felici members are prize winners of the Chesapeake, Yellow Springs, and Osaka chamber music competitions and graduates of the renowned School of Music of Indiana University,

Bloomington. The vibrant threesome has performed over 350 concerts in Europe, South America and the U.S.

The Allgemeine Zeitung Bad Kreuznach noted, "The Felici Piano Trio succeed to make technical perfection not a goal, but the point of departure for a musical journey of discovery." The trio has distinguished itself as a unique presence on the national music scene since coming to Mammoth Lakes as grantee of Chamber Music America's Rural Residencies Program and as a California Arts Council's (CAC) *Touring Roster* ensemble. Felici

has recorded three CDs, *Chamber Music of Women Composers*, *Tchaikovsky's Trio in A Minor*, and a 2004 live recording of *Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio & Brahms' Trio op. 87*.

Tickets are \$29, \$24 and \$19 (high school students free and college \$10 day of performance). They can be obtained at the Bankhead Theater box office, 925-373-6800, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or on-line at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Additional information is available at [www.felicitrio.com](http://www.felicitrio.com) and [www.delvallefinearts.org](http://www.delvallefinearts.org) or by calling 925-447-2752.

## Michael Cooper Debuts Pleasanton's Saturday Morning Entertainment Series

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will launch its new Saturday morning series of entertainment for children and their parents on Saturday, November 22, 2008, with a performance by Michael Cooper, master of "masked marvels and wondertales." The 11:00 a.m. matinee will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, on the Amador Valley High School campus in Pleasanton, Calif.

Michael Cooper is an accomplished visual artist and mime whose lively performances have entertained young audiences worldwide for more than 30 years. He combines elaborate handcrafted masks, original stories of courage and wonder, outlandish stilt dancing and an energetic physical repertoire into a "moving sculpture" on stage.

Other shows in the SaturYAY! series will include *Holidays Around the World* by Civic Arts Stage Company on December 13, 2008, stories and musical surprises by Willy Clafin on Janu-



Michael Cooper wears one of the masks he uses in his show.

ary 10, 2009 and family rock group The Sippy Cups on February 7, 2009.

"Last winter, we scheduled Jim Gamble's Puppets' performance of *Peter and the Wolf* as a Saturday morning matinee and

the reaction to the 11:00 a.m. time frame was very positive," says Michelle Russo, program coordinator. "Adding a new Saturday morning series is consistent with our mission to provide a variety of arts experiences for families and we think the winter series will be a hit with children and parents alike."

Tickets to Michael Cooper's performance are Adult, \$10-\$14-\$18 and Child, \$6-\$10-\$14. Series tickets are Adult, \$30, \$42, \$54 and Child, \$18-\$30-\$42 and represent a 25% discount. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.civicartstickets.org](http://www.civicartstickets.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.

Additional information is available by contacting Michelle Russo at [mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or (925) 931-5350.

## New Exhibit Is 'Come Home for the Holidays'

Pleasanton's Museum on Main has a new exhibit, "Come Home for the Holidays" that will run from November 7, 2008 to January 11, 2009. The exhibit will showcase winter holiday traditions in Pleasanton and in Pleasanton's sister cities of Tulancingo, Mexico, and Blairgowrie, Scotland.

The opening reception for "Come Home for the Holidays" exhibit will be held on Friday, November 7 at 5 p.m. at Pleasanton's Museum on Main, 603 Main Street. Open to the public. No fee. No reservations are necessary.

The exhibit also brings holiday tradition up to date with artistic impressions of the season created by members of the Kids Love Art School of Fine Arts in Pleasanton.

Family gatherings and public celebrations, food, music, gifts, stories, and games have all become traditions in the celebration of Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year, and other special days. Some of these holiday traditions cross national boundaries. Others are national or local in scope. Still others are practiced solely by the families who

created them. All help to enrich the meaning of these special days for those who celebrate them.

As part of the exhibit, there will be a gingerbread house decorating contest.

The gingerbread house contest is open to all ages, individuals and businesses. The display will run from November 7 through December 6, 2008. Entries are welcome from November 7 through November 14. The size of the gingerbread house should not exceed 18" by 18" and it should be edible. No glue may be used. The five contest categories are public's favorite, most elegant, funniest, most historic and most creative. Winners will be announced on December 6 at

the museum at 3:30 p.m. The winner in each category will receive a certificate of recognition and gifts from the museum store. Proceeds benefit history scholarships for students.

Holiday programs at the museum include storytelling "A Child's Christmas in Pleasanton-1958" by Andy Jorgensen, civic arts manager, City of Pleasanton on December 11 at 5 p.m., and poetry reading on December 18 at 6 p.m.

For more information contact the museum at 925-462-2766 or visit the website [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). The museums hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

## Noteworthy Duo Performs at Pleasanton Library

A concert of classical guitar and flute will be offered at the Pleasanton Library on Mon., Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

A Noteworthy Duo, Lisa Schroeder and Michael Nigro, join their musical talents to create an experience described as pure elegance and classical artistry. Both are on faculty at Vanguard University of Southern California.

During the course of the concert, in an informal manner, Michael and Lisa include commentary, information, and anecdotes about the composers and pieces they are performing, making "Noteworthy" performances seem more like an intimate gathering of friends than a recital for strangers.

Flutist, Lisa Schroeder is a Los Angeles based performer, teacher, and clinician. Lisa began her collegiate music studies at Eastern Michigan University and later relocated to Nashville, Tennessee where she received her Bachelor of Music degree in flute performance from Middle Tennessee State University. She held the piccolo position in the Tennessee Philharmonic and the flute position with the Music City Winds. She in turn received her Master of Music degree in flute performance from California State University Long Beach. Her interest in new music inspired a thesis entitled, "Twentieth-Century Techniques in Flute Literature: Learning and Teaching Multiphonics".

Lisa is the founding member of Noteworthy Flute and Guitar Duo and West Coast Winds, both of which are on the artist roster for the Orange County Performing Arts Center "Arts Teach" program. She also holds the piccolo position with the Golden State Pops Orchestra.



Michael Nigro and Lisa Schroeder

Schroeder currently teaches flute at Vanguard University, Cerritos College, Golden West College, and directs the Rolling Hills Flute Choir. Her passion for teaching has brought about her annual "Flute Loops" camp held in Palos Verdes, CA.

Recently, Lisa was selected to perform bass flute with the National Flute Association's Professional Flute Choir in August 2008 at the Kansas City Convention.

Michael Anthony Nigro attended the prestigious Indiana University School of Music where he graduated with his Bachelor of Music Degree in 2000 under the direction of Ernesto Bitetti.

After moving back to his native Southern California, he attended California State University, Fullerton and earned a Master of Music degree under the tutelage of David Grimes.

Michael Nigro's debut recording, "Homage to Piazzolla; Argentine Dances, Songs, and Rhythms," is released on the la-

bel, Music & Arts. The American Record Guide stated, "Nigro has a big sound, a smooth tone, and sure-footed interpretive instincts." His latest CD, "Guitar Sudamericana," is released on the Austrian label, Balcon Records and features guitar works by Heitor Villa-Lobos, Antonio Lauro, Adolfo Luna, Jose Luis Merlin, and many others.

Michael is an active member of the guitar community; he is co-founder of the Long Beach Classical Guitar Society, independent reviewer of new music publications for Soundboard Magazine, and sought after teacher and performer.

In January 2006, Michael joined the faculty at Vanguard University of Southern California where he teaches private guitar, class guitar, and guitar ensemble.

For more info regarding the program call Penny Johnson at 931-3405. There is no admission charge. The program is open to all. No registration is required.

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Dr. Atomic**, broadcast live performance from Metropolitan Opera, Sat., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. at the Regal Cinema in Dublin.

**Book signing**, featuring Pleasanton author Douglas Kendall, "America's Reigning Cats & Dogs! Election 2008." The signing will be at Borders Books, 4575 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton on Nov. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Information: 227-1412.

**"Giving Thanks Project"**, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, this year donate 5% from all wine sales in November to the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner Project. This fundraiser will run from November 1 to November 23rd. The Tasting Room is located at 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore; open Sat. & Sun. 12:00 - 4:30pm.

**Livermore's Got Talent 2009 Auditions**, applications accepted now to Jan. 3, 2009. Auditions at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. \$25.00 application fee. Sponsored by NBC Bay Area, the Rotary Clubs of Livermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and Waste Management, Inc. All proceeds go to the Rotary community grants program. [www.LivermoresGotTalent.com](http://www.LivermoresGotTalent.com); [auditions@livermoresgottalent.com](mailto:auditions@livermoresgottalent.com); Maurie Louis, Public Relations Director.

**Cuda Ridge Wines** is having a tasting at First Street Wine Company on November 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Come meet the winemaker and taste all of the Cuda Ridge Wines for a nominal fee of \$5.00. All of the Cuda Ridge Wines are also available for purchase at First Street Wine Company. First Street Wine Company is located at 2211 1st Street in downtown Livermore.

**Build a Gingerbread House**. Led by The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards' Pastry Chef Lisa Shaver, guests learn special gingerbread house-making techniques, leaving with a beautiful candy-covered house. Children of all ages are welcome with their parents for this fun holiday activity on Dec. 6 or 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$79 for duo. For more information and/or reservations, call (925) 456-2400. The Event Center at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

**Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League**, meeting Mon., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Bldg., 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artist will be watercolorist Quin Gao. There is no admission charge to attend this meeting.

**Fenestra Winery** open Fridays, noon - 5 p.m.. Visitors are invited to take

part in "Casual Friday" at the winery 83 Vallecitos Road Livermore. 925-447-5246 [www.fenestrawinery.com](http://www.fenestrawinery.com).

**Live Music at the Livermore Valley Plaza**, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Friday. Sponsored by: Roundhouse Grill, Simply Fondue, Robek's Juice, Star Anise, Firehouse Bistro and Books, 6-21, Maroon Bear, The Bankhead Theater and Movida. Livermore Valley Plaza is located in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

**Reception**. Livermore textile artist Caryne Finlay Mount will have an artist's reception Sun., Nov. 9, to celebrate her being "Feature LAA Gallery Artist of November" from 12:00 PM-3: PM at the historic Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street, Livermore. All ages are welcome to visit the gallery, browse the collections of local artists that are for sale, and discover local area history as well.

**The Wild Vine Gallery** is featuring the following local artists: November: Jennifer Severo, portrait, figures, reception Fri., Nov. 14, 6 to 98 p.m. 2187 First St., downtown Livermore; 243-0700.

**Pleasanton Senior Players**, present two comedies, "So Nice Not to See You" and "Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl." Nov. 7, 7 p.m. and Nov. 8 and 9 2 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. \$9 residents/\$10 nonresidents in advance; \$10/\$11 at the door. 931-5365.

**Livermore Art Association Bank On It Show**, US Bank, 2125 Second St., Livermore. Nov. 6 to 19. Reception Wed., Nov. 12, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

**Literary Harvest release party**, Sat., Nov. 8, noon to 5 p.m. Stacy's at Waterford, 4500 Tassajara Rd., Dublin. 4th annual event hosted by 4th Street Studio Saturday Salon. For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 or by email at [4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net](mailto:4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net).

**Author Zoe Ferraris**, "Finding Nouf," Sun., Nov. 16, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Free admission. Authors, Arts and More presented by Friends of the Livermore Library.

**Contra Costa Wind Symphony**, concert devoted to "monsters and heroes," with music from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Godzilla Eats Las Vegas," "Superman" and others. Jozsel Csikota conducts "Concerto for Trumpet" by Alexander Arntunian with his son Gergo as soloist and "Concerto for Symphonie Band" by Frigyes Hidas. 2 p.m. Nov. 16. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$18 regular admission, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. [www.livesherartscenter.org](http://www.livesherartscenter.org). [www.cwindsymphony.org](http://www.cwindsymphony.org).

**Vocal recital**, Sarah Sloan Vocal Studio, Sun., Nov. 9, 3 p.m. Rossmore Retirement Community, Walnut Creek. Students will perform in the National Association of Teachers Singing Around East Bay Recital, showcasing talent from all over the Tri-Valley as well as Contra Costa County. Music by Stephen Sondheim, Adam Geutell, Noel Gay and Giovanni Paisiello. Free admission. Studio is located in Dublin. Information, 719-4984 or [www.sarahsloan.net](http://www.sarahsloan.net).

**Shakespeare's Associates presents "The Seagull"**, a comedy in four acts, by Anton Chekhov. Nov. 21-23, at The Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets, available at 925-373-6800 or [www.LivermoreShakes.org](http://www.LivermoreShakes.org). are \$30 - \$45, with discounts for students, seniors, military and full-time educators. Show times are Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm, and Sunday at 7pm.

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	9:00	9:30		
ROLE MODELS (R) DLP	12:10	2:35	4:55	7:25
SOUL MEN (R) DLP	12:50	4:00	6:45	9:15
ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORN	12:00	2:20	4:40	7:30
THE HAUNTING OF MOLLY HARTLEY (PG13) DLP	12:30	2:40	4:50	7:05
	9:20			
CHANGELING (R) DLP	12:25	3:30	6:40	9:40
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) DLP	12:00	2:15	4:30	7:15
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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Ekphrasis Art and Poetry Exhibition**, through Dec. 22. Windermere's downtown Livermore office, 1790 First Street Two receptions will be held. Windermere Welcome Home will sponsor a Visual Arts reception sometime in October. The City of Livermore will sponsor a Reception for Poets and Artists the afternoon of Nov. 22. For more information, contact Cher Wollard at 925 824-4824 or chery@windermere.com or Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com.

**Miss Saigon**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse), Mainstage Musical, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Nov. 7, 8, 9. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

**Kyle Eastwood**, Tuesday, November 11, at 8 p.m., his second album "Paris Blue" resonates with swing, groove, and funk overtones. Tickets \$50/\$35/\$30/\$25/\$12 students. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

**Shakespeare's As You Like It**, presented by Amador Valley High School, Nov. 13, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Info and tickets

khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

**Octobor: West Coast Jazz**, Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Part of Jazz at the Library series. 973-2850.

**Young Musicians' Festival**, Sunday, November 16, 4:00pm Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct., Pleasanton. Admission is free - donations are welcome. Featuring all students (age 2 - 21) of Livermore-based music program Sycamore Strings Academy, as well as guest students from the Suzuki Program at Crowden Music Center, Berkeley and Ying Quan's Violin Studio, San Ramon. The students will perform a variety of string music from classical pieces by composers such as Mozart, Bach, Paganini, Dvorzak and Warlock, to Swedish fiddle tunes and Kindermusic. Host: Sheyda Sabetan Piano Accompaniments: Katie Walda Teachers: KC Still, Ying Quan, Goran Berg, Violin, Viola, Christina Berg, Guitar - Kindermusik

**East Village Opera Company**, rockband, string quartet and vocals. Sun., Nov. 16, 4 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd. \$39. www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com, 973-ARTS.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, Sun., Nov. 16, 2 to 3 p.m. Children's/Family Concert. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. No admission charge. (925) 443-5526 or (925) 846-5897.

**Keyboard Conversations@, Concerts with Lively Commentary**, **Jeffrey Siegel, Pianist**, Tuesday, November 18, 8 p.m. Program: "Chopin for Lovers;" Tickets \$45/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, or go online www.livermoreperformingarts.org

**Romeo and Juliet**, presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, 55-minute abridged performance. Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. \$15 adults, \$10 youth under 12, seniors 65+, www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com, 973-ARTS.

**John Worley and Worlview 7.0**, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Part of Jazz at the Library series. 973-2850.

**Livermore Idol**, music competition Sat., Nov. 22, 7 p.m. sponsored by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. \$7 adults, \$5 youth. 373-5700, www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

**Luna: Theater of Light**, Sun., Nov. 30, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Performers paint images that tell stories. 925-373-6800, or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

**Warren Miller's "Children of Winter"**, action sports film. Sun., Nov. 23, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.warrenmiller.com. 931-5350.

## Pleasanton Students Receive Music Lesson

On Monday, November 10, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Michael Morgan, conductor and musical director of the Oakland Symphony, will come to Pleasanton to work with students in the Advanced Orchestra at Harvest Park Middle School. Morgan's visit is part of the Oakland Symphony's community outreach program.

Approximately 50 students in grades 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to work with Morgan on musical pieces that they are preparing for an upcoming concert, including works by Mozart and Richard Meyer, as well as a traditional French Christmas carol.

Harvest Park Middle School is located at 4900 Valley Avenue in Pleasanton. The orchestra is under the direction of teacher Paul Perazzo.

## Wine for a Cure Benefits Cystic Fibrosis

The Wood Family Vineyard will take part in the first Annual Wine for a Cure.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in collaboration with Zephyr Grill and Bar, will host Wine for a Cure on Sunday, November 9th, in Livermore. The night will showcase wine from the Livermore Valley and will be paired with culinary dishes.

The evening will include silent and live auctions. The Wine for a Cure event will raise money to provide funds for the research necessary to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis is a fatal, genetic disease that affects over 30,000 children and young adults in the United States. Livermore resident, Diana Heppes' daughter, Tara, was diagnosed at 18 months old with this disease. There are several other families here in Livermore who are dealing with this disease as well and we have lost at least four local residents to cystic fibrosis.

Tickets are \$75 each and are available on-line or at the door. Tickets available at <http://nca.cff.org/wineforacure>, information 415-989-6500.

## Antiques Roadshow Style Tea Planned

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women will host an Antiques Roadshow with Tea from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 15. Co-Program Vice Presidents, Elva Cooper and Gwen Locke, have adapted the format of the popular TV show for an informative and fun-filled afternoon with members and friends.

The Roadshow and Tea will be held at Lynnewood United Methodist Church social hall, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. There will be time to evaluate only about thirty items. Call Gwen Locke (846-9136) to reserve an evaluation ticket. President Dot Bishop and Membership Vice President Roz Wright welcome both members and prospective members.

The cost for evaluation is \$15.00 for one item or \$25 for two items. Or, for \$5.00 come and just watch the festivities sipping a cup of tea and munching on delicious dainties. Money will be collected at the door. For further information, call Gwen Locke.

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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Greg Thompson and Michelle Thompson  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Daniel Campisi  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 416703**  
The following person (s) doing business as: Tri-Valley Crush, 5626 Lydia Ct., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tommy Lee Olsen Jr., 5626 Lydia Ct., Livermore Ca 94550  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 417218**  
The following person (s) doing business as: ValleyCrest Home, 3864 Princeton Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tessie L. Martinez, 2710 Elston St., Livermore Ca 94550  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Tessie L. Martinez  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Shelley E. Minor-Scherer This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 29, 2008. Expires October 29, 2013. The Independent Legal No.2404. Publish November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 417415

The following person (s) doing business as: Alteration Boutique, 2542 Fourth Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Lynn M. Schmidt, 5162 Diane Lane, Livermore Ca 94550 Belinda Brooke, 2542 Fourth Street, Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by a Joint venture

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on October 30, 2008. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Lynn M. Schmidt and Belinda Brooke This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 30, 2008. Expires October 30, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2405. Publish November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 417445

The following person (s) doing business as: Barb Wired Designs, 1421 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Barbara Ann Santos, 1421 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton Ca 94566

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## Good time to move up

By Cher Wollard

It's great time to buy real estate. By now, most people have heard and seen the wisdom of that advice. But for some people, it is also a great time to sell.

Anyone looking to "buy up" - sell their current property to purchase a larger or more expensive home - might well find this the ideal market.

"You lose on one end, but you gain on the other," said JoAnn Schreiber, a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home in Livermore. "They are getting more house than they would have a few years ago for the money."

Houses at the lower end of the market - in the Tri-Valley that means under \$500,000 - are moving briskly, often with multiple offers. Prices have fallen dramatically on these homes in the past two years. Investors and first-time homebuyers are snatching them up.

"We're seeing such good prices, we actually should see people getting into the market," said Mary Anne Rosza, broker-associate with Coldwell Banker in Livermore. "They are finding exceptionally good deals."

A homeowner who has a modest property and is ready to move up will likely find his home is worth 25-35 percent less than it was at the height of the market. If he has some equity in the property, however, this may not be an impediment to making a move. While higher-priced homes have not dropped as large a percentage in price, they have dropped an equal or greater amount in actual dollars.

For example, a house that would have sold for \$500,000 in 2006 might only draw offers in the \$375,000 range today, a loss of about 25 percent. The house that seller wants to purchase, priced today at \$650,000, would have sold a few years ago for more than \$800,000. That's a difference of over \$150,000, but less than 20 percent. The move-up buyer saves about \$25,000 in this example.

"A client of mine just bought a house in Discovery Bay on the water," Scheiber said. "It was 2200 square feet. Lots of granite, travertine floors, all new appliances, a large deck, and a dock with room for two or three boats. He paid \$749,000. It seems like he got a good price. A few years ago, that house would have been over \$900,000."

Scheiber's client did not have to sell his starter home to purchase the new one, and so is planning to rent it out for a few years. Even if he had sold, he would have made up the loss on the sale of that house through his savings on the purchase of the new one.

Of course, this only works if the homeowner has enough equity in his current property to cover the cost of selling, and still provide a down payment and closing costs for the new home.

Those looking to "trade up" in real estate should adhere to a few basic tips in marketing the property they plan to sell:

- Start by hiring a knowledgeable Realtor.
- Make the house as attractive as possible. Clean and paint it inside and out. De-clutter. Plant some bright flowers.
- Have the home "staged," if possible.
- Price it competitively.

That last item - pricing - is the most important. There are currently 255 houses and condos on the market in Livermore and Pleasanton priced under \$500,000. The houses that sell at the best price are those that sell quickly. The properties that sell quickly are priced right to start with.

"I think on the lower end the prices are very soft," Rosza said. "We have so many first-time homebuyers who got in when the market was so high. They had bad loans, and the loans have changed. Maybe they had adjustable loans and their interest rates have gone up. Now they are bailing out."

Those homeowners, many of whom are selling short or are in foreclosure, have dropped their prices aggressively. That means sellers competing against those distressed properties must price their houses accordingly.

Once our sellers have listed their properties at a good price, they can start getting ready to purchase their new home. They should begin by consulting with a mortgage specialist to secure financing. Their Realtor can recommend a good mortgage specialist if they don't already know someone.

"It's not a bad situation for people who have a little money and know where they want to buy," Rosza said. "I'm not having any problem getting people with good credit approved for their loans. We're getting back to 'real' real estate: People have to have money to put down. They have to have a job. They can't just fudge on the loan applications."

When shopping for a higher-priced home, buyers will find plenty to choose from in this market, but few of these are distressed properties. As of Monday, there were 283 homes in Livermore and Pleasanton priced \$500,000-\$1 million, and 160 over \$1 million.

"We don't have as many foreclosures and short sales in that higher end," Rosza noted. "Even though the market is not where (the sellers) want it to be, their loans are not crippling them."

However, prices are still more affordable than they were at the height of the market.

Scheiber agreed, adding, "I'm feeling there really are a lot of people out there who are thinking about buying. They don't ask anymore if prices are still going down. In our area, the buyers are very educated about the real estate market. They know these are good deals."

# Film Makes Debut at Vine Cinema



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Terra Balbuena portrays Luella Parsons and Adam Neylan Jack Warner in the Las Positas production of "Shakespeare in Hollywood."**

## Madcap Farce Hits College Stage

The Las Positas College Theater Department presents *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, a madcap farce about the creation of the 1935 Max Reinhardt film version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Performances are November 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8:00 PM and November 23 at 2:00 PM in the Las Positas College Theater.

Despite tantrums from temperamental starlets and threats from the Hays Office, filming is about to begin, when Shakespeare's "real" Oberon and Puck magically appear. They are cast in the film and all havoc breaks loose. The show was written by Ken Ludwig, author of two of contemporary theater's most successfully produced comedies, *Lend me a Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*.

Jeremy Schlitt and Laurel Drummond play the king of the fairies and his sidekick. Tim Ackerman appears as director Max Reinhardt, Adam Neylan is studio head Jack Warner and Mike Stark portrays Will Hays of the infamous Hays Office. Many well known Hollywood celebrities populate the cast, including Luella Parsons (Terra Balbuena), James Cagney (Matthew Hofstad), Joe E. Brown (Salim Razawi) and Dick Powell (Tyler Dragoni). Elise Christian and Lisa Darter are cast as aspiring actresses with distinctly different personalities and Felix Perez is the studio "yes" man.

The Las Positas production is directed by Wesley Morgan and produced by Ken Ross, with set and lighting design by Jeremy Hamm.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 and 2 p.m. Nov. 23. Performances are in room 801, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. They are available at the Las Positas College Bookstore and at Fine Fretted Friends in downtown Livermore. For advance reservations, call (925) 424-1812. For information about the show, call (925) 424-1166 or email [kross@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:kross@laspositascollege.edu).

## Rush Tickets Available for College Students at Bankhead Theater

College students can now purchase Student Rush Tickets at 50 - 75% off the best available seats in the house at the Bankhead Theater. Visit the Bankhead website calendar at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) to confirm that a performance has Student Rush Tickets available. Arrive to the Bankhead ticket office two hours prior to curtain call, bring a valid student identification, and purchase the best available seat in the house for only \$12. There is a one ticket limit per student on select LVPAC Presents performances, based on availability.

Student Rush Tickets will be available for The Kyle Eastwood Band, Tuesday, November 11 at 8:00pm.

As someone who has had a myriad of opportunities to shine, Kyle Eastwood has truly carved his own path as a musician (yes, he's Clint's son). Having dabbled on electric bass as a teenager, he now also plays the upright, acoustic and double bass. Kyle's second album "Paris Blue" resonates with swing, groove, and funk overtones. Kyle says, "My roots remain in jazz but I like adding all kinds

of different flavors." The album climbed to #1 on the French Jazz charts. Kyle has composed music for the Academy Award winning films, "Mystic River" and "Million Dollar Baby," and wrote the score for the just released film "The Changeling." Kyle will be autographing his most recent album "NOW" after the performance.

Other upcoming Student Rush Ticket - LVPAC Presents performances include: Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel Chopin for Lovers! on Tues., Nov. 18, 2008 at 8 pm; Luma: Theater of Light, Visual magic including High-tech Illuminated Objects, Sun., Nov. 30, 2008 at 2pm; The Best of Doo Wop, Swing, Rhythm and Blues of the 50's and 60's, Thurs., Jan. 29, 2009 at 8pm; Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile of Nickel Creek Fame, Sun., Feb. 15, 2009 at 8 pm; Tango Fire, Buenos Aires' Tango Company, Wed., Feb. 18, 2009 at 8 pm

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore and operated by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office opens at noon and remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the Bankhead Theater website [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## Release Party to Launch Literary Harvest

The 4th annual Saturday Salon Literary Harvest release party will be held Sat., Nov. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. at Stacy's at Waterford in Dublin.

The party begins at 12:20 and concludes at 4:50 p.m. Contributors to the literary magazine will present the program on the following schedule: 12:20 to 12:50: welcome, Charan Sue Wollard, Jeanne Lupton, Susan Mayall, Ruth Ball Jurs; 1:10-1:50: Diana Carey, Judith Herr, Jim Caricoppolo, Marilyn Slade, Tania Selden; 2:10-2:50: Ben Jones, Albert Rothman, Cara Mecozzi, Kathy Mima, Pat Coyle, Mary Druce, Richard Holmes, Thomas Lofgren, Sue Tasker; 3-3:50: Ethel Mays, Lisa Darter, David Collins, Sandra Kay, Frank Thornburgh, David Hartman; 4-4:50: Selene Steese, Jerry Blair, Tom Darter, Cynthia Patton, and Karen Hogan.

The event and literary magazine are sponsored by 4th Street Studio.

Stacy's is located at 4500 Tassajara Road, Dublin. For information, e-mail Karen Hogan at [4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net](mailto:4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net) or call (925) 456-3100.

Ryan and Sean's Not So Excellent Adventure will make its debut at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore.

The film runs from November 14th through 21st. The stars of the film will be on hand the evening of November 15th for a special screening with question and answer session to follow the showing.

Screenings on November 17th will benefit the California Independent Film Festival Association and screenings on November 18th will benefit the Livermore Valley Charter School and its film program for kids.

The movie was filmed in July, 2008 by local film producers, Derek Zemrak, founder of the California Independent Film Festival and Leonard Pirkle, Executive Director of the CIFF along with the assistance of supporters and volunteers from the California



Independent Film Festival. The film was shot mostly in Livermore, Danville, San Ramon and Blackhawk.

The film is the story of two young web celebrities, Ryan (Ryan Higa) and Sean (Sean Fujiyoshi) who find themselves brought to Hollywood to audition and screen test for starring roles in the next big "buddy" film. Sought out by a producer (Played by YouTube sensation - Michael Buckley) about to be

kicked off the studio lot, Ryan and Sean are put through the grueling process of makeovers, massages, tanning beds, singing, dancing and action picture auditions.

Ryan Higa and Sean Fujiyoshi bring a genuine and natural comedic performance to strange and sometimes surreal situations that are packed with hilarity. According to a press release, "This teen comedy has something for everyone and their current fans of YouTube will be especially surprised at how their *Stars* shine on the big screen. Familiar Ryan and Sean characters are incorporated into the story, Helga Fawntanilla, The Stalking Mangina and the "big green ball" even has a few cameo appearances."

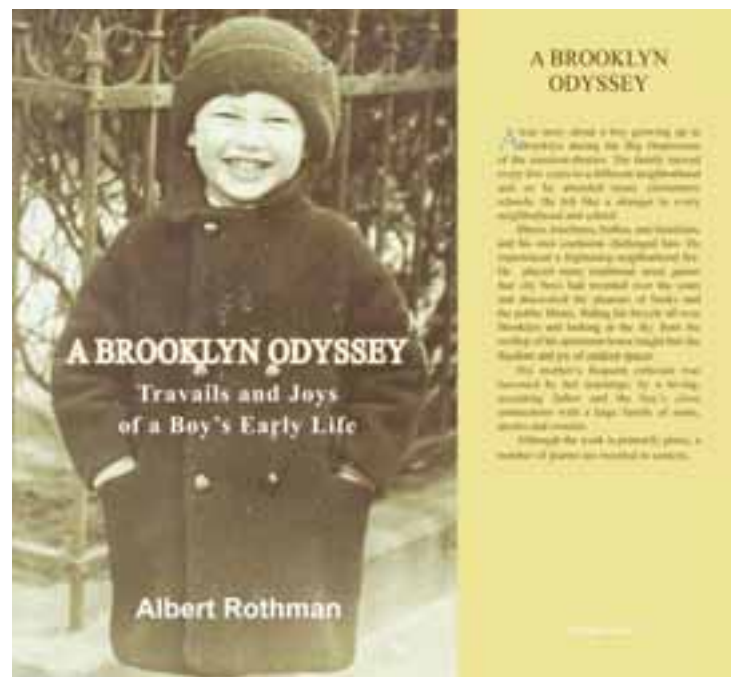
Producer Derek Zemrak, states that Ryan and Sean's physical comedy will remind parents of comedians of the past such as Jerry Lewis, Lucille Ball and the Three Stooges. Zemrak notes,

"Young kids are experiencing a whole new style of comedy that they have not seen before and based on their popularity on YouTube, they are truly enjoying it, which is wonderful to see kids enjoying good ole' fashion clean comedy."

The film is not only for kids, but a little something thrown in for adults, based on numerous Hollywood movies and television spoofs; *No Country for Old Men*, *Dumb or Dumber*, *Napoleon Dynamite*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *American Idol*, *Deal or no Deal*, and many more. Producer Leonard Pirkle stated, "Parents will enjoy the movie based on the clean humor as well as the spoofs of their favorite films of the past."

With videos viewed over 160 million times, 18-year-old Ryan Higa's YouTube channel features Ryan's opinions and romps along with his classmates and friends, as well as interviews with stars like Milo Ventimiglia and online duos with Will Farrell. One recent video was viewed over 1,119,000 times in only 1 week, another 250,000 times in 1 day!

Contact the Vine Cinema at 1722 1st St., Livermore, (925) 447-2545 for tickets and information. More information on the film is available at [www.ryanandseansmovie.com](http://www.ryanandseansmovie.com) or [www.iloveindiefilm.com](http://www.iloveindiefilm.com).



## Local Author Looks Back on Childhood in Brooklyn

"Brooklyn is a place of many lands and a boy may have many childhoods there."

So begins the tale of Albert Rothman, writer, poet, chemical engineer and child of the Great Depression. Albert spent his formative years in several of Brooklyn's neighborhoods, playing the traditional street games that city boys have invented over the years, discovering the pleasure of books and the public library, riding his bicycle all over Brooklyn and learning the freedom and joy of outdoor spaces from the rooftop of his apartment house. Yet, beset by illness, loneliness, bullies, anti-Semitism, and his own confusion, he felt like a stranger in every neighborhood and school.

In *A Brooklyn Odyssey*, Rothman weaves a multi-colored tapestry of life in a time and place unknown to many of us; the life of a small boy in an extended family in a large city, decades ago. Yet the story is familiar to us all in his recounting of the confusing and mysterious world that is childhood. "How we become" he says, determines "what we become."

Albert Rothman was born in 1924, attended Columbia University on a Pulitzer scholarship and earned a Ph.D. in chemistry and chemical engineering from

the University of California at Berkeley in 1954. He has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1948. He is an avid hiker, a source for his nature poetry and prose and for his adventures. He is a long-time classical music lover and collector.

Since retiring from LLNL in 1986 after a varied career in chemical research, he has traveled extensively and written and published many personal essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, and political letters. This is his first book. There are "two others in the works" he says, including a memoir of his ten-week camping journey, where he hiked all the western national parks.

He belongs to several writers' groups including the California Writers Club and the Ina Coolbrith Poetry Circle and has been published in 4th Street Studio's Literary Harvest and the Las Positas College annual anthology.

*A Brooklyn Odyssey: Travails and Joys of a Boy's Early Life* is published by Wingspan Press, [www.wingspanpress.com](http://www.wingspanpress.com). Available November 1st from Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com in hardcover (ISBN 978-1-59594-278-4, \$27.95) and softcover (ISBN 978-1-59594-281-4, \$14.95)

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# SHORT NOTES

## 4-H Spreads Cheer!

Del Arroyo 4-H went to Hacienda Convalescent Home in Livermore to spread some happiness to residents there on Halloween. In their Halloween costumes, the 4-Hers visited and played balloon toss with many in the recreation room. They ended their visit with a costume parade down the halls for those who are room-bound.

## Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff is offering three programs over the next week.

The first, "Fall Colors," will be held Sat., Nov. 8 starting at 2 p.m. Join the ranger staff for a walk through the Nature Area of Sycamore Grove. Sycamore trees are one of few native trees that put on an impressive fall show as they drop their leaves to prepare for winter. Yellows, oranges, browns and greens delight the eyes - bring your camera. Participants will also look for a certain "oak" that experiences a dramatic color change (hint: it's not a tree, and the group will not be touching the beautiful leaves). Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at the Arroyo Road Nature Area entrance to the park.

"Turkey Trimmings" is the topic for Sun., Nov. 9. Meet Ranger Sawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. LARPD rangers will encourage participants to diverge from the normal path of pursuing the edible turkey and instead create a turkey meant to be enjoyed by the eyes. Participants will get their creative (not digestive) juices flowing and make some wonderful holiday decorations for the home with turkey-inspired crafts. This program is good for all ages. Supplies are limited, so sign up early. Reservations are required by calling 925-960-2400. A \$3 per person materials fee is requested.

On Wed., Nov. 12, "Ghosts of the Grass" is the program to be presented at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. California's unique native grasslands have almost completely disappeared from our landscape. However, remnant stands of this rare habitat can be found in local parks and continue to support diversity with interesting creatures from butterflies and wildflowers to burrowing owls and tiger salamanders. During this evening slide show, ranger staff will discuss what makes California grasslands unique, challenges to grasslands conservation, and what can be done to protect this vital piece of natural heritage. Please reserve a space in advance by calling 925-960-2400.

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 regarding programs or directions.

## Santa Arrives

Santa Claus arrives at the Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton on Sat., Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

There will be an opportunity to have Breakfast with Santa on Sun., Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.

He will greet visitors in the Grand Court.

## Writing Workshops

The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, November 15 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Two presenters will address the genre of historical fiction. Historical novelist Janis Cooke Newman will speak on "Putting It All Together: How to Research, Write, and Market Historical Fiction." Ms. Newman's novel *Mary*, about Mary Todd Lincoln, was a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize Finalist and number three on the Bay Area Best Seller List in 2006. She will explore the unique challenge writers of historical fiction face and share her personal journey in bringing to life one of the most misunderstood women in American history, whose captivating story included love and war, sex and seances, assassination, infidelity, madness, and politics. She will discuss the essentials of tackling a book of this scope, including how and where to dig for information and how to imbue your writing and your subject with a vividness that transcends time.

From 2:00 to 2:45, history specialist Jordan Biro of the California Council for the Promotion of History will present an optional, free workshop, "Research Secrets Uncovered." This nuts and bolts presentation will cover how to get started researching and



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Niles Canyon Railway ran a "mudball express" this past Sunday. A "mudball" consists of wildflower seeds mixed with a mud paste. Boy Scouts, and other volunteers, threw the mudballs from the train in an effort to replant wildflowers in Niles Canyon. According to Alan Frank, a member of the Pacific Locomotive Association, the seeds needed to be planted following the first rain. Frank also noted that additional trains have been added to the annual Train of Lights tours. Trains are decorated for the season. For ticket and schedule information go to [www.ncry.org](http://www.ncry.org).

knowing where to look and when it is time to stop seeking and start writing. Other points covered will include: what is effective research and what is not; how to discern between primary and secondary sources; using an archive; how to mine the Internet for research gold; how to avoid potential online pitfalls; and finding the right experts to assist in the search. There will be some surprise resources unveiled and detailed handouts.

The meeting cost is \$21 for members and \$27 for nonmembers, including lunch. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required. To make a reservation for November 15, contact Fred Norman at [Fnorman300@aol.com](mailto:Fnorman300@aol.com) or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday, November 12. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Kathy Urban at 925-296-0447 or [kathykurban@me.com](mailto:kathykurban@me.com) or go to [www.trivalleywriters.com](http://www.trivalleywriters.com).

## Post-Harvest Review

The Quest for Excellence series is presented by the Tri-Valley Conservancy and the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is at 5:30 pm, followed by a *Cabernet Sauvignon: Guided Wine Tasting and Discussion*, led by Jim Denham from The Wine Steward. At 6:30 pm, those attending will be able to participate in an interactive panel discussion of the "Post-Harvest Review" led by regional leaders and suppliers in the wine industry. In conclusion, a break-out session is available for one-on-one discussions with the panelist.

Seating is limited - Please RSVP by November 13th to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463). The session will have a participation fee of \$10.

## Library Storytimes

The Livermore Library will present the following storytimes:

A Mad Hatter Tea Party will be held at the Springtown Branch Library on Saturday, November 8 at 11:00 AM. Bring your friends and wear your craziest hat. Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive near the duck pond.

Storytime is Falling at the Civic Center Library on Monday, November 10 at 7 PM. Autumn is here. This month's bedtime event will focus on the season. Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

My Family/Mi Familia is the topic for the Rincon Branch Library on Saturday, November 15 at 11 AM, which includes a buffet of rich and fun stories for the whole family presented in English and Spanish. The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

All ages are welcome to these free

library programs. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information or pick up a storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries.

## First Place for Band

The Amador Valley High School Marching Band and Colorguard has created its 2008 field show with the theme "Heroes, Gods and Mythical Creatures" inspired by three stories of Greek mythology: Medusa; Poseidon and the Sirens; and Prometheus.

The music is an original composition of John Meehan. The percussion is arranged by Casey Brohard and Nate Bourg.

Drill design is by Jay Murphy, and the Colorguard is choreographed by Jason The 2008 Amador Valley High School Marching Band and Colorguard kicked-off its competitive season on October 18, 2008 at Gilroy High School, Gilroy, earning the First Place Award in the WBA Class 5A Division.

On October 25, 2008, at the Live Oak High School WBA competition held at Diablo Valley College, Amador placed First in Class 5A.

## Got Assets?

The Pleasanton community is invited to find out why they should consider "Stopping at Every Lemonade Stand" at a program presented by Amador Valley Adult and Community Education on Thursday, November

13, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Amador Valley High School library.

"Got Assets? What Parents Can Do!" is a special family event for parents and youth, grades 4 - 12.

The featured speaker is James Vollbracht, a senior trainer for the Search Institute and the author of "Stopping at Every Lemonade Stand." Vollbracht will talk about his book, and, along with students who attended a 40 Assets Youth Summit last summer, will discuss progress in building assets in Pleasanton.

Interested parties may register by calling Amador Valley Adult Education at (925) 426-4280. For more information, visit [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted). This program is free and open to all.

## Crab Fest 2008

Greg Papa, Bay Area sports broadcaster and radio voice of the Oakland Raiders, will be the master of ceremonies for the 9th Annual Biletnikoff Foundation Celebrity Crab Fest & Sports Auction from 6 p.m. to midnight, Friday, November 7 at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, California.

Tickets are \$120 per person and attire is casual. Last year's sold-out event raised \$60,000 for the foundation.

Founded in the memory of Tracey Biletnikoff, the Biletnikoff Foundation enables young people to realize

their full potential through education addressing problems related to substance abuse and gender violence.

For tickets and information contact the Biletnikoff Foundation, 7080 Donlon Way, Suite 126, Dublin, CA 94568, (925) 556-2525. Tickets may be ordered online at [www.biletnikoff.net](http://www.biletnikoff.net).

## Free2Explore Science

On Saturday, November 15, 2008, the public is invited to the second in a very special series of Free2Explore Science programs at the Dublin Library. The program begins at 2 p.m.

David Calkins, President of the Robotics Society of America and a widely respected robot builder, will introduce young and old alike to the subject of robots. While fiction and fantasy abound with an animated cast of automatons ranging from evil to endearing, today's real robots are building cars and vacuuming up the dog hairs while we're at work. For his appearance at Dublin Library, David reports that he will be bringing "a bunch of robots so kids can play."

This program is suitable for adults and children, ages 8 and up.

Calkins stars in and produces the TV show "Mister Robotics," shown weekly in San Francisco and Berkeley,

is founder of the Robogames and teaches at San Francisco State University. Funding is provided through the community gift program of Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, the managing contractor of the Lawrence Livermore National Lab and the Alameda County Library Foundation.

The Dublin Library is located at 200 Civic Plaza. For more information, contact the library at (925) 828-1315 or check out the library's website at [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

## Shot Clinic

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free summer immunization clinic for children on Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Saturday Immunization clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

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