

Art, Community, & Education



## Find Out What's Happening

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Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board listings.

## Guns and Hoses Game Raises Funds for Vets

The best of the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department will take on the best of the Pleasanton Police Department in a Guns & Hoses Basketball game and fund raiser.

This event of the year will take place on Nov 21 at 5 p.m., at Pleasanton's Foothill High School Gymnasium, 4375 Foothill Rd, Pleasanton. The purpose is to raise funds for the "Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home and Thank You" event scheduled at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on March 20, 2010.

In attendance at the Gun's & Hoses game will be many local veterans, service members and their families, and the Warrior Girls.

General admission is \$10.00, \$7.00 for students with ID, children under 5 are free, and military with ID are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For additional information, contact Tami Jenkins at 925-784-5014; VNVwelcomehome@yahoo.

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner Set

The 27th Annual Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 26.

Dinner will be served from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore.

There is no charge. All are invited.

For additional information, a ride or to have a meal delivered, call 455-9782. To make a donation to the dinner, please call 548-4737. To volunteer, call 292-8722.

More information can be

## Kaiser, Hacienda, Pleasanton Winners in Clean Air Challenge

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District today announced the winners of the Summer Spare the Air "Great Race for Clean Air Challenge."

Kaiser Permanente won in the Large Business category with over 100 employees participating in the carpooling challenge. For the mid-size category, the City of Pleasanton won with 40 participants. The winner in the small organizations category was the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association, with 100 percent employee participation. The Hacienda Owners Association received an additional distinction, the greatest carbon dioxide savings per capita.

The competition encouraged Tri-Valley commuters to use alternatives to solo driving such as carpooling, transit and biking and vanpooling in an effort to help improve air quality in the Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon areas.

"Anytime we can encourage people to reduce their use of (See CLEAN AIR, page 10)

# Meeting Unites on One S. Livermore Point

Although opinions were divided about whether more intense commercial uses should be allowed in South Livermore, people at a meeting Nov. 10 agreed that a 10 percent rule sounded good to them, when there is new development.

The 10 percent rule would apportion a development on a parcel so that it covered only 10 percent of the acreage. The remaining 90 percent would be devoted to cultivated agriculture.

Sponsored by the Alameda

County Planning Department, the workshop at the Martinelli Events Center was designed to provide planning staff direction regarding what might be written into the South Livermore Valley Area Plan.

Winery owners have wanted to bring in a destination resort and larger restaurants than the 49-seat places now permitted in wine country.

Winery owners said that the area has been growing, and now has a chance to take the next step

up. They talked about how wedding guests have to use motels and restaurants along Interstate 580, instead of having a place like the Sonoma Valley Inn nestled right in the heart of wine country.

One speaker said that such an inn could be "hidden among the trees" and not be obtrusive.

However, others, mostly residents on the rural roads, said that a drive of three or four miles to the freeway is not a burden for people coming to the weddings

at wineries. It is more important to keep the current, relatively low activity of commercial attractions, and not accelerate.

There was a clear split between the two camps, as planners counted raised hands about potential expansion of uses. There were about a dozen hands raised that signaled "don't change things," and about 20 indicated they wanted the changes.

However, the vote won't translate into any action on the whole issue, said County Direc-

tor of Community Development Chris Bazar, who chaired the meeting.

Although one group didn't want any changes, one person who voted on that side said that if the 10 percent rule were installed and followed, it would go a long way to control the type of development coming in. Later, when Bazar asked whether everyone did favor the 10 percent rule, no one objected.

Also discussed were institu- (See SO. LIVERMORE, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School came back from a 14 to 0 deficit to defeat crosstown rival Amador Valley, 31 to 21, in EBAL football action. It was the fifth straight year that Foothill has prevailed. Foothill quarterback Sean Mannion was 25-for-34 passing for 359 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Ryan Mende rushed for two touchdowns and caught a 6-yard scoring pass from Mannion that put Foothill ahead to stay, 17-14. Both teams head to the NCS playoffs this weekend. Amador will take on College Park in a home game on Nov. 20. Foothill will play James Logan on Nov. 21 in Union City.

## McNerney Bill Would Continue Inheritance Tax Break

By Ron McNicoll

Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, has introduced the Family Farm and Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2009.

The bill, HR 4015, is intended to continue the reduction of death taxes on family farms and ranchers and other small businesses. The inheritance tax for those groups was reduced significantly for a 10-year period, which ends in 2011.

If nothing were done, inheritors would pay a 55 percent inheritance tax on all estate values over \$1 million, starting in 2011. McNerney's bill would raise the

exemption from \$1 million to \$8 million, for all small businesses, including ranches and farms. The tax rate would be 45 percent, instead of 55 percent.

Further, McNerney's bill would place no inheritance tax at all on an estate passed from one generation of landowners down to the next, provided that the land remains in agricultural production.

McNerney estimated that his bill would save families \$233 billion over 10 years.

McNerney provided an illustration of what would happen in (See TAX BREAK, page 4)

## Workshop Takes Input on BART Station Designs

The work of determining what BART stations in Livermore might look like began last week with the first of three scheduled workshops.

Development, parking, and impacts, such as noise, traffic and aesthetics, are all being considered.

There are five potential station sites: Isabel/580, Isabel/Stanley, downtown, Greenville Rd. at 580 and Vasco Rd. near the current ACE station.

Workshop participants first

heard information regarding the stations.

Isabel/Stanley and Vasco Rd. were identified as infill stations. These stations have development potential. Freeway access is limited. Those arriving at the station would be a mix of pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and riders of public transit such as by bus or the ACE train.

Freeway intercept stations, Isabel/580 and Greenville Rd., have relatively low development (See STATIONS, page 4)

## Novelist Discusses Writing, Culture

A Wisconsin novelist whose writing skills were recognized at the start of her career by the owners of an independent Livermore bookstore returned last week, 20 years later, to tell a local audience how important that early recognition was.

In doing so, she entertained the audience with a witty series of rapid fire stories that had a serious theme, the unwillingness of today's culture to give

up easy, delivered entertainment for the difficult but richer reward of serious literature.

The novelist, Jane Hamilton, spoke at the Bankhead Theater as part of the Rae Dorrough lecture series. Hamilton is author of six novels, best known of which are The Book of Ruth and A Map of the World. Her most recent is Laura Rider's Masterpiece.

It was her first, promising

novel, Book of Ruth, published in 1988, that was sent out to bookstores like Livermore's Goodenough Books and recognized as something worth reading by owner Susan Mayall and her store manager before Hamilton's name was known.

Last week, speaking at the Bankhead, Hamilton acknowledged addressing a town with (See NOVELIST, page 10)

## Jobs, LLNL Retiree Health Benefits Among Topics At Garamendi Meeting

By Ron McNicoll

Newly elected Rep. John Garamendi sounded the theme of interlinking research and development with job creation in a town hall meeting in Livermore. He also fielded a variety of questions, and promised to look into Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees' complaints concerning the health care program.

In office since Nov. 5, Garamendi made Livermore the site of his first town hall meeting on Nov. 13. The noontime event filled the 100 or so seats available in the Livermore council chambers, and left at least a dozen people standing along the walls.

With Las Positas College president DeRionne Pollard acting as emcee, Garamendi gave his remarks. He then took audience questions.

The health care question, which has stirred some LLNL retirees and drawn local press coverage, received a quick and vigorous response from Gara-

mendi. Lab retiree Manuel Perry asked Garamendi why health care changes were made, so that LLNL retirees are treated differently from all other retirees from the UC system, which was the LLNL manager for decades.

Garamendi, a former UC regent, immediately invited Perry to meet with others who are concerned, and "pick someone to serve on a committee. We'll take up this issue."

As for job creation, Garamendi sees Livermore and the Valley as an ideal location for jobs in the New Economy.

Garamendi cited the "Big Five" for economic recovery. They are the best education, research, infrastructure, manufacturing from research, and an international presence. "All five are found here in the Valley," he said.

Research is a strength in the Valley because of the science labs, with some of the scientists' ideas spinning off into products. (See MEETING, page 12)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Congressman John Garamendi talks to crowd during town hall session.

## New Suit Could Lead to Water Cutbacks

By Ron McNicoll

Lawsuits over protections for two species of Delta fish have been filed. One of them could have a further impact on water management in the Delta, which in turn could bring a cutback in how much water Zone 7 Water Agency would be allotted per year.

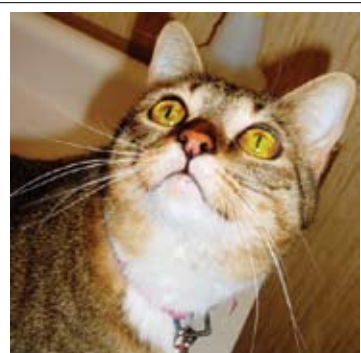
The suits were filed by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) Nov. 13 in two courts. Both are aimed at the federal Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). One, which was filed in San Francisco, seeks protected listing for the longfin smelt.

If the longfin smelt wins protection, state and federal officials would be obligated to ensure protection of its Delta habitat.

Jeff Miller, conservation advocate for the CBD, explained that it is critical to retain proper levels of fresh water that flow (See WATER, page 3)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Bonita had a rough month. Due to a rare gum disease, she had to have all of her teeth removed! But now that she is recovered (and finally free from pain) she is sweet, gentle, and playful. She has the cutest little meow that sounds more like a chirp. To meet Bonita, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. To support Bonita and other homeless pets, buy your tickets for the VHS Holiday Home Tour, held on December 6 in downtown Pleasanton. Purchase your tickets on line at www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more info.



Photo Doug Jorgensen

Santa's elves entertained crowds of youngsters and their parents awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus at Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton.

## Pleasanton Hires Firm to Find New Superintendent

By Ron McNicoll

A national search firm has been hired to help the Pleasanton school board select the district's next superintendent.

The board chose Hazard, Young, and Attea (HYA) at a special meeting on Nov. 13. The firm will be looking for candidates to replace superintendent John Casey, who will be retiring at the end of June.

Trustees heard from HYA and two other firms. Each gave one-half hour presentations to the board at its regular meeting Nov. 10.

Trustees spent a total of three hours at the meeting Nov. 10 hearing from the firms and a few members of the public, and asking questions of the firms' representatives.

One of the other firms was Rudy Gatti Associates, headed by Gatti and his wife, Janet. Gatti served as superintendent of the Pleasanton district in the 1970s for four years. However, he spent most of his superintendency career in Santa Clara.

The other competing firm was Leadership Associates, which was used eight years ago by the district. That search resulted in Casey's hiring. Casey also obtained his previous job at the Pajaro district near Soquel as the result of a Leadership Associates search.

Trustees said that all three firms made good presentations. However, the nod went to HYA because it promised the most open and accessible search possible.

Leadership Associates' representatives made it clear that they would not use an open search, in which candidates could be interviewed in private by a board-appointed group from the community at large.

Leadership Associates said that in a public search, the identity of a candidate could get out. That

would scare off some candidates, who don't want their current school boards to know they are looking to leave.

HYA was willing to work with the community and be accessible to all board members, not just a liaison link. Trustees Jamie Hintzke and Valerie Arkin conducted their own research into the three firms, and reported to the board that they thought HYA would be the best. That was the feedback they had received from trustees in districts that they had contacted.

### ON-LINE CHARTER SCHOOL REJECTED

On another item, the board rejected a request by Global Tides, Inc., which sought Pleasanton as a sponsor for its proposed on-line charter school.

The board conducted its due diligence, and hired a consultant knowledgeable about charter schools. The consultant found that the school would fall short of various criteria set out by the state for charter schools.

Pleasanton was one of 92 districts in a mass mailing from Global Tides to find one sponsor. Other districts in the Bay Area also have rejected the Global Tides request.

Board president Chris Grant said that the district spent 100 hours on Global Tides' request. If that were multiplied by the other 91 districts, and translated into dollars for staff time and hiring consultants, there would easily be enough money to hire five teachers at any given school, he said.

## Collecting Cards for Troops

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) is sponsoring his third annual "Holiday Cards for Our Troops" program. He encourages members of the community to join him in honoring the service of our men and women in uniform. Last year, Congressman McNerney collected and delivered over 9,000 cards with touching and personal messages of thanks.

Congressman McNerney will hand-deliver the cards to soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and sailors and marines at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

In addition, cards collected by Congressman McNerney will be included in troop-support packages organized by the Danville Blue Star Moms, Packed With Pride in Stockton and the Pleasanton Military Families and sent to Iraq and Afghanistan.

To participate in the program make or purchase a holiday card, write a message of thanks inside to a service member, and deliver

the card to Rep. McNerney's office in Stockton or Pleasanton by Wednesday, December 2nd. Cards should remain unaddressed and envelopes unsealed.

Addresses are: Stockton, 2222 Grand Canal Blvd., Suite 7, Stockton, CA, 95207; (209) 476-8552; Pleasanton, 5776

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Official Earlier Than The Bird gift will be given to those wearing pajamas!!!

For more information, contact Livermore Downtown Inc. (925) 373-1795 or visit [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

\*Must be in pajamas to receive giveaway. Sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas. Children in pajamas will be given crayons, and men will receive a mug.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Hacienda Task Force

The Pleasanton City Council is accepting applications for five at-large members of the Hacienda PUD Modification Task Force. Applicants should be residents of the City of Pleasanton with an interest in planning for transit oriented development near the BART station. Each City Councilmember will be selecting one city-wide representative from the applications received.

Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street, or by going to the city's website [ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://ci.pleasanton.ca.us). For additional information, contact Janice Stern at (925) 931-5606 or [jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2009.

## Axis Receives Grant

Axis Community Health has received a \$40,000 grant from the San Francisco Foundation.

The funds will enable Axis to provide an additional 250 medical visits for low income Tri-Valley residents who otherwise would not be able to receive care.

"As the Tri-Valley's only provider of medical care for low income and uninsured residents, we are experiencing a sharp increase in the number of people who are coming to us for care," says CEO Sue Compton. "We are now averaging 350 new patients a month and our financial backing is not keeping pace with this enormous demand for services. The support of organizations like the San Francisco Foundation, as well as our community, allows us to fill this gap."

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 14,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. The agency operates three facilities in Pleasanton and one in Livermore and is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information is available at [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

## Fastest Computers

The National Nuclear Security Administration's national laboratories and Advanced Simulation and Computing program have earned three of the top 10 spots, and four of the top fifteen, on the latest TOP500 supercomputer list.

The three computers in the top 10 were Roadrunner (#2, Los Alamos National Laboratory); BlueGene/L (#7, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory); and Red Sky (#10, Sandia National Laboratories/National Renewable Energy Laboratory). In addition, the Dawn platform at Livermore was ranked as the 11th fastest in the world.

A total of eight supercomputers housed at NNSA national labs made the TOP500 list.

NNSA uses its supercomputing capabilities through its Defense Programs Office of Advanced

Simulating and Computing (ASC) to ensure the United States nuclear weapons stockpile continues to be safe, secure and reliable without nuclear testing.

As part of NNSA's stockpile stewardship program, ASC computers use models and simulations to understand and predict behaviors associated with aging weapons by, among other things, evaluating various stages of a nuclear explosion. NNSA's national laboratories employ the supercomputers daily to answer some of the nation's most complex scientific and engineering questions.

In addition to their primary nuclear security function, NNSA supercomputers are used for a number of diverse scientific initiatives.

Roadrunner has been used to run science and engineering simulations, including those aiding HIV vaccine design. BlueGene has been used to predict the properties of metals under extreme temperature and pressure conditions.

This was the first time Red Sky made the top ten list. Red Sky is intended to be a capacity machine used to support a large number of small and medium-sized jobs but to be much more scalable, (allowing larger, more complex jobs to be run) than typical commercially provided capacity systems.

The TOP500 list is compiled by Hans Meuer of the University of Mannheim in Germany; Erich Strohmaier and Horst Simon of NERSC/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and Jack Dongarra of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

## Talks Aim at Compensation

Negotiations with contractors to compensate for repairs on two Las Positas College buildings are moving ahead.

Mistakes were made on the installation of the roofs on the gym and the multidisciplinary classroom building, said Chabot-Las Positas Community College District official Jeffrey Kingston.

The buildings were constructed in 2005-06, but only after wet winters were the leaks detected.

The leaks have been fixed. However, the college district is entitled to reimbursement, because of the warranty on the construction, said Kingston.

Kingston did not have an exact amount, because it will be determined during the negotiations, which he said may be finished sometime this month.

In the gym, there were leaks in the roof, and around the windows.

In the classroom building, insulation next to the stucco was overlapped in the direction opposite of what it should have been. As a result, water was carried into the building, instead of out of it.

The district had a forensic architect come in and review the gym's waterproofing problem, to help determine liability. As to quality control at the time of construction, the state architect provided an inspector, said Kingston. Otherwise, supervision was up to the general contractor.

# WATER

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from tributary rivers in the Delta during sensitive times in the life cycle of both species of smelt. That protects the fish from salt water intrusion from San Francisco Bay.

Protections are already in place for the Delta smelt and other species, because of a federal court order last year. If the longfin smelt were added to the list, more water cutbacks might be in order, because the species has a different mating season than the Delta smelt.

Miller said that day-to-day pumping likely would not be affected by such a court victory. However, he wasn't aware whether it would mean less water overall for Zone 7.

Zone 7 assistant general manager Kurt Arends said that experience with the Delta smelt shows that similar restrictions for the longfin smelt would further reduce how much water annually that the state would assign to Zone 7.

Zone 7 and all other water agencies using the Delta took a 10 percent cut in water allocation because of the results of an environmental suit decision last year over the Delta smelt and other species.

Although the annual water draw would be lowered by an unknown amount, the day-to-day operations of pumping water would have enough flexibility so that Zone 7 could work out a satisfactory schedule of times to bring in the water that it would have in the allotment, said Arends.

The other suit, over the Delta smelt, was filed in Fresno. The Delta smelt already is a protected species. However, CBD wants to make it more difficult for FWS to reduce protections for the species.

Miller said that the suits won't have any impact on the federal court decision last year.

The overall state and federal planning for Delta health shows a picture of higher cost for Zone 7 and all other water agencies to improve the Delta environment in the long run.

**ELEGANCE.**  
**YES.**  
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# EDITORIAL

## High Honor for Vasco Road Safety Project

A National Roadway Safety Award has been presented to the Alameda County Public Works Department for making Vasco Road safer.

The Contra Costa County Public Works Department and California Highway Patrol also participated in the project.

They implemented a number of innovative safety measures, including center-line rumble strips, center-line delineators, signs, a daytime headlight program and coordinated speed enforcement.

This is a big award. It goes every two years to agencies and organizations in the transportation community that have implemented verifiable improvements in highway safety — “the best of the best,” in the words of a press release on the award. The presentation took place in Washington, D.C. on November 5.

Vasco Road, a heavily traveled arterial traversing Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, used to be known for its horrendous high-speed crashes.

The Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project has changed the bloody reputation of the road. The project is a worthy recipient of this prestigious national award.

## TAX BREAK

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2011 if the federal tax code law were not changed by then. If a farm were valued at \$3.4 million, there would be an inheritance tax obligation of \$1.3 million, which he called “a devastating financial burden.”

McNerney said that his bill would keep more families in farming and ranching. It would help the environment, because it would forestall urban sprawl into edge agriculture.

On a conference call to reporters in the 11th Congressional District on Nov. 4, McNerney had South Livermore grower Charles Crohare on the line.

Crohare knows about urban edge agriculture, because his family’s land, which was acquired in the 1930s, is near Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore. Family members want to continue to own the land and produce olives.

Crohare said that the problem of keeping the land in the family centers on the inheritance tax. “It’s a matter of paper-rich and cash-poor. On paper it looks like they (farm lands) have a value. However, the value can’t be utilized to take care of your family,” said Crohare.

“When the time comes (to transfer the property), you either have to sell (a parcel), or borrow. It’s a huge burden on the next generation. You don’t have the cash flows to offset the dollar debt, especially with the tax rate coming about in 2011,” said Crohare.

## GETTING DEMOCRATS ON BOARD

Billionaires such as Bill Gates and Warren Buffet have lobbied to end inheritance tax breaks, although it would take more money out of their heirs’ pockets. They say it’s only fair for the wealthy to pay more taxes, because of their superior means and the public need for government programs.

Such wealthy people generally have much liquid wealth, such as stocks and bonds and developed property. As Crohare said, farmers and ranchers are paper-rich, because the assessor says their land is worth much more if they can put homes on it. However, that doesn’t help people who want to stay in farming.

Since many Democrats philosophically have favored high inheritance taxes, McNerney was asked about the prospects of getting Democratic votes for his bill.

“Originally the estate tax was intended for the wealthiest people. Accountants found loopholes, and the wealthy don’t pay the tax. It filtered down to the middle class. It will be a tough sell to get them on board. There are Democrats, especially in farm states, who are interested in this,” said McNerney.

Co-sponsors of McNerney’s bill are Republican Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Mark Souder of Indiana, and Democratic Rep. Zachary Space of Ohio.

## Valley Agencies Size Up Water Future

The elected officials’ committee of the Valley Water Retailers (VWR) group has reiterated its strong interest in Zone 7 Water Agency’s future water supply at its annual meeting.

The meeting on Oct. 28 at the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) offices brought together two elected representatives each from DSRSD, Livermore, and Pleasanton. There were also two administrators from California Water Service, which is a private retailer serving 80 percent of Livermore.

The VWR committee meets only once each year, except for rare special meetings. Most of the communication between the retailers and Zone 7 occurs at staff levels, and at Zone 7 board meetings, which retailers’ staffs attend.

There were no surprises in the annual report. The topics had already been brought up at past Zone 7 meetings and reported to the public.

However, having the issues

and projects all in a 37-page report prepared by Cal Water Service staff, which serves this year as VWR staff, brought the elected people a well-rounded, comprehensive picture of Zone 7’s operations and VWR’s own interests.

The relationship between the retailers and Zone 7 has been amicable. The language of the report’s recommendations was peppered with references to working with Zone 7 and supporting its efforts in various categories.

Nevertheless, the report underscores the persistence of retailers on some topics. They want Zone 7 to continue to explore water quality improvements. They want to work with Zone 7 on ways to keep rate increases as low as possible.

The retailers also want to make sure that Zone 7 will be able to meet its commitments for providing enough water to build-out in the Valley, which will occur by 2030. There is enough water until the period be-

tween 2015 and 2020. However, an exact date can’t be pinned down. Zone 7 has said it will take the proper steps, but it will cost money, because water rights in California continue to become more expensive.

The other difficulty with water supply has been court-ordered restrictions on the Delta, which is the conduit that feeds state water project water to Zone 7. Before a federal court decision last year, Zone 7 already was receiving only 75 percent of the water it once was promised by the state. That number has dipped to 65 percent, because of the ruling. And that’s in a good year. In a drought, less water can be expected.

To help the future water supply, the report calls for exploration of using more recycled water for non-potable uses. Zone 7 is open to that, although it does not have its own waste-water treatment plant. Livermore and DSRSD have their treated waste water in use for irrigation projects

in their areas, and plan to expand them, as the report noted.

To underscore that the future involves recycled water, VWR staff asked Gary Darling, general manager of the Delta Diablo Sanitation District, to give a presentation about the Bay Area approach. Darling showed the progress being made in the Bay Area and the federal money authorized for the projects.

The committee also looked at meeting quarterly, instead of annually. Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman liked the idea. However, only she and DSRSD board member Jeff Hansen voted for it, so it failed on a 4-2 vote.

The committee preferred the annual meeting, with the ability to call special meetings. Those who voted against the motion cited the extra burden on staff that more meetings would create. Staff duties rotate each year, depending on which of the four members has the committee chairmanship.

## Report Calls for More Cooperation Between The U.S. and China on Carbon Capture

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s Julio Friedmann, in collaboration with the Center for American Progress, the Asia Society Center and with partner Monitor Group, released the report, “A Roadmap for U.S.-China Collaboration on Carbon Capture and Sequestration.”

The report provides a framework for long-term bilateral cooperation in the development and use of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies, and sets out the benefits of the job creation opportunities and consumer savings. In addition, CCS offers a potential pathway for helping to achieve the scientifically required reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions that energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energies are unlikely to meet on their own.

CCS is a process that separates and captures carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from industrial and power plant flue streams, then compresses the gas and stores it underground, most likely in geological formations. The process essentially captures the greenhouse gas emissions before they enter the atmosphere and stores them underground. The report identifies three areas of cooperation on CCS.

- Cooperation on sequestration pure CO<sub>2</sub> streams from existing Chinese industrial plants. Approximately 100 industrial facilities throughout China are producing pure streams of CO<sub>2</sub> that are vented into the atmosphere unabated. The vast ca-

capacity of geological storage across China points to geological sequestration projects as an ideal focal point for near-term collaboration. This phase would consist of five jointly funded geological sequestration projects in China that can easily capture this source of carbon. Each project would cost \$50 million to \$100 million, with a U.S. share of \$20 million to \$40 million. These five sites could sequester 10 to 15 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, equivalent to taking 1.7 to 2.5 million cars off the road.

- Research and development investment in the retrofitting of existing power plants. Much attention has been placed in both countries on producing a new generation of integrated coal-fired electricity plants, which combine power production, capture of CO<sub>2</sub> and sequestration. However, even with successes in this new technology, both countries will maintain huge fleets of existing plants in the short to medium term, which must be retrofitted for capture and sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> as well. Under the auspices of an already planned U.S.-China joint clean energy research center, the report proposes a strategy for research, development and deployment of a series of pilot facilities for CCS retrofits for existing coal power plants.

- Stimulation of markets for CCS. In order to mobilize private capital for the plants envisioned in step two, public funds must be

stimulated to encourage public-private partnerships. This stage of the roadmap focuses on the development of financial incentives for companies to invest in cooperation initially through government-backed public finance structures that serve as a bridge to market mechanisms such as a carbon-offset regime that includes proven CCS facilities and the creation of a global market for carbon abatement.

“A rapid deployment program for CCS is needed if we are to address our continued dependence on coal while tackling climate change,” said Friedmann, leader of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s Carbon Management Program and technical adviser to the roadmap. “This roadmap lays out a proposal that accelerates both the demonstration and commercialization of sequestration safely and economically. Because of how the Chinese use coal in industry, there are real opportunities for large-scale projects there at very low cost.”

The report argues that cooperation in these three areas with China could accelerate CCS deployment in the United States by five to 10 years.

Collaboration also will quickly help lower the cost of CSS deployment in the United States and such savings will be passed on to the American electricity consumer. The report estimates that a five-year acceleration of CCS deployment in the United States would lead to \$5 billion in

savings while a 10-year acceleration would lead to \$18 billion in savings.

According to the report, a proven CCS sector would create 127,000 jobs in the United States by 2022 under a business-as-usual scenario. A five-year acceleration of CCS deployment as a result of U.S.-China collaboration increases that figure to 430,000. A 10-year acceleration in deployment could create as many as 940,000 new U.S. jobs by 2022.

“The United States stands to gain through collaboration with China than through the independent pursuit of developing CCS technologies,” said John Podesta, president and CEO of the Center for American Progress. “The impacts on U.S. job creation and consumer savings would be immense and more than compensate for American investment in this roadmap.”

President Barack Obama and President Hu Jintao on Tuesday pledged to promote cooperation on cleaner uses of coal, including large-scale carbon capture and storage (CCS) demonstration projects. Through the new U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center, the two countries are launching a program of technical cooperation to bring teams of U.S. and Chinese scientists and engineers together in developing clean coal and CCS technologies. The two governments are also actively engaging industry, academia, and civil society in advancing clean coal and CCS solutions.

## STATIONS

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potential. Most people would drive to the stations.

The downtown station provides potential for infill development. Access from the freeway is limited. Many riders would arrive by walking, riding a bike or other forms of public transportation.

Bonnie Nelson of Nelson/Nygaard, a consultant, stated, “Stations with lots of parking are not an effective way to build ridership. Once the parking spaces are filled, you’re done unless you find other ways to get people to the station.” In addition, she said building parking lots is very expensive. One hundred spaces an acre generates 400 rides a day. The cost to build each space is \$20,000 to \$29,000. Housing close to transit is likely to provide more than one rider per day. They would arrive at different times throughout the day. “Transit oriented development (TOD) is the best, most efficient way to build ridership,” declared Nelson.

She provided some examples. About 85 percent of those arriving at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station drive. At the Rockridge station, which includes TOD, only about 50 percent drive; 37 percent of the passengers walk to the station.

Abby Thorne-Lyman, Strategic Economics, discussed the economics. She noted that those who are able to take transit cut transportation costs in half. A family who is auto dependent, spends 25 percent of household income on transportation. That drops to 9 percent when transit is the main source of travel.

Throne-Lyman said that TOD

provides an opportunity to build housing types that may not otherwise be built. Density uses infrastructure more effectively. “Knowledge based” workers, such as scientists and engineers, have a tendency to take transit, according to one study, said Thorne-Lyman. “That would be a boost for Livermore’s economy.”

It is not always about new development. She said a downtown Livermore station would reinforce and strengthening the downtown and existing neighborhoods, without necessarily adding new development.

Greg Tung, of Freedman, Tung & Sasaki, talked about constraints and positives at the various sites.

The Isabel/580 site has limited development potential because of the hillside protection ordinance, urban growth boundary and the airport protection zone. Development at Greenville is also limited by the urban growth boundary, nor are there many areas available where uses could change. In addition, there is little opportunity for interaction with nearby uses.

Isabel/Stanley is near existing neighborhoods. It is also near quarries. Development potential would be impacted by the UGB and airport protection zone. Neither of the first three sites is very walkable.

There is more opportunity for development at Vasco Road. Nearby industrial land uses could be converted to mixed use. It is close to major employers, such as the national laboratories. Switch-

ing land use, could provide walkability.

The downtown site is already built-out. The area is very walkable for potential riders because of the small blocks and many streets.

Participants were divided among tables for the discussion period. Each table was asked to select the highest and lowest priorities for each of the three station types and to list any benefits and concerns about bringing BART to Livermore. There was limited time given to reporting the results.

One theme that appeared to emerge following discussions by participants was that any downtown station should be underground. In addition, a downtown station should be paired with a station nearer the freeway, so that people wanting to travel on

BART did not have to drive into the downtown. Any freeway station should have lots of parking. It was noted that issues concerning the Isabel/Stanley and Vasco Rd. were totally different. Vasco Road had more potential for development and was close to employment.

The greatest benefit to bringing BART would be to connect Livermore to the rest of the Bay Area more easily. It could increase the vitality of the city. Concerns included noise, crime and the potential for overdevelopment/sprawl. There was concern about the blight of aerial structures.

The second workshop is Dec. 10. The final one is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2010. They all take place from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore.

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tional uses that might be permitted in South Livermore. Most thought a child care center would not be needed. However, one person pointed out that children of workers at wineries might be able to use such a facility.

More controversial was the topic of churches. One Livermore church was rebuffed in its earlier proposal to the county to relocate to Tesla Road, near the Wine Group, which is the owner of Concannon Vineyard. That congregation is still looking at alternatives.

Bazar cited a federal law that

makes it more difficult to reject church development applications. However, the county did win in a suit filed against it by a church that wanted to build a school in Palomares Canyon with more students than zoning law would allow. The county’s rejection stood, because the county treated the church like any other applicant that could not meet zoning ordinance standards.

The planning department will schedule another meeting to continue the dialogue about potential changes in South Livermore.



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Collin and Jeff Cranor are shown in the barrel room at Livermore’s newest winery, Nottingham Cellars. A party is planned for this weekend to celebrate the opening of the winery. For the story, see page 2 in Section II.

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# SPORTS NOTES



The Pleasanton Ballistic United U12 Premier team finished league play undefeated, as they prevailed 2 to 1 over the Union City Diablos Friday night in Union City, and clean-sheeted the Walnut Creek Menace 4 to 0 on Saturday morning in Pleasanton. Jackson Still and Nathan Esparza both scored against the Diablos, and Keeper Omeed Ziari had three outstanding saves. Jeffrey Klei and Sam Molz were all over the field defensively for BUSC, and Max Gershman had a crucial clearance out of the area. On Saturday against the Menace, Tylor Silva scored twice, and Carsen Paynter joined the scoring with a goal of his own. Cameron Ritchie would add the final goal of the game with a left-footed beauty.



The Pleasanton Ballistic U14 Select Team participated in the District Cup Tournament held at the Pleasanton Sports Park over the weekend. This team, which is coached by Pablo Espinosa, won both preliminary games on Saturday to move onto the Championship game held Sunday. In the Championship game, the team played a tough opponent, Livermore Thunder, but came out on top with a win of 1-0. The Ballistic U14 Team, made up of Mick Cuffe, Nick Goldstein, Zac Lander, Michael Lamos, Steven Morgan, Spencer Petty, Willie Stafford, Kevin Vigallon, Albert Wiseman, Connor Veit, Kenny Rockwood, Conner Neads, Collin Laporte, A.K.Kang, Chris Ford, and Elijah Caluya have now won two tournaments, won their Al Cafodio League and now District Cup. Their next challenge will be in January to defend their Association Cup Champion title.



Rage U-14 Orange won the District Cup in on penalty kicks. In the tournament, they defeated the Mustang Rage 1-0; Dublin 2 to 0; and tied Castro Valley 1-1. The final game against the Mustang Eagles went into two overtimes and finally penalty kicks with Pleasanton taking the title. Details in Sports Notes.



The Pleasanton Rage U19 division 3 team captured 1st in the league for the third consecutive season. Rage went undefeated in the league with a record of 9 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie. Their season wrapped up with 6 shutout victories, scoring 31 goals while only allowing 6 goals against. In addition to 1st in league the Rage U19 team took 1st in the Benicia Fall Classic in September where they served up three more shutout victories. Top Offensive Players: Casey Curtis Hailey Johnson Ellie Kim Chelsea Loewenstein Celia Ochoa Nicole Skubic Phoebe Santos Alyse Terschuren Madelaine Weber; Top Defensive Players: Emma Caswell Nicole Estorga Nicole "Niki" Gotelli Caylee Heller Sara Quero Kendall Ready Mariette Soupe Susie Styles Alex Villanueva



In its inaugural season, the Phantom 14U-A team won back-to-back 15U tournaments. Pleasanton Girls Softball League's (PGSL) A-ball traveling team has garnered early success. PGSL & Phantom partnered with TPC Softball of Pleasanton for training and have played three tournaments in the Fall, winning the last two. The Phantom 14's opened the Fall tournament season by playing in the USSSA 16U tourney in Manteca in October. Though the team went winless, they were competitive in every game and lost 1-0 on Sunday to the eventual tournament winner. Phantom entered the Halloween USSSA Elite 2 15U-A tournament in Fremont and proceeded to go undefeated to win the championship. The championship game was a nail biter as Phantom took the win, 2-1, in the international tie breaker from a very fine Nova team. This past weekend The Phantom charges swept through the 15U-A USSSA State Qualifier held in Hayward for the championship. Phantom won five straight and outscored their opponents amazingly 37-1. The championship game ended after five innings as Phantom beat a good Fremont Flyers team 9-1. The team is comprised of the following fine players: Jenni Beadle, Andie Becker, Lindsey Chalmers, Katie Eppard, Jana Johnson, Malory Masajlo, Kendall Moore, Brooke Quesinberry, Sami Spain, Roni Stone, Corinne Valdivia, Aubry Wolf and Nicole Yozzo. Kim Eppard and Rick Wolf coach the squad with the help of many parents.

Sadler - Martians; Top Defensive Players: Peyton Raun, Sophia Barletta, Anika Kapa - Martians

Under-6: The early morning battle between the Dashes and the Doves on the last game of the season proved to be an even match. Both teams played excellent demonstrating all of the skills learned through

out the season. Top Offensive Players: Julia Aldez, Megan Rovira, Emma Baer - Dashers; Maggie N., Isabella G., Paige M. - Daffodils; Top Defensive Players: Lauren Jang, Shay McIntyre, Dalynn Miller - Dashers; Mariah A., Julia S., Sophia M. - Daffodils;

## Pleasanton Rage

**Pleasanton Rage U-14 Orange** won the District Cup in PK Kicks. Rage began the tournament against Mustang Stampede. Rage scored when midfielder Kayla Bautista won the ball in the Rage goal area, dribbled it up the left side, and sent a through pass to forward Vanessa Villanueva. Vanessa powered up the left side and sent a perfect cross to forward Courtney Seams at the near post for a score. Mustang's best threat was a corner kick that fullback Katie Oross cleared out. (Rage 1, Mustang 0).

Game 2 against Dublin, Rage midfielder Rebecca Dumanski won control of the ball on the right sideline and crossed it to Courtney who received it then passed to the far post where Claire Williams found net. Laura Morgan maintained the lead when the speedy fullback ran down and stopped a Dublin break-away. Vanessa then scored on a header shot from a Kayla assist. Forwards Paige Peterson, Courtney, and Vanessa kept pressure on Dublin with 32 possessions in the Dublin side of the field. (Rage 2, Dublin 0)

Game 3 against Castro Valley, Vanessa scored on a Kayla corner kick. This was Vanessa's team leading 9th goal and Kayla's 16th assist. The Rage defense gave up the 1st goal of the tournament when Castro Valley sent a long shot into the upper corner. Erica Goldhawk and Patti Norcross assisted in stopping additional CV threats. (Rage 1, CV 1)

Rage played the Mustang Eagles for the Championship. In the 5th minute, Kayla sent a corner kick past the near post where midfielder Lindsay Curlett fired it into the back of the goal. Ariel Gershman, Kayla, and Rebecca controlled the ball 31 times in the midfield while fullbacks Olivia Deuschman and Katie Oross anchored the defense turning 17 balls to the outside and passing most up the sides. Ariel cleared out a dangerous Eagles corner kick. Goalie Nikki Costello also had a nice stop. The Rage defense held until the last 2 minutes when a long Eagles' shot found the upper corner to tie the game. Rage and Eagles went scoreless in 2 OTs

and the game went to PKs. Vanessa, Lindsay, Paige, Kayla all had successful PKs and after 5 shooters the teams were tied 4-4. In PK sudden death, Rage's Claire Hicke's shot found net. Nikki then stopped the 6th Mustang shooter to seal the win. (Rage wins on PKs 5-4 after 1-1 tie in regulation) RAGE scored 5 goals in the tournament with top offense players Vanessa Villanueva with 2 goals + 1 assist, and Courtney Seams with 1 Goal + 1 Assist, and Kayla Bautista with 4 goal assists. Rage gave up only 2 goals in the tournament with top defensive players Olivia Deuschman, Katie Oross, and Laura Morgan. U-14 Orange in 4 tournaments has won 2 1st Place, one 2nd Place and one 4th place finish. Top Offensive Players: Vanessa Villanueva, Courtney Seams, Kayla Bautista; Top Defensive Players: Olivia Deuschman, Katie Oross, and Laura Morgan.

**Rage U12 Grey** dominated the game against Fire and Ice Saturday, Nov. 14th, winning 1 to 0. Grey Megan Shackley and Avery Jones pressured the Fire and Ice goalie throughout the game, but it was Taylor Campbell getting fouled in the box and Avery Jones taking the penalty kick that finally hit the net and scored the lone goal. Jenna Crawford moved the ball skillfully through the midfield connecting her passes and speeding by the opposing players. Darcy Kron was also a midfield standout, and Miranda Spring played a solid defense. Top Offensive Players: Avery Jones, Taylor Campbell, Jenna Crawford; Top Defensive Players: Megan Shackley, Darcy Kron, Miranda Spring

In an evenly matched and well fought game, Livermore 97 Force snuck a slow-roller into the net to win the battle, 1 to 0. Rage U12 Grey Kailyn Coleman, Dalia Shafi, and Taylor Clopton led the attack, scoring twice and both times having the goals called back due to penalties. Emma Theroux and Bailey Sanchez controlled the midfield. Goalie Sabrina D'Ambrosio made many great saves, and Lilianna Tierney was fierce in defense. Top Offensive Players: Kailyn Coleman, Dalia Shafi, Taylor Clopton; Top Defensive Players: Emma Theroux, Bailey Sanchez,

Lilianna Tierney, Sabrina D'Ambrosio.

### Pleasanton Rage Division 4:

**Under-14:** Zoomboomafoo 2, Vortex 0; Maddie Gallagher as goalie saved the game when a slow ball glided towards goal twice. Maddie Jackson blocked them. Karah Paul kicked in with a big kick to Priyanka Davar which could not get opportune positioning. Brittney Robison crossed over as the opposition rushed towards goal to prevent the score. Alexa Hansen had a shot captured by their goalie. Gallagher saved another try as goalie. Shayna Doyle came in as a strong defender and helped prevent scoring before the half ends with no score. Opposition scored first goal. Teamwork started to really show when Isabelle and Sophie Hudson battled for the ball together. A passing play provided momentum when Gallagher moved the ball forward to Sophie who crossed to Juliet Logan to no avail as the defense stopped the try... Maddie Jackson stopped another shot on goal. Zoe Zimpher gained possession at midfield and sent the ball forward MoMo Iversen but Vortex gets run over and runs out of time. Top Offensive

Players: Isabelle Adams, Zoe Zimpher, Juliet Logan -Vortex; Top Defensive Players: Maddie Gallagher, Brittney Robison, Maddie Jackson -Vortex;

**Under-12:** Strikers 1, Panthers 1: The score was 0-0 at the half, but first the Panther's Cara Ingram scored, followed by the Striker's Shivi Bhatnagar ending the game in a tie 1-1. Top Offensive Players: Cara Ingram, Sara Sanchez, Lauren Chew - Panthers; Top Defensive Players: Shivi Bhatnagar, Jody Drummond, Avery Mahdavi - Strikers;

**Under-9:** An overnight drizzle and cloud cover lead to brisk start for a rousing final game of the season. It was a hard fought match between two highly skilled and passionate teams. The players demonstrated all of the skills and techniques that their coaches had taught them over the season. Top Offensive Players: Vinix A., Alicia V., Elsie C. - Polar Bears; Top Defensive Players: Woody W., Antonia S., Morgan G. - Polar Bears;

**Under-8:** Five different players scored on the Martians to finish up their season. Martians only lost one game during the season and had a great year. Top Offensive Players: Lily Manos, Audrey Alavi, Savana

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Pleasanton Ballistic

**Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U13 Div III Select** team won the consolation bracket in last weekend's CYSA District III & IV District Cup 2009 Tournament with a record of 2-1-1. The boys won their first round bracket, tying Dublin Stealth 0-0 and defeating Mustang Vipers 4-0 to move into the semi-final round against Union City Chivas. The semi-final match was a hard fought contest by both teams with BUSC scoring early at the 4th minute of the first half. Chivas quickly tied the match at the 13th minute on a PK and remained tied 1-1 at the end of the half. The match was evenly balanced in shots on goal with BUSC at 14 and Chivas with 13. The winning goal was scored by Chivas early in the second half. Even though BUSC continued to play hard and put together several good runs against their opponent's defense, Chivas held strong until the final whistle, winning the match 2-1.

BUSC moved on to face Newark Arsenal in the Consolation Match. The boys were up for the challenge and defeated Arsenal 2-1 with a dominant overall performance. The Select team out-shot Newark 19 to 7, holding them to only 2 shots in the first half. Newark jumped out to an early lead, scoring a goal at the 3rd minute of the first half. But, BUSC tightened their defense, maintained their game plan and didn't allow another goal the remainder of the match. BUSC scored 2 minutes later, reversing momentum back to their favor. The Pleasanton boys then scored their second goal at the 17th minute of the first half, leading the match 2-1 at the end of the half. The second half was a defensive battle on both sides of the pitch, resulting in no additional goals by either team with the BUSC Select team winning the Consolation match.

Over the two day event, BUSC out shot opponents with a total of 67 shots on goal to only 33 against. Goals were scored by Matt Teng, Roberto Beard, Dylan Tuell, Pierre Marie and Brian Kinnee at one apiece. Mason Picone also contributed two goals to finish the weekend at 7 total for the team. Assists were credited to Brian Kinnee with 4 and Andrew Griehshammer and Roberto Beard with 1 apiece (Roberto Beard's goal was "Unassisted"). Chris Klahr, Matt Teng, Drake Hartland, Tomas Rozsa and Chris Goldhawk held all opponents to a total of 3 goals in their defensive positions, including two shutout performances. Thanks to Drake for joining the team for the District and Association Cup events. The midfielders did an outstanding job transitioning play up the pitch, creating scoring opportunities. They were Joshua Cole, Lucas Warzyniak, Pierre Marie, Reed Marques and Ryan Vicencio. Sammy Hanson and Chris Goldhawk shared Keeper duties over the four matches with Hanson having

17 saves and Goldhawk having 5, including a blocked PK in the Chivas game.

## Ballistic United Soccer Club Division 4-Recreational

**Under-6:** Centurions vs. Comets: The Comets played an excellent last game of the season. Leading the Comets were goals by Max Young and JT Brugaletta and a hat trick by Charlie Buckley. Top offensive players were Logan Roloff, Kale Pressler and Noah Ishaya who supported the goals with excellent passing and constant pressure on the Centurions. Ben MacKirdy and Kian Amini-Nejad provided a strong defense by stopping the Centurions on many goal-scoring opportunities. Moral support was provided by teammate James Weaver who cheered the team on from the sidelines with his broken arm. The Comets and their parents enjoyed a spirited parent vs. Comets soccer game at their team party the following day. Many thanks to Coaches Colin Weaver and Rod Roloff for their efforts in making a fun and enjoyable soccer season for the Comets.

**Coyotes vs. Copperheads:** The Coyotes finished off the season with an excellent final game. With gleaming eyes, all of the boys tried their hardest, defending their goal and kicking the ball past the Copperheads. Top Offensive Players: Anthony Mitine, Tyler Caldeira, Zachary Riley, Colby Wallace. Top Defensive Players: Justin Wallace, Ryan Armstrong, Dylan Gray, Kyle Franck, Jaden Lewis.

**Under-7:** Fireballs vs. Forty Niners: The last game of the season for the 49ers against the Fireballs was an exciting end to great fall soccer. Goals were made by Jake Moss, Aidan Jetter, Conner Andrews and Jake Lambro. Impressive break-aways were made by Jake Amiri and Liam Maciel. Impressive goal tending was done by Ryan Flanagan, David Thoe and Jake Lambro. Drew Homes and Johnny Foster provided good defense moves for the team. Team coaches Ken Lambro and Rob Jetter did a wonderful job with the team all season and thanks to the parents for all the support. Top Offensive Players: Jake Moss, Aidan Jetter, Conner Andrews, Jake Lambro; Top Defensive Players: Ryan Flanagan, David Thoe, Jake Lambro

**Falcons vs. Flames:** In the final game of the year, the Flames were led in scoring by goals from Trevor Cheng, Parker Hill, Connor Witt and Joseph Weaver. Supporting the goals on offense with excellent passing were Aidan Roloff and Carlos Caruso. An outstanding defensive effort was exhibited by Hayden Rice, Chand Duggal and Christopher Overton. The boys made excellent progression in their skills and teamwork that was demonstrated by their coaches, Colin Weaver and Mike Rice.

**Under-8:** Cheetahs vs. Cannonballs: The

Cannonball vs Cheetah game was dynamic. Matthew Kenning, Nate Kragen, Alex Potts and Jake Borges fought hard on offense with Aaron Zhang, Tyler Rocha, Andrew Whiteland, Paul Priess, Travis Demille protected the stellar goalie crew of Cody Vaeth, Jayden Cardera and Owen Lahr. Great game and awesome season Cannonballs. Top Offensive Players: Matthew Kenning; Top Defensive Players: Tyler Rocha

**Under-12:** Ravens 0, Rays 3: It was the final game of the regular season for the D4-U12 boys. The Rays faced off against the Ravens Saturday afternoon, 2:00 at Harvest Park. The two teams had played before earlier in the season and the Rays had won handily, but the Ravens were not in the mood for a repeat. It was well into the first half before the first team scored as the Rays Jordan Singh pushed a quick through ball to Shaun Kienhofer, on the right side, who promptly sent the ball to the opposite side of the goal for a 1-0 score. But defense reigned again and it wasn't until 30 seconds before half time when the Rays, Innes McEntee found Max Kim on a well executed cross from the left side and Kim was able to just barely beat the Ravens goalie to the ball pushing it into the net for a 2-0 halftime lead. Joe Schaffer for the Ravens put on a spectacular defensive show but stalwart reliable defenders Keagan Locher, Timmy Wu, Tyler Wineger and Kevin Yang for the Rays were more than a match keeping the ball in the Ravens' defensive end. The Rays were fortunate one more time as Jordan Singh tapped a pass out to left footer Joey Brasil who pounded a long high ball in from the left side that the Ravens' goalie was unable to handle. The Rays were again fortunate, closing regular season play undefeated. Strong coaching (by Ray McEntee and Gary Wineger), training and talent have allowed them to advance to the Crossroads tournament in Dublin.

**Rapids 4, Revolution 0:** The Rapids concluded their season in trademark fashion, defeating the Revolution 4-0 by combining knifing attacks, ball-control passing and unending defense. The Rapids defenders - anchored by Amit Nagdev, Zach Sonnenschein, Michael Schwannhauser - allowed only six shots on goalies Nate Gipson, Eric Holmes and David Koidal as the team chalked up its sixth shutout. The Rapids offensive pressure came from all directions, frequently sparked by pinpoint passes from Brandon Larson and Arambh Ahuja and aggressive work in the wings by Jonathan Chestnutt and Koidal. The Rapids posted their first goal 11 minutes in with a play repeated throughout the season: Damian Johnson streaked down the left sideline, and then fired a pass to Tyler Kline for a direct shot. Six minutes later, Kline reversed the scenario by chipping a pass to Johnson, who angled a shot across the goal to Larson for the

punch-in. The Rapids lead grew to 3-0 when Ben Foss lined up for a penalty kick in the box after a tripping foul, then poked home a well-placed dart in the right corner. The Rapids final goal was the product of pressure and quick reactions. Johnson centered a pass to Kline, who slammed a shot off the right post. It was Kline's third carom off the goal post or crossbar, but Ahuja alertly lifted the rebound over the goalie's head.

## CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 8th grade girls A team Fury started the season with a bang with a win of 28-16 against St. Raymond in CYO basketball action. They started out strong and never let up. Top scorers were Brielle, Hailey and Madeline with help from Ashleigh and Claire. Great drives to the hoop by Skyler and Rebekah and rebounds by Shannon. All girls played excellent defensively but Niki took it to the extreme.

Another tough game for the 7th grade girls SM/SC NUTZ in CYO basketball action. A strong St. Joan defense led at the half 9-6. The NUTZ came out in the fourth with their best effort to take the lead but fell short by a basket. A last second 3-point effort by center, Katie Johnston, almost tied the score. A great game and fantastic effort by both teams brought it down the wire. For the second straight week, Team Captain and Point Guard, Sarah Partridge led her team with 6 points, 10 attempts, 6 rebounds and 3 steals. Right behind Sarah was Katie with 4 points, 7 attempts, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Natalie Palomo had 9 attempts, 3 points and led the defense with 5 steals. Jordan Volponi, Madison McCoy and Isabella Murphy held the score close with a great defensive effort against their opponents.

SM/SC CYO 7th Grade Girls American League team opened the season Sunday in Dublin against an improved St. Raymond's team. The girls had a hard time at the outset: Unable to penetrate a stout St. Raymond's zone and failing to connect from outside, they got out rebounded at both ends and found themselves behind in the early going. Starting in the second quarter, they stepped up their rebounding and hit a few from outside, which opened up cutting lanes and gave them some points in the paint. Rachel Braun led a great team defensive effort, making it difficult for St. Raymond's to generate much offense, especially off the dribble, and when they were able to penetrate, Anna Neitzel often was waiting under the basket. She was formidable underneath on defense, finishing the game with six or seven blocked shots and an even dozen rebounds. Rachel Hernandez found her range from outside beginning in the second quarter and showed a power game in

close, leading all scorers with twelve points, a number of which were the result of the "follow-your-shot" clinic that she put on for most of the game. In the end, St. Michael's was able to pull away to a 28 - 15 victory, but it wasn't the easy win that the score indicated. It was a great team effort, and a solid start to the season for both teams.

SM/SC 5th grade boys "Flying Cows" (#512) lost 20-23 to St. Isidore (#510). St. Isidore started off with a 13-2 early lead in the first half. But the Flying Cows fought back hard in the 3rd quarter to tie it up 13-13. While they continued to play very well in the fourth quarter, ultimately the Cows came up short. Top offensive players were Austin Curtis and Miles McPeck; top defensive players were Noah Reno and Patrick Schwartz.

SM/SC 5th Grade Girls, Gold Rush (5011), continued their winning ways by defeating St. Isidore's (5008) 24-2. Mila Steinberg handled the ball well and Alexandra Lonsinger hit her first six shots to break the game open early. Alexandra ended up with 14 points. Taylor Peterson and Madison Jackson rounded out the scoring with 8 points and 2 points, respectively. Mallory Jones, Maggie Sneed and Jamie Zogoric led the Gold Rush's stingy defense with their aggressive play.

St. Joan #516 beat SM/SC #514 (Terminators) 26 to 14. For St. Joan, Matt McSweeney played strong defense and Luke Haase and Jake Bennett provided a great

offense. Terminators Matt Benavidez and Aaron Lee showed some offensive strength and Jared Hubart and JJ Marty played some great defense.

SM/SC came from behind to top St. Isidore 24-21 in a thriller that had several lead changes. Leading the charge for SM/SC was Kayne Cortez with six points, five rebounds and six steals. Jack Kath hit the game clincher with seconds remaining for two of his game high eight points. Also playing well for SM/SC were Reid Heffron who had three assists and three steals and Luke Morrisroe with two points and three rebounds.

St. Joan of Arc 18, SM/SC 13. For Joan of Arc, Grant Vorhes played strong offense scoring for his team. Zach Ridenour played good offense. Reyon Akabane also scored for his team. For SM/SC, Zellie Silberman played good defense he helped his team with a basket. Garrett Barker played good offense scoring a basket. Vasseilis Dimitropoulos was a good defense blocking a shot and also scored for his team. Shane Clifton retrieved the ball and scored for his team. Noah Rakestraw scored for his team showing good offense.

The SM/SC Ballers fought hard in their first league game against Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) but came up short, 37-25. Garrett McDonald led the team in rebounds with seven, had three steals and also scored two points. Alex Cupps scored 6 points and had three steals. Jacob Mitchell was two for two from the floor with 5 points



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# SPORTS NOTES



Ryan Kirby at bat (top photo) at the Pan American championships. He is shown wearing his USA uniform at left.



## Livermore Players Helps Bring Home the Gold

Ryan Kirby of Livermore began his international baseball career at the ripe old age of 14. He was among 18 players selected to play on the USA Baseball's 14-Year Old National team as it competed against other teams in the Pan American championships played in Ecuador.

The team came home with the gold medal.

Kirby, is a freshman at Granada High School.

Kirby said there was a "pretty intense" selection process that began with being selected to the Northern California team. That team competed in a tournament in North Carolina. The field of players vying for the national team was narrowed from 150 to 24 at the conclusion of the tournament.

The final cut was at the end of four days of training in Miami. "There was really a lot of competition for those final slots," said Kirby.

He plays both third base and the outfield. While he prefers playing third, he played the outfield on the national team.

"It's okay where I play, as long as I get to play," he stated. He added that he was put in the

outfield, mainly because the coaches wanted to keep him in the line-up.

That seemed to have been a good decision, as he came home with two trophies from the international play, one was for having the highest batting average and the other for the highest slugging percentage.

There were six teams competing in Ecuador. The USA team went undefeated.

Kirby said there were two close games. "We had to come from behind to beat Brazil 5 to 3. In the finals, we came from behind to beat Puerto Rico 4 to 3.

"It was fun. The field we played on was a lot better than I had expected," he stated.

There was time to do a little sight-seeing. This included visits to the beaches and a tour of the city.

Kirby said it wasn't just a baseball experience, but a life experience.

"It was a great honor to be selected and a great experience to have been able to play. I learned a lot about more than baseball. I learned how other people live. There was quite a bit of poverty. I didn't think it would that bad," he said.

Next, he plans to go out for baseball this spring at Granada.

After high school, Kirby has his eyes set on playing college ball, then a major league career.

"There is no player that I pattern my play after," he said when asked if he had a favorite major leaguer.

He described himself as a patient player. "I like to play and have fun."

He began playing T-ball at age 4 in the Granada Little League. His Little League career was spent mainly in the infield, at both third and shortstop.

He doesn't play other sports. "I am concentrating on baseball," he stated. As for his leisure time, he likes hanging out with his friends.

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over the goalies head into the net. Rockets answered with a goal of their own, ending the half in a tie. In the second half, Rockets scored again, and Crush were unable to regain the lead, despite dominating shots on Rocket's goal. To players: Samantha Dukes, Andrea Sommer

Livermore Crush played perfect soccer in this 5 to 1 defeat against Bay Oak Storm. This game was played on the turf fields, which made for a very fast paced game. Samantha Dukes started off the scoring drive for Crush, taking the ball up field solo, fighting past 2 Storm defenders for a blast into the goal. The Crush offense infiltrated Storm territory with multiple shots on goal. Claire Anderson passed to Tori Borgna; Tori passed to Kira Karter; Kira took a shot, blocked by the goalie and rebounded back to Kira, who was in position for the follow up shot and goal. The half ended 0-2. With a pass from a Crush defender, Claire Anderson got the ball at 1/2 field and 2 Storm defenders couldn't catch her on a break away, giving Claire time for a perfect shot and goal. Storm had multiple corner kicks in Crush territory and scored on one of them. Crush answered during one of their own corner kicks by Meghan Giamona over the goalies head, blocked by a defender back out to Meghan; Meghan had the follow up pass back in front of the goal to the right side, with Madelyn Krueger in perfect position for the shot into the goal. The final goal came just before the whistle, with Isabella Barbero's beautifully placed pass to Tori Borgna, who dribbled past 2 Storm defenders and with instinctual timing, Tori pulled the goalie out for a great shot past her. Special acknowledgment to Madelyn Krueger, who was on fire during this game, and scored her first goal for the season.

In the semifinal game the Sacramento Boca narrowly defeated the Crus, 3 to 2, to advance to the finals. Crush came into this game ranked 10th out of 24 in their bracket. Boca started off with 2 quick goals in the first half. With a penalty against a Crush player in the Boca penalty box, Tori Borgna took the direct kick and blasted the ball into the net for a Crush goal, leaving the score 2-1 at the half. Boca came back in the second half with another goal. Then, a Crush midfielder got the ball up to Samantha Dukes, who took the ball on a break away, pulled the goalie out of position and shot past her for another Crush goal. Crush battled hard back into the Boca defensive territory with multiple shots, but couldn't connect for another goal. The offense and defense played amazing soccer against a great team and left their heart on the field.

The Livermore Elite Rampage U9 Girls made their way through the last few rounds of State Cup and into the quarterfinals. In their first game, Rampage faced Union City Alliance. Alyssa Silva started the action by dribbling through heavy traffic from the defensive line and passing off to Gigi Cole who then crossed the ball to the left for Maggie Rae McPeck to put in with authority. Then Maggie centered a ball for Ashley Cole for the second goal. Then defender Alexa Clatt wanted to get into the action. Alexa powered through her opponents and took the ball all the way, coast to coast for goal three. Soon after, Ashley Cole scored goal #4. Gigi Cole got back into the action, scoring two more: one on a rebounded ball and the other off of a nice send through from Hayli Edwards. Then the defenders took over the scoring. Kamy Farro worked the ball nicely through the middle and fed it to Kate Hottinger for a blast into the back of the net. Next Hayli Edwards took the ball herself through the middle and shot a net-riper right past her opponents. Kamy Farro followed with a beautiful rifle of a ball from 18 yards out, nothing but net for goal #9 and the win, 9-0.

In game 2, the Rampage faced San Juan Lightning. Madison Hood fired up the team with her perfectly placed penalty kick in the bottom left corner, putting Rampage up 1-0. Then Gigi Cole powered one in for a 2 to 0 advantage. Gigi sent 2 more across the center, both finding Ashley Cole who struck with intensity for goals #3 and #4. Camille LeBlanc sent a cannon ball from 20 yards outside; the Lightning never saw it coming. It caught back-net and brought the game to 5-0. Kamy Farro put the exclamation mark on the sentence as she blasted her penalty kick into the corner to bring the game to its 6-0 close.

In game 3, Rampage faced the Mustang Blast. Both teams came into game 3 with 2 shut-outs behind them and prepared to battle it out for the bracket win. Rampage dominated play but found themselves unable to put the ball in the net. Blast attempted to strike back but defenders Kamy Farro, Hayli Edwards, Alexa Clatt, Kate Hottinger, and Alyssa Silva, at the direction of goal keeper Courtney Hayes, did an amazing job of shutting them down. Courtney Hayes came out to the edges of her box to steal the ball off of the feet of the Blast. The front line continued to pass and attack with what could only be described as beautiful soccer. Gigi Cole and Alyssa Silva made some amazing shots but somehow the Blast goalie was able to get her fingers on them and make the saves. The game ended with a 0-0 tie and the bracket results would have to be determined by penalty kicks. Rampage was awarded the bracket win and was given a 5th place seeding in the top 8 teams in Northern California.

In the quarter-finals, Rampage faced El Dorado Eclipse Luna. Midway through the first half, Alyssa Silva gained possession of the ball, and dribbled toward the goal with amazing speed, pulling away from the Luna defenders as she went. From to left side of the field, she blasted the ball across the pitch and found the edge of the net, just inside the front post. Gigi Cole stole the ball and, finessing past opponents, took the ball in all by herself, shot, and scored, bringing the girls to a 2-0 lead at half. In the second half, the defense again proved to be impenetrable as they stopped the Luna team from shooting. As a few balls made their way into the back third of the field, Courtney Hayes was ready to pounce. Kamy Farro got a hold of the ball. She carried it down the left side of the field and passed to the center where Alyssa Silva got a foot on it and sent it over to Kailee Haskins. Kailee, still a good 25 yards from goal, settled the ball and with everything she had, blasted the ball toward the goal. The ball sailed to the left side of the goal, hitting back net, and sending Rampage fans into celebration. Rampage finished the game with a 3-0 victory and an advancement to the State Cup semifinals next weekend as a top 4 team in Northern California.

Livermore Elite Div. 1 Under-11 Rampage 1, Mustang Strikers 1: Livermore played their last league game in a tough battle



Livermore Junior Football concluded its season with its all-star games at Granada High School last Saturday night. All-stars squads consist of one-half of each teams' players as selected by the the players--not by coaches or parents. In the Senior Division, the combined Giants and Jets squad defeated the joined Cardinals-Saints by a score of 24 to 20. In the Advanced Division game, the all-stars from the 49ers and Ravens held off the Dolphins-Raiders 8 to 6. LJFL concluded its third season serving the youth of Livermore who wish to play football or cheer in their hometown without the need to travel further than the city limits. Sign-ups for the 2010 season will begin in February. In the photo, the Cardinals' Casey Soltis (#44) eludes the Giants' Jason Silva (#12).

against the Mustang Strikers. Livermore got the early lead when Hunter Vice picked up a loose ball that bounced off the post and slammed a perfect shot into the net. Late in the second half the Strikers rounded up a ball in the 18 and evened up the score. Excellent shots came from Bianca Stubler, Adrianna Sblendorio and Marissa Pletschette. Excellent control in the center came from Lesly Jimenez and Amanda Smithers. Both teams played excellent passing games and fought hard.

### Pleasanton Jr. Football

In their last game of the season in Pleasanton Junior Football League playoffs, the Intermediate Division Colts and Panthers played a hard fought battle to determine third place. The game started with Panthers taking possession first and with 8:12 on the clock, a pass was intercepted by Scott Lewis for a approximately 60 yard return for a TD. 6-0

During the second quarter with approximately 35 seconds left, Ruben Mercado scored a touchdown. 12-0

During the 3rd quarter, Ben Thompson made a great interception with 2:35 left on the clock for another 1 shoe run to the 16-yd. line. Ruben Mercado scored 2 additional TD for the Colts. 24-0. During the 4th quarter a great pass was caught by William Hammer but Colts did not score. Despite the score the Panthers fought hard and never gave up. Final score Colts 24- Panthers 0.

Team members include: Austin Bartholomew, Baylee Zubeck, Ben Thompson, Christian Liscano, Daniel Meyer, Drew Zubeck, Dylan Miller, Ethan Lister, Garrett Borba, Jack Gerlach, Jordan Buranis, Justin Mahoney, Logan Koch, Marc Gauthier, Mason Bartolo, Michael Smith, Patrick Mackle, Paul Jackson, Rod Allen, Ruben Mercado, Scott Lewis, Trevor Terry, Tyler Briggs, and William Hammer.

### Lacrosse Registration

Girls lacrosse Spring 2010 registration is now open. It is open to girls in grades 2 to 8. Registration is now through the end of

November 2009 at [www.pleasantongirlslacrosse.com](http://www.pleasantongirlslacrosse.com). Questions? Richard Murphy at [rl\\_murphy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rl_murphy@sbcglobal.net). Spring season runs from February to May 2010.

### LGSA Tryouts

Spring 2010 recreation season tryouts will be held on Saturday, December 5 for all registered 10U and Middle School girls. Tryouts will be held at Joe Mitchell School, 1001 Elaine Avenue, Livermore. For more information and to download the registration form, visit [www.livermoregirlssoftball.org](http://www.livermoregirlssoftball.org), email [registration@livermoregirlssoftball.org](mailto:registration@livermoregirlssoftball.org) or call 925-556-5259.

### Phantom Lacrosse

Open Registration for Winter/Spring 2010 Season runs through Nov 25. Phantom Lacrosse Club is open to boys and girls grades 3 through 8. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis so register early for assured placement. Registration Fee is \$195 which includes the required \$20 US Lacrosse membership (second/third child discounts). Visit the website at [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org) for further information. If there are questions about the "Fastest Game on Two Feet" or would like to learn more about the organization, please contact Bill Anaya at (925) 447-3832.

### Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey in Livermore will be starting the Winter session November 30. No equipment is needed except skates. There are all kinds of loaner protective hockey gear available for those who do not have it. No experience needed to play this fun sport.

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## Dublin Bowl to Host PBA Tour Event

After an over 15 year hiatus, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl will once again be hosting The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Earl Anthony Memorial, honoring the No.1 player in PBA history. The event will bring together the best of the men's and women's bowlers to Dublin beginning January 12. This is a chance to watch some of the best bowlers in the country including Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

On Saturday, January 16 a Pro-Am is scheduled for adults, seniors and youth, a rare oppor-

tunity for amateurs to bowl with professionals. Portions of the proceeds from each Pro-Am entry will benefit the Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year the United State Bowling Congress awards \$25,000 collectively to male and female bowlers in honor of legendary pro-bowler, Earl Anthony, who show outstanding community involvement and the highest of academic achievement.

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back," said Ted Hoffman, managing partner of Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl. "To do this in Earl's honor is unbelievable and we hope the fans are as excited as we are." The tour concludes with live television coverage on ESPN on Sunday, January 17 at 10 a.m.

For tickets visit [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com) or stop by Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl at 6750 Regional Street. Space is also still available to compete in the Pro-Am event, for more information call (925) 828-7550.

### Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Elite Crush U10 tied the Dublin Magic 1 to 1 in a Nor-Cal State Cup Quarterfinal game. Both teams came into this re-match with 1 loss to each other during league play. As is typical with games between these two teams, it was a physical and hard fought game. Magic scored first in the 1st half, with 6 shots on goal, minimizing Crush shots on their goal to 2. In the second half, Crush kicked it into gear and had 8 shots on Magic goal. With minutes left in the game, Isabella Barbero passed up to Kira Karter. Kira with a beautiful pass across the goal to the left side where Claire Anderson was waiting in position, and Claire with a 1-touch Blast into the goal tied the game up. Top players: Offense-Claire Anderson, Isabella Barbero; Defense-Madison McCallister and Goalie Claire Abele.

The Mill Valley Rockets narrowly defeated the Crush 2-1. In this evenly matched game, Crush struck first with a goal mid-way into the first half. Claire Anderson had a huge throw in to Tori Borgna; Tori got the ball to another Crush player who blasted the ball

and three steals. Jordan Lewis scored 5 and played tough at both ends of the court. Jared Buranis had 4 points and Jacob Wolf scored 3, and played aggressive defense. CCOP had two players in double figures at the end of the night and their tenacious rebounding kept the game out of reach for the Ballers.

The SM/SC Ballers got their first win in a come from behind thriller over St. Isidore. The Ballers got good rebounding from Garrett McDonald, Jared Buranis and Jordan Lewis pulling down 6 apiece. Alex Cupps scored 14 points and had 5 steals. Buranis had 11 points, McDonald had 4, Jacob Mitchell scored 2 and Jacob Wolf had 3 points and played very tough defense. St. Isidore led the game going into the 4th quarter, but the Ballers defense held up. The game ended with the final score 34-30.

The Livermore SM/SC CYO 3rd Grade Boys "Shooters" playing a very effective SM/SC "Warriors" team. Top all-around players for the Warriors included Zach MacIntire, Roberto Iacomini, and Frankie Silva. Top Defensive Players for the Shooters included Forest Bishop, Grant Dufek, and Jacob Peterson. Top Offensive Players for the Shooters included Brad Mitchell and Ryan Mitchell.

3016-SM/SC 10, St. Joan of Arc 8: Great teamwork won this tough game with scoring from Jacqueline Arnold, Annabelle Stine, Amber Thomas and Allison Sprugasci. Melanie Laronde and Amber Thomas each contributed with rebounds and Jacqueline Arnold's aggressive defense proved critical in the close game.

1st-2nd Grade Boys Wildcats vs. Lakers. A very well matched game was played. The teams are making great passes and defending their net. Lakers offensive players for this game were Brett Oelrich, Nick Donaldson, Landon Wiedenfeld and Joseph Bartoni. Defensive players were Jad Diep, Andrew Stein. Wildcats offensive players Jason DeSantis, Evan Heintz and Robbie Zepeda. Defensive players were Michael Grant, Jacob Wald.

SM/SC CYO 2BN6 Leopards vs 2BN9: Both 1st/2nd grade teams showed up to play an exciting game Sunday morning at the RLCC. For the Leopards; Ben Wiesner, Enzo

DeSantis, Brandon Pillon, and Jacob Bryant demonstrated strong and determined man to man defense while Colby Sherer and Robert Mullineaux crashed the boards for rebounds. Max Jones and Dylan Cole showed their quickness with some steals. Kyle Stow sunk his first bucket of the season. For 2BN9, Matteo Crivello played great offense. Douglas Wynne had a great rebounding performance while Ethan Clark, Antonio Crivello and Sam Morrisroe were great defenders.

The 1st/2nd grade Livermore CYO Jedis vs. Shake and Bake played a strong and aggressive game on Sunday. Andy Hankins was the Jedi's Player of the Game for his ball handling skills and scoring. Steven Lee, Ryan Anderson, and Jacob Hoggatt played a strong game at both ends of the court. Great scoring by Jack Volponi, Anthony Guerra, Austin Overton, Josiah Knight and Thomas Kello. For Team Shake and Bake, Amanda Price had several fast breaks to the basket. Connor Hardesty scored a jumper under pressure. Jacob Gutke had a basket and played stellar defense the entire game. Both teams did a good job of getting rebounds and taking their team to the net.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Baseball Camp

4th Annual Tri-Valley Baseball Camp will be held Sun., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is open to girls and boys ages 5 to 13. The cost is \$50 per child and half off after the second sibling. Please contact springtrainingcamp@comcast.net for information.

## Sharks Tickets

San Jose Sharks hockey tickets are on sale now through the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

All tickets are \$51 for seats in the Upper Reserved section at HPPavilion in San Jose, home of the Sharks. Buy your tickets now for the following games: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, vs. the Dallas Stars; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, vs. the Detroit Red Wings; or 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. the Vancouver Canucks.

Proceeds from Sharks tickets purchased through LARPD will help provide class scholarships to low-income children in the community.

Tickets are available for purchase now and make perfect holiday gifts. To buy tickets, call LARPD at 925-373-5700.

## Baseball Tryouts

NorCal Grizzlies Baseball will be holding team tryouts for the 2010 winter/spring season for boys in age groups 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U. Tryouts are 10 a.m. to noon on Sun., Nov. 22 at the indoor training facility, 1306 Stealth St., Livermore. Team practices begin in December with tournaments from February through July. Information, 922-5050, tomg@norcalgrizzlies.org or www.norcalgrizzlies.org.

## PGSL Registration

2010 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA

94566 (download a registration form from our website). Late registration fee applies after December 1, 2009. For more information or questions, contact Christine Tanis at christine.tanis@pleasantonsoftball.org.

## Bah Humberg. 5k Run/Walk

The City of San Ramon Parks & Community Services Department will host the annual Bah Humberg. 5k Run/Walk. This 3.1 mile course is a certified, flat, paved road beginning at 2694 Bishop Drive in the Bishop Ranch Business Park.

Race is open to all ages with medals given to the top 3 finishers in 18 different age groups for those 5 and over. Costume awards will also be given for Most Grinch-Like, Best Holiday Spirit, and Best Group Theme, as well as complimentary holiday ornaments for all participants.

Race day registration begins at 7:30am and the race starts at 9am. Registration forms and online registration can be accessed from our website: www.SanRamon.ca.gov or by calling 925.973.3200.

## Thanksgiving Day Run

This year's Thanksgiving Day in Walnut Creek will offer a bit more than turkey and football. The Walnut Creek Sports and Fitness Club is giving their annual Thanksgiving Day Fun Run/Walk a brand new home. The 17th Annual Walnut Creek Sport & Fitness Turkey Trot will now take place at Civic Park in an effort to promote a city-wide celebration to encourage fitness, exercise and living a healthy lifestyle on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26).

The 5K and 10K run/walk will begin at 8:00 am with Kids' Fun Runs scheduled for 10:00 am. Pre-Registration is available via mail, in-person at Walnut Creek Sports and Fitness Club at 1908 Olympic Blvd. or online at www.wcsf.net. All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt, goody bag, post event refreshments and a morning to remember.

The event, produced by the Walnut Creek Sports and Fitness Club, is supported by the Downtown Business Association and

will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

For more information on the Walnut Creek Sports and Fitness Turkey Trot please visit our website at www.wcsf.net or contact the club's Marketing Manager, Kia Compton at (925) 932-6400.

## Baseball Winter Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a winter baseball camp on December 21-23. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. The 5-12 year old camp costs \$125 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. Those signing up before December 15 (postmarked), pay only \$105. The camp is being held at Livermore High Varsity Field rain or shine. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or dperotti@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb

## Track and Field Sign Ups

Athletics America is accepting applications for youth athletes between the ages of 7-17.

Athletes 18 and older are also invited to join the club and train during the adult sessions.

Practices are held year round on a voluntary/drop-in basis and are scheduled on Monday through Friday in locations in both Pleasanton and Livermore.

Club participants will have the option of competing in AAU and USATF cross country events, as well as several all-comers track meets.

For practice times and locations, please visit www.athleticsamerica.com or call Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356 or e-mail athletiantrack@hotmail.com

## Edge Gymnastics

Edge Gymnastics sent representatives to the Level 6 Competition at the 2009 Nor Cal State Championships in Lemoore over the weekend.

Highlights: Child E: Rebecca Okmin, 3rd floor 9.35, 6th vault 9.1; Junior A: Sydney Wu, 4th tie all-around 36.425, 2nd vault 9.325, 4th floor 9.225, 5th bars 8.95, 7th beam 8.925; Senior B: Audrey Mesick, 5th all-around 35.025, 4th floor 8.975, 5th bars 8.7, 7th beam 8.8

Senior D: Carrie Stouffer, 3rd all-around 36.05, 1st floor 9.25, 2nd tie vault 9.275, 6th tie bars 8.85; Senior E: Jenna Lorenz, 4th tie bars 8.475

## Bowling News

Mike Silva in the Tuesday Match Point rolled 139 over series average, ending the night with a 646 series with games of 235-221-190.

Kevin Nix in the Getaway Fours rolled a 219 game and Louretta Agnes a 218 game. Norm Anderson went 121 over average for a 643 series with games of 224-196-223 in the Tuesday Match Point League. Mike Balhorn, in the same league, rolled 104 over average with a high game of 253. John Graf bowled a 277 game that got him to a 695 series for the night in the 4 Seasons Modified Guys & Dolls. Dennis Mitchell rolled a 264 game. In the Practice League, Robert Huitron bowled a 207, Mike Smith a 235, d Bob Morrison a 200, Mary Kay Hansen a 197 and Judy Sheehan a 184. Scott Hylton, in the Cheyenne league, went 133 over series average with games of 245-269-213. Sheryl Common rolled a 242 game, Michelle Richards a 201 and Stacy Stephenson a 200 in the Early Years Reno Getaway. In the Friday Family Affair league, Bob Elson recorded a 235 game.

Senior bowler Don Tunison, in the Monday Primetimers, bowled a 244 game. Jim Truscott shot a 480 (102 over series) and Rich Harris was 100 over series with a 535. Alma Taaseveigen shot a 223 in the Sirs & Sirettes league and Jerry Wood bowled 54 over average with a 192 game.

Youth bowler, Brendan McClain bowled 78 pins over average for a 202 game in the Friday Family Affair league. Daniel Edmondo rolled a 241 game and Jeremy Rosenberg a 222 game in the Generation Gap league on Sunday.

# MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

## The Great Garbage Patch Emma Mcnaney, age 9

The great garbage patch is a big concern to people around the world and how it's affecting global warming. When one man discovered it in 1997, it was much smaller, and people were not concerned at first. In 2008 it became a big problem. Animals became stuck in tons of litter such as shoes, old water bottles, bags, wood, toys, pacifiers, candy wrappers, tooth brushes, old fishing nets, broken boards, rope and many more things too. Scientists believe that it's about twice the size of Texas. This manmade crisis was made from the tides coming together counter clockwise and making the trash form one big island. "I think it's really sad that people litter in the first place," says scientist James Mcnaney.

Here are some ways you can help lower the amount of trash that goes in the ocean: 1. Use reuse-able water bottles. 2. Don't litter. 3. Recycle. 4. Compost, instead of throwing things away. 5. Be kind to animals. 6. Respect signs that say, "Drains to bay." 7. Respect Mother Earth. 8. Try to tell people not to litter. 9. Respect the world.

## BART to Livermore Robert S. Allen Former BART Director Livermore

For BART to Livermore, I strongly favor alternative 4, at grade in a widened I-580 median to Isabel. It is by far the least costly, involving little earth or structural work and almost no adverse environmental impacts. It is easily accessible to most of Livermore in the direction of travel. It is also easily accessible to travelers on I-580 and SR 84. Funding planned for ACE would far better be used to extend BART later over the Altamont to the Central Valley. It would

## First Junior Giants Program Was a Success

The inaugural season for Livermore's Junior Giants was a success, with 68 boys and girls receiving Certificates of Completion for their participation. The Junior Giants organization offers free baseball programs to at-risk youth.

The season kicked off with the naming of the renovated Randy Johnson Field at May Nissen Park on Aug. 11. The San Francisco Giants pitcher attended the dedication ceremony in his hometown to support the program.

All games and practices were held at Randy Johnson Field, which was renovated with funding from the Junior Giants organization, the Good Tidings Foundation and Chevron Corporation. The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District maintains the field that now includes new dugouts, fencing, infield soil and irrigation, pitchers' mound and more.

The Junior Giants program

serve many more people far better at less cost than what is being proposed with ACE.

## Fix VA Department Michael Grossman Pleasanton

Veteran's Day has come and gone, but Veterans are here 24/7.

A recent article by ED O'Keefe, Washington Post and reprinted in Valley Times speaks of Veteran Tammy Duckworth's role as Assistant Secretary of VA. She is part of a team trying to overhaul the VA, as it is called moribund and out of touch. She is helping to lead a VA reorganization.

Ms. Duckworth said, as a Ph.D. candidate and congressional candidate leaving Walter Reed, she found it somewhat challenging negotiating VA bureaucracy and asked, what does the 21 year old with a brain injury do?

I ask all Americans to contact their congressman requesting he/she help Ms. Duckworth to systematically change and reorganize the VA, get rid of the corruption, red tape, bureaucratic bungling, and attitude of, if you question our authority, we'll silence you!

Caring, compassion, honesty, and respect for Veterans need to be restored. Removing corrupt VA officials to a place more suitable to them i.e., prison, is a start.

Congressman McNerney, you are on the House VA Committee. Please help Ms. Duckworth and her team to make the VA a better place for all Veterans.

## Afghanistan Decision Mark Spivey

An AP article yesterday stated that Obama's hesitancy on Afghan war build-up implies weakness. I wish world leaders had more of that kind of weakness. Clearly, President Obama does not want to send soldiers into harm's way without a clear goal, a solid plan, and an exit strategy, three aspects sorely missing from President Bush's military ventures.

I know that we Americans are used to Presidents that play cowboy, that say things like "Bring 'em on" and "Mission Accomplished" without a second thought, Presidents who send Americans into battle on falsified weapons reports. But it seems like our current President understands that you don't send soldiers into battle without first nailing down what we're supposed to be doing, and why. So hats off to Obama's "hesitation."

Soldiers are human beings, not chess pieces. It's about time we get a President who understands that.

## Pleasanton Cavaliers Part of Growing Interest in Rugby

After winning the vote to be included in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Rugby Football is gaining more notoriety than ever before. The International Olympic Committee made the final decision on Rugby Sevens' inclusion on October 9 in Copenhagen.

Rugby has also reached to local levels. The Pleasanton Cavaliers Rugby Club is a Pleasanton-based team comprised of local high school students who

compete against other schools in the area. The club seeks to "develop the community-accepted character traits of responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity through the sport of rugby, regardless of ability." The team has grown rapidly over the past three years, extending to all different ages and backgrounds, and is now an established competitor after having won third place in Varsity Silver at the Pacific Coast

Invitational Rugby Tournament in April.

Of the Olympic decision, CEO and President of Rugby Operations of USA Rugby, Nigel Melville, says that rugby is "a truly international sport and will be a huge success in Rio."

This is not the first time Rugby has been to the Olympics. It made its debut in the 1900 Games and was included in 1908, 1920 and 1924. The rugby played at the 1900 Olympic Games was different than that to be presented

in 2016 as Rugby Sevens is played with seven players per team, versus the usual fifteen. Over a hundred years later, the game has evolved into "one of the world's most engaging team sports," and is now "faster, more skillful, professional and played by everyone, not just the upper classes as it was in those days," states Melville.

Over 115 countries are now playing the game [with] 3 million players across the world.

Melville predicts, "We will see an increase in the number of quality athletes that make up our sevens teams in the future. The traditional Sevens countries such as Fiji will find it increasingly difficult... New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Great Britain will always be a threat, they have a strong legacy of developing world class players, their games are highly developed and professional."

## Ruckus Popular Game at Pleasanton Store

A small Pleasanton specialty store is one of the nation's top sellers of a family game called Ruckus, outselling much larger retailers across the country, according to Dan Levy, president of Funstreet, Inc.

"The Golden Apple is in the top 5% of the 1,500 stores selling Ruckus nationwide," said Levy, the game's creator and manufacturer. "Ruckus has been carried by Toys 'R' Us, Target, FAO Schwarz, and Nordstrom. None of the stores in those chains has ever made it into the top 5%."

Nancy Halseth, game buyer

for The Golden Apple, explains why the store does well with Ruckus, and games in general. "We keep open copies of games on hand in the store for customers to play before they buy. That's one of the reasons Ruckus does so well. It's a game the staff really enjoys, and they're happy to show people. We also have regular game nights from time to time, where customers are invited in to learn several games during the course of an evening."

Games that bring people face to face appear to be faring well amidst the economic downturn. In 2008, board game sales in the

United States increased by 6% despite the fact that toy sales decreased by 3% overall, according to NPD Group, a market research firm.

For Levy, the expertise and personal touch small stores bring to the table have been a key factor in determining the success of his games. "Everyone talks about the importance of word of mouth in this business," says Levy. "In reality, neighborhood stores like The Golden Apple are my word mouth."

## Technology Has Other Applications

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has exclusively licensed to Porifera Inc. of Hayward a carbon nanotube technology that can be used to desalinate water and can be applied to other liquid based separations.

Carbon nanotubes — special molecules made of carbon atoms in a unique arrangement -allow liquids and gases to rapidly flow through, while the tiny pore size can block larger molecules, offering a cheaper way to remove salt from water.

"The technology is very exciting," said Olga Bakajin, who serves as chief technology officer of Porifera.

Bakajin formerly worked at LLNL where she was recruited in 2000 as a Lawrence Fellow and then moved on to become chief scientist on the carbon nanotube project along with LLNL chemist Aleksandr Noy, another former Lawrence Fellow. The license was awarded through LLNL's Industrial Partnership Office.

Porifera is developing membranes with superior permeability, durability and selectivity for water purification and other applications in the clean tech sector such as CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. The technology is based on discoveries made at the Lawrence Livermore Lab.

The technology first took off when it was funded by Livermore's Laboratory Directed Research and Development Pro-

gram and supported by the Science and Technology Principal Directorate. Bakajin and Noy's research originally focused on using carbon nanotubes as a less expensive solution to desalination. The technique was first demonstrated using a nanotube membrane on a silicon chip the size of a quarter.

Recently, the team made up of Bakajin and Noy as well as another LLNL scientist, Francesco Fornasiero, and Porifera scientists Sangil Kim and Jennifer Klare, thought about different applications for the nanotube membranes.

"Carbon sequestration has always been at the back of our minds, as unique properties of carbon nanotube membranes provide advantages for potential use in carbon sequestration applications," Noy said. Bakajin

agreed the membranes would separate CO<sub>2</sub> from nitrogen in power plant emissions. The membranes would transfer the two gases at a different rate so that the CO<sub>2</sub> could be separated and sequestered. Sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> is a key strategy to help curb global warming.

Recently, the Laboratory, Porifera, and UC Berkeley received more than \$1 million from the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency to develop the carbon capture technique using the nanotubes. The grant is for two years.

In conjunction with other partners, Porifera also secured \$3.3 million from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to develop a small, portable self-cleaning desalination system that could be used in the field.

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## SHORT NOTES

### Seniors Shifting Gears

High school seniors and their parents are invited to attend Las Positas College's annual "Seniors Shifting Gears" event.

The event brings high school seniors and parents to the college campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, where they learn about the college's academic, transfer, career technical programs, and services offered to students.

"Seniors Shifting Gears" will be held Thursday, December 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the college's Physical Education Complex.

For additional information, please contact Jenna Heath at (925) 424-1487.

### Tree Pickup

Boy Scout Troop 941 in Pleasanton is holding a Christmas tree recycling program. This community service is offered to help with the collection and recycling of trees.

Suggested donation is \$5 for trees up to 8 feet and \$10 for trees over 8 feet or flocked. Donations go directly to support local scouting activities throughout the year.

To arrange for a tree to be picked up in Pleasanton, please call 399-1377 or go to [www.troop941.org](http://www.troop941.org).

### Turkey Time Program

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will present a program with the theme, "Turkey Time." Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 21 at Veterans' Park.

Join LARPD ranger staff to learn about wild turkeys and hopefully find some to admire. This will be an easy, slow wander of less than a mile and will be great fun for both kids and adults.

There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Holiday Book Sale

Friends of the Dublin Library will host a Holiday Book Sale on Sat., Dec. 5 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

There will be a great selection of hardcover books in excellent condition, ideal for gift giving. Also offered will be children's books, holiday books, gourmet cookbooks, photographic collections, collectible books, games, and more.

For information, contact the Dublin Library (925) 828-1315

### Dublin Nominations

The City of Dublin is accepting nominations for the 2009 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Organization of the Year.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin this past year. Nomination criteria for both the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards are based on the *Dublin Pride - Integrity in Action Program's* 10 Characteristics: Responsibility, Respectfulness, Caring, Giving, Positive Attitude, Trustworthiness, Cooperation, Doing One's Best, Honesty, and Self-Discipline. The Young Citizen of the Year recognizes the volunteer service of Dublin's youth in grades 1 to 12.

All nominees will be recognized at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 and then invited to attend a recognition event to be held at the Shannon Community Center on Friday, February 19, 2010, where the winners will be announced. The Organization of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize, and a \$300 donation will be given to each the Citizen and Youth Citizen of the Year's favorite non-profit organization.

Nomination can be completed online at the City's website, [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us), or by calling the City Clerk's Office at (925) 833-6650. The nomination deadline is 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

### Warm Up

The Rose Hotel invites visitors to

downtown Pleasanton for ice skating or shopping to stop by the hotel for a fireside coffee beverage. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, November 20-December 13, 2009, from 7:00-11:00 p.m., visitors to the hotel lobby will be offered complimentary coffee or tea or, with the purchase of an Irish Coffee or Baileys and Coffee, will receive a comparable beverage at no charge.

The hotel, located at 807 Main Street in Pleasanton, Calif., will also collect business cards to be entered in a drawing for a complimentary night's stay. The drawing will take place at 11:00 p.m. on December 13, 2009.

The hotel also collects new or used DVDs for Operation DVD to be sent to military personnel.

More information is available by calling the hotel at (925) 846-8802. The Rose Hotel is located at 807 Main Street in Pleasanton.

### Danville Tree Lighting

The Danville tree lighting will take place the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27, from 5:15-8:30 pm along Diablo Road near the Old Oak Tree.

From 5:15-6:15pm, gather at the tree for holiday refreshments and music and sing along with the San Ramon Valley High School Chorus under the direction of Ken Abrams. From 6:15-6:30 the ceremonial lighting of the tree by Father Christmas and Snow Angel will occur. Finally, from 6:30-8:30 the evening continues with holiday music, entertainment and refreshments located at various businesses throughout downtown Danville.

Please contact Martha Husak, Event Coordinator for the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, at 925-837-4400 x14 for more information.

### Grant Writing Workshop

The Las Positas College Cooperative Collection will host a free workshop for students, artists, researchers, and other individual grant seekers seeking funds from foundations,

corporations, and grant making public charities. The workshop will be led by Scott Ullman of the San Francisco Foundation Center. Offering tips and suggestions on how best to identify funding sources for individuals, this workshop highlights the electronic and print resources available for your use at Las Positas College's Cooperative Collection Center.

The workshop will include an overview of resources for individual grant seekers at the Foundation Center's web site and a demonstration of Foundation Grants to Individuals Online, the Center's searchable database providing information on more than 6,600 grant makers that support individual grant projects.

The workshop will be held at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, on Friday, December 4 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 2400, Room 2416. Registration is required and available online at <http://foundationcenter.org/sanfrancisco/training/ffslivermore.html>.

For more information, please contact Vicki Shipman at (925) 424-1355.

### Master Composter Class

The annual Master Composter Training Program is currently accepting applications for the 2010 class.

After receiving free training in compost training, soil health and natural gardening techniques, Master Composters design and implement community outreach projects. The goal is to reduce waste and preserve natural resources. Alumni have conducted workshops with a variety of organizations.

Master Composters can earn college credit upon completion of the program through Merritt College or continuing education and graduate level credits from Cal State East Bay. Teachers can meet their continuing education requirements. They are also eligible for a \$200 stipend toward continuing compost activities for the classrooms and school gardens.

Classes will be held Wednesday nights in Oakland from Feb. 3 through May 5. Apply on-line at [www.Bay-Friendly.org](http://www.Bay-Friendly.org) or call 510-444-SOIL.

## Annual Gem and Mineral Show This Weekend

The Livermore Lithophile Gem and Mineral Club will host the annual Lithorama on Sat., Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This gem and mineral show and sale will be held at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

The "glow room" will feature a display of fluorescent rocks and minerals.

Along with the Glow Room, the show will have some of the best displays from gem and mineral clubs throughout Northern California. Expect to see award-winning cases from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies on sands from around the world and on free-form gemstone carving.

Other displays will feature mineral collections, fossils, jewelry and polished agate cabochons.

A special attraction will be a display of fossils recovered from the Zone 7 dig site in 2008. The dig took place off Las Positas Road near the Target Store. These are the most recent of the Pleistocene fossils found in the Livermore Valley. The largest animal represented in the find is a Mammoth. A similar Mammoth was unearthed at the National

Ignition facility site at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1997. The age of the Mammoth was determined through carbon-14 dating and found to be 16,000 years old.

Each day will feature demonstrations on faceting gemstones, free form carving of gem material, square-wire jewelry making, and creating lampwork glass beads.

Kids will get a start on their mineral collections with mineral identification cards and sample minerals that kids may take home with them. Experts will be on hand to identify each mineral before it goes on the card.

Seven vendors will have gem and mineral material for sale.

A ticket for a chance to win one of the hourly door prizes is included with every paid admission. Raffle tickets are available at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Children will receive a free item. There will be a silent hourly auction of minerals and lapidary materials.

The event also includes how-to-do-it demonstrations such as faceting, beading, and freeform carving.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults (free weekend re-entry with stamped hand) and children age 12 and under free with adult.

## Shop Early and Save

More than 21 downtown Livermore businesses will open early Sat., Nov. 21 to greet "Earlier Than the Bird" shoppers.

The third annual shop early event takes place from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Shoppers are invited to wear pajamas and head downtown to take advantage of special deals, complimentary hot beverages, sparkling beverages, holiday treats, and more. PJ wearers may receive special discounts and an official "Earlier Than the Bird" gift. (Sweats do not count).

Radio station KKIQ will provide holiday music and prize opportunities from 7 to 8 p.m. Georgi and the Rough Week will play at the Flag Pole Plaza from 9 to 11 a.m.

The event is presented by Livermore Downtown Inc. For a list of participating merchants and special offers, go to [www.livermore-downtown.com](http://www.livermore-downtown.com). Call 373-1795 for information.

## OBITUARIES

### Arnold F. Clark

Arnold F. Clark died November 13, 2009. He was born April 27, 1916. He had lived in Livermore for 55 years.

Beloved husband of Marion, and father of Nathaniel (Lian), Stephen, and Leighton (Teresa), Arnold is also survived by eight grandchildren: John, Paul, Michael, Bethany, Meredith, Philip, Benjamin, and Sophie.

Being challenged and drawn to the study of Physics at Swarthmore College, Arnold earned his PhD in Physics at Indiana University in 1941, and went directly on to a post-doctorate at the University of California - Berkeley. The day after Pearl Harbor, he was asked to join what became the Manhattan Project. After the war years, his scientific interests led him to Berkeley, Rochester, N.Y., Carnegie Tech, and, finally, in 1954, to UCRL - Livermore. He retired from LLNL in 1984, though he continued consulting for some years thereafter. During his successful career as a research physicist, he contributed to the development and making of cyclotrons and an accelerator. His experimental research was strongly focused on nuclear physics, including x-ray vulnerability and quarks, but also included work on solar energy and solid state physics.

Many people in the Livermore community have been touched by Arnold's love of music and of nature. He played with the Livermore-Amador Symphony for nearly 35 years in the violin, viola or cello sections. In his retirement years, he joined his wife in volunteer work supporting the string music programs in elementary and middle schools. He could often be seen walking hand in hand with Marion around town and in Sycamore Grove Park. He enjoyed playing chamber music with other musicians regularly at his home. He loved music, hiking, biking, skiing, birdwatching...He loved his family, and is deeply missed by them.

A gathering for "Memories and Music" is planned for January 23, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to: Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, P.O. Box 1049 Livermore, CA 94551 or Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

### Judith E. Gomez

Judith E. Gomez, 64, a loving mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away

suddenly on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Judy was born in Livermore, CA to Charles and Fay Clelland on December 13, 1944. She led a very active life with lots of caring friends, cousins, aunts and uncles. Judy moved to Gardnerville, NV after she retired in 1995. Judy was very special to her sister, grandchildren, family and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her daughter Jo Ann and her parents. She is survived by her sister Dorothy Guido of California, her grandchildren Brandy (Sam), Laramie (Zach) and Crystal as well as many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind two great grandsons, Sammy and Nathan.

No services will be held.

### Sandra Faye Campbell

Sandra "Sandy" Faye Campbell went to be with the Lord on November 14, 2009 after an extended illness. Sandy was born in San Diego, California on January 26, 1945 to Martha and William Campbell. She was the fifth of what would eventually be 10 siblings. She was raised primarily in San Diego but moved around several times eventually settling in Livermore in 1979. One of the hardest parts about moving north was leaving behind her beautiful, San Diego beaches. She loved the beach and the sun. But, her family's move to Livermore, ultimately, led to her career as a telephone technician. She thrived at this job, which at the time, was still thought of as "man's work". This "man's work" allowed her to

support her children and eventually fulfill her dream of purchasing her own home in Patterson. She retired from Mills-Peninsula Hospital in 2005.

One of her most courageous moments was going back to high school at 31 years old to earn her high school diploma because she had quit high school at 17 to marry. As a child, Sandy fought and recovered from Polio, and as an adult she bravely fought and survived two separate rounds of breast cancer. Some of her favorite activities were doing crossword puzzles, reading, playing scrabble, watching her crime shows, debating politics, and visiting with friends and family. She also enjoyed spending time with her friends at Hillcrest Gardens. Prior to her illness, she enjoyed long road trips in her Mustang or on her Harley Sportster. One of her favorite trips was to see Graceland, the home of her beloved Elvis.

Sandy was especially proud of

her children. When her children were young, she spent most of her free time involved in her children's activities including Scouts, Job's Daughters and DeMolay. She is survived by her children Debra (Bryce) Jane Bertolino (Livermore), Roger (Jodi) Charles Oldes II (Sacramento), Carrie Lynn Sloan (Manteca), Marty Joe Goode, and her former daughter-in-law, Myong Oldes. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Devan Bertolino; Joshua, Jeremiah and Jacob Oldes, Dustin Smith Oldes, Jordan and Sydney Humphries; Garin Easley, and Campbell and Alex Torres; and Misty, Sarah, Eryn, Janet and Shannen Goode.

She is also survived by seven of her siblings and their spouses: Dean and Margaret Williams, and Gordon Williams (San Diego); Jolean and James Ezell (Livermore); Gary and Marie Campbell (Ripon); Roberta and David Everett (Oregon); Rick and Marla Puryear (San Diego);

and Rhonda Bair (South Carolina). She has a vast number of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends that loved her and will miss her. She will especially be missed by Milo, the dog she and Devan adopted from Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, as well two of her brothers, Russell Puryear and Cecil "Icky" Williams. She was also preceded in death in 2003 by her long-time companion and the love of her life, Richard Lopez.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore on Friday, November 20 at 2:30pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers you make a donation to any organization that supports early detection, diagnosis and treatment of breast

cancer.

### Richard J. Hadsel

Pleasanton resident Richard Hadsel died at sunset Nov. 15, 2009. He was born at sunrise on Feb. 5, 1934.

He was the beloved husband of Yvonne Hadsel (21 yrs.), father of Deanna and Bradley Cloonan, Russelland Debbie Hadsel, Teresa Hadsel, Leslie Simon and Karen Simon, and papa to Jessica Hadsel, Shana & Katey Cloonan, Veronica Hadsel and 4 great grandchildren. Rich enjoyed camping, fishing and Giants baseball.

Memorial service will be held Tues., Nov. 24 at 1p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton

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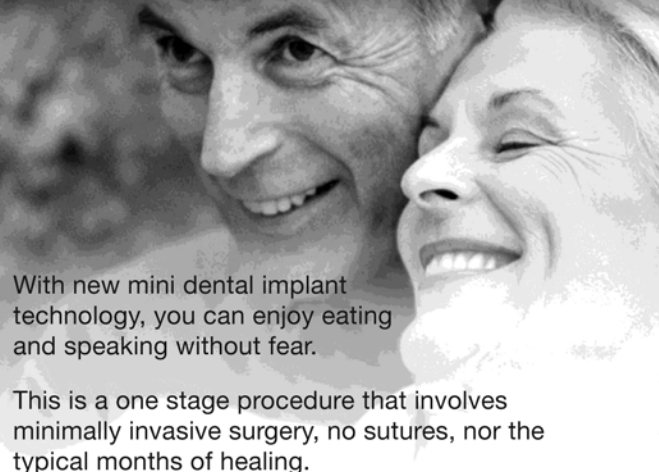
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# Many Ways to Help During the Holidays

## Free2Give at The Library

Free2Give is designed to encourage giving and a spirit of generosity during the months of November and December. As part of Free2Give, the Livermore Public Library is partnering with Tri-Valley Haven to collect toys and other gifts for families in need this holiday season. Gifts are needed for children of all ages, from tots to teens.

Collection boxes will be located at all Livermore Public Libraries from November 16 through December 8. Gifts should be new, unwrapped toys that are non-violent in nature. Please go to <http://www.trivalleyhaven.org/HolidayWishList2009.pdf> for a list of suggested donations. Gifts may be dropped off anytime during library hours, at the Civic Center Library (1188 South Livermore Ave.), the Rincon Branch Library (725 Rincon Ave.), or the Springtown Branch Library (998 Bluebell Drive). For more information, call 925-373-5505 or visit [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us).

## Harley Owners Deliver Turkeys

The annual Turkey Trot food drive to support Tri-Valley Food Haven is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, at 11 a.m.

The Livermore Harley Owners Group will meet at the Livermore Harley Davidson dealership to kick off this year's Turkey Trot. Bikers will bring turkeys, hams, chickens or just a pocket full of money and ride over to Safeway where they'll parade around the store and fill up their carts with as many turkeys, hams and chickens as their generous donations permit.

Then it's off to the Tri-Valley Haven for their famous "Turkey Line" transfer of the fold from Harley Santa's sleigh, and other vehicles!

Finally, it's over to The Carvery in downtown Livermore for a hot turkey sandwich.

## Basket Brigade Helps Families

The Tri-Valley Basket Brigade is a Thanksgiving food drive that allows food donors to connect personally with a family in need. On Brigade Day, participants bring food and clothing items and gather together as a group to create Thanksgiving baskets. Once the baskets are assembled, participants have the opportunity to deliver a basket personally to a Bay Area family in need. Bags containing food, clothing and personal products are also compiled and delivered to the homeless.

Thanksgiving baskets are given to needy individuals and families who may not take advantage of the food distribution programs available to them in the area. Families are identified by contacting local schools, churches, homeless and battered women shelters and other charitable organizations.

The Tri-Valley Basket Brigade was founded by husband and wife team Reese Ramos and Katherine Havener. Prior to moving to the Tri-Valley, Reese and Katherine participated in Brigades in Southern California.

Here are the specifics about Brigade Day: Saturday, November 21. Registration is between 9:15 and 10 a.m. The Brigade begins at 10 a.m. sharp. Valley Christian School, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin.

More information is available by going to [www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com](http://www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com)

## Giving Tree at Police Station

A Giving Tree will be set up in the lobby of the Livermore Police Department starting November 23.

The "Livermore Giving Tree" is sponsored by the Police Department and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Those wishing to donate, select a tag from the tree and bring back a new unwrapped gift with the tag attached. Monetary donations cannot be accepted. However, gift cards are always welcome.

The tree will be available to the public in the lobby Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 23 through Dec. 17. The Police Department is located at 1110 So. Livermore Avenue.

Handpicked families in Livermore that need a little assistance will receive the gifts.

To arrange for a sponsorship or more information, call 371-4976.

## Leave Toys at Postal Annex+

Bay-Area PostalAnnex+ stores are teaming up with Toys for Tots to help make 2009 one of the best years ever for contributions.

The Toys for Tots program was the inspiration of Ret. Colonel William Hendricks, who worked as a producer with Warner Brothers following his military career.

Please visit the following Bay Area PostalAnnex+ locations to drop off your donation for Toys for Tots, from now through December 15: Dublin 4101 Dublin Blvd, Suite F, 925-556-2510; Livermore 2150 Portola Avenue,

## Wheels Riders Asked to Donate Food

Wheels will be rolling out barrels for its 16th Annual Holiday Food Drive. Residents are asked to drop nonperishable food donations into the food bank barrels available aboard all Wheels buses during the period of Mon., Nov. 30 to Sun., Dec. 6.

All food collected will be donated to the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry.

Unlike in past years, riders will be required to pay a fare even if they donate food.

"As you might imagine, Wheels has been especially hard hit with the elimination of the state transportation assistance funds and needs all of its revenues to keep the system running. It is our hope that Wheels riders will continue to participate in the holiday food drive in the spirit of sharing with those who are less fortunate," explained Pleasanton Councilmember Jerry Throne, chair of LAVTA's Board of Directors.

Nonperishable items that are needed include canned meat, fish, soups, vegetables, peanut butter and pasta.

Collection barrels will also be available at the Livermore Transit Center, 2500 Railroad Ave., Livermore, 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the Wheels Administration Office, 1362 Rutan Ct., Suite 100, Livermore, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information about Wheels call 455-7500 or go to [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com).

## Open Heart Kitchen Benefit

2nd Annual "Put A Little Love in Your Heart" fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen

will be held Thurs., Nov. 19 at Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore.

The event will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 21 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Live music will be provided by: Roger Kardinal. There will be wine tasting and appetizers. Art Thoms, former Oakland Raider, will be selling sports Memorabilia. Michelle Bucket, of Michelle's Jewelry Box, will be selling custom jewelry.

There will be an opportunity to win raffle prizes.

Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be on hand to accept tax deductible donations. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted.

For more information call 925 580-6793 or go to [www.openheartkitchen.org](http://www.openheartkitchen.org).

## Firefighters Collecting Toys for Tots

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) has launched the local Toys-for-Tots Campaign for the 2009 Holiday Season. Once again designated as an official Local Community Organization by the Toys-for-Tots Foundation, LFPD firefighters have already begun collecting, storing, and sorting new and unwrapped toys that will benefit and provide holiday cheer for the children of the Tri-Valley.

## CLEAN AIR

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single occupancy vehicles, like taking transit or joining a carpool, is a win for air quality, traffic congestion and money savings, "said Lisa Fasano, communications director for the Air District. "These organizations showed it is easy and rewarding to Spare the Air Every Day."

This year's Great Race for Clean Air Challenge was larger than last year's program with 14 participating companies reaching nearly 14,000 Tri-Valley employees participating in the program. The two-month Great Race competition achieved four times more CO2 savings, or 130,000 pounds of CO2, than in the 2008 program.

"We were proud to be a part of The Great Race - and even more excited that our employees helped us to win," said Jodie Collins, facility manager for the Kaiser Permanente Pleasanton Technology Campus. "We always encourage our employees to demonstrate Kaiser Permanente's role as a health advocate. Participating in a competition such as The Great Race exemplifies our commitment to the health of our members, and to the well-being of the people in our communities."

Every day Bay Area drivers make 7 million trips driving alone, with a majority of drivers commuting to and from work. Studies show that currently only 17 percent of Bay Area vehicles travel in carpool lanes, despite the fact that carpools can cross Bay Area bridges toll-free during peak commute hours and enjoy a faster commute. Vehicles in the HOV lanes travel an average of 30 percent faster than in the regular lanes.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area. For more information about Spare the Air, visit [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

Toy collection events and locations:

- Annual Holiday Parades held in Pleasanton and Livermore. Parades are scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. in Livermore and at 4:00 p.m. in Pleasanton down Main Street.

- Toys-R-Us Toy Collection Day at Toys-R-Us in Dublin. LFPD Firefighters will collect toys by the staged antique fire engine.

- Pacific Swimming 14-Under Junior Olympics Championship Hosted by the Pleasanton Seahawks, Friday to Sunday, December 4 to 6, 2009 Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455 Black Ave. Pleasanton.

All Livermore and Pleasanton Fire and Police Stations: STATION 1, 3560 Nevada Street, Pleasanton; Station 2, 6300 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton; Station 3, 3200 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton; Station 4, 1600 Oak Vista Parkway, Pleasanton; Station 5, 1200 Machado Place, Pleasanton; Station 6, 4550 East Avenue, Livermore; Station 7, 951 Rincon Avenue, Livermore; Station 8, 5750 Scenic Avenue, Livermore; Station 9, 1919 Cordoba Street, Livermore; and Station 10, 330 Airway Boulevard, Livermore.

Police Departments: Livermore, 1110 South Livermore Avenue; Pleasanton, 4833 Bernal Avenue.

## NOVELIST

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a national laboratory. "I feel nervous talking to scientists," she said. "I never was able to solve for X." Then as an aside to those in the audience who might agree with her, she wondered, "I don't know why anyone would want to!"

The remarks drew a knowing laugh from the audience, many of whom had some connection with Livermore's national laboratories, but they were also a light-hearted indication of where the talk was headed.

Hamilton repeatedly highlighted the beauty and thoughtfulness of serious writing by contrasting it with today's packaged and sometimes trivial communications, such as Twitter. Twitter is the short-message electronic communication system, with 140 or fewer characters per simple message.

For example, the audience hushed as Hamilton recited a short poem by Marie Howe, "Part of Eve's Discussion," the first lines of which read: "It was like the moment when a bird decides not to eat from your hand, and flies, just before it flies, the moment the rivers seem to still, and stop because a storm is coming, but there is no storm."

The audience then laughed when she contrasted the poem's eloquence and mystery to the packaging of modern communication by pointing out that the poem had 533 characters, which could be delivered in 3.37 twitter messages.

Similarly she received a laugh by reading two sentences comprising 533 characters from an Edith Wharton short story, and noted that they could be delivered in 4.2 tweets.

Hamilton's approach was in contrast to previous Rae Dorough speakers like John Hamre, who explored America's international position in the 21st Century, and David Kennedy, who discussed America's role in World War II.

Rather than their more conventional approach of adding structured information to an audience's fund of knowledge, hers was a stream-of-consciousness performance in which one rapid-fire story merged into the next, gracefully and humorously.

A key character in her presentation was her seat-mate during a recent, regional airplane flight.

On learning that Hamilton was an author, the seat-mate wanted to know if any of her stories were, well, "a little smutty." Not wanting to disappoint her, Hamilton acknowledged that some of them might just be "a little smutty."

The woman's interest grew, and she whispered confidentially that she would like to know if they were "really smutty - really, really smutty!" After Hamilton acknowledged that some of them might be, the woman wondered where she might get copies of the books, revealing that she was unfamiliar with bookstores and libraries.

And then this seat-mate discovered that the baby being held by a woman sitting across the aisle had appeared on the television series, Law and Order. At that point, she lost interest in Hamilton's books in favor of the more immediate fame that might rub off from someone who had been on TV - even an infant. She wondered if she could have the napkin that the baby had spit up upon. "If only it was old enough to sign an autograph," she sighed.

The seat-mate's penchant for cheap entertainment seemed almost too pronounced to be real, perhaps a caricature to illustrate the talk. Hamilton insisted later that she was genuine and that every word was spoken.

Hamilton teaches writing at Carleton College, in Minnesota, where, a decade ago, her students were not sure there would always be an audience for serious writing. Hamilton is not so pessimistic. Despite her concerns about the level of serious literary interest in the age of internet, she is confident, "There will always be people who love story telling." She assumes that "if there are writers, there will be readers."

She does regret the passing of so many independent bookstores. "I don't think you can overestimate (their) value" in encouraging new authors, as Goodenough Books encouraged her, she said.

Hamilton's own favorite authors range widely, including Jane Austen ("no one is better at plot,") Alice Munro ("her stories are as distilled, in their way, as a great poem,") John Cheever and Alice McDermott, "and of course the classics."

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# REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES

## What You Need to Know about "Holding Title"

**By Cher Wollard**  
Your offer has been accepted, inspections done, loan approved, contingencies removed. Now it's time to sign documents to purchase your dream home and the escrow officer wants to know how you plan to "hold title."

"What does that mean?" you ask.

How you hold title affects more than just how your names appear on the deed. It can have important legal and tax consequences.

Buyers should consult an attorney and/or tax accountant for professional advice, but it's wise to familiarize yourself with the basics before making a decision.

There are five main ways individuals may hold title to real estate: sole ownership, community property, joint tenancy, tenancy in common and trust. To that list, the state of California adds a sixth: community property with right of survivorship.

### Sole Ownership

Individuals who purchase a home or other real estate in their own name, with no one else, hold title as sole ownership.

The title on the deed will read: "Jane Doe, a single woman," or "John Smith, an unmarried man," for example. In these cases "single" refers to someone who has never been married. "Unmarried" is used to describe someone who has been married, but is now divorced or widowed.

A married person who purchases property in his/her name alone may also hold title alone. In such cases, the escrow officer will ask the spouse to disclaim or relinquish rights to the property in writing.

The buyer can then hold title as "Mary Jones, a married woman, as her sole and separate property."

In the case of death or divorce, California's community property laws apply, so the spouse will likely be entitled to half of the property.

### Community Property

California is one of only a handful of community property states - most in the West - and holding title this way is only permitted for married couples or domestic partners.

In this state, marital assets are presumed to be community property, unless specifically deemed otherwise, usually in writing. This means each spouse or domestic partner owns one undivided half-interest in the property.

Title is held in the "community" of the married couple or domestic partners. Each spouse or partner has a separate interest, but the property is managed jointly. Debts against the property, such as mortgages, may be in one name or both.

If a couple decides to sell or give away the property, both must sign any conveyance documents.

At death, half interest goes to the surviving spouse or partner; the other half becomes part of the deceased's estate.

Community property may result in lower federal capital gain taxes after the death of one spouse when the surviving spouse then sells the property. This is because the purchase value of the property is "stepped up" to its fair market value at the time of death.

For example, in 1981, Sue and Steve Miles purchased a home as community property for \$150,000. When Steve died in 2003, it was worth \$450,000. Sue now wants to sell the property, valued at \$525,000. She has made no improvements on the property and her costs of sale will be \$37,000.

As a single person, Sue would have a capital gains exemption of \$250,000 on profit from the sale of her home.

Without the step up, she would be taxed on \$338,000 (\$525,000 minus \$150,000 minus \$37,000).

Because the value was stepped up at Steve's death, she will only be taxed on \$38,000 (\$525,000 minus \$450,000 minus \$37,000).

### Community Property with Right of Survivorship

A relatively new and increasingly popular choice for couples is to hold title as community property with right of survivorship.

Adopted in 2001, this method of holding title is identical to community property except that the entire property automatically passes to the surviving spouse or partner at death.

### Joint Tenancy

As in community property with right of survivorship, joint tenants hold equal undivided interests in the property. Upon death, interest passes to the surviving joint tenants.

Any number of persons, related or not, can own property as joint tenants. All parties to a joint tenancy must acquire title at the same time, and all shares are equal.

If one owner decides to sell or give away the property, or take on debt, the other owners must agree. Otherwise, the joint tenancy is broken and ownership changes to tenancy in common.

There are no tax benefits to joint tenancy. Joint tenancy must be created in writing.

### Tenancy in Common

Tenants in common each own a separate undivided interest in the property, which he/she can sell or give away without disrupting the arrangement.

Ownership can be divided into any number of interests, equal or not.

Let's say Mary Doe, Jim Black and Joan Reed own a house as tenants in common. Mary decides to sell her share to John Smith. John becomes a tenant in common with Jim and Joan.

When John dies, his heirs will be tenants in common with the other owners.

Joint ownership is presumed to be as tenants in common, unless the owners are married to each other.

### Trusts

Many people hold property in trusts. Revocable living trusts are a popular way of holding property to avoid delays, complications and costs for loved ones after death.

A trust is an arrangement whereby legal title to property is transferred to a trustee, who holds and manages it for the benefit of beneficiaries.

Property must be expressly vested in the trustee of the trust, and the trust itself must be created by an executed trust agreement.

Trusts are usually set up by attorneys who specialize in estate planning.

### Other Ways of Vesting Title

Businesses, non-profits and other legal entities sometimes hold title to property in other ways, such as partnerships and corporations.

There may be important tax or legal consequences for each of these choices.

The escrow company handling your transaction will provide you with information about all of your options for holding title before you sign documents. Your Realtor can also explain the basics of how each option works.

But neither can advise you on the best strategy for your situation.

If you need professional counsel about your specific situation, ask your agent to refer you to a qualified attorney or tax accountant.

And congratulations on your real estate purchase!

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with

Windermere Welcome Home Realty, Livermore.

# MEETING

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Giving a basic course in economics in a few words, Garamendi said that there is "a life cycle for products. Initially there is high demand, and high profit. Then it becomes a commodity, so they look for cheap labor abroad. We need to stay with innovation."

## LISTENING ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE

Garamendi met earlier in the day with local politicians to learn firsthand about Valley infrastructure, notably the congestion that slows truck freight to stores and plants, and the commuter traffic that affects employees.

During the talk, Garamendi also complimented Pollard about the career technical education program at Las Positas. He said, "It is one of the best in the state, and rivals the best in Southern California."

There was a lament, though, for California education in the big picture of economic progress. Garamendi regretted the fact that state budget cuts will keep 3000 students out of the UC system. Also, 40,000 students will not be entering the state college system.

On the bright side, the federal government has put more money into the Pell grant program for college students. Congress has also made lower interest loans available to students by removing the profit that bankers were getting from higher interest loans, he said.

## CHEERS, BOOS ON HEALTH BILL

One audience member said

that the public option in the health care bill will kill jobs. The questioner said, "An 8 percent increase in cost for employers" will take away hiring incentive. He received some applause for his remark. Then others in the audience started booing.

After a couple of rounds of cheering and booing, Garamendi asked the audience to refrain from it. He answered the question by saying the United States spends "a huge amount on war, and even more on health care. The inflation rate on health care is twice the general rate. We spend 17 percent of all of our wealth for health care."

"The money we need for manufacturing or sales is crowded out by health care. The more we spend, the fewer the number of people can afford it," he said. Garamendi supports the public option.

Asked about the future of the Delta and water supplies for California, Garamendi said that he opposes the peripheral canal (or "dual conveyance") that will be on the ballot in 2010. The solution is more underground water storage, more use of recycled waste water, and more conservation.

Garamendi told a questioner, who asked about troop levels in Afghanistan, that he opposes making any increase.

Garamendi will host four more town halls in December. They will be held in Antioch, El Cerrito, Fairfield, and Walnut Creek.



Chris LeBel, a junior at Granada High School, was selected as the Livermore Idol in competition held last weekend. There were ten finalists ranging from seventh graders to high school seniors.

LeBel, who plays the acoustic guitar and sings, earned an automatic spot in the Livermore 2010 Talent Competition. He will sing the National Anthem at the Livermore 4th of July Celebration in 2010. Second place was Jacob Woll, a home schooled eighth grader; 3rd was Hannah Nafzinger, a junior at Granada High. Applications for the Livermore Talent Competition are due Dec. 11, 2009. Rules and application are available at [www.LivermoreTalentCompetition.com](http://www.LivermoreTalentCompetition.com). The winners in 17 and under and 18 and over will each receive \$2500. The competition is open to all ages and talents. There is no requirement to be a Livermore resident. The semifinals will be held Jan. 9 at the Bankhead Theater, the finals on Feb., 28, also at the Bankhead Theater. The semifinals and finals will be judged by a panel of professionals. All net proceeds go to the community grants awarded by the two Rotary Clubs of Livermore.



Approximately 2,500 participants line up each December dressed as reindeer, snowmen, angels, holiday packages, and more to play a role in Pleasanton's biggest event of the season, the Annual Hometown Holidays Celebration. The centerpiece of this free event on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. is a festive community-based parade down Main Street, followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main. Parade entry applications are now available online and are due by Wednesday, November 25, 2009. The hometown holiday parade is open to all individuals, groups and organizations in the community interested in participating. There is no fee to register an entry in the parade and all entries must be of a theme that is consistent with the winter holidays. Groups can participate on a float, in individual autos, as walking groups, or with animal entries. All float entries must be safe for passengers and spectators and are limited to a height that does not exceed 14 feet. Please visit [www.hometownholiday.com](http://www.hometownholiday.com) to download an application and parade rules. A parade float building guide is available upon request by calling (925) 931-5352. Pictured is the Balloon Platoon.

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# Art, Community, & Education

## New Pleasanton Teen Poets Are Varsity Athlete, Color Guard Captain

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts has selected high school seniors Vivienne Chen and Nick Quan as its new Teen Poets Laureate. The two are charged with encouraging others at their schools to express themselves in writing and to read their work aloud. Along with the Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman, they will make occasional visits to Pleasanton middle schools to read their poems and encourage students to write poetry.

In addition to activities at schools, the Teen Poets Laureate will read a poem and announce the teen and youth contest winners at the 9th Annual Pleasanton Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival in April. They will also participate in the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) Youth Excellence in Arts (YEA!) Awards in June.

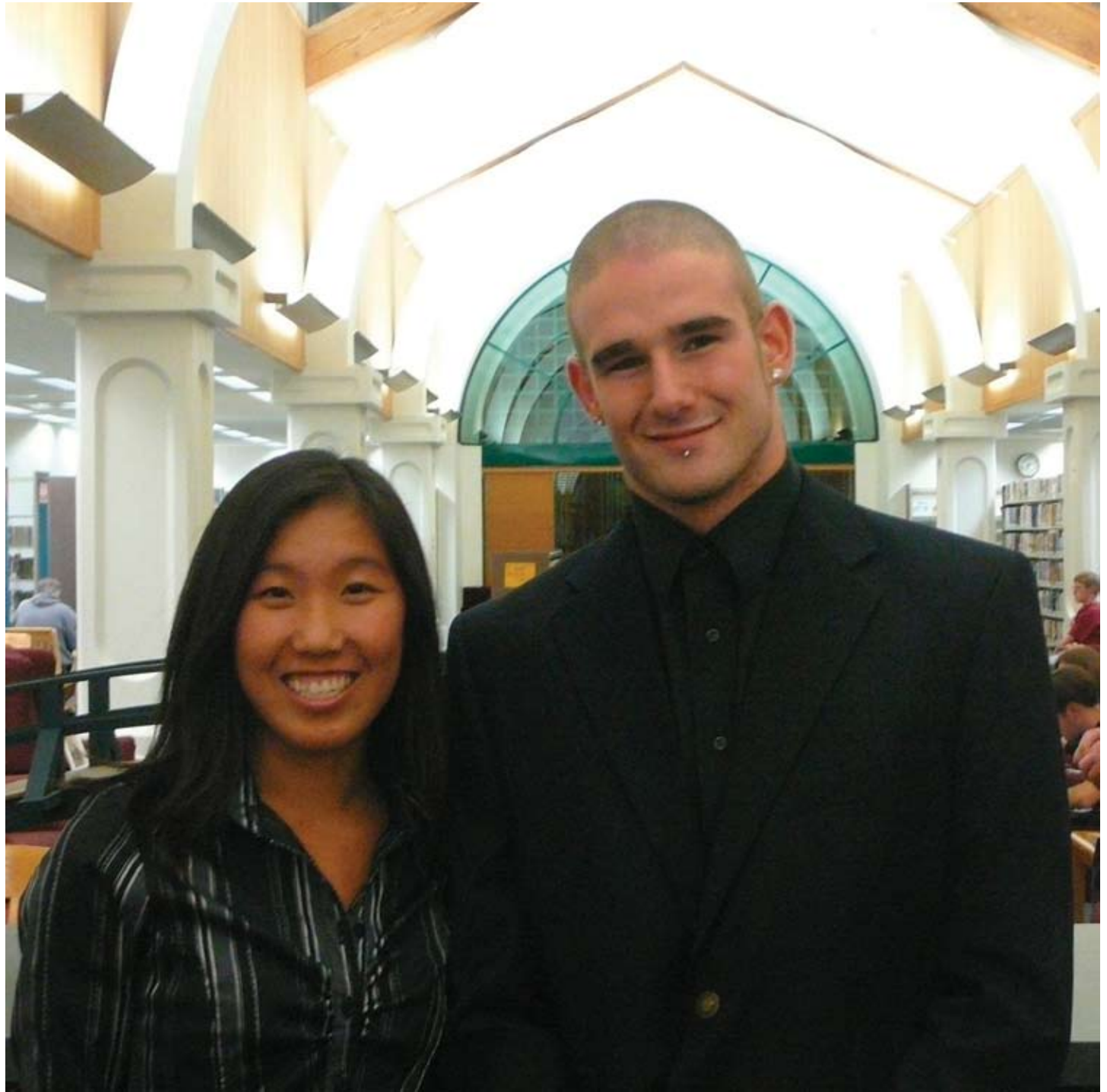
Vivienne Chen is Teen Poet Laureate of Amador Valley High School where she is also captain of the Amador Valley High School Color Guard, Editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, *The Amador*, and president of Writers Bloc, Amador Valley High School's creative writing club. She enjoys all styles of dance, biking and watching films. Her favorite poets are Emily Dickinson and Maya Angelou.

Chen said she looks forward to sharing the positive aspects of reading and writing with younger students. She said, "Writing can make a difference. The written word has started wars, ended wars, revealed corruption, and changed lives. Writers can make you laugh, cry, and fume with anger without even meeting you."

Nick Quan is the Teen Poet Laureate of Foothill High School, who moved to Pleasanton from Castro Valley in fifth grade and attended Hart Middle School. He plays football on the Foothill High School varsity football team. As a freshman, he was honored as defensive MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the year and, as a sophomore, was named "Outstanding Falcon" for his leadership role on the team. He also enjoys rugby and hip hop dancing.

Quan's favorite poet is Edgar Allen Poe. About sharing his poetry, he declared, "I want students to know that freedom is a powerful tool for success. Creative writing is one of the few lasting forms of freedom where you can express yourself without limits. There's nothing like the power of a pen and a pencil in this world."

The teens were chosen from junior and senior applicants in Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) high schools. The selection was based on the quality of their essays about their goals for the program,



Vivienne Chen and Nick Quan

and their poems, their references, and their interviews.

"We are delighted with the talent and enthusiasm of our new Teen Poets Laureate," said Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman. "Both Vivienne and Nick write

expressive poems ranging from the deeply emotional to light and humorous verse. Possessing excellent presentation skills, they are eager to share their interest in reading and writing at their high schools and with younger students."

For information about the Poet Laureate

program, contact Michelle Russo at [mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or (925) 931-5350 or Deborah Grossman at [pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com](mailto:pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com). Additional information about the Poet Laureate program is available at <http://civicalartsliterary.org>.



By Harry Stoll

Tomorrow, Nov. 20, and over the weekend, wine negociant Nottingham Cellars will celebrate its arrival in the valley at the new tasting room at 2245 Vasco Road, (in the same building as Occasio Winery). Collin and Jeff Cranor—Son and father, general manager and owner, enthusiast and enthusiast—promise wine tasting, food and fun. Be our guest, say they.

To fete the event, Nottingham Cellars will release four wines that will also be poured during the weekend. No tasting fee will be charged. After that the fee will be \$5 and be credited to any purchase. Prices range from \$18 to \$29 per bottle.

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Livermore Valley is the place to be, according to Jeff, who heaps high praise on the grapes grown here. Nottingham Cellars brands are to be made predominantly from Livermore Valley grapes. Jeff got into the wine business as a hobby, working with friends to buy, blend and bottle wine from established wineries. He says the wine was killer. Collin also developed a passion for wine.

The Cranors' business started in Burlingame, bottling their Satyr's Pond label under the license of Morrison Family Winery. Satyr's Pond was operated as a wine club. That practice will be continued here. The two entities agreed to go in different directions and the Cranors went east to Livermore. That's how these two go-getters

## Nottingham Cellars Celebrates New vino venue on Vasco Road



Collin and Jeff Cranor in the tasting room.

got here. The Satyr's Pond is from grapes grown in Napa and Santa Barbara County. That label will be available at Nottingham Cellars and two of its reds will be poured this weekend.

Collin says, "I love what we're doing. Our wine is top quality. It's great to have the business right here in the backyard where I've grown up". Collin was born and reared in Castro Valley. He works hard and says the business is not always easy." But he likes it. He is determined and enthusiastic.

Nottingham buys grapes from Wisner, Casa de Vina, and Del Arroyo vineyards. Del Arroyo owner Rick Corbett owns the industrial building housing Nottingham. The Conors remodeled a space there. It will hold art from Jeff's brother, San Diego artist Pat Conor.

All the wine is made locally. Nottingham has a custom-crush arrangement with Cedar Mountain Winery. "We are essentially leasing space from Cedar Mountain," said Collin. We have total control." Cedar Mountain co-owner Linda Ault

said they provide custom winery services to Nottingham.

Wine from the 2009 vintage is now in barrels at the Vasco Road facility. The Cranors will blend them and use mobile bottler, which also affix the elegant Nottingham labels.

They chose the name Nottingham because of its historical significance here, says Collin. Nottingham was one of the early names for Livermore. As to the name Satyr's Pond, Collin says in Greek mythology, satyrs are associated with the first winemaking by Dionysius. The satyrs would frolic and drink wine with nymphs at a pond. The tasting room location and hours are at the end of this story.

Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association Executive Chris Chandler said the association is "... thrilled to have our two newest wineries, Nottingham Cellars and Occasio Winery next door to one another, and delighted to have Nottingham Cellars here as the newest family winery."

el Sol winery owner/winemaker Hal Liske thinks Nottingham Cellars will be a

good addition to the eno scene here. He's done business with them as a buyer and as a seller. They are energetic, hard-working, and personable, he said, and don't have a stick stuck anywhere.

### Nottingham Cellars Official Launch Party Weekend

Friday, November 20 - 4pm - 9pm  
Saturday, November 21 - 12pm - 6pm  
Sunday, November 22 - 12pm - 6pm

### Nottingham Cellars Information

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Livermore  
925.294.8647

info@nottinghamcellars.com  
www.nottinghamcellars.com

Open Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.,  
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Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

## Swing with a Big Band at the Bankhead

# Tex Beneke Orchestra Returns By Popular Demand

The nostalgic sounds of the Tex Beneke Orchestra return to Livermore for one performance only on Friday, November 20th at 8pm in *Swinging with the Big Band* – a musical salute to the music of the 30s and 40s. The Beneke Orchestra plays some of the best big band music of all time from such legends as Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. The name Tex Beneke is inevitably linked to that of Glenn Miller, despite the fact that he outlived Miller by over a half century. As the most popular member of Miller's pre-World War II orchestra, featured on songs such as *Chattanooga Choo Choo* and *Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree*,

Beneke became a major fixture in the popular culture of the period.

Joining the Beneke Orchestra for a Bankhead Theater walk-back-in-time will be *The Ink Spots*, the 1930s and 40s vocal group that helped to define the musical genre that led to rhythm and blues, rock and roll and doo wop, with their timeless hits, *If I Didn't Care*, *Java Jive*, *Don't Get Around Much Anymore* and *The Gypsy*. To complete this evening of music memories, Leigh Vance and her *Swing Sisters* provide a homage to those sister groups of the 1930s and 40s, *The Andrews Sisters* and *The McGuire Sisters*.

*Swinging with the Big Band* will appear with at the Bankhead

Theater for one performance only on Friday, November 20th at 8pm. Tickets are available at the theater ticket office, 2400 First Street, by phone at 925-373-6800 and online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org). Next up will be the celebrated *Turtle Island Quartet* on Monday, December 21st at 7:30 pm.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The Ticket Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit the LVPAC website at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).



## First Art & Wine Crawl Slated

Cap off the Thanksgiving Holiday with the First Bi-Monthly Art & Wine Crawl in Downtown Livermore

On Friday, November 27, from 5:30-8 pm, there will be open studios, art receptions, exhibitions and wine tastings at several locations in downtown Livermore.

Highlights include open studios

at both the new Art Glass Studio on 2nd and L and the group of artists at Firehouse Art Studios on McLeod, the grand opening of the Ryan Fine Art gallery on 2nd and J, and art exhibitions and/or winetasting at several downtown wine bars and boutique shops.

Pick up a map at Panama Red

Coffee Company at the corner of First & K Streets, at participating businesses, or online at [www.lindaryanfineart.com](http://www.lindaryanfineart.com).

The Art & Wine Crawls will be held in the evenings on final Fridays, odd months, and are coordinated by Ryan Fine Art gallery, 925-243-0424.

## Gallery Grand Opening Part of Art & Wine Crawl

The Art & Wine Crawls will be held in the evenings on final Fridays, odd months, and are coordinated by Ryan Fine Art gallery, 925-243-0424.

The Ryan Fine Art Gallery will host a Grand Opening during the first Art & Wine Crawl on the evening after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27, from 5:30-8pm

"The initial exhibition is a group show of artists new to the area and some of my regional favorites," said gallery owner Linda Ryan.

Ryan is the creator of ArtWalk Livermore, manager of the Bothwell Arts Center, organizes art

exhibitions at Panama Red and the Bankhead Theater, is an established abstract figurative artist and has curated many art exhibitions in the area.

Her plans for the gallery include coordinating a bi-monthly art reception tour of exhibits called Art & Wine Crawl (final Fridays, odd months). "We're going to have some themed, juried exhibitions coming up. The first will be East Bay Area Abstract Figurative in late January. Afterwards, we'll be asking people questions to respond to, artwork," stated Ryan.

In between the themed exhibitions, she plans to have featured

artists, and give her new gallery interns a chance to curate an exhibition themselves. Gallery Interns Jen Lock and Arthur Barinque, both artists, will assist with open hours, marketing, and graphic design as well.

Ryan said, "We're going to have odd hours – lunchtimes, Friday evenings and by appointment. We'll make it work."

The gallery is made possible by the sponsorship of the dance studio "It's all about Dancing." Both businesses are located at 171 So. J Street, Livermore.

Please see [www.lindaryanfineart.com](http://www.lindaryanfineart.com) for more information.

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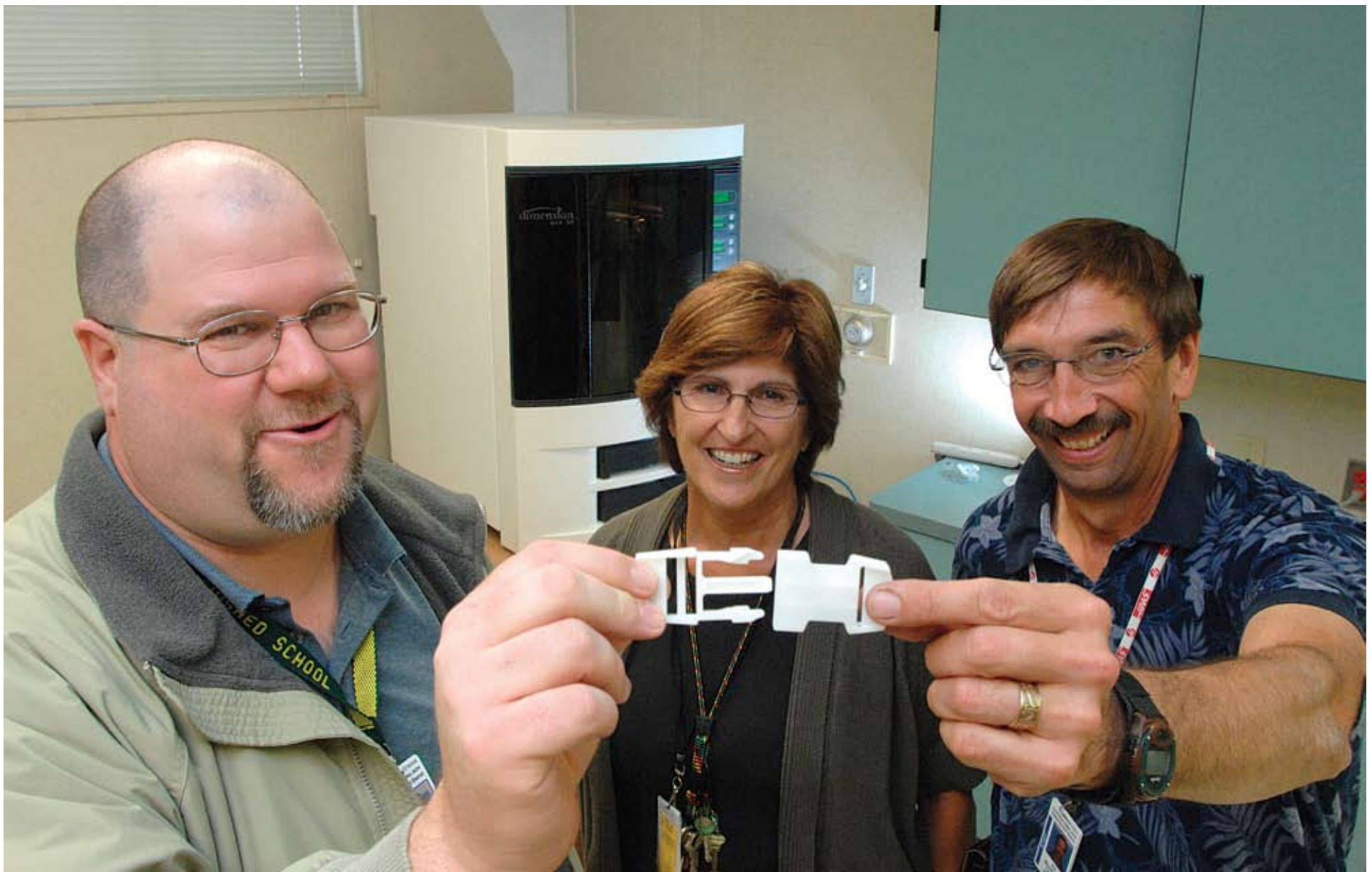


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Showing a working buckle created by the 3-D printer are (from left) Mike Waltz, Sue Davis and Ed Woodward.

## A Little Luck Brings Dimension 3-D Printer to Livermore High School

By Patricia Koning

To obtain state-of-the-art computer equipment these days, public schools have to be lucky. Fortunately for Livermore High School (LHS), shop teacher Ed Woodworth was very lucky when he went to industry conference last month and won a Dimension 768 series 3-D printer in the door prize drawing.

"I went to the conference to check out CNC (computer numerical control) machines for woodworking class, even though we can't afford to buy anything new right now," he said. "My name was the first one they pulled for the

door prize."

The technology education consulting company The Paton Group donated the 3-D printer. "One of our clients, an art school in Southern California, traded in this 3-D printer so they could upgrade," explained Frank Paton of The Paton Group. "We knew another school could put this to great use, so we offered it as a door prize."

Paton estimated that the printer is worth about \$12,000 (it would be \$24,000 new). Along with the machine, The Paton Group is providing a one-year warranty, training, and an ultrasonic tank. Stratasys, the company that makes Dimension 3-D printers, donated a

1.5 year supply of material worth about \$3,500.

The printer went to LHS engineering teacher Mike Waltz because it can be used in his CAD/drafting and architectural design classes. Through a community gift from Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), he recently purchased CAD Academy software from The Paton Group that will work with the 3-D printer. (A number of other modeling software programs, like SolidWorks, Pro/ENGINEER, and ArchiCAD, also work with it.)

"This is like Christmas. I bought the software never expecting we'd

have the printer to use it with," said Waltz. "With this printer, I can take my classes to a whole new level. We can create the things they design."

The Dimension 768 series 3-D printer converts 3-D drawings into 3-D objects by building successive micro-layers of durable acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic from the bottom up. While 3-D printers are typically used to build models and prototypes, the material is strong enough to make usable parts.

Within the build space of 8 x 8 x 12 inches, almost anything is possible such as gears, tools,

puzzles, sculptures, architectural models, and ball bearings; items with moving parts come out pre-assembled. The printer can build about 1.5 cubic inches per hour, so most objects will take 12 to 18 hours. After the build is complete, the objects are placed in the ultrasonic tank to dissolve support materials.

Paton said his company has placed about 150 such printers in schools and colleges in the western United States. A science lab at a major university obtained a 3-D printer to create molecular models, but they soon found another use for

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## ABC Music Store to Host Grand Opening Festivities

ABC Music Store & Academy (formerly The Valley Music Source) in downtown Livermore is celebrating new ownership and its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a Livermore Valley business.

New Owners Stan and Marianne Houston are experienced when it comes to operating music stores as they currently operate the ABC Music Store and Academy in Benicia (just north of Martinez).

Stan and Marianne, both musicians, understand the value of a music education and will be regularly contributing a portion of the store's sales directly to the Livermore School District's music programs.

Taking over in May of this year, the Houston couple and the store's manager have remodeled the 40-year store and brought in thousands of new instruments and accessories. "Our intent is to provide the Livermore community with everything they need in the way of musical instruments, accessories, service, and repair" says Marianne Houston. In addition, the store has signed new contracts with suppliers of major brands and as Stan Houston remarked "We're perfectly comfortable offering products at prices comparable with the internet and the big-boxes. The added advantage to doing



business at ABC Music is the comfort in knowing you're dealing with professional musicians who know their product."

Festivities are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 21. Featured will be savings on everything in the store, raffles, prizes, and live music.

For information, contact Stan Houston, 707-746-756 or go to [www.abcmusicbenicia.com](http://www.abcmusicbenicia.com). The store is located at 2156 First Street in downtown Livermore.

## Volunteers Sought to Take Part in Bird Count

The Ohlone Audubon Society and Alameda Creek Alliance are sponsoring the first annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count on Friday Dec 18, 2009.

Rich Cimino of Ohlone Audubon Society is inviting people to join in the count. Birders of every experience level are welcome to get involved. Counts are being held in Livermore, Pleasanton and Sunol.

Pleasanton Ridge, Sunol and Del Valle are in need of volunteer

counters. Contact Rich at: [YellowBilledTours@gmail.com](mailto:YellowBilledTours@gmail.com) to sign up.

This season marks the 110<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas Bird Counts. Each count attempts to identify and tally the birds within a defined 15 mile diameter circle during one calendar day.

Last year 60 million birds across America and beyond were counted. More information is on [www.audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc).

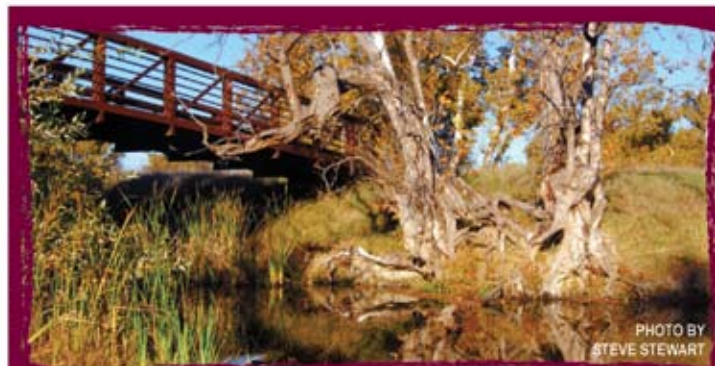


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2. Reducing junk mail. The energy to produce junk mail in the U.S. is equal to the greenhouse gas emissions of 2.8 million cars. Canceling unwanted mail and catalogs can significantly reduce this number.

## Ask Kathleen

Kathleen Minser

Waste Reduction Specialist offers advice about the 4R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot (Compost)

### Tips for a Greener Thanksgiving



- When out picking up all your necessities for the big day, be sure to bring along your reusable shopping bags. See if you can reduce the amount of waste produced by buying only what you need.
- Purchase recycled paper products, if you want to have disposable plates and cups that can be put in your green waste cart, otherwise use regular plates and cups that can be washed so you don't produce any waste.
- Turn your thermostat down a few degrees. By the time the Turkey is done, the oven will have been on for several hours and heat the extra bodies and save money.
- If you plan on deep frying your Turkey this year and use peanut oil, be sure to properly dispose of the oil at the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, here in Livermore. Call 800-606-6606 for their schedule.
- Don't forget that any food waste, including the Turkey carcass, can be put into your green waste cart to become soil enriched compost for the environment.

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### 3-D

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it—building spare parts such as gel combs and centrifuge rotors.

The 3-D printer that LHS received has a fun history. The previous owner, the Otis College of Art and Design is located close to Mattel's corporate headquarters. Mattel frequently worked with Otis students, so this particular printer was used to make toy prototypes—possibly Polly Pocket dolls or Hot Wheels cars.

Waltz said the printer will have widespread use at LHS. "For capstone projects in my advanced classes, my students will design a useful thing, like an iPod holder, that they can take home and put to use. In architectural design, we can build scale models of their projects. In robotics, we'll use the printer to create custom parts," he said. "I expect that auto shop, metal shop, wood shop, mechanics, science, and art will all find ways to incorporate this technology into their programs."

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## Review

## Riotous Restoration Comedy Restored!

By Susan Steinberg

What a hoot! More than 200 years old, and still fresh as today's tabloids.

That's Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "School For Scandal" in Las Positas College's updated and upbeat new production. Snappy and fast-paced, played with delicious enjoyment of every snide remark, the show is a treat for eye and ear.

Thanks to determined director Wendy Wisely, the cast has miraculously digested the rapid verbal crossfire and made it their own. And, amazingly, it sounds exactly like the breathless gossip detailed and retailed in every current medium from tabloids to twitters.

Who's bedding whom, and behind whose back? Who's dating or un-mating, and have they secretly had implants, uplifts, Botox, or babies? Obviously these hot rumors sell everything from magazines to mascara, fueling the prurient curiosity of teenagers and frumpy housewives alike.

It seems that human nature hasn't really changed much since 1777. Don't think of the patriots of the American Revolution, like the respectable Adams family, but look to England, with its rollicking, self-indulgent upper class, accustomed to a century of bawdy Restoration comedy.

By Sheridan's time, society demanded a veneer of elegant manners and biting wit above all in its theatrical entertainments, and "School For Scandal" represents the glittering gold standard of the genre. Using familiar comic stock figures (the old bachelor marrying a young wife, the "good" and "bad" brothers), the play carries the listener away with the speed, elegance, and malice of its repartee.

Men and women alike amuse themselves (and the audience) with "Can You Top This?" tidbits of juicy gossip at the expense of everyone they know, especially the "proper" ladies who are, of course, most fun to malign. And though the practice is despicable, the comments are compelling funny, like the widow who "caulks her wrinkles."

Snidely "complimenting" that lady's youthful facial makeup, they observe that the only problem is its

poor joining with her neck, like a statue so badly repaired that it's obvious the head is modern, while the torso is ancient.

Women "friends" casually greet one another with the cattiest of lines, like, "How have you been this century?" A scoundrel admits, "I confess I deviated from the straight road of wrong." And a double-crosser can blithely explain his actions, "You paid me well for this lie, but someone has paid me double for the truth."

He then begs everyone to keep this secret lest he lose all his friends, explaining, "I live by the badness of my character, and my infamy is all I have to depend on."

Principled resistance is futile. Just relax and chortle away along with all the other virtuous members of the audience. Enjoy the sarcastic observations of the "blameless" characters as well: "When an old bachelor marries a young wife, the crime carries its own punishment." Or the remark of a friend; "One may read 'husband' in his face even at a distance."

Particularly telling is the country wife's enjoyment of society's scandalous rumor-mongering until she is horrified to learn that her own innocence is equally fair game for salacious gossip. A would-be seducer advises that the only remedy for her righteous indignation would be to actually take a lover.

Trying to digest this kinky logic, she summarizes; "So, I must sin in my own defense, and give up my virtue to preserve my reputation." Reduced to its nasty basics,

the idea is as repugnant to her as it is to a modern audience.

Just reading the characters' names in the program is enough to begin the evening's jollity. Who could fail to appreciate the sly humor of such titles as Lady Sneerwell, Mrs. Candour, Sir Benjamin Backbite, and Snake (who even wears snakeskin slacks).

The actors are magnificently adept at bringing out every nuance of their cutting dialogue, especially Allison Meneley as the acid-tongued Lady Sneerwell and Henry Cole III as the slimy hypocrite Joseph Surface ("I must try to recover myself and put some sincerity in my face").

First prize for over-the-top scene-stealing goes to the hilarious Elise Christian as Mrs. Candour. Outrageous physical comedy from Nicolas Boer and Jonathan Boer adds lively zaniness to the verbal wit, like a Restoration Abbot and Costello.

Tom Darter and Tabitha Mc Bride are especially well-matched as the crusty older husband and his frivolous but good-hearted young wife. His curmudgeonly rants, ("She is always in the wrong! I was never mistaken in my life!") seem as natural - and funny - as her saucy rebuttals, ("If you wanted authority over me, you should have adopted me instead of marrying me!")

Criticizing her slandering society friends, he fumes, "They murder character just to kill time," eliciting her clever taunt, "Would you restrain the freedom of speech?" Some even more modern lines

sound like dialogue from the Jackie Gleason Show: "You had no taste when you married me." "Very true." It gets funnier as you think about it.

Other nastier modern resonances include the unscrupulous broker, Martha Countwell (Jeanice Jones) warning pretend-banker Mr. Premium (Matthew Hofstad) not to ask merely 8-10% interest, which surely would expose him as a fake. Instead she gives him a quick lesson in loan-sharking: "If the borrower seems indifferent, ask 40 to 50%; if he seems desperate, you can double that." Shades of predatory practices in our own time!

There is no end to the fun on stage, and the actors' oblivious enjoyment carried over to their audience, even on opening night. Their ease with each other and the formidable, precisely-timed dialogue was quite amazing.

Director Wisely may have excised a few archaic words or references, but she has kept all the famously witty lines intact, to shine in our own time and enter-

tain modern listeners as they did centuries ago.

A versatile uniset serves many different scenes with just a few changes of furnishing, thanks to Jeremy Hamm, who also designed the effective lighting. The cast is stunningly costumed by Wesley Morgan, and the incredible hairdos must be seen to be believed.

Traditionally more difficult to stage than Shakespeare, Restoration Comedy can be a deliciously sparkling confection, but this reviewer has seen other productions fall flatter than a bad soufflé. Catch this rare winner and enjoy "Scandal" as it was meant to be presented. Sheridan would be really happy with it, as I was.

Future performances are scheduled for only one more weekend: Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Drive (north of 580) in Livermore. Tickets at \$12 general; \$8 students and seniors can be reserved at 925-424-1812, or purchased at the door.




## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ART EXHIBITS

**Livermore Art Association Gallery**, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 1255 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and maintains a video library of art tapes, art and craft books and art magazines and newsletters; hosts art events and workshops. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

**The Lindsay Dirckx Brown Gallery** is hosting an exhibit featuring the Livermore Art Association from November 1-30. The Livermore Art Association is comprised of local artists and fine craftspeople whose mission is to promote public interest and appreciation of fine art. The gallery is located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. in San Ramon. The gallery is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-9 pm and Fridays from 8:30 am-5 pm. For more information you can contact (925)973-3200 or go to [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov).

**Photogenesis Club** of Fremont will have an exhibit at the Livermore Main Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. titled: "Fremont, A portrayal of cultural and natural diversity through photographic imagery." The work will be displayed throughout the month of November.

**An exhibition by oil artist Amy D. Leung** at John Christopher Cellars, at Blacksmith Square, 25 South Livermore Ave., Livermore until November 29. Available for viewing every Thursday to Sunday from 12:00 -6:00 PM. For information please call 925-456-9463.

**Artists Angela Johal and Katie Caulk** works on display at Windermere Welcome Home realty through Jan. 4. 1790 First Street, Livermore. The show is open for viewing during regular business hours or by appointment. Contact Cher Wollard at 925-824-4824 or [cherw@windermere.com](mailto:cherw@windermere.com) for information.

**Flying Solo**, a series of exhibits presented by Poetry On Canvas Pleasanton showing in November & December at the Berry Patch in Downtown Pleasanton on Main & Angela. Schedule: Tricia Leonard-Nov 15 -Nov 21; Antonia Wennink-Nov 22 -Nov 28; Gary Winter-Nov 29 - Dec 5; Judi Caplan- Dec 6 - Dec 12; Dee Haag- Dec 13 - Dec 19; Claudette McDermott- Dec 20 - Dec 26; Stan Vierk - Dec 27 - Jan 3.

**Karen Fleschler** will be showing her paintings at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore; Cuda Ridge Winery, 5385 East Ave., Livermore; and Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore through December.

**Eugenia W. Zobel Exhibit**, December 2009 & January 2010, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. New works of porcelain paintings. Artist's reception on Sunday, December 13, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 925-443-7266

## MEETINGS

**Writers on the Edge Cafe**, meets 7 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 19, 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth St., Livermore. Bring your own whatever to eat and drink.

## WINERY EVENTS

**Cuda Ridge Wines** will host an open house on November 21 and 22 at the winery, 5385 East Avenue to celebrate the Harvest of 09. All of the Cuda Ridge Wines will be available for tasting free of charge and available for purchase, with the exception of the limited release Cuda Amis dessert wine where there is a \$5.00 tasting fee. There will be "Thanksgiving" style appetizers to pair with the wines. There will

be live music on Sunday, November 22, Roger Kardinal will be playing classic acoustic folk songs. For more information go to [www.CudaRidgeWines.com](http://www.CudaRidgeWines.com) or call 510-304-0914.

**Fenestra Winery** is hosting its annual Holiday Wine Tasting event on November 21 and 22 from noon to 5pm, both days. There is a \$5.00 tasting fee for this event. Winery will be featuring foods of the holidays, primarily focusing on Thanksgiving, and pairing them with their award-winning wines. Seasonal Belgian Chocolate Truffles filled with Fenestra Port will be available. Several outstanding wines are scheduled to be released during this weekend, including the 2008 Viognier, 2008 Chardonnay and the medal-winning 2007 Tempranillo from Lodi. The winery is open for sales and tasting every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5pm. 84 Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. 447-5246 or [www.fenestrawinery.com](http://www.fenestrawinery.com).

**Holiday Preview**, Nov. 26-29, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards will welcome early holiday shoppers for tastings of Wente Vineyards sustainably farmed estate grown wines, including The Nth Degree wines, tours of the cellars, and other gifts available in the Estate Tasting Room. For more information, visit [www.wentevineyards.com](http://www.wentevineyards.com). Special tasting flights will be developed at no additional charge. Wente Vineyards Estate Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

**Thomas Coyne Winery Winter Open House**, Nov. 27, 28 and 29, noon to 5 p.m. New varietals will be released: 06 Tannat, 07 Graciano, 06 Mourvèdre, 08 Sweet Emilie (a white port style). Visit the historic tasting room located 51 E. Vallecitos Road., Livermore, Ca. The tasting room was built in 1881 and is a landmark in the Livermore Valley Wine Country. Bring a picnic and enjoy sweeping views of the Livermore Valley Wine Country. Fine fruits and cheeses will be served. For more information call (925) 373-6541 <http://thomascoynewinery.com>

**Prelude to Christmas**, Fenestra Winery, Nov. 27, 28 and 29, noon to 5 p.m. Taste holiday foods along with Fenestra wines. 84 Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. 447-5246 or [www.fenestrawinery.com](http://www.fenestrawinery.com).

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Jeffrey Siegel, Keyboard Conversations** Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Swinging with the Big Band** starring The Tex Beneke Orchestra, The Ink Spots, Leigh Vance and The Swing Sisters. Friday, Nov 20, at 8 pm The swingin' sounds of The Tex Beneke Orchestra return to Livermore by popular demand. Featuring the big band music of all time from such legends as Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, and Tommy Dorsey. Leigh Vance and her Swing Sisters will perform homage to the great sister groups of the era including the Andrews Sisters and the McGuire Sisters. \$56/\$41/\$33/\$12 students. For tickets call 925.373.6800 or online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org). Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore.

**Livermore Amador Symphony**, concert Dec. 2, "Hits from Four Centuries," 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Marilyn Thompson, piano. 925-373-6800, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Music Department Recital**, Las Positas College, Wed., Dec. 2, 12:30 p.m. Free admission. On campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. For further information

call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**Orchestra and Band Concert**, Las Positas College, Wed., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Dublin. \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119

**Golden Bough**, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

**Asbury Christmas Concert** - Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 13th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM on Sunday Dec. 6, 2009 in its Sanctuary at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore. All of Asbury's vocal choirs, the Asbury Band and the bell choir will be performing. Asbury's pipe organ will also be part of the evening's musical offerings. The concert is open to the public. A free will offering can be made at the door. There will be a punch and cookie reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: [JoanneP@asburylive.org](mailto:JoanneP@asburylive.org).

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, holiday concert Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Free admission.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony performs Handel's Messiah**, Thurs., Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## ON THE STAGE

**The School for Scandal**, a 1777 classic comedy of wit and manners set in contemporary times. A Comedy of Very Bad Manners - By Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Directed by Wendy Wisely. Performances are Nov. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$8 students and seniors. For more information, contact Ken Ross at 424-1166.

**Amador Valley High School drama**, Help, I'm Trapped in a High School, Nov. 19, 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. [www.amadorsons.com](http://www.amadorsons.com).

**Opera San Jose**, performs Cinderella in the Fast Lane: La Cenerentola. Nov. 14-29. Italian with English super titles. California Theatre, 345 South First St., San Jose. \$51-\$91. [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org).

**Rabbit Hole**, Pulitzer Prize Winning Broadway Hit by David Lindsay-Abaire. Ohlone College Department of Theatre and Dance. November 19-21 at 8 PM. A child's tragic death, a cold marriage bed, quantum immortality and a girl fight at Whole Foods? These disparate elements come together with a big splash of black comedy in Rabbit Hole, the fall theatre production at Ohlone College. Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard in Fremont. \$10-\$15 510-659-6031, [www.smithcenterpresents.com](http://www.smithcenterpresents.com)

**Plaid Tidings, holiday edition of Forever Plaid**, November 19 to December 6, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 North Third St., Hayward. \$25 adults, \$22 seniors, \$25 juniors/students. For tickets call the box office at (510) 881-6777 or go on-line to [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org).

**Rumpelstiltskin**, Friday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 21,

11:00 a.m. The theater is located at 715 Central Avenue, on the corner of Central and Seventh Street, Tracy. The classic tale, Rumpelstiltskin, is performed by 50-60 of Tracy's local students who have participated in Missoula Children's Theatre's week long residency. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors. Grand Box Seats available for an additional \$15.00 and Parterre Seating for an additional \$5.00. [www.athegrand.org](http://www.athegrand.org), by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858).

**Holiday Shorts**, Creatures of Impulse, teen improv group, Dec. 10 and 11, holiday themed short form improv show. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door; student tickets with valid ID \$5 in advance and at the door.

**Cinderella**, Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Co., Dec. 11, 12, 19, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13 and 20, 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

## DANCE

**The Dream Of The Snow Queen**, Livermore School of Dance holiday show. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sat., November 28 at the Bankhead Theater. Original story about a young child trying to find the true meaning of the holidays. \$26, \$20 and \$18; seniors (65 yrs.) and children 12 and under receive \$3.00 discount. 925-373-6800 and on-line at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Sunol Jazz Café**, 11986 Main Street, Sunol (925) 862-2800: Organic local farm produce sold Tuesdays and Sundays. Ballroom dancing with Dixie Sounds 2nd and 4th Tuesdays; ballroom dancing with Big Band Sound 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (\$5 suggested donation for band); dinner buffet available. Sunday brunch and Jazz Music - full breakfast fare/made-to-order omelets and BBQ.

**Dance Performance**, Las Positas College, Dec. 4 and 5, 8 p.m. Las Positas College Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**Valley Dance Theatre**, celebrates its 30th Anniversary Season with its annual full-length production of the Tchaikovsky's holiday classic The Nutcracker. Performances Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in Livermore. December 12-20. Public performances will be accompanied the Livermore-Amador Symphony pit orchestra and holiday carols by Harmony Fusion will highlight the show prior to opening curtain and during the "snow" scene. Evening performances will take place December 12, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. Matinee performances will take place on December 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$33, \$27 and \$24 for adults and \$18 for students 17 years and younger. They may be purchased online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by phone at 925-373-6800. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore, Tuesday-Saturday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to show time. More information is available [www.valleydancetheatre.com](http://www.valleydancetheatre.com).

## AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

**Livermore's 2010 Talent Competition** is now accepting applications. Aspiring performers are invited to audition and compete in the next Livermore Talent Competition. Information and

applications are available at [www.LivermoreTalentCompetition.com](http://www.LivermoreTalentCompetition.com). Applications must be received by December 11, 2009. The top winners in each age category - youth (17 and under) and adults (18 and over) - will take home \$2,500. This year's event is open to anyone from anywhere, not just Bay Area residents. The two Rotary Clubs of Livermore are again sponsoring this event. All net proceeds will go to the community grants that are presented by the Rotary clubs throughout the year. Information is available at [www.livermoretalentcompetition.com](http://www.livermoretalentcompetition.com).

**Auditions for "Rent,"** the Pulitzer Prize-Winning musical at Las Positas College. Monday and Tuesday, December 14 and 15 from 7-10 at the LPC Theater. Bring a prepared song appropriate to the show, with sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Callbacks on December 21. Rehearsals will be on Monday through Friday nights beginning January 19. Performances are April 2 through 18. Ken Ross will be director and producer. For more information, call (925) 424-1166 or email [kross@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:kross@laspositascollege.edu).

## MOVIES

**White Christmas**, Dec. 3, classic film series hosted by Candace Klaschus, Las Positas College. 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 925-931-3405.

**It's a Wonderful Life** as part of its new Classic Cinema series Sunday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m. The showing, underwritten by Arts Leadership Alliance, will take place at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, on the corner of Central and Seventh Street, Tracy. Tickets are \$7.50 for General Admission seating. They may be purchased online at [www.athegrand.org](http://www.athegrand.org), by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Leona Darr Willis Box Office.

## CHORAL

**Cantabella Children's Chorus**, Saturday, December 5. 18th annual winter concerts entitled "Gaudete! Gaudete!" (Rejoice! Rejoice!) includes medieval, classical, traditional and contemporary music sung in Latin, Hebrew, Finnish, Basque and English. Singers in grades K-12 will perform choral works accompanied by pianists and guest instrumentalists at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. 1:30 p.m. concert features training and performing choirs; 4:00 p.m. concert features performing choirs only. Reserved seating available at the box office or call (925) 373-6800. Seats are \$20, \$15 and \$10. More information, [cantabella.org](http://cantabella.org) or call (925) 292-2663.

**Sing It Yourself "Messiah,"** Dec. 6, Valley Concert Chorale 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Information go to [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

**Chamber and Concert Choirs**, Las Positas College, Tues., Dec. 8, 8 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Dublin. \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119

## OPERA

**Live Theater-Casts from the Met:** 10 a.m. Saturdays at Dublin's Royal Hacienda Cinema. Dates: Dec. 19, Tales of Hoffman; Jan. 9, Rosenkavalier; Jan. 16, Carmen; Feb. 6, Simon Boccanegra; March 29, Hamlet; and May 1, Armida. Replays of each opera will be shown on

# Variety of Holiday Performances on Stage at the Bankhead

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as follows: Jan. 6, Hoffman; Jan. 27, Rosenkavalier; Feb. 3, Carmen; Feb. 24, Simon Boccanegra; April 14, Hamlet; and May 19, Armida.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Tinker Bell** is coming to Alexander's Fine Art in downtown Pleasanton. Meet Disney's original reference model for Tinker Bell, Margaret Kerry and illustrator/artist Ron Dias on Nov. 20, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main Street, Pleasanton. RSVP at 925-846-6015 or info@disneyartmain.com.

**Lithorama 2009 Gem & Mineral Show**, Nov. 21-22, The Barn, Livermore. Displays include cabochons, jewelry, minerals, fossils, freeform cabochons and more. Glow room displays fluorescent rocks and minerals. Vendors. Presented by the Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Society. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$4 for both days, children 12 and under free with adult. www.lithophiles.com.

**The Iago Syndrome**, original drama at Cal State East Bay, draws parallel between "Othello" and four domestic murders in five weeks at Fort Bragg in 2002. Performs Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. in the University Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 youth/senior/alum, or \$5 for CSUEB student, may be reserved at [http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Ticket\\_Reservations.php](http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Ticket_Reservations.php) or 510-885-3118.

**Speech Tournament**, Las Positas College, Fri., Dec. 4, 1 to 5 p.m. Las Positas College Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

## COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**Country Folk Art Craft Show**, Nov. 20-22, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Fri. 4 to 9 p.m., Sat. 10 to 5; Sun. 10 to 4. Items for sale will include handcrafted furniture, framed wall art, hand painted furniture and accessories, architectural art carvings, holiday items, chocolates, fudge, soups, dressings, all types of gourmet delights, purses, clothing and more. Adult \$7, Child (under 10) \$2, Seniors \$7, parking \$8. www.countryfolkart.com

**Great Western & Atlantic Train Show**, Nov. 28-29, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers who offer everything from HO scale, N scale, Lionel (0 gauge), G gauge, Z scale, American Flyer (s gauge), hobby tools, die cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift item, books, photos and much more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Special: Sell old trains, get free appraisals on site. www.greattrainexpo.com

**All Breed Cat Show**, Nov. 28-29, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Presented by Fog City Cat Club. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Cat show for over 12 breeds including judging of over 200 cats. Lots of vendors with gifts, toys, supplies, cat trees, beds, artwork, clothing, jewelry & more. Special: Pedigreed kittens for sale, rescue kitten and cat adoptions, household pet cat judging too. Adult \$6, Child \$3, Seniors \$5, parking \$8. www.fogcitycatclub.com

The Bankhead Theater is offering an expanded range of holiday events featuring performances to engage a variety of musical interests and tastes.

Beginning the last weekend of November, the festive season opens with several annual productions by local companies and, this year, continues through December with holiday concerts by two Grammy Award-winning groups, Turtle Island Quartet and Chanticleer. The Bankhead Theater will also host its second annual New Year's Eve celebration, a mix of comedy and musical entertainment, to officially close the holiday season.

The Bankhead Theater's six holiday-themed events for 2009 include:

- **Dream of the Snow Queen:** This original and entertaining holiday production by the Livermore School of Dance features a blend of dance styles from ballet, jazz, and lyrical, to hip-hop and Broadway, with a range of musical selections. Saturday, November 28, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

- **Handel's Messiah:** Pacific Chamber Symphony presents this famous holiday choral work in its "original" version – scored for two oboes, two trumpets, strings, harpsichord, vocal soloists and full chorus. Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m.

- **The Nutcracker:** The complete classical ballet by Tchaikovsky is staged in a production by Valley Dance Theatre with full orchestral accompaniment by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Eight matinee and evening performances from December 12–20.

- **Turtle Island Quartet:** A traditional classical string quartet aesthetic is fused with contemporary American musical styles by this Grammy Award-winning group in "Solstice Celebration" – a concert of timeless music that has been an integral part of holiday celebrations for centuries. Monday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m.

- **A Chanticleer Christmas:** With a remarkably unique "orchestra of voices" ranging from countertenor to bass, Chanticleer returns to the Bankhead to enthrall audiences with an evening of traditional and beloved Christmas songs, from pensive Gregorian chants to ring-



ing Gospel rhythms. Wednesday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m.

- **Rockin' in the New Year:** The second annual New Year's Eve party at the Bankhead includes a fabulous night of great rock 'n' roll music, Doo Wop vocal harmony, and the comedy of host, Tony Russell. The lively celebration closes with a wine, champagne and desert reception in the lobby. Thursday, December 31, at 8:00 p.m.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The Ticket Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 373-6800 or visit the LVPAC [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org)



Top photo, by Ken Johnson, is of the Valley Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker." The bottom photo is the Turtle Island Quartet.

## Review

## An Electrifying Duo

By Nancy O'Connell

Jon Manasse, clarinetist and Jon Nakamatsu, pianist, were featured at the Bankhead Theater on November 14th. Both musicians have garnered many individual awards over the years. Jon Nakamatsu was teaching in a San Jose high school when he capitulated to fame as the winner of the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. This reviewer was thrilled to learn that he studied for a time with her former teacher, Adolph Baller, who was the head of the piano department at Stanford University for many years.

The clarinetist, Jon Manasse graduated from Juilliard and has won several competitions. In addition to concertizing in many countries, he has taught at the Eastman School of Music, and is now teaching at Juilliard. When these two amazing musicians collaborate in making music, the effects are electrifying.

The program began with Norbert Burgmüller's *Duo in E-flat Major for Clarinet and Piano, Opus 15*. The slow, lyrical introduction began with the haunting tone quality of Jon Manasse's clarinet matched by Nakamatsu's aesthetic playing, but soon the *Allegro* featured rapid passages for both musicians. In the *Larghetto* Nakamatsu accompanied the clarinetist's long melody with sensitivity. The broken chords for the pianist reminded one of the beginning of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*. The *Allegro* ended with a fiery conclusion as the clarinet's part shimmered in 16th notes racing over almost the entire range of his instrument.

One wishes that the composer, Burgmüller (1810-1836) had lived longer to create many other masterpieces, for he was adored by both Mendelssohn and Schumann, but he died at the age of 26. This Duo languished after his death and was not even published until 1865.

Jon Manasse had a delightful sense of humor and won over the audience with his remarks as he introduced each work. There was a running joke throughout the evening. He'd pass the mike to Jon Nakamatsu who never spoke a word. Manasse took the mike back, and said, "He really does speak, but he put me up to telling you *The New York Times* stated that our CD of the two Brahms Sonatas

was one of the best recordings issued in 2008." Then he grinned engagingly.

In the Brahms' *Sonata in E-flat Major for Clarinet and Piano, Op. 120, No.2*, Manasse swayed, stood on his toes and bent his knees, almost dancing in place. Nakamatsu caressed his keys and never overshadowed the clarinet. Like Baller, his touch is never harsh and percussive. The piano's tone was singing and legato. The first movement ended with very quiet chords. The 2nd movement had a very demanding piano part with piano-forte contrasts in both voices. The 3rd movement began slowly in an *Andante Con Moto*, and the two players were perfectly blended. In a sonata the two musicians are equally important; there is no soloist dominating, as in a concerto. The *Andante* ended in a whisper in their lowest registers. After the briefest of pauses, the pianist launched into the brief *Allegro* in a fiery introduction. Dramatic and exciting cadences brought the entire work to a close, and the audience erupted with applause.

After the intermission, Manasse spoke of Leonard Bernstein, who was still a student at Curtis when he composed his *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano*. Some of his early work is reminiscent of the style of Paul Hindemith, who was Bernstein's teacher, but some passages in this work foreshadow the famous *West Side Story*. Staccato sections were followed by a beautiful, evocative passage in the piano answered by the clarinet in a low, thoughtful melody. The second movement was influenced by jazz with its syncopated rhythms. There can be no doubt that this is composition of the 20th century and a work of genius.

*The Cape Cod Files*, composed by Paquito D'Rivera, was commissioned for the Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo in 2009, and will soon be featured in their next CD. The first movement is called *Benny@100*. It is an homage to the famous clarinetist, Benny Goodman, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. The second movement, *Bandoneon*, tries to recreate the sounds of the Argentine instrument used in tangos. Last year Livermore audiences were fortunate to hear the bandoneon when Del Valle presented a concert featuring it.

*Lecuoneras*, the third move-

ment featured Jon Manasse in an unaccompanied solo for the clarinet. He improvised around certain melodies, tapping his toes while navigating through some very difficult passages. Tricky rhythms and trills were played with ease, and there was virtuoso playing throughout. Spontaneous applause broke out as he finished his solo with a grand flourish. The pianist joined him in the last movement, *Chiquita Blues*. His hands flew over the keys and 16ths and 32nds filled the hall with glorious sound. A quiet section was followed by an outburst of rhythmic exuberance, cascading down the entire keyboard.

Jon Manasse heard some of the rags John Novacek composed and told the composer, "You must write some of these for the clarinet." Novacek agreed, but the rags weren't completed until Manasse scheduled the world premiere. Novacek titled it *Four Rags for Two Jons*. The four rags were placed in a certain order to emulate the classic sonata form – a fast movement followed by a slow one, then two more fast ones, but what a contrast in mood! The music sounded amazing and difficult. In *4th Street Rag* the players had everyone in the audience clapping in rhythm while Manasse virtually danced in place. Manasse had called the last rag, *Full Stride Ahead* "rip roaring fun," and it was a big surprise to hear the silent Jon Nakamatsu shout his only two words of the entire evening, "Hot dog!" in the middle of the rag. The dramatic ending came as the pianist had a descending glissando down the entire keyboard and the clarinetist closed in his lowest register, bowing his head low towards the pianist.

The audience gave them a well-deserved standing ovation and after three curtain calls, the duo played a George Gershwin encore – "Who Could Ask for Anything More?" What an engaging, virtuoso team these two musicians are!

The Del Valle audience is growing. Because of its excellent acoustics and the Steinway piano, artists of international renown like Jon Nakamatsu are happy to return to the Bankhead. Reserve the night of January 16, 2010 to hear the Laurel Ensemble in a string, woodwind and piano sextet.



Pictured are two of the homes on the tour.



## Holiday Home Tour Benefits Valley Humane Society

Valley Humane Society presents Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland, a Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Pleasanton.

There will be the home tour, unique shopping opportunities, delicious treats, and live music. Tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds go to support the programs of Valley Humane Society, a nonprofit animal rescue organization.

Each of the eight featured homes on the tour is unique. They are located on or near 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in downtown Pleasanton. Park the car and stroll down the street, stopping to peek into some of Pleasanton's most beautiful homes, all decked out for the holidays. The tour begins at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Neal Streets in Pleasanton. A large raffle, live band, refreshments, and unique shopping opportunities complete the festivities.

Stop for lunch at Stacey's Café or Redcoats Pub in downtown Pleasanton on December 6, show your Holiday Home Tour ticket and 15% of your total bill will be donated to Valley Humane Society.

For more information and to purchase tickets to the Holiday Home Tour, contact Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656 or [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org). Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM to 5PM. Tickets can also be purchased at Towne Center Books and The Wine Steward. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event at Lions Wayside Park.

# Milestones

## Community



Sixty Pleasanton girls, ages 8 to 18, gave it their all at during a recent weekend's 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for Project Roadrunner. The girls are part of the J&T competition team at Jazz 'n Taps Dance Studio in Pleasanton. Project Roadrunner benefits families served by Marilyn Avenue Elementary School in Livermore. The school has a large percentage of students who come from families living far below the poverty level. Dancers raised money by getting people to pledge donations for the marathon. Each dancer was asked to raise at least \$100. The 60 dancers raised \$12,981 for Project Roadrunner. The money will be used for the project's annual holiday gift drive.



Scott Lee Wheaton

## Eagle Scout Honors

Scott Lee Wheaton, a 17-year-old senior at Foothill High School in Pleasanton, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the highest rank in Boy Scouts of America.

Scott started as a Tiger Cub in Pack 948 at Valley View Elementary School. He joined Boy Scout Troop 943 and advanced through the ranks from Tenderfoot to Life Scout. When the troop was disbanded he joined Troop 908, chartered by St. Claire's Episcopal Church. Scott has held leadership positions such as patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader and attended summer camps, Eagle camp, and many outings. He has participated in a variety of community service projects.

Scott achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on Sept. 2, 2009. To achieve the rank, he completed a community service project coordinating and implementing an e-waste collection for home-bound seniors in Pleasanton.

The idea for the project came about when Scott noticed televisions discarded into the trash dumpsters at the mobile home park where his grandparents live. He talked with several residents and learned that seniors could not take their e-waste to the citywide collection days for various reasons such as health issues, lack of transportation, or the inability to move the heavy items they had to discard. He contacted the Pleasanton Operations Department and received approval to coordinate his collection with the citywide drop-off days. Flyers were made and distributed by Scott to residents in three senior only housing developments. On the collection day, a team of volunteers picked up over three hundred items that had been sitting around because the seniors had no way to take them out.

Outside of Boy Scouts, Scott is co-captain of the Foothill varsity lacrosse team. The upcoming season will be his third as a starting attack. He earned EBAL All-League honors last year. Scott is an AP German 5 student and a member of the Foothill German American Partnership Program (GAPP). He spent a month in Germany with his German teacher and 14 other Foothill GAPP students last summer. He plans to continue his German studies in college along with finance or engineering.

Scott's brother Curtis, a sophomore at Santa Clara University, is also an Eagle Scout.

An Eagle Court of Honor was held Nov. 15 at Hart Middle School to recognize Scott's achievement.



Olivia Brown, Paige Hughes and their Rage U14AC soccer team raised \$1,025.00 for the Tri-Valley Haven—just exceeding their original goal of \$1,000. As a community service project for the Rage Leadership Program, Olivia and Paige, with the help of naturalist and photographer Sue Evans, organized the morning hike up the Pleasanton Ridge and into Augustin Bernal Park on Sunday, November 8. It was a beautiful day, and a great way to give back to the Pleasanton Community. (Photo by Sue Evans)

# BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**Annual Holiday Boutique,** Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Veteran's Hall, 522 L Street, Livermore. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association. Proceeds from this boutique will be given to the veteran's hospital.

**Holiday Boutique,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Dec. 5 at 690 North L St., Livermore. All items sold have been made by clients. Funds benefit GARDEN Tri-Valley, a nonprofit organization for developmentally disabled adults in Livermore.

**Emblem Club Holiday Boutique,** Sat., Nov. 21, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Handcrafted holiday gifts: stained glass artwork, embroidered t-shirts, wreaths, jewelry, homemade baked goods and many other items. Information, call Poly Stonich, 447-5986 or the lodge office, 455-8829.

**Silent Auction and Green Boutique,** Thursday, December 3 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 pm at the San Ramon Library meeting room (Montgomery Street). Come and shop early. Sponsored by the San Ramon AAUW (American Association of University Women). The sale benefits students in San Ramon and former foster girls in the Renaissance Program at CSU East Bay. The event is free to the public. Questions: call Julie at 828-8275.

**Holiday Boutique 2009,** Donlon Elementary School, 4150 Dorman Road, Pleasanton, Pleasanton on Saturday, December 5, from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the multipurpose room. Handcrafted, hand-designed items.

**Christmas Boutique and Pancake Breakfast,** Saturday, Dec 5th from 9am - Noon. Open to the Public. A pancake breakfast is available for \$6 from 9am-11am. Hosted by the Livermore Cresta Blanca Girl Scouts. Located in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. For more information contact Valerie at 925/577-9052.

**Christmas Craft Faire,** Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 to 6 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Pleasanton. Handmade gifts, live holiday music, food and door prizes. Admission is \$8 (kids 5 & under are free) & includes holiday food sampler and one door prize ticket. For more info, contact St. Clare's Episcopal Church at 925-462-4802 or stclare@att.net or visit the church website at www.stclarespleasanton.org

**A Holly Day Affair DancEscape,** 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The decorations are up. The fire is delightful. Celebrate the season with friends and the big band sounds of 3 O'Clock Jump. Swing, tango, rumba, waltz and cha cha, too. \$9 Dublin resident, \$10; nonresident by Dec. 4 / \$12 at the door. 925-556-4511, www.DublinSeniorCenter.com

**Girls' Night Out,** Euphoria Nail & Body Bar, Thurs., Nov. 19. A holiday benefit for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Helping people with cancer. Manicures, Pedicures, Facials, Tanning, & Body Wraps. Purchase artful objects for the home, designer stationary, jewelry, handbags, cashmere and silk shawls, belts, gourmet dipped apples, and more. Wine tasting & tasty treats. To schedule a beauty treatment call the salon at 925.461.3009. 660 Main Street, Pleasanton.

**Livermore Adult Education** is seeking a Spanish speaking instructor to teach a bilingual beginning computer class for the Winter/Spring session. Need not be credentialed. For further information call 925-606-4722 ext. 7142.

**Handling the Holidays,** Planning ahead, examining feelings and fears, brainstorming with other family members, and expectations are areas we will explore. Hope Hospice offers a program to discuss strategies that can make a difference in how to manage to "Handle the Holidays." Friday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Hope Hospice Grief Support Center, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin. (925) 829-8770. To RSVP, please call Hope Hospice at 925-829-8770. This program is being held in the new location.

**Free Gift Wrapping Party,** 2nd annual event hosted by Visiting Angels. Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Limit is three gifts per person, maximum size 9"x12"x18". Gifts are to be boxed. No boxes provided. For information, call 443-1000.

**Dublin Senior Center,** trip to Healdsburg, Dec. 12, 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Includes wine country Christmas party, no-host lunch, \$30 resident, \$35 nonresident. 556-4511. www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club,** seasonal party, Sat., Dec. 12, 5 to 7 p.m. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy, Dublin. Congressman Jerry McNeerney will host the event. Dinner provided by the campaign, you can bring dessert. Volunteers needed to help with the party, contact Doug Graven 530 320 7022, doug@jerrymcneerney.org.

**The Dream of the Snow Queen,** Nov. 28, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Livermore School of Dance presents a holiday story showcasing classical and modern ballet, jazz, hip hop and Broadway showstoppers. The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets: \$26, \$20 and \$18, seniors and children receive \$3 discount. Box Office 925-373-6800 or online at www.bankheadtheater.org. No web/phone fee (\$3.50) at the Box Office.

**Thanksgiving Dance,** Single Professionals of all ages are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with new single friends, Saturday, November 28, 8pm-Midnight, at the Pleasanton Marriott, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton. Adults of all ages are welcome. \$20 at the door includes dancing to current hits and oldies. Coat & tie/dressy attire are recommended. Anyone who wishes more information about this and many more singles parties may visit www.ThePartyHotline.com or call 415/507-9962.

**Regional Summit to Support California Majority Rule & The California Democracy Act** featuring George Lakoff. Saturday November 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Humanist Hall 390 27th St Oakland. This is an organizing event where representatives of many organizations will decide how to participate in the campaign. The immediate goal is to organize the petition drive and use a speakers bureau to educate voters. The longer term goal is to build a strong network to carry the ballot measure to victory. RSVP: EllisG237@aol.com

**Tri-Valley Seniors: rides available to medical appointments.** Seniors who require door-to-door service are now eligible for a ride to their medical appointments. Volunteers

use their personal vehicles to drive seniors to and from medical appointments. Seniors must be 60 and over, living in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton or Sunol, and unable to find a ride (relative, friend, bus, paratransit.) For a ride or to volunteer to provide a ride, contact Jennifer Cullen at (925) 931-5387 or ja.cullen@yahoo.com. Funding for the Senior Transportation Program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and Measure B Funds.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Nov. 21, 20 miles Iron Horse Trail, meet 10 a.m. at Fuddrucker's in Willows Shopping Center, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Nov. 22, 37 miles through Danville, Alamo and San Ramon, meet 9 a.m. at park 'n ride Danville, Kevin Thieben, 437-5919. Wed., Nov. 25, 25 miles Las Trampas Park on Bollinger from Shannon Center in Dublin, meet 10 a.m. Alaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Fri., Nov. 27, 103 miles Turkey Leftover Century, meet 7:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Plaza, Livermore. John Woodworth, 784-6350. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women,** honor 2009 Woman of the Year. Anita Gandolfo on Fri., Nov. 20, 6 p.m. Castle Rock Restaurant on Portola Ave. near No. Livermore.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** Champagne birthday brunch in San Ramon, Nov. 22, 11:45 a.m., RSVP by Nov. 19 to Marsha, 355-0757. Lunch in Dublin, Nov. 29, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by Nov. 27 to Marsha at 830-8483.

**San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club** invites new and established residents to their December luncheon on Dec. 10 at Izzy's Steaks & Chops, 200 Montgomery, San Ramon. 11:30 -2pm. Cost is \$19.50. Gift exchange and music by the Sweet Adelines. Call Myrna, 925-560-0656 for info. & res.

**Eighth Annual Youth Food Drive,** Youth service groups in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, San Ramon, Alamo, Danville, Walnut Creek and Concord may now volunteer and request collection sites for the Eighth Annual Youth Food Drive to be held on March 6, 2010 by signing up at www.youthservice-council.com/Volunteer/Volunteer.html. Girl Scouts, youth ministries, and 4-H Clubs will be participating. Youth Service groups will go door to door to collect nonperishable food and return it to the closest collection site. All donations will go to local food pantries in the Tri-Valley or to the Contra Costa Food Bank.

Details of the program and locations of collection sites are available on-line. For more information, call 925-998-6513.

**Pleasanton VIP Travelers,** Senior Center, 3535 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5370. Trip to see "Beach Blanket Babylon," in San Francisco, Dec. 16, includes dinner at the Crab House, \$126. Victorian Christmas trip to Nevada City, Dec. 20, \$42 members, \$44 nonmembers.

**Reading Volunteers Needed,** new group forming to start training in January to become a Barton Reading Tutor. No experience is necessary and training is free of charge. Volunteer matched to a student who needs help. All the materials and training provided needed to bring a student's reading and spelling up to grade level or above. For more information about the Barton Reading Program, please contact Christina Clark at Valley View 925/596-0292, or email christina.clark2@comcast.net.

**Livermore Moms** (formerly Livermore Moms Club) meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and are a great way to meet other members as well as learn more about our community and our roles as mothers. The purpose of the Livermore Moms is to share ideas and talents so that we may grow as parents, learn better ways to understand our children to help them become confident and capable individuals. We frequently invite speakers to make presentations. Meetings are free for members, as well as for first time visitors. Contact moms@livermoremoms.com for more information

**Free English Conversation Classes** at Pleasanton Public Library on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 pm, Wednesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information call Janice Bauman (925)-931-3411

**The second annual "Put a Little Love In Your Heart"** will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 19 at Blacksmith Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Live

music will be provided by Roger Kardinal - Acoustic Classic Rock Guitar. There will be wine tasting and appetizers. Art Thoms, former Oakland Raider, will be selling sports memorabilia. Michelle Bucket, of Michelle's Jewelry Box, will be selling her custom jewelry. Raffle prizes will be given away. Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be on hand to accept your tax deductible donations. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted. For more information call 925 580-6793.

**Bingo,** every Sunday, Games 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 18 \$250 pay-outs, 1 \$350 payout, & more! Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Must be 18 years old to attend. Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Benefits LVCS / CCEF.

**RELIGION**  
**Divorce Care,** Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. 13 week seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Meetings Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. \$25 for workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mcporter@hotmail.com for details or to register.

**St. Charles Borromeo & St. Michael's Catholic Churches,** present Kathy Allen speaking on "Don't Ask Me Those Deep Theological Questions." The program is Thursday, Nov. 19, between 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Childcare is available for a nominal fee. Contact Cheryl at 925-292-0506. Hosted by WINGS (Women In God's Spirit), a group for women of all religious backgrounds. At the St. Charles campus, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

**Unitarian Universalist Church** in Livermore, 1893 N. Vasco Rd. presents "Grace and Gratitude." Sunday service November 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Throughout our lives, we are given gifts that we never asked for, family, friends, partners, children, employment, nourishment, shelter. How do we respond to these gifts? For more info, call 925 447-8747 or visit www.uucil.net

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