

Taylor Sirset

## Pleasanton Resident Competes at Junior Figure Skating Championship

By Victoria Kameron

Taylor Sirset is not your ordinary eleven year-old. The young Pleasanton resident is already a figure skating phenomenon. On November 26<sup>th</sup> she will represent the Central Pacific Team at the Junior Nationals. As one of forty-six skaters competing at this level, Taylor Sirset has the opportunity to become the highest rated junior skater in the country.

Taylor Sirset has been skating since the age of five. She practices figure skating four hours a day, six days a week in San Jose. Despite her packed schedule,

(See SKATING, page 14)



## Amador Band Marches in Competitions

The 2007 Amador Valley High School Marching Band and Colorguard is preparing for two back-to-back weekend competitions in southern California. The first is the Bands of America (BOA) Regional Championships, taking place on November 10 in Monterey Park at East LA College. The Marching Dons will compete in a Class AAA field during the Preliminary Competition. Ten of the 19 bands participating in all classes, who are from California and Texas, will be chosen to participate in an evening Finals Competition, all competing in a single class. In 2006, the Amador Marching Band and Colorguard placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the finals of BOA.

Just five days after they return from the BOA event, the Dons will return to Monterey Park for the Grand Championships of the Western Band Association

(See AMADOR, page 14)

## Workshop Addresses Easements

Farm and ranch families and their advisors are invited to attend the second in a series of informational seminars about land conservation easements. These seminars are designed to help local families understand land protection opportunities and how to plan for them.

The seminar will be held on Nov. 16 starting at 6 p.m.

Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS) in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation District (NCRS) and Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) presents "Making Easements Happen, A Conversation with the

(See WORKSHOP, page 9)

# UGB Helped to Revitalize the Downtown

A variety of factors have come together to create the revitalization of downtown Livermore.

According to Marc Roberts, Livermore Director of Community Development, one of the most important was establishing an urban growth boundary (UGB) around the city. Roberts said during an interview, "The UGB has focused development interest in the downtown area. The most dramatic impact has been the increase in housing. In addition to the UGB, the new general plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, incentives and the streetscape have all played critical roles. There is

no one magic piece."

Roberts said he made those observations while speaking to members of the California State Conference of American Planning Association during a visit to Livermore in October. The planners were in Livermore specifically to see and hear about the downtown.

Roberts pointed out that housing is considered part of the recipe for revitalization. People who live within walking distance tend to spend a disproportionate amount of their income in the downtown.

There has been a slowdown

in building. As the market stabilizes, Roberts expects to see more building activity in the downtown. In the meantime, developers are acquiring property and proceeding with pre-planning. Smaller housing and mixed use developments are replacing gas stations and used car lots.

Developers undertake redevelopment as opposed to greenfield development when there are no alternatives. "Generally land is more expensive in redevelopment situations. It is more complicated to fit a new building into an existing urban fabric. A UGB focuses a much

larger proportion of development into the downtown," said Roberts.

"Over time, small scale developments will make a real difference in the downtown," said Roberts. "They are looking good."

Larger development is still outside the downtown. The largest is 350 units near the ACE station on Vasco Road.

While there have been some who wondered why restaurants appear to be the most prominent type of business, Roberts was not surprised. He commented, "Our downtown is revitalizing in a

very traditional way. Generally restaurants are the first businesses. The reason is they react the most quickly to the increase in pedestrian activity. The next step will be small boutiques and small scale service providers.

"You don't get large and medium box businesses, although that is starting to change. Some of the medium box retailers are finding they can make money in a suburban setting. However, that trend is recent and rare," according to Roberts.

The lack of national brand stores isn't bad. "Livermore is (See DOWNTOWN, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Produce offered at the Livermore Farmers' Market makes a colorful display. The market is now open Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking garage on Railroad Avenue.

## Referendum of Oak Grove Plan To Move Forward

Backers of the Save Pleasanton Hills initiative announced plans to move forward with a referendum of the Oak Grove development plan.

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday approved a second reading of both the development plan and a development agreement for Oak Grove. The plan includes 51 custom homes and 496 acres of permanent open space.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Cindy McGovern opposed. She did not like the size of the proposed homes. McGovern was also concerned about fire safety, as well as the potential for non-native species to contaminate the natural areas. "I think we have prob-

lems that have not been addressed in the PUD," she declared.

The council added a "poison pill" provision in each of the ordinances providing that if one were overturned by a referendum, the other would be nullified as well. The vote on this was 4 to 1 with Cheryl Cook-Kallio voting "no." She said that if the development were referended, she wanted to be able to preserve the development agreement.

With the development agreement left in place, the city would still receive the 496 acres of permanent open space as part of any future development proposal. The developer would have an entitlement, even if the referen-

(See REFERENDUM, page 4)

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JEFF WILLIAMS .....	7,311
MARJ LEIDER .....	7,293
LORRAINE DIETRICH .....	4,601

## Pleasanton Asked to Give up Bottled Water

Theme of the annual Pleasanton Mayor's Awards Dinner was "Celebrating Our Open Space."

The annual event includes a program and the announcement of the winner of the Mayor's Award. This year, the award went to Friends of Kottinger Creek for their work in convincing the city to restore the creek to a more natural state.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman took the opportunity to ask those in attendance to make a statement regarding the environment by

giving up bottled water. "I want to make Pleasanton the greenest city in the country," she declared.

Hosterman commented that global warming is changing the climate. The predicted results from doing nothing to stop it are scary, she stated. "We do need to pull together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A lot of us have this habit (drinking bottled water)," according to Hosterman.

She then noted that a great

deal of money is spent by cities to provide drinking water. Instead of drinking that water, people spend millions more on the purchase of bottled water. Hosterman noted that according to the Conference of U.S. Mayors, more than one-fourth of bottled water comes from the tap. It travels many miles from its source. The plastic water bottles go to landfills. About 1.5 million gallons of petroleum are used each year to make the bottles.

(See MAYOR'S AWARD, page 4)

## McNerney Bill Would Aid Ranchers, Small Businesses on Inheritance Tax

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) has introduced a Congressional bill known as the Family Farm, Small Business, and Home Tax Relief Act. It would create a higher estate tax exemption for family farms and small businesses.

Currently, the exemption in the inheritance tax, which is available to everyone, is \$2 million. McNerney's bill would

boost that to \$3.5 million as soon as the bill would become law. The current law is due to increase the exemption to \$3.5 million in 2009.

McNerney's bill would also index the \$3.5 million, so it rises with the cost of living, thereby preventing exempt inheritors from losing part of their exemption because of inflation. The

(See INHERITANCE, page 4)

## Group Rates Houston As 'Perfect' On Farm Legislation

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R - San Ramon) has a perfect tally on nine rated issues by the California Farm Bureau Federation's Family Farms Scorecard.

A press release from Houston, whose 15th Assembly District includes Livermore, quoted Doug Mosebar, president of the Farm Bureau, as saying that the scorecard is based on "policy objectives that uphold California's agricultural heritage." Further, the objectives were tied to legislation that "would impact California family farmers and ranchers ability to provide a safe and abundant food supply."

A key piece of legislation mentioned by the Farm Bureau was AB 1074. The bill was written by Houston, and passed the Assembly in June by a vote of 77-0. It was sent to the Senate, and assigned to a committee. The measure won't be taken up until the next regular session, which will begin in January.

Several environmental groups are watching the measure closely.

The bill intends to create a framework for cutting red tape in the review of grant applications for agricultural landowners' habitat restoration projects. Typically,

the projects include such things as cleaning up a stream or protecting a pond that's an environment for an endangered species.

These kinds of restoration projects have nothing to do with providing habitat mitigation for development. The federal money comes from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

East Bay and California agriculture have been failing to gain the state's fair share of EQIP dollars, according to Terry Huff. He is district conservationist in the Livermore office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which educates agriculturalists about the program, and handles their applications.

Figures were not available for Alameda County, but for Contra Costa, the numbers are dramatic. Contra Costa received eligibility for \$411,791 in EQIP funding in 2005, but could spend only \$24,896, or 6 percent of the total, because of the red tape slowing down the applications, said Houston's office. Instead, the money went to applicants in other states.

The federal government supports (See LEGISLATION, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Brownies were among those marching in the annual Pleasanton Veteran's Day Parade last Sunday.

## Comments Sought On Plan To Cut Carbon Levels, Traffic

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) wants to gain public feedback about its plans for helping the Bay Area meet clean air and anti-congestion goals set for 2035.

MTC has set a facilitated workshop for Nov. 14 at Centre

Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord. It will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be the only Eastbay forum scheduled in a series of three meetings to be held on the topic. The others will be in San Jose and San Rafael.

At the heart of the workshop

are MTC's ambitious, far-reaching goals set for achievement in 2035. For example, the plan envisions a cut in carbon dioxide levels to a level that's 40 percent below the 1990 levels.

That's far more dramatic than (See WORKSHOP, page 4)

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## PET OF THE WEEK

Daisy's family moved to a new house and left her behind. She is nine years old and a total sweetheart. She talks to everyone, and is always looking for a good head rub! She has never lived with dogs but would probably be okay with them. She would also be good with children, and would prefer to be an indoor

kitty. To learn more about Daisy, call Valley Humane Society at 925.426.8656. VHS cats and kittens can be seen Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. Dogs are kept in foster homes and can be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

## Granada High Dance Team to Go Hungry for a Cause

The Granada High School dance team plans to take part in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

Theme for the 30 hour focus is "Be Hungry." The goal is to draw attention to the hunger around the world.

On Nov. 16 and 17, the dance team will join the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who will set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. They will go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face everyday. Prior to the event weekend, students raise funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for a child for a month.

As part of the Famine, The Dance Team will also be doing a hands-on service project with

Tri-Valley Basket Brigade to help put Thanksgiving baskets together for families in need in the area. Anyone who would like to donate to the Basket Brigade, can do so at [www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com](http://www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com).


"The 30 Hour Famine has a lasting impact, not just on the children and families receiving life-changing food and care, but also on participants who view their own potential to affect change very differently afterward," said Debbie Diederich, national director of the World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe. 30 Hour Famine funds contribute to World Vision's response in areas where famine,

conflict, and other crises make children vulnerable to hunger and preventable disease. Since 1992, 30 Hour Famine has raised more than \$100 million, repre-

senting countless saved lives. Visit [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org) or call 800-7-FAMINE for more information.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Fewer New Homes

Home production in California continued to decline in September as homebuilders sold off existing inventory and looked for signs of a balancing market, the California Building Industry Association reported last week.

Total housing starts in California, as measured by building permits issued, dropped to 6,447, 46 percent lower than September a year ago, according to housing permit data supplied by the Construction Industry Research Board. Production of single-family homes fell 50 percent, while construction of multifamily units decreased 40 percent when compared to September of 2006.

During the first nine months of the year, production began on 91,394 homes and apartments, down 31 percent from the same period last year. Single-family housing permits for the year are down 36 percent, while multifamily starts are down 20 percent.

## Campaign News

The Alameda County Democratic Party will present a free workshop for people interested in running for public office Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Peralta Community College Board Room, 333-8th St., Oakland, CA.

Workshop panels will address personal and family impacts, campaign structure and components, fundraising, legal issues, and what to do first. Panelists include current and former elected officials, successful campaign consultants, fund raisers and Democratic Party officials. The sessions will allow ample time for questions, answers, and audience dialogue.

This workshop is open to the public. Anyone considering a run for office, or just curious about what it takes, is welcome to attend.

**Kamena endorsed:** Contra Costa political icon Jean Meredith pledged her support to Re-

publican businessman Scott Kamena's campaign for State Assembly. A veteran of uphill political challenges, Meredith is widely known for her successes in managing the campaigns of 15th District Assemblymembers Bill Baker, Lynne Leach and Gib Marguth. Meredith also managed Bill Baker's successful re-election to the U.S. Congress.

Kamena was born and raised in Livermore, the largest city in the 15th Assembly District. Scott and his wife Jennifer currently reside in Livermore where they are focused on raising their young daughter Audrey.

**Roa Endorsed:** Thirteen-year San Joaquin Delta Community College District Trustee and Central Valley Republican Ted Simas added his endorsement to Republican businessman Robert Rao in the open 15th Assembly District.

Robert Rao described himself as a fiscally conservative business owner who, over the past thirty years, has founded and owned three highly successful Bay Area automotive dealerships.

Robert is a member of the Livermore, Pleasanton and Brentwood Chambers of Commerce, as well as a member of the Pacific Research Foundation, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the Churchill Club, the Contra Costa Cattleman's Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Robert currently lives on Rao Ranch in Livermore with his wife Linda and his two children, Tori and Cole, who are students at Valley Christian in Dublin.

## LARPD Board

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 14 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For information, call 373-5700. The meeting agenda will be available at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us) starting Sat., Nov. 10.

# Forum to Address Questions about Theater

There will be an opportunity to have questions answered about a proposed regional theater in downtown Livermore.

The question and answer session will be held Thurs., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.

Representatives of the City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will discuss the project and respond to questions.

This is the second public forum presented on the regional theater.

The regional theater is designated as the second phase of LVPAC's commitment to bringing world-class arts and entertainment to the Tri-Valley. The regional theater is currently scheduled to open in 2010. This second, larger theater will offer residents and visitors Broadway, classical and popular attractions along with headline entertainers now only seen in San Francisco. The theater will also present family and educational programming and provide a large venue for conferences, meetings, com-

munity events and topical speakers.

At present the theater is projected to cost \$73 million. It is a collaborative partnership between LVPAC and the City of Livermore. LVPAC will be responsible for funding the annual operating cost of the new theater.

When completed, it is estimated that both theaters will generate over \$20 million in economic impact each year.

For information, call 373-6100 or go to the website [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

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# First Minimally Invasive Hip Replacement Surgery Performed at ValleyCare

ValleyCare Health System orthopedic surgeon Aaron Salyapongse recently performed the first surgery in Northern California using a minimally invasive technique for total hip replacement that does not require dislocation of the hip to insert the prosthesis.

Until now, all hip replacement surgery, whether minimally invasive or the traditional open method, required the dislocation of the hip in order to implant the artificial hip. Since a hip replacement increases the chance of a future dislocation, Dr. Salyapongse, thinks this latest technique is a boon for patients. "With less anatomy disrupted during surgery, the joint is more stable and the potential for future dislocation is significantly reduced," he said.

The use of minimally invasive surgery also enhances outcomes. The traditional open method usually requires an incision 6 to 12" long, depending on the size of the person, which often results in longer healing time. The use of less invasive surgical techniques, during which not a single muscle is cut, offers patients a smaller incision, less pain and shorter recovery times.

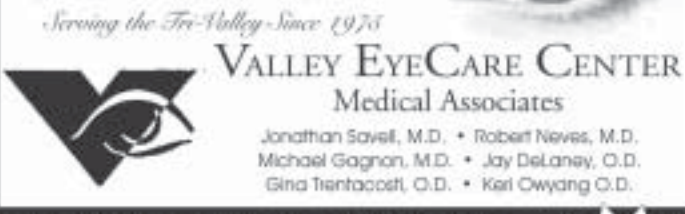
Dr. Salyapongse (pronounced Saiyapong), completed a total joint replacement fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. In doing so, he studied under Dr. Stephen Murphy, the surgeon who developed this latest technique. "He is a brilliant surgeon and I am confident the Superior Capsulotomy Technique could soon be the standard practice," Salyapongse said. "ValleyCare is an incredible facility, and to be able to offer the

community such revolution surgery is something in which we can all be proud."

Dr. Salyapongse is in the Webster Orthopaedic Medical Group. The group recently opened a new office on the ValleyCare Medical Center campus in Pleasanton, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 400. They also have an office at the ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore.

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Dr. Salyapongse has joined the Webster Orthopaedic Medical Group in their Pleasanton office, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 400, Pleasanton. For an appointment, please call 925-463-3400.



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# EDITORIALS

## Old Home Needs Help

One of Livermore's historic old homes may become a victim of downtown redevelopment.

The home, located at 292 North L, at the corner of L and Chestnut, was built in 1926. It was designed in an original style. The Dutro family of barbershop fame lived there. It is on the city's list of buildings deemed to have local historic worth. However, it's to be demolished to clear the way for nine units of new housing.

A group of residents went to the City Council a couple weeks ago, requesting relocation of the old residence to another site where it could be preserved. They urged the council to work with the developer.

Deborah Fields further asked the council to adopt protections to prevent this kind of issue from recurring in the future. Another citizen, John Stein, suggested setting aside a portion of downtown redevelopment funds to help save historic structures.

We applaud the residents for raising the issue. We can't help but observe that an old town theme is helping drive downtown Livermore's exciting resurgence. What a sad irony it would be if the renewal sweeps away many of the residences that make such a theme possible.

Help! This issue needs the City Council's involvement.

## Water Workshop Scheduled

Local residents and land managers interested in learning how they can help protect their local water supply are invited to attend a free workshop on November 14 in Livermore.

The Alameda County Water District, the Zone 7 Water Agency, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, in cooperation with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the South Bay Aqueduct Watershed Workgroup, are organizing the workshop, which will focus on land, home and livestock management for clean water. The South Bay Aqueduct system, which is part of the State Water Project, supplies drinking water to more than two million people in Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Livermore City Council Chambers, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. It will feature speakers on grazing, erosion management and conservation easements. Interested parties are invited to attend and may also call (510) 668-6533 for more information.

Workshop attendees will learn about tools for protecting local waterways, which benefit the environment, provide for recreation, and contribute to local drinking water supplies.

Financial support for the workshops is being provided through a Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant administered by the State Water Resources Control Board for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

## LEGISLATION

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plies 50 percent of the cost of the habitat project, with the landowner covering the other one-half. However, it's possible on some projects to obtain additional money from the federal Fish and Wildlife agency, bringing the government participation to as much as 90 percent, said Huff.

Environmentalists have had reservations about AB 1074. However, Houston's chief of staff, Aaron Bone, said that the assemblyman has been working with them and the other stakeholders to ensure a fair framework for approving projects.

The most visible protest came from Vote the Coast, an environmental group based in Malibu. The group serves as a watchdog on legislation affecting coastal protection. It ran a statewide letter campaign against the bill when it was before the Assembly appropriations committee, which is chaired by San Francisco Assemblyman Mark Leno, a Democrat.

Vote the Coast aimed the campaign at Leno. He wound up voting for the bill. Vote the Coast's web page contends that AB 1074 is an attempt at "permit streamlining" to avoid environmental and public review. The group says that by putting the separate jurisdictions of such agencies as Fish & Game and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and a dozen other agencies into one "consolidated conservation permit," the process loses safeguards for the environment.

Further, the bill is "unfunded, which will mean important staff will be diverted from the regulatory agencies to work on these permits which will mean that other important work will suffer," said the web page.

Bone said that the bill's details are still being worked out. However, streamlining doesn't mean all of the regulatory agencies won't be a part of it. Many of the regulatory agencies may be incorporated into setting the framework for creating the permit.

Funding for the process "hasn't been determined yet. That's a point of negotiations," said Bone.

As to Vote the Coast's concerns, Houston amended the bill before it cleared the Assembly so that the coastal areas are left out of the new permitting process, said Bone.

Paul Mason, a legislative rep-

resentative for the Sierra Club, said the club agrees with the overall concept of streamlining the process to enable more EQIP funding. However, the club shares some of Vote the Coast's concerns about potential weakening of the regulation process. The Sierra Club has lobbying letters ready to go, if necessary, but so far has preferred to work with Houston's office to come up with a bill that everyone can live with.

Houston's bill won overwhelming passage in the Assembly not because it had overwhelming support on specifics, since they haven't been discussed yet, said Mason. It passed in order to send it on to the Senate, where a policy committee could look at it closely, and try to create the specifics that would find agreement. Such diverse parties as the California Farm Bureau and the Sierra Club agreed with Houston's office that a Senate committee would be a good forum to work on it, he said.

Sierra Club and other environmental groups have the power to kill the bill in the Senate, if they don't like what evolves there, said Mason. "We are willing to let discussions go forward, and see ways to address the issues that don't limit any agency's existing authority. The bill won't move, unless the significant concerns are addressed," said Mason.

One concern is that much staff time of existing agencies may be consumed just creating the framework. Ironically, it could take away the ability of agencies to review EQIP applications, he said. To date, much of the delay in EQIP applications has occurred "because there is not enough staff to act promptly."

Asked whether agencies might expand staff, Mason said that with the lean revenue this year for the state budget, he has no hopes of that happening.

The key activity now is for all interested parties to "figure out how to make it easier to do a restoration project," said Mason. It really boils down to the need to have enough staff to complete whatever is needed, he said.

Mason said that since the changes are in the conceptual stage, it's not clear to him whether there would be an improvement. It's also unclear whether there would be any detriment to public input in a new framework. "It's hard to speculate. You can raise these concerns on a list of things to be addressed. It's hard to be specific when (so far) the proposal is so general," he said.

## DOWNTOWN

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looking for unique businesses, not a predominance of chain retailers," continued Roberts, adding, "Having some chains, such as Starbucks, is very important. They bring a tremendous amount of retail knowledge, as well as people to an area. An area needs a critical mass of activity to take-off."

The movie theater and Bankhead Theater bring in different types of traffic. Movies are classic generators of pedestrian traffic, including weekends, early afternoon and in the evening. Performing arts facilities have peaks that are more dramatic. They attract larger audiences at fewer times. There tends to be activity before and after performances, Roberts stated. "Small boutiques can do well with walk-by traffic. People may not stop in immediately, but they will be-

come aware the business is there."

Roberts doesn't see the Prime Outlets on El Charro as competing with downtown. Rather it will be a complementary use. "The shopping experiences are different. When outlets are very successful, they are a regional draw. Very few people stop by an outlet mall to make a quick purchase. It's more shopping as an event. Almost none of them would locate in a downtown. People who walk into The Gap know what they are going to get. In the downtown, shoppers don't know what the next specialty shop will have in it."

Negotiations are underway for a hotel in downtown Livermore. The city council approved an exclusive negotiating rights agreement with Pinn Brothers Construction at its last council

meeting. The vote was unanimous. The hotel would be built on 1.7 acres of land owned by the city at Railroad Avenue and Livermore Avenue. The Downtown Specific Plan calls for a boutique style hotel on the site.

Pinn Brothers has developed two similar hotels, a 72-room Los Gatos Hotel in Los Gatos and a 79-room Moorpark Hotel in San Jose. Among the issues to be discussed during the negotiations are the number of rooms, land acquisition price, timing of construction, as well as the inclusion of amenities, such as a restaurant and health spa.

Economic information shows the city can support the hotel in the downtown according to Roberts.

It's true that some current businesses won't do well, Roberts admitted. As a downtown revi-

talizes, the biggest difference is that rents go from being the most affordable to the most expensive. That's good for the landowner. For a tenant, the change can be dramatic. The greatest challenge is for businesses that occupy larger square footages. Roberts suggested that they could adjust the business to take advantage of walk-by traffic or perhaps relocate elsewhere in the downtown.

"In the future, we can expect that most of the retailers in the downtown will be smaller scale. Tenant spaces are small and close together to create a reason for people to keep walking. Shopping malls are designed in a similar manner. It changes the feel of a place. People will find lots of small and new interesting things in the downtown," Roberts declared.

## REFERENDUM

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dum were successful.

Unless the poison pill were included in each ordinance, both ordinances would have to be re-referenced in order to nullify the entire project. City Manager Nelson Fialho suggested adding the poison pill to both to keep the process clean.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan said he felt that a good compromise had been worked out for Oak Grove. "Not everyone agrees. I fully support the right to referendum. I've done it myself."

"The rhetoric is already flying. I ask that information on both sides be presented accurately and fairly," Sullivan stated. "These kinds of issues are easily argued in sound bites. This project is very complicated. I ask that citizens review the project before signing any petition."

A group opposed to the referendum has been formed. "Keep Our Park" representatives urged voters not to sign either the initiative or the referendum petitions. Members include Becky Dennis, Sharrell Michelotti, Tom Pico, Jerry Thorne, Kathy Narum, Jerry Pentin, Joe Jones, Christine Steiner, Otis Strand, and Ron Hyde.

Pentin addressed the council Tuesday. He noted that Oak

Grove was approved after years of negotiations. He said that members of Keep Our Park are willing and ready to help residents understand both sides of the issue. "We believe that if they know all of the issues, they will decline to sign."

Former city councilmember Kay Ayala spoke for the Save Pleasanton Hills group. She said that the process used to produce the plan left people out.

She objected to the grading plan and the size of the homes. There is a need to reduce the impacts of grading on the habitat, Ayala stated. She suggested that the city put up story poles that would show what the proposed "mega mansions" would look like. "This room would be packed if people had any idea of what these monster homes will look like," Ayala declared.

She continued, "If you chose to go ahead with the Oak Grove plan, we will definitely referend it. The referendum will go hand-in-hand with the initiative."

During the public hearing, residents spoke both for and against Oak Grove.

Those opposed objected to the size of the homes, which could be up to 12,500 square feet and three stories tall, and the

amount of grading required. There was concern about fire safety with only one entrance in and out of the project. Impact on the endangered Callippe Butterfly was another issue.

Proponents said that Oak Grove represented a fair compromise. They want the open space, trails and staging area that come with the project.

As for the butterfly, Planning Director Jerry Iserson noted that the environmental impact report requires an entomologist to conduct a further study to determine whether the host plant and the butterfly are present on the site. In addition, a biologist would look at the site to determine the presence of other special status species. Iserson said that no construction or grading could take place without a permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Based on input from the scientists, Fish and Wildlife would make a determination as to what mitigations would be required.

The development would be built on 562 acres in southeast Pleasanton owned by the Lin family. The land has been the subject of controversy over the years. A project approved in 1993, which included a golf

course, was successfully referended.

For the past two years, the owners, city representatives and nearby homeowners have held talks to try to come to an agreement on how the Lin family could develop the site. Issues included traffic, fire, visibility of homes, and the treatment of open space.

The "Save Pleasanton Hills and Housing Cap" initiative was filed with the city clerk last month. It would protect the hills and ridgelines in southeast Pleasanton.

Backers said that the goals of the initiative are to protect scenic hills from development that destroys the character of the town; and to direct development and development speculation away from lands with environmentally sensitive features, lands with primary open space values, and lands difficult to service by existing jurisdictions.

The initiative would prohibit housing and structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline. It exempts housing developments of ten or fewer units on a single property that was a legal parcel of January 1, 2007.

## MAILBOX

him."

One of the McNerney district agricultural committee members, Sunol rancher Tim Koopman, has been on record for years in the local press as working to reduce and eliminate the inheritance tax for agricultural families. He was able to keep his 850-acre ranch in the Koopman family by going through an 11-year process to obtain conservation easements that helped him pay bank loans that enabled him to cover the inheritance tax.

By reducing or eliminating the inheritance tax on farm lands, Koopman wants to make it financially feasible to pass along his land to the next generation of his family.

Koopman's situation resembles other family ranchers and farmers. The land they inherit is the highly-valued asset that creates the high inheritance tax sum for them. However, they can't sell the land to pay the tax, because it would defeat the purpose of keeping the family on the land.

Koopman was quoted in a McNerney press release as saying, "I applaud what the congressman is trying to achieve. When my father passed away, we made a conscious decision not to sell the ranch, but faced a huge estate tax burden as the ranch land had grown in value. Keeping this land open and active provides society with a real benefit, but it is difficult to do given increasing pressures, including the burden of the estate tax liability. I want to make sure there's a piece of ground here for the next few generations."

## INHERITANCE

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current inheritance tax rate of 45 percent would remain in effect.

McNerney's bill creates an \$8 million exemption for owners of family farms and small businesses. Currently, they use the \$2 million exemption that is available to everyone. The aim is to preserve family farms and local agriculture, as well as small businesses.

The bill also would create an inheritance tax exemption of up to \$2 million on an inherited family home, provided the owner has lived there at least five years. The exemption is not now available.

The inheritance tax is due to be eliminated in 2010. It has been escalating downward since passage of a reform bill ten years ago. However, part of the compromise in then was that the inheritance tax would be back at its original strength in 2011. McNerney's bill does not propose to tackle that huge issue.

McNerney aide Andy Stone said that feedback on the bill from other congressional members "has been very positive, across the board. Everyone recognizes the value of keeping land in agriculture. The same is true about keeping small businesses, which grow roots in communities."

Asked about prospects for passage, Stone said, "The congressman is hopeful, and is talking to other members about it." Stone said that California Farm Bureau members, some of whom serve on McNerney's district agricultural committee, are "supportive of the concept in the bill. They've raised the issue with

## MAYOR'S AWARD

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"I am asking you to kick the habit. It's going to be a tough one to break. However, breaking it will be a huge service for future generations," declared Hosterman.

Her gift to those present was a recyclable, environmentally friendly bottle that could be used to carry water taken from the tap.

The program consisted of a series of slides depicting areas of open space in and around Pleasanton that have been preserved.

"Healthy open space is part of a healthy city," stated Hosterman. "We in Pleasanton have a very special quality of life, I think, because of the open space that surrounds us."

She commented on several efforts that have led to preservation of open space. One was the battle to save the Pleasanton Ridgelines from development. A second was the Bernal property, which will provide 318 acres of wonderful parkland for the people of Pleasanton. Just recently, the city acquired 500 acres in the southeast hills, referring to the approval of the Oak Grove development. "If we do it right, we will acquire an addi-

tional 1500 acres in the area," declared Hosterman.

Her final act of the evening was the presentation of the Mayor's Award to the Kottinger Creek organization, which Hosterman described as a "caring group of people."

"They took it upon themselves to find a way to restore the creek. They led the way to preserving this little bit of Pleasanton," stated Hosterman.

Members of Friends of Kottinger Creek receiving the award were Earl Mincks, Cheri Puls, Pat Griffin, Tom Gallagher, Phil Filbert, George Reed, Mark Smith, Mary Smith and Ron Taylor.

They organized in 2000 in response to the removal of five mature willow trees from the banks of the creek, followed by ditching. The Friends learned there were plans to remove all of the trees.

Last year, the Pleasanton City Council approved the Kottinger Creek Restoration Project, agreeing to spend over \$1 million to restore and rebuild the park and creek alongside Kottinger Drive. The project was completed this past summer.

(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.)

### YMCA Alive and Well Dave Melander Tri-Valley YMCA Board of Managers

We would like to thank James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Business Park, and his staff for the outstanding newsletter, "Hacienda Network," published monthly. Not only does Hacienda Network introduce us all to what is going on in the Hacienda Business Park, but it also brings us up to date on important things happening in the Tri-Valley area. The article included in the October newsletter, "YMCA is Alive and Well in the Tri-Valley," is a perfect example.

Members of the Tri-Valley YMCA board and staff were very pleased that many of the Y programs were enumerated in the article. Sometimes people comment that the "Tri-Valley Y is the best secret in town." This very positive and informative article helps to let the community know the contributions and importance of its presence in the community. YMCA programs include Y-Guides and Y-Princesses Parent/Child Programs, after-school programs provided at local elementary and middle schools, youth and government teen programs, and summer day camps.

The YMCA not only thanks the Hacienda Business Park for its newsletter article, but also for announcing a special "get-to-know-the-Y" event to be held at

Stacey's Restaurant at Waterford in Dublin on Wed., Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. For information about the event, contact Colin Proudfoot at colinp55@aol.com or 475-6108.

### Candidate Photo Barbara Hickman Host of "Grassroots Issues"

While the Independent's editor/publisher is probably amused at the very unflattering photo of candidate Lorraine Dietrich which appeared on the front page of the recent Election Issue of Nov. 3, we at Grassroots Videos were and are appalled. Choosing to use that photo demonstrated very poor taste and, more than that, it was cruel.

Our organization's nonprofit rules do not allow us to endorse or oppose candidates in an election. However, because we ran an ad in that issue and previous issues to publicize our television program, "Grassroots Issues," which airs on cable channel 26 on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., we fear that the Independent's readers were given the false impression that we support such shameful, sleazy, and mean-spirited behavior. We want to make it clear that we most certainly do not. We were embarrassed to have an ad in the paper that day.

Therefore, to avoid further misinterpretation and risk to our reputation, we want our viewers to know that our Vice-President of Publicity and Public Relations has cancelled all plans for future advertising in the Independent.

(The photos, with the exception of Mayor Kamena, were action photos taken during the Chamber of Commerce candidates forum. Others have described the photo of Lorraine as showing intensity during the response to a question.)

## WORKSHOP

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the goal set by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose target has been perceived as a big step by both supporters and opponents. Schwarzenegger wants the state to return to the 1990 level by 2020. The Governor has not called for reduction below the 1990 level.

Another goal is to reduce traffic congestion in 2035 by cutting the waiting time in traffic by 20 percent from today's levels. Going along with that is a call for a 10 percent reduction below today's levels for the daily per capita vehicle miles traveled.

There is also an economic component in the plan. MTC aims to reduce by 10 percent the share of low-income and lower middle income residents' income that is consumed by transportation and housing.

MTC is working jointly with ABAG on that goal, because

ABAG has a focus on the Bay Area's housing supply. Families of four who earn less than \$70,000 annually spend 45 percent of their income for housing and 22 percent for transportation, said MTC public information officer John Goodwin. "We are the most expensive housing area in the country. The combined 67 percent (of the two figures) is 10 percent higher than the national average," said Goodwin.

It will be important at the workshop to hear from the public about the priority of development areas, mostly along transit lines, said Goodwin.

The public likely will also be interested in discussing parking surcharges and HOT lanes, too. Congestion pricing on freeways, as has occurred elsewhere in the state will be discussed, said Goodwin.

# Downtown Livermore Arts Hub Grows a Little Richer

Welcome to Firehouse Bistro & Books.

Owners Sandi Gutierrez and Stephanie Becker are determined to create a community gathering place where people can enjoy good books and good food.

Capitalizing on the renaissance currently happening in downtown Livermore, the two young women have selected a location right in the middle of it all. They're in the old historic firehouse at 2369 First Street. Directly across the street are the newly opened Bankhead Performing Arts Theater and Livermore Cinemas.

"The concept behind our bookstore/bistro is that it be a place Stephanie and I ourselves would like to go to," Sandi explained.

"We very strongly feel a sense of place. What we're trying to do, it's all about place and community," she said.

"Livermore is blessed with such cultural richness," she added. "We see ourselves as a conduit for it. We're not here for us, but rather for the community."

Stephanie has a doctorate in Spanish literature. Sandi's studies have been in Spanish, German and international environmental policy. Both women are married and have children. Sandi's include a pair of three-year-old twins. Her husband, Dennis, grew up in Livermore and owns a small construction company.

When the two women decided to go into business together, they

had no idea it would be this kind of business. They knew that location was important. They didn't want to be in a strip mall. They liked what they saw downtown and sought the assistance of Livermore Main Inc.

Sandi says, "They were amazing. Doors started opening for us. We felt pulled in an inexplicable way to the Firehouse. We told ourselves we'll keep going 'til we run into a roadblock. But the doors kept opening."

Dick and Doris Ryon, firehouse owners, were enormously supportive. Their tenant then, Book Oasis, a secondhand bookstore, had its stock up for sale. Sandi and Stephanie bought it out, some 10,000 books, and added new books. They leased the firehouse in January and

opened last month.

Sandi reports that business has been good — repeat business especially so.

The place has a cozy reading room in the back. Browsers are

welcome to pick a book from the shelves and sit back for a leisurely read, perhaps with something from the bistro.

A couple of readings have been held since the bookstore

opened and more will be scheduled for the upcoming months.

In hiring serving staff, the two women make a point of asking them about their experience with books.

Sandi explains, "It's important that our servers be able to talk knowledgeably about books with the customers. We want our staff to be individuals who genuinely like books. This is really basic."

The bistro has a full menu, with dinners (Atlantic salmon, etc.) soups ("better" nut squash, etc.), salads, sandwiches, appetizers, and more. Drinks include wine, beer, tea, coffee, etc.

Bookstore hours are 10 to 10 Tuesday through Sunday, with later hours Thursday through Saturday depending on the crowd. The bistro is open the same days, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 9:30 p.m. They may be called at 449-FIRE or [www.bistrobooks.com](http://www.bistrobooks.com).



Sandi Gutierrez and Stephanie Becker

## SHORT NOTES

### Big Read Bash

To round off the Big Read celebration of The Maltese Falcon, the Pleasanton Library invites the public to The Big Read Bash!, a wine and dance party at the library on Sat., Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

Come as you are or dressed as a character from The Maltese Falcon.

Music is by Sara and Swingtime, a 5-piece band that specializes in swing from the '30s and '40s. There will be a swing dance demo and lesson by dancers from the Carla and Kevin Dance Studio in San Francisco.

Wines from Fenestra Winery and Livermore Valley Cellars will be poured.

Tickets (adults only, please) are \$10.00, adults, \$5.00 seniors. They can be purchased at Towne Center Books and the Pleasanton Public Library. This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

For information, call Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian, 925/931-3405.

### Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will offer two programs this weekend.

On Sat., Nov. 10, there will be a "Hike in the Dark." Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 6:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

There will be a new moon the night of November 10th. That's just perfect for a hike in the dark. The winter constellations are starting to come into view. Participants will be hiking to a hilltop overlooking Livermore to look at the stars and the lights of the town. Bring comfortable hiking shoes and no flashlights please.

"Cats" are the topic of the Sun., Nov. 11 program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. Learn about the different types of wild cats that share this continent with us. The program will pay particular attention to the wild cats in this area.

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

### New Wines

Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge Wineries, both owned by Rick and Pam Corbett, will introduce a total of five new wines on Nov. 15.

The Crooked Vine wines are a 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 Merlot and a 2006 Chardonnay.

Stony Ridge will debut a 2006 Chardonnay and a special grape stomp Por.

Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wines can be sampled and purchased at the winery tasting room, 4948 Tesla Road in Livermore. The tasting room is open 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends and noon to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays except for Tuesdays when it is closed. Wine club membership is free. Those interested in more information can call the wineries at 925-371-8156

### Raiders vs. Bears

Heritage Estates in Livermore will host a tailgate party on Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon.

There will be free hot dogs, pretzels and beverages. KKIQ will be on hand for a live remote broadcast of the Oakland Raiders vs. the Chicago Bears. Two sets of tickets to the game will be given away. A private limousine will whisk the winners to the game and bring them back.

Heritage Estates is located at 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. For information, call 373-3636 or go to [www.HeritageEstatesRetirement.com](http://www.HeritageEstatesRetirement.com).

### Food Collection

Over 40,000 Bay Area Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers and Explorers will be out in neighborhoods collecting food for the annual "Scouting for Food" on Saturday, November 18. This year's theme is "Good Turn for America" and is the largest one-day food drive of the year for the Alameda County Commu-

nity Food Bank.

Scouts will be distributing door-hangers on Saturday, November 10 to remind residents to leave bags of non-perishable food on their porch for the following Saturday pick-up. Canned meats and fish, peanut butter, powdered milk, canned stew, dried beans, rice, oatmeal or other healthy cereal, pasta and tomato sauce are the Food Bank's ten most wanted items. (No glass items, please.)

On the 17th from noon - 4 p.m., the Coast Guard will team up with the Food Bank to transport food from the various Boy Scout collection sites back to the Food Bank warehouse. Over 200 volunteers will be on hand at the warehouse to sort food on Saturday from 1 - 7:30 pm, and Sunday from 9am - 2:30 pm, so that the items are ready for distribution to community organizations serving clients for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Local collection sites for "Scouting for Food" on November 17th are Lucky's, 2000 Portola Blvd., Livermore; and Walmart, 4501 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton.

### Winter Wonderland

Alden Lane Nursery at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore will unveil its annual Holiday Winter Wonderland on Friday, Nov. 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with its Tuscan Vineyard Open House Preview.

There will be Italian Music, sparkling cider, grapes, and cheese and crackers. There will be 25 themed trees each decorated with a different motif. The event will continue all weekend on Nov. 10 and Nov. 11 with the Open House itself during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no additional charge for guests to browse Alden Lane's Christmas Room and see trees decorated to celebrate wine, families, sports, bird watching, and, of course, gardening. Ornaments on the trees will be available for purchase.

Those interested in more information can visit [www.aldenlane.com](http://www.aldenlane.com) or call the nursery at 925-447-0280.

## Questions / Answers

The LVPAC Regional Theater

You are invited to attend a public forum to learn more about the Livermore Valley Performing Art Center's Regional Theater. Representatives of the City of Livermore and LVPAC will discuss the project and respond to your questions.

Thursday, November 15, 2007 - 7 PM  
The Bankhead Theater - 2400 First Street  
Information: 925-373-6100 or [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org)

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You see this photo... I'm showing my children with me because chiropractic is a family affair. Mateo, he's 3 years old and Dominic, he's 16 months old. These are my children and they have been adjusted regularly since birth. Not for back pain or neck pain - we wouldn't want it to get that bad! They are adjusted to keep their health potential at its fullest. They rarely get so much as a cold and have never taken antibiotics.

When I tell other parents about my healthy boys, they say that it's a miracle in itself. I have to say, **Chiropractic** has been a blessing to our family.

Years ago something happened that changed my life forever. *Let me tell you my story.*

It happened one evening while driving home, I'll never forget that day. Out of nowhere, BAM! I was in a horrible head-on collision. The accident left me with severe pain in my neck and upper back. It was so bad that when I tried to use my left arm, I just couldn't. I had no strength and the pain was unbearable. At 19, weight lifting and sports were my life, but that stopped after the accident. The pain forced me to quit the things I loved. I had to use my left arm as little possible due to the pain. I was embarrassed by it and tried to hide the pain. Being a young man, I figured that the pain would just go away. But, after some time, it didn't seem to be getting any better. *It doesn't stop there.*

My medical doctor had me on some really powerful drugs. But nothing was helping. I started to get pretty scared. Here I was, just a young guy, losing the use of my left side and in awful pain everyday. Would I have to live like this forever? *But, listen to this.*

That's when a friend of mine convinced me to try his doctor. I was skeptical at first. That new doctor did an exam, ran a few tests, and then "adjusted" me. The adjustment didn't hurt, it actually felt pretty good. *And guess what?* I started to get better right away. The pain

I had been living with dramatically decreased. I felt so much better.

*Oh, did I mention that doctor was a chiropractor?* Chiropractic worked so well for me, and I was so excited and impressed with all the "miracles" I saw from chiropractic, that I finished my undergraduate school and headed to chiropractic school. *And that's how it happened!*

A healthy family does NOT rely on medication to make them



well. If drugs made people well, then those who took the most drugs would be the healthiest, but this simply isn't the case. In an average year, **the World Health Organization (WHO) reported over 1.5 million hospitalizations due to medication. Last year, the WHO also reported 350,000 deaths due to medications people took... and 160,000 of these deaths occurred when the drugs were prescribed correctly.** More people died last

year from medications than at Pearl Harbor and Vietnam. *Amazing, huh?*

People are now beginning to understand that health comes from within. This is why chiropractic helps so many people. You see, God created a body that can heal itself. Your body doesn't need any help; it just can't have any interference. With chiropractic, we don't add anything to the body, or take anything from it. We find interference in the nervous system and remove it, as a result enhancing the healing abilities of the body. We have helped numerous people with **chronic pain, headaches, migraines, low back pain, neck and shoulder tension, sciatica pain, numbness and tingling in the arms and legs, and fatigue, and the list continues on.** We get tremendous results...it really is as simple as that.

**Here's what some of our patients have to say:**

*"I am definitely thankful to Dr. C for actually being the first doctor to help me."* Charity S. of Livermore

*"Today, after the help of chiropractic, the pain in my back has gone. I am more flexible. I don't take pain pills anymore. Before I also always had headaches, but I do not have them anymore. I sleep so much better now than I did before my treatments. I have more energy daily. I feel so much more alive!"* Garry C. of Livermore

*"I really appreciate the personal attention I've received. I feel like Dr. Contreras and the staff truly care that my health improves."* Monica N. of Brentwood

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# SPORTS NOTES

Wildcats vs Fireballs: Offensive Players: Ellie Duell, Bubba Farro, Makenzie Farro, Wildcats; Colica Opiani, Kira Katter, Kylie Moore, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Paige Sutter, Lindsay Gill, Maggie Sneed, Wildcats; Krissy Keller, Sierra Stone, Jasmine Arias, Fireballs

Shooting Stars vs USA Girls: Offensive Players: Shellynne Holsen, Claire Andersen, Shooting Stars; Daniela Walker, Christina Saunders, USA Girls; Defensive Players: Brianna Clatt, Shooting Stars; Madison McCallister, Miriam Brown, USA Girls

Soccer Puppies vs Bumble Bees: Offensive Players: Tara Collier, Jamie Freitas, Sierra Gibbs, Soccer Puppies; Sydney Franklin, Sophia St. Claire, Tori Diehl, Bumble Bees; Defensive Players: Morgan Waugh, Mackenzie Wallace, Claire Adele, Soccer Puppies; Chelsea Warner, Amanda Zeck, Olivia Volpuni, Bumble Bees

Soccer Puppies vs Fireballs: Offensive Players: Morgan Waugh, Siena Gibbs, Tara Collier, Soccer Puppies; Kira Katter, Opiani Clelia, Chrissy Keller, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Katie Hinds, Yesenia Diaz, Emily Souza, Soccer Puppies; Sierra Stone, Kiley Moore, Teagan Borg, Fireballs

Wild Cats vs Bubblegum Girls: Offensive Players: Stephanie Wilkinson, Cyndee Duncan, Alyssa Silveti, Wild Cats; Heather Woelk, Andrea Sommer, Marley Lake, Bubblegum Girls; Defensive Players: Kristin Heise, Victoria Dischong, Sierra Miller, Wild Cats; Destiny Bandy, Mariah Ortiz, Marie Linney, Bubblegum Girls

Under-9 Girls The Earthquakes (5) vs Mad Dogs (1): Offensive Players: Chloe Rodriguez, Lindsay Welles, Olivia Schormann, Earthquakes; Daniel Hoefner, Brianna Haskins, Amanda Eijansantos, Mad Dogs; Defensive Players: Jamie Zogari, Kellie Hughes, Madison Gannon, Earthquakes; Kelly Peralt, Cynthia Celeste, Hannah Owen, Mad Dogs

Under-10 Girls Scorchers (3) vs Crushers (0): Offensive Players: Alex Fraser, Alyssa Alvarez, Brianna Ruloma, Scorchers; Caitlon Rokov, Ashley Schiopee, Aiden Tardoff, Crushers; Defensive Players: Anjali Vachhani, Alyse Perera, Sarah Person, Scorchers; Macy Murphy, Shaiwa Fakiri, Jenna Dobson, Crushers; Goals and assists: Sara Graves (G), Jordan Stewart (G), Shruthi Sukir (G), Scorchers

Green Gobblins (3) vs Thundercats (0): Offensive Players: Brianna Lima, Carly Martinez, Megan Kalantar, Green Gobblins; Amanda Starsiak, Shelby Rocero, Katie Reddick, Thundercats; Defensive Players: Kayla Pinelli, Genie Rosa, Green Gobblins; Megan Fairbanks, Jane Tabrett, Annika Landreth, Thundercats; Goals and assists: Brianna Lima (2G), Carly Martinez (G), Green Gobblins

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Under-12 Girls Net Rippers (2) vs Terminators (1): Offensive Players: Megan Cinquini, Katelyn Lovoi, Kayla Fitzgerald, Net Rippers; Sarah Wilkenson, Alexandra Hernandez, Mikaela Priest, Terminators; Defensive Players: Lauren Sweeney, Haylie Hill, Nicole Mingione, Net Rippers; Ashley Tadokoro, Sierra Clark, Khushoo Desai, Terminators; Goals and assists: Megan Cinquini (G), Katelyn Lovoi (G), Kayla Fitzgerald (A), Net Rippers; Sarah Wilkenson (G), Terminators; Net Rippers kicked the winning goal about 10 minutes before the end of the game

Under-14 Girls Blaze (4) vs Kickin It (0): Goals and assists: Paige Bauer (2G), Lauren Boulter (1G), Liz Sanchez (G), Blaz, Danielle Sheets (G), Paige Anaya (A), Swarm, Newark's stingy defensive play led to only a few chances for the Swarm. The scoreless tie was broken in the first half on Katrina Hickman's direct kick, giving the Swarm a 1-0 lead. Newark's goal keeper Katlyn Rudy stopped nearly 20 shots until Swarm's Danielle Sheets put home a goal off of Paige Anaya's perfect cross. Newark led a furious, offensive charge late in the game with several scoring chances before the final whistle.

Intensity (4) vs Livermore Strikers (2): Offensive Players: Sarah Felicitas, Brooke Bets, Kayla Mayo, Intensity; Michelle Bachem, Adrienne Call, Kelly Brynildson, Strikers; Defensive Players: Courtney Duff, Katelyn Bradford, Erika Schultz, Intensity; Jennifer Herrington, Jaime Zenger, Bianca Rutherford, Strikers; Goals and assists: Kelsey Barger (G), Alyssa Amaral (G), Strikers

Under-5 Boys Dinosaurs vs Sharks: Offensive Players: Tanner Lewis, Declan O'hara, Aiden Bartlett, Dinosaurs; Aidan DeMello, Drake Devine, Peyton McKenzie, Sharks

Under-6 Boys Sharks vs Thunder: Offensive Players: Brandon Martin, Blake Burrell, Joshua Martin, Nathan Jones, Sharks; Ryan McCall, Jacob Peterson, Thunder; Defensive Players: Phillip Weaver, Will Nordvik, Dylan Breesch, Scott Pagel, Sharks; Saul Buendia, Ethan Jones, Thunder

Tigers vs Transformers: Offensive Players: Michael Quinteros, Zachary Hollingshaus, Noah Zika, Tigers; Thomas, Cian, Calvin, Evan, Transformers; Defensive Players: Zachary Parodi, Ricardino Alvarez, Ethan Clark, Tigers; Tamur, Ryan, Johnny, Owen, Transformers

The Fireballs vs Pirates: Offensive Players: AJ Morais, Ryan Lortie, Luke Moylin, Jacob Hoggatt, Fireballs; Connor Campbell, Ryan Wenzel, J.J. Knight, Ben Morrisroe, Pirates; Defensive Players: Patmon Goulart, Max Higgins, Ivan Ceballos, Pirates

Fireballs vs Cougars: Offensive Players:



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## One of the participants competes on the balance beam during the Zone 7 Championship Meet. California Gymnastics Academy hosted the meet in Livermore last weekend.

undefeated teams. The Jaguars scored first, then the Blaze tied it with a goal by Paige. The Jags scored again to take a 2-1 halftime lead. The play was furious in the second half with a goal by Ramsey to tie the game 2-2. With five minutes left Lauren scored the go ahead goal for the Blaze and the game ended 3-2 with the Blaze staying undefeated.

Under-16 Girls Livermore Swarm (2) vs Newark (0): Offensive Players: Katrina Hickman, Crystal Prather, Danielle Sheets, Swarm; Lizzy Clements, Paige Scheving, Angelica Pallais, Newark; Defensive Players: Sunde' Edwards-Stewart, Julie Blaze, Muriel Gallardo, Swarm; Katlyn Rudy, Kalcia Duque, Yvette Del Rio, Newark; Goals and assists: Katrina Hickman (G), Danielle Sheets (G), Paige Anaya (A), Swarm

Antonio Chavez, Joseph Hager, and Matthew Larson, Fireballs; Noah Wolf, Cole Niermeyer, Jack Volponi, Cougars; Defensive Players: Jacob Hager, Evan Sire, and Tyler Morano, Fireballs; Miles Rasmussen, Nate Miskella, Jesse Wolfson, Cougars

Under-7 Boys Dragons vs Barracudas: Offensive Players: Zachary MacDonald, Gabriel Parrish, Ryan McCusker, Dragons; Sie Arciszewski, Casey Wortham, Emilio Lopez, Barracudas; Defensive Players: Roberto Iacomini, Adam Murphy, Natha Kam, Dragons; Alex Cirina, Seung Joo, Grant Dufek, Barracudas

Fireballs vs Decepticons: Offensive Players: Brandon Yocham, Brodie Wolf, Hayden Glasco, Fireballs; Alec Lewis, Nicholas Puso, Matthew Hall, Decepticons; Defensive Players: Kobe Cortez, Kyle Packard, McClain Minton, Fireballs; Gregory Short, Derek Eijansantos, Aiden Ackerman, Decepticons

Dynamo vs Barracudas: Offensive Players: Harrison Freeman, Marcus Robles, Forrest Bishop, Calvin Freeman, Dynamo; Emilio Lopez, Alex Cirina, Casey, Barracudas; Defensive Players: Jack Burke, Josh Freitas, and Raymon Montes, Dynamo; Sie Arciszewski, Alex Patterson, Baracuda, For Dynamo team, Josh Frietas and Raymon Montes played very well keeping the ball out of their zone. And Forest Bishop scored the team's first goal. The Barracudas scored their first goal by player, Casey, Sie Arciszewski and Alex Patterson played good defense as well.

Under-8 Boys Red Hot Fireballs vs Bombers: Offensive Players: Tristen Mulrooney, Zach Kiser, Chase Dunn, Red Hot Fireballs; Michael Hallock, Conner Johnston, Bobby Payne, Bombers; Defensive Players: Elias Hamid, Ryan Nostrand, Cole Meyers, Red Hot Fireballs; Miles Gomez, Reid Heffron, Kai Berkey, Bombers

Strikers vs Wildcats: Offensive Players: Sean, Wes, Zach, Strikers; Aiden Worley, Omar, Luke, Victor, Wildcats; Defensive Players: Alex, Bailey, Drew, Jack, Strikers; Ryan Wright, Jace Roberts, Christian Moreno, Anthony, Wildcats

Lightening Bolts vs Dynamite: Offensive Players: Jacob Winslow, Christian Petrie, Ryan Robinson, Lightening Bolts; Sam Miller, Joe Murphy, Lucus Owen, Dynamite; Defensive Players: Andrew Strupeni, Trey Olsen, Lightening Bolts; Kyle Correia, Raymond Bordon, David Rider, Dynamite

Under-9 Boys Thunderbirds (2) vs Grizzlies (0): Offensive Players: Grant Riddiough, Christopher Machi, Kevin Spence, Thunderbirds; Nathan Coates, Ralph Miller, Alex Katusich, Grizzlies; Defensive Players: Michael Puso, Kevin Kim, Sean Croghan, Thunderbirds; Garrett Almeida, Tyler Henderson, Jay Robinson, Grizzlies; Goals and assists: Grant Riddiough (G), Christopher Machi (G), Thunderbirds

Homets (3) vs Tiger Sharks (2): Offensive Players: Morgan Kelly, Noah Klaball, Pierce Kadlec, Homets; William Antonio, Landon Grace, Anthony Schultz, Tiger Sharks; Defensive Players: Luke Hottinger, Mike McPeck, Steve Mohler, Homets; Parker Hall, Spencer Kramm, Colin Schenone, Tiger Sharks; Goals and assists: Jason Flores (G), Zachariah Eme (G), Josh Harlan (G), Evan Armstrong (A), Morgan Kelly (A), Ja (A)

Cobras (2) vs Panthers (0): Offensive Players: Ethan Aboumrad, Jack Walker, Mark Foreman, Cobras; Roman Vasquez, Leonardo Ramirez, Darrell Staley, Panthers; Defensive Players: Sikander Haider, Troy Forward, Garrett Stone, Cobras; Isaac Artega, Luis Angel Ortiz, Robbie Hoff, Panthers

Under-10 Boys Raptors (3) vs Strikers (1): Offensive Players: Emil Brown, Max Pruet, Eric Lopez, Raptors; Caleb McTear, Alex Gonzalez, Max Wiggington, Strikers; Defensive Players: Weston Nale, Logan Brist, Clayton Franklin, Raptors; Nicholas Badders, Nikita Van Schoonenberg, Jonathan Short, Strikers; Goals and assists: Eric Lopez (A), Max Pruet (G), Thomas Triantos (2G), Raptors; Max Wiggington (G), Strikers

Under-12 Boys Warriors (6) vs Eagles (1): Offensive Players: Dalton Miller, Jesus Prado, Dominic Carlson, Warriors; Austin Armstrong, Kieran Hill, Jacob Kerling, Eagles; Defensive Players: Connor Salazar, Brandon Howard, Christian Arana, Warriors; Jeff Mullins, Zack Kline, Joel Udouch, Eagles; Goals and assists: Jose Gonzales (G), Panco Reyes (G), Dalton Miller (3G), Christian Arana (G), Warriors; Jacob Kerling (G),

Eagles

Stompers (5) vs Ballistics (1): Offensive Players: Hector Romo, Anthony Aguilar, Stompers; Danny, James, Ballistics; Defensive Players: Salvador Alatorre, Brian Romo, James Vigus, Stompers; Noah, Austin, Ballistics; Goals and assists: Anthony Aguilar (3G), Hector Romo (G), Salvador (G), Stompers

Warriors (7) vs Stompers (1): Offensive Players: Raul Hernandez, Dominic Carlson, Jose Gonzalez, Warriors; Noah White, Anthony Aguilar, Blake Richards, Stompers; Defensive Players: Michael Doczy, Austin Harrison, Christian Arana, Warriors; Brian Romo, Reagan Brunner, Craig Mains, Hayden King, Stompers; Goals and assists: Dalton Miller (3G), Pancho Reyes (2G, 2A), Brandon Howard (G), Jose Gonzales (G, A), Warriors; Anthony Aguilar (G), Noah White (A), Stompers

Phantoms (3) vs Stealth (1): Offensive Players: Austen Gibbs, Justin Walker, Austin Youk, Phantoms; James Wilker, JT Brisco, Allen Trigg, Stealth; Defensive Players: Trevor Bradley, Spencer Saing, Michael Duterte, Phantoms; Kevin Amaral, Chris Hill, Kenny Williams, Stealth; Goals and assists: Austen Gibbs (3G), Bobby Griffin (A), Phantoms; James Wilker (G), Stealth

Stealth took the lead in the first half of the match. The Phantoms answered back with 3 goals all scored by Austen Gibbs (excellent hat trick for the young man)

Under-14 Boys Arsenal (2) vs Strikers (0): Offensive Players: Mitch Meyer, Justin Meyer, Daniel Replogle, Arsenal; Defensive Players: John Wilker, Zach Swinford, Scott Cragg, Arsenal; Robert Nguyen, Anthony Cadera-Quesda, Troy Gomez, Strikers; Goals and assists: Daniel Replogle (2G), Sam Burnett (A), Arsenal

Tournaments: Redding 1st Annual "Very Nice" Soccer Tournament The Warriors (3) vs Redding Galaxy (0) The Warriors (6) vs Trinity Roughnecks (1) The Warriors (7) vs Shasta Lake Eagles (0) BAC Pumas (4) vs The Warriors (2) Game Summary & Highlights: The LYSI Under-12 Boys team Warriors went to Redding, CA for the 1st Annual Rip Ash "Very Nice" Soccer Tournament the weekend of October 27-28, 2007. The Warriors went on to the Championship Match to play BAC Pumas and took second place.

River City Shoot-Out Tournament The Under-14 Boys Livermore Arsenal took First place in the River City Shoot-Out tournament in Sacramento this past weekend. Game Summary & Highlights: Game 1: Livermore Arsenal (1) vs Rocklin Bulldogs (1) Daniel Replogle scored Livermore's only goal in the first half, off of a nice wall pass from Fernando Cortez. Livermore's defense gave up the equalizer to Rocklin in the 2nd half but the remainder of the game was played to a 1:1 tie. Livermore goal keepers Justin Meyer and Diego Brambila made numerous quality saves to preserve the tie. Defensively, Scott Cragg, Zach Swinford, Jesse Romero, John Wilker, and Eddie Rusniak played well. Attacking midfielders and forwards Jacob Lopez, David Bierwith, Mitchell Meyer, Shuaib Amiri, and Sam Burnett made several strong scoring attempts.

Game 2: Livermore Arsenal (3) vs Elk Grove Tigers (0) Daniel Replogle scored two goals, while David Bierwith added one for the Livermore Arsenal. The defense played exceptionally well in logging the shutout.

Livermore Arsenal (1) vs Castro Valley Falcons (0) Sam Burnett hit the game winner midway through the 2nd half from 20 yards out, a rocket shot into the upper left corner of the net, to carry the Livermore Arsenal into the points lead in the tournament against a very tough opponent, a rematch of the championship game from the Castro Valley Tournament one month ago. Defenders Zack Swinford, Scott Cragg, Jesse Romero, Devin Rodriguez, John Wilker, and Eddie Rusniak combined with goal keepers Justin Meyer and Diego Brambila for another shutout win.

Game 4: Livermore Arsenal (5) vs Vacaville Predators (0): Devin Rodriguez scored two spectacular goals in the first half, Sam Burnett tallied a header into the net off a set play from Daniel Replogle, Fernando Cortez nailed a Penalty Kick, and Scott Cragg scored the fifth goal for championship clinching points in the fourth game of the tournament for the Livermore Arsenal. Jacob Lopez, Mitch Meyer, Shuaib Amiri, David Bierwith, played well, while once again, the Livermore

Arsenal defense held for another shutout win.

Livermore Boys U12 Div 4 Warriors competed in the 1st Annual Rip Ash "Very Nice" Soccer Tournament. They came home with the second place trophy, losing 4 to 2 to the BAC Pumas in the championship match. In the opening game, the Warriors defeated the Redding Galaxy 3 to 0. Other results: Warriors 6, Trinity Roughnecks 1; Warriors 7, Shasta Lake Eagles 0.

CYO Basketball

8th Grade Girls St. Michael's/St. Charles (SMSC) Team 8005, the Pride, defeated SMSC Team 8006 28-24 in a hard fought battle in CYO basketball action. With only 6 active players, the Pride used teamwork both offensively and defensively to hold off the larger SMSC team. Every player scored, Hayley Gamaza led the offense with 13 points & 4 steals, Erin Walthall, Katie Gannon & Cassidy Sherman each had 4 pts and combined for 2 steals and 14 rebounds. Niki Lupo had 2 points 4 rebounds & 5 steals. Kris Spalasso scored a free throw and was the team leader with 11 rebounds. Excellent ball handling in the final minute solidified the win for the Pride.

SMSC 8th grade boys (#808) vs Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) (#807) SMSC won the league opener 53-31. Justis Olsen led the way for SMSC with 17 points. He had plenty of help on offense from Spencer Med, Nadeem Gross, Adam Sylvia, Michael Noble and Ricky Sarica as each hit timely shots throughout the game. Chris Benavidez anchored the undersized aggressive defense of SM/SC.

CCOP 8th grade girls (team 8001) defeated St. Isidore (team 8002) in their season opener. It was an all out team effort for the commanding win. CCOP was only up by three at the end of the first period but continued their offensive attack with a 17 to 7 lead at the end of the half. The polished zone defense held St. Isidore to only 3 points in the second half - enroute to a 26-10 victory. The top scorer was Nicole Ponzini with 6 points (10 rebounds, 2 steals) followed by Lyndsey Godwin with 5 points. Key assists from Ellen Freitas and Kelly Parsons fed the offensive attack. Contributing with 2 points each were Lauren MacDonnell, Jessica Morosoli, Nicole Torquato, Sydney Okumura, Jessica Woodruff, Kim Beaudin and Brittany Bicomong with 3 points. Top defensive players were Beaudin 9 rebounds, Woodruff 8 rebounds, Okumura, Freitas and Bicomong with 7 rebounds and Torquato with 4 steals.

SMSC 6th grade (610) defeated St. Isidore (609) 34-31 in two overtimes in the CYO opener for both teams. St. Isidore jumped out to a 8-2 lead in the first quarter, but SM/SC battled back for a 12-10 halftime edge. The teams traded leads throughout the second half, and ended regulation deadlocked at 26. Each team managed only a single basket in the first overtime, but SM/SC broke through with six points in the second extra period to secure the game. Darin Anderson led SM/SC with 16 points and 5 assists. Marcus Marr-Clark had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

SMSC 5th grade girls (#5013) defeated St. Raymond's (#5014) by a score of 26 to 10 to open the CYO basketball season. Kelly Borden with 12 and Alyssa Gonzalez with 4 led the scoring for SM/SC. Also scoring for SM/SC were Dana Anex, Ashley Breyer, Jessica Elfin, Julie Maruskin, and Samantha Schwartz. St. Raymond's was led by the scoring of Carly Glassie, Makenna Elias, Molly Digrolamo, and Madeline Maguire. Carly's and Makenna's strong defensive play also deserves mention.

SMSC 5th grade boys (#530) took on St. Joan 8 (#529) and lost 18 to 35. St. Joan took an early lead and held SM/SC to 23-6 halftime score. Top offensive player for SM/SC was Keith Tyser and top defensive player was Caleb McTear. It was a great game and everybody did a good job.

SMSC 5th grade boys won a nail biter against St. Joan 6, 12 to 11. Tied 8-8 at halftime this game was neck and neck until the very end. Top scorer for SM/SC was Joseph Carrillo with 4 pts. Helped out by

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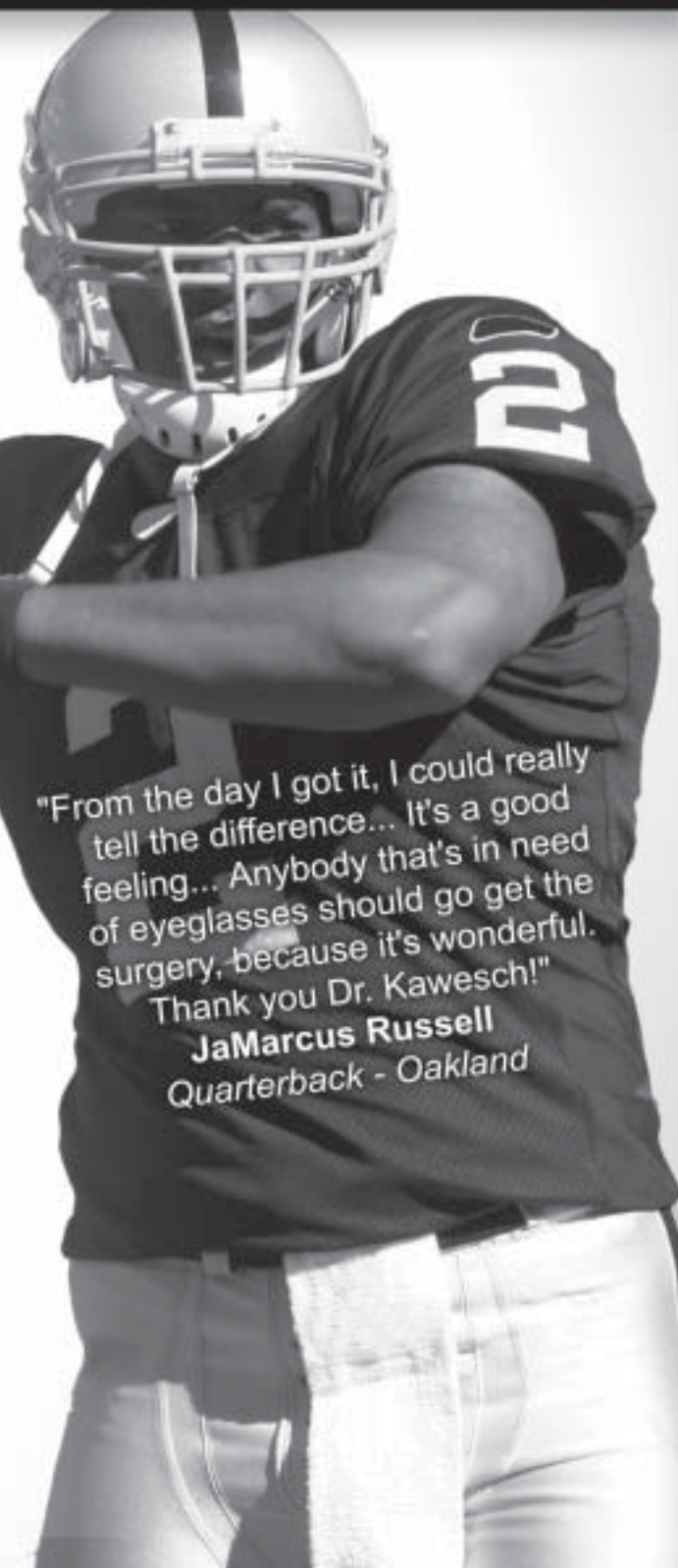
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## Helping Veterans to Cope

Americans across the country celebrate Veterans Day on November 11, a time to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country faithfully.

This national awareness reminds us also of the need for the care and support of frail veterans who deserve to live as fully as possible during their final days, with the special care hospice provides.

The number of older veterans is growing rapidly. Veterans age 75 and older will increase by 12 percent by the year 2010, and veterans 85 years and older will triple during that same period. Hospices are providing a critical link in the care of these veterans by providing care and support to wherever the patient calls home.

Hope Hospice has the honor of serving many Tri-Valley veterans, providing them with dignity and supporting their quality of life. In the course of the

work, the Hope Hospice team has been witness to many touching stories that veterans have shared about their service and accomplishments.

Captain Jesse Barker, USN, Retired, a Dublin resident, served as a fighter pilot and a dive bomber pilot from the Hornet, Enterprise, Independence, and the Intrepid. During his 24 years of service, Captain Barker flew 117 different models of naval aircraft including various prop and jet powered land and sea-planes. He is most proud of his appointment as Executive Officer on the USS Hancock, an aircraft carrier based in Alameda.

As neighbors, friends, and family members, there is a role every person can play to support quality care. Anyone aware of a veteran who is in need of the special care hospice provides, reach out and encourage them to learn more information by calling Hope Hospice at (925) 929-8770.

## WORKSHOP

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Koopmann Family and presentations from Michele Clark and John Vollmar."

The Koopman Ranch in Sunol has placed three easements on the ranch. Two mitigation easements are for the California Tiger Salamander and the Callippe Silverspot Butterfly. Tim and Clayton will share the issues faced by the family.

Michele Clark is the Transaction Director for the Rangeland Trust. It is her responsibility to negotiate and close the conservation easement transactions.

John Vollmar is president and senior ecologist for Vollmar Consulting, a natural resources consulting company.

Vollmar is also a fourth generation Californian. Vollmar's work over the past 10 years has

focused on preserving ranchlands and open space through conservation and mitigation easements. During this time, he has been involved in numerous transactions that have conserved more than 30,000 acres throughout California. He specializes in working with ranching families to develop and implement strategies for selling conservation or mitigation easements in a manner that "fits" within the overall ranch operation and vision.

For additional information, contact Peggy Kiefer at ACRC, 925-371-0154 ext. 122. Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship, Alameda County Conservation District is located at 3585 Greenville Rd., Suite 2, Livermore, in the Martinelli Center.

## OBITUARIES

### Darrell V. Fowler

Darrell Fowler passed away Nov. 2, 2007 after a brief illness. He was 71.

A Livermore resident for 30 years, he was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up in Los Angeles. He graduated from MIT with advanced degrees in physics and math. His first career, for 22 years, was as an officer in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps. During that time, he taught at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point; was advisor at the Vietnamese Military Academy, advisor to the Ministry of National Defense in Korea, Technical Intelligence Commander in Europe, plus various other positions, finishing his military career as head of the Nuclear Defense Agency at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

His second career, for 20 years, was as senior project manager at S.R.I. International in Menlo Park. He was an active member of Discovery Bay Country Club, member and held various offices in SIR Branch 101, member of various technical and scientific societies. He traveled and lived all over the world. He and his wife recently returned from a month long trip to Russia and the Baltic countries.

He is survived by his wife,

Marti, daughter Kathy Stewart of Union City, son Bill and daughter-in-law Bridget of Acton, Mass., five granddaughters, brother Bill and his wife Florence of Hermosa Beach, sister Dru Engle and husband Phil of San Clemente and numerous nieces and nephews.

At his request, services will be private. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### John Aaron Collins

John Aaron Collins died Nov. 3, 2007 in Dublin. He was 81.

He was born in Leray, Missouri the son of John Willis Collins and Pearl Collins. He served as a commissary man in the U.S. Navy. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, boating, and camping.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Shirley Collins; sons John Willis Collins, Jr. and Glenn Collins; daughters, Ester Sepe, Jackie Jones and Serah Duda; and five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 8 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

### Donna Thomas

Donna Thomas passed away on November 3, 2007. She was

## BULLETIN BOARD

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**BOUQUETS & BAZAARS**  
**Circle of Friends Boutique**, Thurs., Nov. 8 from 4 to 10 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 20th anniversary event. Holiday, decor, gift items, homemade apple pie, jams and candy will be available. 3803 Muirwood Dr., Pleasanton. For information, contact Karen at 548-1972.

**Holiday Craft Fair**, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Employee Services Association annual craft fair on Thurs., Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Over 50 vendors will showcase one-of-a-kind crafted arts for purchase. Food will be available for purchase by Amelia's Deli-Bistro.

**Christmas Boutique**, Fri., Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Presented by Ambrose D. Regalia Auxiliary to VFW Post 6298. Lots of handcrafted items. Snack bar open.

**Animal Lover's Boutique**, 8th annual Sat., Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Felina Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Toys, artwork, pet dishes and accessories, dogs and cat-themed people gifts, handmade aprons, and other crafted items, dishware and holiday ornaments. In front of the hospital, new or nearly new donated items offered in the Litter Box. Money supports the Nearly New Fund of the Valley Humane Society.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, will host the annual Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This festive boutique will be held in the gymnasium in the center of the Our Savior campus. This gathering of over 20 artisans and crafters will offer unique gift-buying opportunities in a pleasant holiday atmosphere. There is no admission fee for shoppers. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. The student band from Our Savior Lutheran School will be providing special holiday music. For further information, contact Nora Zimmel at 447-1246, ext. 252.

**Fall Carnival**, benefit for The ARC of Alameda County, serving the developmentally disabled, Nov. 11, 8 to 10 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Dinner, dancing, wine, carnival games, silent auction, raffle, \$50 per person. Tickets, Rosie Llamado, 510-760-2376. Donations may be mailed to Jamie O'dell, 12611 Higuera Ct., Livermore, CA 94550.

**Senior Artisans Holiday Boutique**, Thursday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.,

Pleasanton. One of a kind handcrafts made by Pleasanton seniors in arts and craft classes, as well as items from the Peddler Shoppe.

**Christmas in the Vineyards**, Presented by Christmas Tree Lane 2007, Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at Palm Event Center, Pleasanton. Benefit for ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center. Family Stroll Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m., \$7.50 adult, kids 12 and under free. Nov. 16: Tinsel Tea, 10 a.m. to noon, \$25 per person; Silent Night Soiree, 6:30 to 11 p.m., \$75 per person. Nov. 17: Silver Bells Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. includes Christmas tree drawing, \$85 per person. Advance tickets, 373-4560.

### REGULAR CALENDAR

**The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch** offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, November 17 from 11:30 am - 2 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton. Martha Meltzer, Poet Laureate of Pleasanton, will speak on "Poetry in the Everyday." She will discuss her experiences as Poet Laureate, talk about how to grow as a writer, whether of poetry or prose, and read some of her poems. The meeting cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required however. To make a reservation for the November 17 meeting, contact Fred Norman at fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday November 14. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Kathy Urban at 925-296-0447 or kurban@sbcglobal.net or go to www.trivalleywriters.com.

**Del Arroyo 4-H Club**, invites interested individuals to a new member orientation and potluck dinner at the Nov. 14 community club meeting. Del Arroyo meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Livermore Valley Charter School, 543 Sonoma Ave., Livermore. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Margaret Miller, 447-6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com, or Adel Barney at 245-0599 or adelbarney@comcast.net, for more information.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Nov. 10, 50 miles out Calaveras Road, meet 9 a.m. at San Ramon Central Park, Kevin Thibben, 437-5919. Sun., Nov. 11, 30 miles from Pleasanton to Sycamore Grove in Livermore, meet 0 a.m. at Val Vista Park, Kevin Ball, 408-406-2286. Mon., Nov. 12, 55 miles from the Livermore Airport to Sunrise Bakery in Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m. Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Wed., Nov. 14, 30 miles through southern part of Solano Co. and a bit of Napa Co., meet 10 a.m. in Benicia, Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Thurs., Nov. 15, 60 miles from Pleasanton north to the Oakland Zoo, meet 10 a.m. Shannon Center in Dublin, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**2007 Greater Tri-Valley NCHRA Regional Chapter** meeting, On Wednesday, November 14, Mary Beth Deans will be speaking on Economic Forecast for 2008: What Does It Mean for HR Professionals? The meeting will start with networking at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will start promptly at noon at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. The cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for non members. The price goes up \$10 pay at the door on the day of the event. Register at www.nchra.org/source/meetings/cMeetingFunctionDetail.

**The Hearing Loss Association of America**, Tri-Valley Chapter will meet Nov. 15 at the Valley Community Church at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, CA at 7:30 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Kenneth D. Billheimer. He will speak on advancements in cochlear implants and hearing instruments. The meetings are free and open to the public and refreshments are served.

**Denim and Diamonds**, sponsored by Smith Elementary School in Livermore. The annual dinner-dance will be held at the Palm Center in Pleasanton on Friday, November 9, at 6 pm. Evening includes dinner, music, dancing, and an opportunity to bid on a variety of fabulous auction items. All money collected for the event goes directly toward the education of Smith students and can be used as a tax donation. Items to be auctioned include tickets to the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Tournament along with a Behind the Scenes Tour, Electronic Arts Tour, "I" Basket from Apple, and courtesy of local orthodontist, Dr. Klifford Kapus (Wild Smiles) - a set of braces! Additional prizes will be raffled off throughout the evening including a Nintendo DS and Vespa Motor Scooter. For a full listing of auction items and to purchase tickets, visit the school website at www.smithelmschool.org under Autumn Treasures.

**American Business Women's Association Express to Success (ABWA E2S)** holds monthly meetings that focus on personal and professional development for women in business. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Non-

members are welcome to attend at a cost of \$5 per meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20. Guest speaker is author Lorena Bathey. Her book, Happy Beginnings: How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother is her journey of rediscovery after being lost in the roles that life had placed her in. For more information, e-mail info@expressuccess.org or go to www.expressuccess.org.

**Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club**, annual turkey shoot on Sun., Nov. 11 starting at 10 a.m. Win a Thanksgiving turkey. For more information, contact the trap office at 449-8780.

**Hometown Holidays Parade**, The City of Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Celebration committee is seeking community and athletic groups, marching bands and floats to participate in its annual parade on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. The deadline for parade entries is November 21, 2007. Entry forms are available at www.hometownholiday.com or by calling the Hometown Holiday phone line at (925) 931-3432. For more information, visit www.hometownholiday.com or call (925) 931-3432.

**Volunteers Needed**, Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Celebration committee is seeking volunteers to assist with this year's event on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and may specify their volunteering preference. Volunteer positions include: volunteer check-in assistant, barricade attendant, flagman, parade marshal, parade check-in assistant, parade formation assistant, tree lighting assistant, hospitality assistant, set-up and/or tear-down crew and disband attendant. Volunteer applications must be submitted by November 21, 2007. Application forms are available at (925) 931-3432.

**National Survivors of Suicide Day conference**, "Mending Hearts & Souls" on Saturday, November 17th from 9am-3pm at ValleyCare Medical Plaza. Keynote Speaker - California State Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, Survivor; National Broadcast from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention headquarters; Facilitated group discussion with experienced suicide survivor counselors; Healing resources, information, and activities. Conference registration is \$15.00, which includes continental breakfast and full lunch. Scholarships available. Space is limited - please register by November 12th www.afsp.org.

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild** will meet on Saturday, November 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Quilt artist and teacher Linda Wagner will present a program on "Games This Quilter Plays." Linda will also conduct a workshop "Puzzled Nines" on the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org.

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network** Bring the whole family and join our drumming circle! Rowena Morgan, director of Music Together, will be leading a rhythmic drumming circle on Monday, November 19, at CrossWinds Church located at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin at 7PM. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. Dads and children

are welcome! For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

**Medicare Part D**: Prescription Drug Benefit for 2008. Learn about the 2008 prescription drug benefits, eligibility, and enrollment updates for Medicare Part D, and where to get extra help to pay for premiums, deductibles and co-payments. Tuesday, November 13, 10 am to 11:30 am at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Activity fee: \$1.50 Residents, \$2 Non-residents. Call (925) 931-5365 for information.

**1st Annual Tri-Valley Basket Brigade**, A special Thanksgiving community food drive that elevates giving to a personal level. Participants will gather together to create Thanksgiving Baskets from donated food and much-needed staple items. They will then have the opportunity to personally deliver the baskets to specially designated Tri-Valley and San Francisco Bay area residents in need. Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. until baskets are filled and delivered. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. A hands-on way to reach out to the community and personally touch the life of another this holiday season. Volunteers are needed to donate food, assemble baskets, deliver baskets and help organize and execute the event. For more information contact Mimi Field at mimifieldpr@comcast.net or visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.

**RELIGION**  
**Unitarian Universalist**, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Topic for Nov. 11, "If You Fall, Who Will Catch You?", led by interim minister Rev. Carolyn Colbert. Information 447-8747.

**Hadassah Shalom Chapter** presents "Living a Jewish Life in the Tri-Valley" with special guest Fruma Resnick. Nov. 15, 7pm, Beth Chaim Congregation, 1400 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Cheryl Bigman, cherylsb63@yahoo.com, (925) 968-9240.

**L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experience)**, Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm in Borromeo Hall at St. Charles, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore is hosting an evening about Fostering a New Generation. The evening will be wrapped around the stories of children who have come through the Foster-Care/Foster-Adopt programs. Joy Mullen, a licensed clinical social worker for Lilliput Children's Services (one of California's top Foster/Adopt agencies) will talk about the Foster/Adopt field, the good things and things that need to be changed. She will also discuss how parenting a Foster-Care child is different than a birth child and what it takes to become a foster parent. There will be time for Q&A. The community is invited to attend. For more information contact Julie at upatholic@aol.com or 925-373-6441.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** celebrates its 13th birthday at its service on Sunday, Nov. 18. The Serendipity Singers will be performing. Tri-Valley Unity meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

**Facing Holiday Blues with a Broken Heart**, class facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene. Thurs., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Rd., Pleasanton. No registration required. All are welcome regardless of religious orientation.

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Another Unpopular War

Similar to the current war with Iraq, the Vietnam Conflict, which dragged on for 15 years through three presidents—Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon—was not a popular war. The draft system was still in effect, and many men were forced to participate. Twelve men from Livermore died in World War II, and the same number died in Vietnam between 1959 and 1975. The United States lost approximately 58,000 young people in Vietnam; 304,000 were wounded.

Army Corporal Dennis R. Podgorny graduated from Livermore High in 1966. He earned his Block L by participating in swimming, golf, track, football and basketball. He was elected king of the junior prom. A friend remembered what a great sense of humor he had. Unlike many, he really knew how to tell a joke. Soon after graduation he was drafted and by September 1967 he was in Vietnam. He was a rifleman and was killed at age 19 on November 9 by hostile small arms fire in Quang Nam Province when he attempted to silence an enemy automatic weapon unit. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a V device for valor and a purple heart posthumously. A fellow vet remembered that his Alpha company buddies used to tease Dennis because at that time a man named Podgorny was a prominent member of the USSR Politburo.

Another Livermore High student, Leonard D. Erickson, joined the army in 1967, his senior year. He was on the wrestling team and played the French horn. A friend wrote of the good times they had in band together. PFC Erickson was married and had a baby son. At age 18 he was killed on April 7, 1968 by a either a mine or a booby trap while on a combat mission with the "Brown Water Navy," the Mobile Riverine Force, a combination of navy and army men. They fought through the muddy landscape of the rivers and canals of the Mekong Delta. Leonard was killed in Dinh Tuong Province.

Army specialist John Chester King was a star athlete at Granada High, making All-East Bay in football and wrestling during his senior year. His jersey was number 12, and the 1968 yearbook shows several photos of him as quarterback. The Eagles named him the Most Outstanding Senior Player. A high school friend wrote about wrestling on the school team with Chester, hanging out at his house and flirting with one of his "boss" sisters. After high school graduation in 1968 and a semester at Chabot, Chester joined the army. His brother, Eddie King, remembered well hugging Chester goodbye at the Oakland Airport. Eddie described his younger brother as a "happy-go-lucky guy, not a mean bone in his body." A fellow vet remembered the fun times they had together in the service, including his teaching Chester how to play horseshoes. The twin turbine Mohawk with its bubble canopy in which Chester had been flying while doing aerial surveillance crashed in Quang Nam on November 2, 1970. He is buried at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore. He was 20 years old. Eddie still gets choked up when he talks about his brother. He says that usually people focus on the grief of the veteran's parents, but the siblings have a rough time, too. He regrets deeply not having been able to know his brother as an adult. As a result of his experience, "I go out of my way to let vets know how much we appreciate them."

Marine PFC Leo "Buddy" Buckholdt attended schools in Livermore until his family moved to Santa Cruz. After his 1964 high school graduation, he joined the Marines. Fellow classmate Don Staysa drove Buddy and another friend to Oakland, where the three of them signed up and passed the required test. Don remembered him as "just a regular guy." They were promised that they could serve together in the same unit, but that didn't happen. Buddy became the crew chief and door gunner on a Huey. A fellow Marine wrote: "As you ran to the door of waiting helicopters, a Marine covered your moves and did his best to make sure you made it on board. The rattle of the machine gun and waving of arms were a welcome sight" as men hurried to leave a hot spot. This was Buddy's job until he was killed trying to evacuate men from the top of Hill 488, a rocky knob called Hui Vu, where the men had had an observation post. He died at age 20 on June 16, 1966. Don didn't learn of his friend's death until he returned home from the war.

Petty officer Reid Isler attended high school in New Mexico before his family moved to Livermore. He enlisted in the Navy after graduation and trained as a corpsman at San Diego and at Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland before being sent to Vietnam. On his first patrol with a Marine unit, he was killed on a search and destroy mission southwest of the Marine Base at Khe Sanh on May 17, 1968. Under heavy fire he gave aid to a wounded Marine and was killed while preparing to move him to a protected position. He died at age 21 and was granted the Bronze Star posthumously.

Next week I will describe the other seven casualties of the Vietnam War from Livermore. I owe special thanks to Pat and John Dutro for their help with this column. Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.

### Community Invited to Assemble Packages for the Troops

The community is invited to come and support the troops by assembling "Care Packages for the Holidays."

The project will be Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on the corner of Cruz in Pleasanton.

Light refreshments will be available. A professional photographer will take pictures of families or individuals to include

with the care packages. There will be videos and information focused on raising awareness about how to reach out to support soldiers and their families.

For further information, contact Tim Bean, Chairman — Care Package Service Project at (925) 200-6448. This event is sponsored by Pleasanton First Ward (Bishop Lindsey Eastburn) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

### 'Little Heathens' Author To Be at Livermore Library

Mildred Kalish, author of *Little Heathens*, will be at the Livermore Public Library on Sun., Nov. 18.

Mildred Kalish takes readers back to a lost time and place in her New York Times bestseller, *Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression*. The book is a memoir, both entertaining and enlightening. The New York Times says, "If all that *Little Heathens* offered, then, were more such hard-times homilies, this would not be much of a book. But this memoir is richer than that, filled with fervency, urgency and one amazing twist, which surprised me to the point of a delighted, audible gasp..."

This free event will be presented at 2pm on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have generously underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us)

### Silent Auction Benefit for Toys for Tots

The Terraces at Dublin Ranch Villages, a new Toll Brothers Community, has partnered with Toys for Tots this holiday season and will hold a silent auction to benefit the charity November 16 - December 16, 2007.

Holiday dining table décor, from linens to stemware to floral arrangements, as featured in five model homes, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder; all proceeds benefit Toys for Tots. Each of the five table tops have been professionally decorated by area designers and shops, with participation from Williams Sonoma Home in Palo Alto, Elegant Clutter in Danville, Crate & Barrel and Z Gallerie in Walnut Creek.

In addition to conducting this auction, The Terraces is also an area donation station for unwrapped toys. Anyone willing to contribute may bring unwrapped toys for all ages to the Sales Center at 3275 Dublin Blvd. #130, Dublin, CA 94568.

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### Exhibit of Abstract Works Opens

An exhibition of new works by Livermore Abstract Figurative Artist Linda Ryan opens with a reception on Tuesday, November 13th at art!space contemporary gallery. Ryan's work combines an exploration of energy, motion and the figure, using acrylics, wide brushes and "color-shaper" paddles to cut away and move paint in the style she developed through years of exploration with the medium.

Beginning studies with Bill Paskewitz at Las Positas in 1998, Ryan has painted for 9 years. She became an arts activist figure in the Tri-Valley area, hosting exhibitions, starting and running the Tri-Valley Artist Guild's ArtWalk Livermore, managing

the Bothwell Arts Center (a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Centers) and serving on the City of Livermore's Commission for the Arts. She is currently working out of her studio at the Bothwell Arts Center, and working to connect the local arts scene with a more regional Open Studios tour in the spring.

Ryan will return to art!space in the Spring of 2008 with further explorations of gel figuratives.

The exhibit will be available for viewing, November 13-December 8. There will be an opening reception on Tues., Nov. 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.



Art!space is located at 133 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For information, call 371-2500.

For more information about Linda Ryan go to [lindaryanfineart.com](http://lindaryanfineart.com).

### Winners of Competition Announced

Michelle Lee and Cory Chang have been selected as the winners of the 35th annual Competition for Young Musicians sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association.

The students will perform as soloists with the symphony at its Feb. 9, 2008 concert. Judges were Dr. Arthur Barnes, conductor of the symphony, and Anthony Doheny, violinist, pianist, and lecturer in music at Stanford University.

Lee is a violinist. She is the daughter of Bill Lee and Kasey Chung of Dublin. She is a student at Dublin High School. For the competition, Lee performed the first movement of Violin Concerto NO. 5 by Vieuxtemps.

Cory, a pianist, is the son of Jean Chang of Livermore and a student at Granada High School. He performed the first movement of Piano Concerto No. 4 by Beethoven.

The students will perform these same works at the February concert. They will be accompanied by the symphony.

### Crosspulse Rhythm Duo Performs At the Pleasanton Library

From bells and banjos to body music, boxes and bells, the Crosspulse Rhythm Duo makes music out of anything and everything at the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, November 10.

Keith Terry and Evie Ladin bring together Jazz and World Music, Appalachian Banjo and Step Dancing traditions, even Found Sound with athleticism, humor and skill. The Crosspulse Rhythm Duo offers performances that both entertain and educate young audiences - exploring the rhythmic possibilities in the world around us.

No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is for the entire family. The performance will be at 2:00 p.m., with a limited supply of free tickets distributed at the Children's

Desk 30 minutes prior to show time. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

### Concert Band Performs At Bankhead Theater

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present its Children's Concert on November 18, at the Bankhead Theater, 1200 First Street, Livermore. The concert will start at 2 p.m. and end at 3 p.m.

This year's theme is "Music from Famous Cartoons." Young and old alike will recognize the tunes that made cartoons so much fun to watch. Selections range from Mickey Mouse to SpongeBob SquarePants (and Bart Simpson, too.) Due to the renovation project on Amador Theater, the Band will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

There is no admission charge. Come early, seating is limited.

For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **AUDREY JEDYNAK** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **AUDREY JEDYNAK** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

**NOVEMBER 14, 2007 at 9:30AM in DEPT. 201 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, 1225 FALLON STREET, OAKLAND CA 94612. RENE C. DAVIDSON COURT HOUSE**  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner: STUART G. SCHMIDT, Esq., 983 University Ave., Suite 104C, Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-356-3000  
The Independent Legal #2238. Publish October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401871**  
The following person (s) doing business as Blended Beauty, 975 Murrieta Blvd #32, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Karen Beth Davis, 975 Murrieta Blvd #32, Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 4, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Karen B. Davis  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 4, 2007. Expires October 4, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402527**  
The following person (s) doing business as Moonshot Girl, 4058 Francisco Street, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kendra Dawn Stumpf, 4058 Francisco Street, Pleasanton CA 94566  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Kendra Stumpf  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 22, 2007. Expires October 22, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402223**  
The following person (s) doing business as Baby Boot Camp, 1817 Baywood Common, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Rechea A. Fallis, 1817 Baywood Common, Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 28, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Rechea A. Fallis  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 15, 2007. Expires October 15, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2240. Publish October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402173**  
The following person (s) doing business as Katie's Music School, 363 Clarke Avenue, Livermore CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Catherine E. Harding, 363 Clarke Avenue, Livermore CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Catherine E. Harding  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 15, 2007. Expires October 15, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2241. Publish October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402041**  
The following person (s) doing business as Pro Interiors, 266 Nadine Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Donald Scott Simpson, 266 Nadine Street, Livermore Ca 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 9, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Donald Simpson  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 4, 2007. Expires October 4, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402933**  
The following person (s) doing business as: Specialty Inspections, 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kim Elaine Faulkner, 714 Canterbury Avenue, Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by a corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 10, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:Kim E. Faulkner and John Faulkner  
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The Independent Legal No. 2244. Publish November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

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Signature of Registrant: /s:Mark J. Kearns  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402496**  
The following person (s) doing business as TruKid, 129 Filbert Street, Oakland CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tree Star Group, Inc., 129 Filbert Street, Oakland CA 94607  
This business is conducted by a corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 2, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Jennifer Adams  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 22, 2007. Expires October 22, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2243. Publish November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402808**  
The following person (s) doing business as: Specialty Inspections, 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Edward K. Bernal, 7412 Flagstone Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 1, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:Edward K. Bernal  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 2, 2007. Expires November 2, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2250. Publish November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007.

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\$695,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	4482 Chancery Ln Tri-Valley Realtors
\$678,888	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	7788 Woodcrest Ct RE/MAX Accord
\$733,888	4BD/2.5BA	SAT 1-4PM	4051 Cassata Pl RE/MAX Accord Steve Mohseni 925-484-0707
\$949,000	4BD/3BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	11444 Blooming Way Ignatio Monahelis

**FREMONT**

PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$1,150,000	4BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	37841 Andrews Ct. Alain Pinel Realtors
			Kim Ott 925-583-1121

**LIVERMORE**

PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$114,950	3BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	1312 Via D Este Valley Properties
\$279,950	1BD/1BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	1087 Murrieta #337 Assist 2 Sell
\$429,950	2BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	1115 Hollyhock Assist 2 Sell
\$479,900	5BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM	3072 Caballo Ave Hometown GMAC Real Estate
\$480,000	2BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM	1321 Hollyhock Steiger Properties
\$499,000	3BD/1BA	SAT 1-4PM	3996 Stanford Wy cross street East Ave - Hillcrest Hometown GMAC Real Estate
\$499,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-5PM	5903 Crestmont Ave. Chris Hollis
\$499,900	5BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	1655 Broadmoor Ct cross streets Vasco - Scenic - Broadmoor Ct
\$527,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	835 Geraldine St cross streets Charlotte - Katrina - Hazel - Geraldine Alain Pinel
\$534,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	1548 Hollyhock cross street 580 - Springtown - exit - Bluebell - Hollyhock Cafe Realty
\$539,000	3BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	845 South Livermore Ave Century 21 Mission-Bishop
\$550,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 12-3PM	911 Verona cross streets Holmes - Mocho - Waggoner - Verona Steiger Properties
\$569,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	6608 Tiffany Cmn cross streets N. Vasco - Garaventa Hometown GMAC Real Estate
\$580,000	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	1828 Cassiopia cross streets Scenic - Centaurus - Pices Steiger Properties
\$598,999	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	819 Wall Street cross street El Caminito - Wall Alain Pinel Realtors
\$625,000	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	566 Kinglet Rd cross streets Murrieta - Olivina or Cedar - Kinglet Valley Properties
\$647,000	4BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	642 Debra St cross street Joyce St - Theresa Wy Valley Properties
\$649,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	1159 Caroline Ct cross street Arlington Alain Pinel
\$649,950	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	1657 Third St cross street P St - Third Alain Pinel Realtors
\$659,950	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	6304 Attamar Cir cross street Attamar Wy Penny Piston
\$669,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1:30-4PM	4569 Maureen Circle cross street Patterson Pass - Gale - Maureen Tarantino Real Estate, Inc
\$699,950	Duplex	SUN 1-4PM	5250 & 5252 Norma Wy cross street Charlotte Valley Properties
\$749,900	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	927 Orion Way cross street Alden Lane Intero Real Estate
\$799,000	5BD/2BA	SUN 1-4:30PM	4262 Belmawr Cir cross street First - Bellmawr Valley Properties
\$799,950	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	4052 Emerson Drive cross street Mines - Newbury - Emerson Drive Tri-Valley Realtors
\$849,000	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	4278 Milton Wy cross street First St - Bellmawr - Milton Valley Properties
\$849,000	3BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	1083 Sherry Wy cross street College Alain Pinel
\$849,950	4BD/3BA	SUN 1:30-4PM	5523 Carnegie Loop cross street Charlotte - It - Carnegie Loop Tarantino Real Estate, Inc.
\$929,000	4BD/3BA	SUN 1:30-4PM	2415 Decker Ln cross street Charlotte - Senger - Decker Tarantino Real Estate, Inc
\$1,088,888	4BD/3BA	SAT 2-5PM	1316 Carlton Place Concannon to Evans to Carlton Keller Williams
\$1,339,000	4BD/3BA	SAT 1-4PM	2552 Bess Ave. cross street Arroyo Rd - Bess Ave Valley Properties
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Downtown mural painted by Gary Winter

## Works by Gary Winter on Display

Local artist Gary Winter will be featured at Alexander's Main Street Gallery on Fri., Nov. 16. He will be there from 6 to 9 p.m.

Gary will be unveiling the canvas limited editions of "Amador Valley" (depicting the mural, which can be seen on the north side of Strizzi's restaurant, corner of Main St. and St. Mary). He will personally sign and dedicate each piece sold. A portion of the sales proceeds going to the Pleasanton Downtown Mural Project.

He will also unveil his "Downtown Pleasanton Historical Coloring Book," featuring downtown's main historical buildings. The coloring book retails for \$7.95.

On Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a Holiday Boutique featuring local artists Denise O. Miller and Marge Atkin. They offer hand crafted silk paintings, silk scarves, knit hats, mini silk paintings, ponchos, tops, mini abstracts in water media, and glass ornaments. There will be holiday music and refreshments.

For more information about these weekend events call Rosalinda at Alexander's Gallery at 925-846-6015. The gallery is located at 610 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

## Celebrating a Gift of Children's Book Art!

In conjunction with National Children's Book Week (Nov. 12-18), the public is invited to a reception Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in celebration of a gift of children's book art to the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library.

Fern Skowlund, owner of Toad Hall Books from 1979 to 1994, recently donated her collection of original children's book art to the Friends, who have arranged for it to be on permanent display in the children's area of the library.

The reception is in acknowledgement of this gift and to alert the Pleasanton community to the presence of these fun works now in our library.

After brief remarks, light refreshments will be served. An opportunity provided to view the newly displayed art. For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

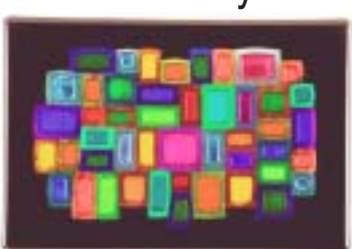
## Two Artists Featured at Gallery

Worthington Gallery West will have an art show featuring artists Judy Seidel and Jane Tivol.

Seidel works with acrylic paint on hot-pressed watercolor paper resulting from external stimuli that are condensed and abstracted and represented by shapes, colors, and layers. The surfaces are worn away - shedding until a magical core is revealed.

Tivol Studios, on the other hand, takes a neutral background builds up sparkling and shimmering layers. The shimmering glass pieces are called diachronic glass, a multi layer coating created by melting quartz crystal and metal oxides such as gold and copper.

The exhibit at Worthington West, 739 Main Street in down-



Tivol glass art

town Pleasanton, runs from November 17-December 29, 2007.

There will be an Artist Reception on Saturday Nov. 17th from 6-8pm. There is no admission charge. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 925-485-1183 or go to [www.worthingtongallerywest.com](http://www.worthingtongallerywest.com). The gallery is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, Fridays from Noon to 8 pm and other times by appointment.

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# Pixar Documentary Premieres at Vine Theater

Livermore Downtown Inc. is partnering with Pixar and the Vine Cinemas to bring to Livermore the first public screening of the new documentary, "The Pixar Story, a documentary by Leslie Iwerks."

The screening will take place Saturday, November 10th at 3:00 PM at the Vine Cinemas, 1722 First Street.

Writer, Director, Producer Leslie Iwerks will be attending. She will conduct a pre-screening presentation before the show and Q&A session after.

The Pixar Story takes audiences behind the scenes of the groundbreaking company that

pioneered a new generation of animation and forever changed the face of filmmaking. Using never-before-seen footage from the Pixar library, along with historic archival animation and first hand accounts by animators, studio executives, directors, producers and voice performers, Academy Award nominated filmmaker Leslie Iwerks tells the story of the Bay Area start-up that revolutionized Hollywood.

In the mid 1980s, an inspired and inspiring trio of innovators combined their gifts in art, science and business to launch a new way to make 3-D animated films and changed the face of

filmmaking forever. Ed Catmull, John Lasseter and Steve Jobs overcame years of creative struggle and financial loss to launch an entirely new animation industry. Starting with the first full length CG film Toy Story, Pixar has entertained millions of people worldwide, and established an unprecedented and as yet unparalleled record of box-office success. Iwerks takes viewers on a dramatic journey filled with personal sacrifice and fueled by passionate belief in the possibilities of a new medium as Pixar Animation Studios is born.

The Pixar Story features exclusive interviews with some of

the key players in the Pixar story including John Lasseter, Ed Catmull, Steve Jobs, George Lucas, Michael Eisner, Bob Iger, Tom Hanks, Billy Crystal, Tim Allen, Brad Bird and more.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at our office, 2060 Second Street or at the Vine the day of the show.

Leslie Iwerks is a third generation filmmaker from a two-time Oscar winning family. Her recent documentary short film, Recycled Life, was nominated for an Academy Award in 2006 and has won nine top film festival awards.

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**Les Chenes Estate Vineyards Winemaker Dinner**, November 10, 2007 at 6:30 pm. Traditional French Style Winemaker Dinner. Sinner paired with Estate Wines. Call for reservations: (925) 373-1662 - \$110.00 per guest. Each guest will receive a Les Chenes etched glass to remember the evening.

**Prometheus Symphony**, fall concert Sun., Nov. 18, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito and Grand Ave., Oakland. Program: Bernstein: Overture to Candide; Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Fantasy; Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 Scottish. Admission is free. Donation requested.

**The Livermore Art Association Gallery**, located at the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street, Livermore, is presenting an art show with the theme, "Wine and Dine Me." The show runs through November 29th.

The dates and hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

**Metamorphoses** - Amador Valley High School's Drama Dept. presents "Metamorphoses," a Broadway hit written by Mary Zimmerman, directed by Kelsey Hartman. Experience this inventive adaptation of Ovid's myths, such as the one about King Midas and feel the influence water has over all of life! Running November 8, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30pm, with a matinee on Sat. Nov. 17 at 2pm. (No performance Nov. 9.) For tickets (\$5/students; \$8/adults) visit [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/avhsweb/hartman](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/avhsweb/hartman); click on Metamorphosis, or purchase them at the door prior to each performance. All shows are at Amador's Second Stage in the Multi-Purpose room; 1155 Santa Rota Rd., Pleasanton; free parking.

**Painted Porcelain by Eugenia Zobel**, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of November. October 31 to November 29, 11:00am to 4:30pm. For more information please call 456-2305.

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guests UC Men's Choral from Berkeley, as well as an award winning a cappella quartet. Sun., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. \$25. 925-373-6800.

**Valley Concert Chorale presents:** Concert Pianist Daniel Glover on Saturday, November 10, 7:30pm-9:30pm. First Presbyterian Church, Livermore, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. [www.fpc-livermore.org](http://www.fpc-livermore.org). \$25. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org/](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/) or 925-866-4003.

**Country Folk Art** will present a home holiday and gifts craft show on Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. on Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun. Admission is \$7, good for the weekend. Top artisans from across the country will be on hand.

**Livermore Art Association Gallery**, LAA presents their semi annual "Trunk Show," which includes jewelry pieces and other wearable art for sale. Refreshments will be served. Free event. Fri., Nov. 16th, 5:30 to 8:30pm., Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third St., Livermore. For more information contact: Michele Bucket at 455-6442.

**Jazz Concert Series:** Friday, November 9, 8 p.m. Mimi Blais - Queen of Ragtime at the Front Row Theatre. Pianist Blais, a unique performer from Montreal, is often called the female Victor Borge, Celine Dion of the keyboard, or French Canadian Liberacette. [www.cclib.org/programs/jazz/events.html](http://www.cclib.org/programs/jazz/events.html). For questions, call San Ramon Library at 925-973-2850.

**Las Positas College Fall Play**, Fridays & Saturdays, November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8 pm; Sunday, November 18 at 2 pm. Las Positas College Theater and are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**An Evening of Music with Daniel Glover**, Sat., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. Ticket information Valley Concert Chorale (925) 866-4003; [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

**Maltese Falcon Gala** will be held Nov. 10 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Dancing in the stacks, wine served from the Reference Desk, vintage cars on display, swinging jazz. Come as you are, or dress as a favorite Maltese Falcon character. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

**Dave Rocha Jazz Group**, winter concert Sat., Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. The band performs an eclectic mix of modern jazz standards, "pop" tunes and originals. \$10 adults, \$5 youth - pay at the door, no advance ticket sales. Call (925) 556-4500 for more information.

**Lithorama**, presented by Livermore Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Club. Nov. 17, 10 to 5 and Nov. 18, 10 to 4 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. [www.lithophiles.com](http://www.lithophiles.com) or 443-5769.

**Ed Kinney Lecture Series**, November 18th at 7 p.m. Julia Morgan - Architectural History (A re-enactment) with speaker Betty Marvin, Architectural Historian, Lynewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. across from the Aquatic Center. For information on upcoming events, lectures and the current exhibit, please visit our website at:

[www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). **William Feasley: The French Perspective**, Classical guitar, Nov. 11, 2:00 pm. Friends of the Livermore Library, Author and Arts Series, held in the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. For information call 373-5505. Free.



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## By Nancy O'Connell

Over twenty years ago four young men who were singularly talented musicians formed a string quartet in Venice and called it Quartetto di Venezia. This ensemble performed Saturday evening, November 3rd in the new Bankhead Theater in Livermore as part of the Del Valle Fine Arts concert season. At least 70% of the seats were filled in this new hall. With the acoustical shell in place, every note could be heard throughout the hall.

They opened with Luigi Boccherini's "Quartet in D Major, Opus 64, #2." He never finished this work, but wrote it, while living in Spain, in 1804, a year before his death. Since Boccherini was a well known solo cellist in his day, I hoped for a long, lyrical cello passage, but in this work, the first violin reigned. Andrea Vio, who plays on a Santo Serafino violin, created in 1740, had a difficult solo while the other three accompanied him with pizzicato, or the plucking of their strings. In contrasting forte passages all of the players used full, generous bowings. A theme heard earlier, a light hearted violin solo, returned with variations.

Ten years later, Luigi Cherubini, a fellow Italian, composed his "Quartet #1 in E Flat Major." There were good contrasts between forte and piano, the loud and the soft portions, in the first movement. The cello had more to say in this work. Angelo Zanin, the cellist, had a formidable technique, and he played a lively, spiccato (where the bow almost bounces on the strings) section with the other three players in subordinate parts. The first movement placed great demands on the musicianship of all four musicians. Unison parts in running octaves were performed with perfect intonation. After many measures which

featured difficult and rapid finger and bow techniques, a quiet melodic section was introduced by the first violin, who played with grace and elegance.

The second movement, the *Larghetto*, began with a dialogue between the first violin and the cello. A question would be heard in the violin, and the answer came from the cello. Then the three upper voices, each in turn played, while the 'cellist was tacet (silent). The theme was played by each in turn - the first, the second, each with a slight variation, and then the viola, with its deeper timbre. At last the cello entered with a vigorous statement in a descending scale. An ethereal, otherworldly effect followed, which was achieved by long notes held on a single bow, and by playing pianissimo in no more than a whisper of sound with no vibrato. The cellist broke the spell with running 16ths, and a sprightly section ensued.

The third movement had rollicking rhythms with double stops. Perfect bow control with spiccato had the bows dancing on the strings. Some of these melodies sounded inspired from folk tunes. In the *Finale*, the *Allegro assai*, the lightning quick 16th and 32nd notes reminded this listener of Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream," which was composed more than a century later.

This quartet was obviously trained in the old classical tradition. There was no head bobbing, no gyrations or leaping about, no using the bow as a jousting toy as seen last year when the "Red Priest" performed. This was pure music at its finest with none of the silly antics and distractions some modern groups feel are necessary to appeal to the "younger crowd."

After the intermission, the quartet performed Giovanni Sollima's *Zobeide* and *Federico II* from *Viaggio in Italia*. A Jour-

ney in Italy, which premiered in 2000. Sollima was born in Palermo in 1962 and is known as a cellist and composer. A beautiful sustained legato melody opened the work. Later, the cellist had to quickly change between pizzicato and arco again and again. Another rich and haunting melody was heard in the first violin. This work was episodic and a great variety of musical effects was used. The cellist had lots of wild double stops and later tapped on his cello making a percussive effect for the first violin's solo. Intricate rhythms with syncopated patterns emerged. There were glissandos up the cellist's fingerboard. The violist had a solo reminiscent of North Africa. All four musicians were virtuosos and in total command of their instruments. Driving rhythms brought the work to a grand climax.

Giuseppe Verdi's "Quartet in E Minor" was composed in 1873. The *Allegro* had operatic melodies, but they were glorious ones. Technical demands were placed on all four players, and the notes flew across all four strings of each performer. The *Andantino* had the first violin's serene and quiet solo accompanied by the other two upper voices in harmony with the cellist plucking his strings. Later the cello had the melody, which

was almost like a tenor aria. Angelo Zanin's tone was rich and sonorous, even when he was up in the thumb position. The final movement, the *Scherzo*, was in the form of a fugue, one of music's most difficult forms. Each player must be especially attuned to every other musician in a fugue, where the theme is picked up and played, with elaboration, by each player in turn. The violist, Luca Morassutti, seemed particularly sensitive to the other three members. He always watched who ever had the solo and adjusted his own part to blend in with the others seamlessly.

The music heard on Saturday night spanned nearly 200 years, commencing with the Boccherini, which was composed in 1804, and leading up to 2000. They wisely promoted the music from their own land, and included the modern work of Giovanni Sollima. Their musicianship generated great enthusiasm in the audience. A standing ovation led to an encore - Boccherini's famous *Menuetto* which sounded deceptively simple. The Quartetto di Venezia's tossed it off as though it were a bit of whipping cream on a very rich cake. Every note was heard. The elegant interpretation they bought to each work made this familiar *Menuetto* sound fresh and enchanting.

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# AMADOR

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(WBA) on November 17 and 18. According to the WBA website, annually 65 bands compete in the championship contest which rotates between Northern, Central

& Southern California. Amador, a Class 5A band in WBA, has competed in two local WBA competitions this season, one hosted at Gilroy High School,

and the second, the Quest Classic hosted by Valley Christian High School at Diablo Valley College. At the WBA Championships, Amador will compete among bands from California, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Arizona. In 2006, Amador captured 5<sup>th</sup> place in the WBA Grand Championships.

The 2007 Amador show is entitled "Aurora Borealis," inspired by the spectacular celestial light shows of northern skies. The original music, by John Meehan and John Mapes, is presented in three movements: Sky Fires, The Heavens, and A Vengeful Force. The Director of the Amador Valley Marching Band and Colorguard is Jonathan Grantham. The Drum Majors are Anthony Sanchez, Allison Gehl and Ben Donlon; the Guard Captains are Kate Dowdy and Rachel Silva.

**BANDS PERFORM NOV. 13**  
The community is invited to a Family and Friends Performance featuring the marching bands of both Pleasanton high schools - Amador Valley and Foothill - who will be present-

ing their field shows.

The Marching Band and Colorguard will present an encore performance of this year's field show, "Aurora Borealis" for family and friends on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm in Amador Valley High School stadium.

The Marching Dons will appear in full uniform, presenting their show in their home stadium for the final time this season in preparation for their appearance at the Western Band Association (WBA) Championships.

In this first-of-its-kind "Family and Friends Performance" the Marching Dons are happy to announce the Foothill High School Marching Band will be also presenting their field show. These two award-winning bands do not meet in general competition and so it is a rare opportunity to see and hear both of the Pleasanton high school's marching bands present their field shows in the same venue. All are encouraged to attend. The Family and Friends Performance is free and open to the public.

# SKATING

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Taylor Sirset still finds time for her other hobbies: ballet, skiing, Pilates and painting. Her mom, Teri Sirset, said that her daughter normally spends an additional hour per day doing these activities.

Teri Sirset noted that her daughter used to get up at 3:50 am so she could practice her skating before school. She does not remember a single day when she had to coax her daughter to get out of bed.

"She is so dedicated to the sport," says Teri who now home schools Taylor. This enables the skater to maintain her heavy practice schedule. Taylor Sirset regularly works with a local skating coach and travels to Southern California to work with legendary coach John Nicks.

Nicks is a member of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame. He trained Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen. Teri Sirset said that her daughter's coaches often comment on how unusually driven Taylor is at such an early age.

The United States Figure Skating Championships have three levels of skaters: senior, junior and novice. The junior category is divided by age into intermediate and juvenile categories. Tay-

lor Sirset will be competing in the younger category, the juvenile section.

When asked how she felt about the Junior Nationals, Taylor did not sound nervous. She said she was excited for the chance to compete to be the best. She "likes the feeling of all the pressure."

Taylor says she wants to be a professional figure skater when she grows up. Her current figure skating heroes are Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen. She respects Michelle Kwan for her passion and Sasha Cohen for her extensions and spiral technique. Taylor's favorite aspect of figure skating is the feeling she gets when she is in the air. She likes feeling "the wind passing" and seeing all the colors go by.



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