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Pleasanton to Study Sharks' Ice Arena Proposal

The Pleasanton City Council directed staff to move forward with a study that could bring an ice arena to the city.

The San Jose Sharks have approached the city with a conceptual proposal for an ice arena on the 17-acre park site on Staples Ranch. The council's vote does not mean that the use is approved.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Matt Sullivan opposed. Sullivan felt that the process was backward from what is the usual Pleasanton planning process. Sullivan said the Parks and Recreation Commission usually holds a visioning process to determine what the residents would like to see in a park. In this case, the council is starting with an idea of what it would like to see on the Staples Ranch

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that the commission can work on two different concepts, one with the ice arena, the other without. The commission would design the entire site. The ice arena is expected to take up about half of it.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne said his motion to approve the study included a high degree of public participation. "I assume if the community decides it doesn't want an ice arena, that's the message that will be sent to the coun-

The Sharks are proposing a publicprivate development partnership to build an 134,000 square foot facility. It would be constructed in two phases. The Sharks would pay to construct the facility. The city would not be expected to

contribute any financing.
Fialho also noted that the developers of a proposed continuing care facility on Staples Ranch have expressed interest in helping to finance facilities on the park aimed at seniors, such as bocce ball.

Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian said, however, that the city would likely lease the land to the Sharks for \$1 a year. Eventually, the city would likely take ownership of the arena.

There are a lot of amenities in the project. It includes a main lobby, dressing rooms, seating for 300, restrooms and lockers, a food court, hockey pro shop, conference rooms and a room for skate rental and storage," said Bocian. "It would not be a facility for the Sharks."

One major issues is access to the site. It would have to be from Stoneridge Drive, El Charro Road or through the Staples property from a road along a proposed auto mall. The memorandum of understanding with Alameda County, which owns the property, shows access to the park from Stoneridge Drive. However, Bocian said access to the arena would depend on where it is situated on the property.

John Gustafson, a representative of the San Jose Sharks, described the proposal as a state-of-the art facility. "My job is to increase participation in skating and hockey. The facility will offer everything related to ice sports.'

Programs include adult and youth hockey leagues, classes, travel hockey competition teams at both the state and national levels, women and girls teams, a high school hockey program, sled hockey for those who are disabled, figure skating from elementary levels to those who have Olympic aspirations, ice dancing, and a daily public session. There will also be curling offered, said

"We feel the facility will be a crown jewel in the City of Pleasanton," he

Six members of the public addressed the council on the issue. All but one said the facility would be welcome. They had children who were involved in ice hockey. With only one place to practice in the valley, there was little ice time.

(See ICE ARENA, page 3)



It's the time of year when kids of all ages head to the local pumpkin patch to select the perfect pumpkin. One young resident searched through the selection at Joan's Pumpkin Farm.

Feds' Altered Whipsnake Plan Called Inferior

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is including three Valley areas as part of 154,000 acre habitat protection plan for the Alameda whip-snake.

However, it's 45,000 fewer acres than earlier contemplated, and it is not likely to be enough to protect the five isolated snake populations that remain in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, said Jeff Miller, a spokesman for the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD).

The areas designated by FWS are 25,966 acres from the Hayward Hills to the Pleasanton Ridge, west of Interstate 680 and south of Intestate 580; 24,723 acres east of Lake Del Valle along Cedar Mountain Ridge and Crane Ridge to Corral Hollow; and 18,214 acres northeast of Calaveras Reservoir, south of Sunol, extending into southern Alameda and northern Santa Clara counties.

The designation is approximately one-half of the 406,000

acres set aside by FWS in 1999, after CBD sued the agency over failure to designate critical habitat. The area was cut again in 2005 to 203,000 acres in a draft plan, after the homebuilding industry sued, saying that FWS failed to set thorough standards for analysis of economic impact of protection on the local economy.

The 49,000 acres eliminated from the 2005 draft are the result of two things. FWS doesn't see eye to eye with CBD over what habitat is necessary for species

whipsnake has been seen or where some evidence of its presence has been found.

CBD wants adjacent habitat included, because it also can help protect the species. Without it, the species won't thrive and eventually will die out, said CBD spokesman Jeff Miller.

The other factor in shrinking the proposal's protected acreage is that some properties, including a major section of eastern

(See HABITAT, page 3)

County Commission Denies Cedar Grove Proposal

The Alameda County Planning Commission on Monday denied the Cedar Grove Church application to build on a site in South Livermore.

The vote was 5 to 2. The church can appeal the decision to the Board of Supervisors. According to church member Dale Turner, the elders will meet to determine what to do next.

In denying the application, commissioners said that the proposal was too large for the site. In addition, the plan did not meet county policy and zoning requirements for the South Livermore area, because it did not enhance or promote cultivated agriculture. If the project were approved, commissioners believed it should be required to provide mitigation at the same level other development in the area must

The county requires property

owners to mitigate development on their lands in South Livermore. A twenty acre parcel is allowed a 2 acre building envelope; 18 acres is required to be planted in cultivated. In order to meet the council standards, the church would need at least a 60acre site, said the commission. Mitigation could be off-site.

If the church were permitted to build on its present site, commissioners estimated the project would be limited to 32,000 square feet, including the three homes that would remain. The church's application was for 80,000 square feet of new construction. The three homes would be retained. In addition, there would be a 5-acre parking lot and a 5-acre vineyard.

"The issue is not the church. If anyone else were to develop, there would be a requirement for (See CEDAR GROVE, page 4)

Work Gets Underway to Repair Historic Olivina Gate Sign

The metal sign adorning the historic Olivina Gate, at the corner of Wetmore Road and Arroyo Road, is slated for repairs this month, according to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, who is responsible for trail maintenance at that location.

The old stone fence and pillars were erected in around 1904 by Sarah Smith, in tribute to her deceased husband Julius Paul Smith, who founded the Olivina Ranch. The upper metal portion of the sign was damaged several months ago. The cause of the damage is still unknown.

LARPD has arranged with Tolon and Sons of Benicia, specialists in the restoration of his-

toric and antique metal work, to perform the repairs.

LARPD has been working with City staff in recent months to secure historical site status for the Gate. Tolon and Sons is currently restoring metal work on Alcatraz Island. The company will remove the metal portion and take it to its Benicia shop for

"We know this sign is a local landmark and serves as a gateway to the Olivina Ranch, Sycamore Grove Park, Wente Vinevards and Golf Course, Camp Arroyo, and Lake Del Valle" said Tim Barry, LARPD General Manager. "We are taking great care to have the sign restored appropri-

Livermore School Board Has Three Seats Open This November

Four candidates are running for three available seats on the Livermore School Board this November.

Seeking reelection are William Dunlop and Anne White. The newcomers are Kate Runyon and McKinley Day.

Julie Orvis, whose term ends in November, is not seeking re-

The Independent asked each of the candidates a series of questions. In addition, the answers given by candidates to several questions posed during a League of Women Voters forum are included at the end of the story.

The interviews are in alphabetical order.

MCKINLEY DAY, 56, is a math tutor. He received an honorable discharge from the military. He has a BS degree in business and marketing and a masters degree in telecommunica-

He says he is running, because he wants to make a difference, to change how things are done and to help where he thinks he can do the most good.

His focus would be on improving academic achievement and citizenship in the schools. However, his main interest would be to raise the level of math test scores in the district.

Day said he had reviewed recent test results, "They don't look too good." Day noted that 35 per cent of Livermore schools did not show the required progress.

He was particularly concerned about the performance of minority subgroups. One of those schools not meeting the improvement requirement in math was East Avenue Middle School.

Day was hired last year to teach math at East Avenue Middle School. He was let go in a manner that was considered controversial. Since then he has established himself as a math tutor. His website includes letters from parents relating his skill in teaching math to their children.

Teachers and schools are responsible for educating all stu-

(See SCHOOL BOARD, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A party was held last Saturday to help raise funds and support to keep the climbing wall open at Sunrise Mountain Sports. Lauren McCallum, age 9, was one of those who gave climbing a try during the event.

Membership **Kick-off Exceeds** Goal by \$50,000

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, now constructing the first of two performance venues in downtown Livermore, successfully staged its first membership event at Murrieta's Well on September 17th. Attended by more than 150 individuals, the event kicked-off the Center's first annual membership campaign, inviting couples and individuals to sign up for charter memberships ranging from \$100 to \$25,000.

The goal of the evening was to raise \$70,000 in charter memberships, which will be valid through August 2008. According to Jamie Hyams, LVPAC's Administrative Director, 63 mem-

(See MEMBERSHIP, page 4)

Four Candidates Battle for Two City Council Seats in Pleasanton

There are four candidates for two seats on the Pleasanton City

Incumbent Jerry Thorne is seeking re-election after completing the seat vacated when Jennifer Hosterman was elected mayor two years ago. Brian Arkin, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, and Dan Faustina are the other three candidates. One will fill the seat vacated by incumbent Steve Brozosky, who is running for mayor. Traffic, affordable housing,

and campaign finance reform are among the issues discussed with the candidates. They also raised issues of concern to themselves. The interviews are in alpha-

betical order.

BRIAN ARKIN finished just behind the winners in the last two council elections. He has served on the Planning Commission since 1999, including two stints as chairman.

He points out that the commission completed its part of the general plan update in one year. The commission took community input, categorized it and presented recommendations to the council.

"As Chairman of the Planning Commission in 2003, I led the first phase of the General Plan update in 2003 with a series of neighborhood meetings throughout the community. Now the General Plan is crawling along at a snail's pace. It is critical that we soon approve a General Plan that represents the views, values, and concerns of our residents and will guide Pleasanton's progress for years to come." He believes he can step right into the process, because of his planning commission experiHe says he is seeking a council seat, because, "I love Pleasanton and care about its residents. I want a grassroots based government in city hall. I am accepting no corporate financing, nor am I taking political action committee money. It's crazy how much money was spent on the last election.

Arkin would like to look into finance reform. He would like to see what other communities have done to limit campaign spending and what might work for Pleasanton. "There is certainly some merit to having a discussion on campaign finance reform," he declares.

As a councilmember, he would like to improve traffic in the city. Arkin has been actively studying software that monitors traffic lights and learns to un-

derstand traffic counts. "The software learns traffic patterns; anticipates and adjusts traffic lights appropriately. It requires no human intervention," he explains. "By using such software, I believe that without having to pour another foot of cement, we could improve traffic by thirty percent."

Regional traffic issues are being addressed in different ways. The Triangle Study will make recommendations on projects to improve 680, 580 and highway 84. By working together, the various cities and the county can lobby for and likely receive more money to pay for needed improvements, such as HOV lanes on 680 and 580, than if they worked individually.

Land use decisions are being made as part of the general plan

update. Arkin is especially supportive of transit oriented development at BART stations. Development at the Hacienda station and near Stoneridge Mall just makes sense, he declared. There could be high end purchase homes along with high and low rentals. Some retail could be built to serve the needs of the people who live there.

"Building homes near the stations provides the best opportunity for affordablity, because of high density," said Arkin. He added, there is also the least impact on existing neighborhoods.

Arkin doesn't anticipate facing an issue with the housing cap over the next four years, because development has slowed down. In the future, "Developers have the opportunity to put their plans on the ballot.

While Arkin would like to see most of the units left under the housing cap used for transit oriented development, he supports leaving some of the units to allow small landowners to subdivide their properties. One development proposal that has been put forward, Arkin absolutely opposes. "It is a bad idea to build 300 homes in the Chain of Lakes

He favors the senior housing proposed for Staples Ranch. "It's à nice product. If does need to be built in a way that makes it livable, because it is close to the airport.'

Arkin has been a strong proponent of removing the Stoneridge Drive extension from the general plan. However, he says he supports the memoran-(See COUNCIL, page 7)

Do You Remember? By Anne Homan

Four Names At the Crossroads: How Did They Evolve?Amador's, Dougherty's Station, Dougherty, or Dublin—the settle-

ment with four different names had importance in early California because it stood at the hub of two important roads. One ran west/ east from the Bay Area to Stockton and beyond it to the gold mines;

the other north/south from San Jose to Martinez.

José María Amador once welcomed travelers to his home near the intersection of those two major roads, today's Dublin Boulevard and San Ramon Road. Swiftly flowing Alamillo Spring attracted wayfarers to the site.

In 1834 after his retirement from the Mexican Army, Amador moved to his land grant of about 21,000 acres, Rancho San Ramon; it extended from today's Dublin up through the San Ramon and Tassajara Valleys. In the same year he built a two-story Montereystyle adobe as his headquarters. The area became known as "Amador's." He ran sheep and cattle on his rancho.

In November 1850 Jerêmiah Fallon and Michael Murray, immigrants from County Roscommon, Ireland, each paid \$1,500 to Amador for neighboring 250-acre plots. They moved to the area in 1852, building homes of redwood for their families and raising

They contributed four acres of land for a school and a Catholic church: Murray School (1856) and Old St. Raymond's (1859). Fallon stayed in the area. However, Murray sold his land and house to John Green and moved with his family to San Francisco.

In 1853 Amador sold 10,000 acres of his rancho, including the adobe, for \$22,000 to James Witt Dougherty.

West of the adobe site, Dougherty built a hotel on the north side of Dublin Boulevard that he called Dougherty Station. The area's name changed from Amador's to Dougherty's Station with the establishment of a post office in 1860. Stagecoaches paused to change

horses and other travelers stopped for water, food, and lodging.

The name was shortened to Dougherty in 1896; on February 29, 1908, the name was changed to Dublin, probably because of the many Irish immigrants living there. For quite a while, however, the four names sort of blurred over each other. For example, William H. Brewer wrote of visiting "Amador" in 1862, and the 1878 map in Thompson and West showed Dublin.

Brewer and his party of geological surveyors watched a horse race at Amador's with "a mixed crowd of fifty or a hundred Americans, Mexicans, and Indians ... decidedly a hard looking crowd—drinking, swearing, betting, and gambling." They stayed to have dinner in the hamlet but camped overnight farther north in the San Ramon Valley.

John Green, who bought Murray's house and property, was an Irishman from County Longford. Sometime in 1862, Green erected a store across from the Dougherty Hotel site at the southeast corner of what is now Dublin Boulevard and Donlon Way, further enticing travelers to stop at the crossroads. He followed that with the Amador Valley Hotel, later called the Dublin Hotel, on the southwest corner. He also built a large two-story house for his family connected to Murray's earlier one-story on San Ramon Road.

After the death of his parents, Charles M. Dougherty filed a map in 1907 with the Board of Supervisors showing a 10-acre town to be called Dougherty. Although on file, the town never developed; sixty years later the plan was officially cancelled, according to Virginia Bennett Smith in Dublin Reflections. Dougherty Road

was named for this family. Amador left the area and died in Gilroy in 1883. John Green's hotel was torn down in 1946—a plaque erected by E Clampus Vitus stands on the site of its front doors. Dougherty's Station (the hotel) burned down in the late 1950s. A bulldozer flattened Green's house

in 1967 to make way for a Shell service station.

The Dougherty family lived in the Amador adobe until it was severely damaged in the earthquake of 1868; then they tore it down and built a frame house on roughly the same site, the northwest corner of Dublin Boulevard and San Ramon Road. In 1906 John and Amelia Neidt bought 10 acres, which included the old Dougherty residence, and members of the Neidt family lived in the house until 1960. The Valley Fire Department burned it soon afterward to clear the way for commercial development. However, walnut trees planted by the Neidts are still there in front of the Springs Apartments at the corner site.

Another plaque near those same walnut trees honors José María Amador; Alamilla Spring still runs in the wet season, but now through the apartment complex, not a Mexican rancho.

Plans are in the works for a Dublin History Park, which would include old St. Raymond's, Murray School, the Dublin Cemetery, the site of the Green hotel, and perhaps the Green store, which has been restored and is presently a community church at 11873 Dublin Boulevard.

The area was incorporated in 1982; Dublin was chosen as the name for the new city. Because of the rapid increase in vehicular

Ott Takes Over Leadership On LPC Foundation Board

The Las Positas College Foundation has announced the election of six officers to its Board of Directors. The six officers were elected for a term of one year at the foundation's annual meeting on September 13.

For the past two years, Immediate Past Chair Jim Ott has assumed the role of Chair at the special request of the Board. Newly-elected Chair Sherrie Souza of Livermore Valley Brokers will lead the new Executive Committee. Thomas Daggett, President of Tanner Insurance Brokers in Livermore, will serve as Chair-Elect, and ReMax Executive Bill Aboumrad is the new Vice-Chair of Business Develop-Chief William ment. McCammon of the Alameda County Fire Department was elected Treasurer and Livermore resident Charlene McKenney is the new Secretary. The six join 14 other directors who were also elected to one-year terms on the panel, under the guidance of Ted Kaye, CEO of the Las Positas College Foundation.

The Foundation was established in 2003 to serve as a funding support resource for the college, as well as to educate surrounding communities about the many learning opportunities available at the college, and its

cultural contributions to the region. Last year, the foundation awarded more than \$10,000 in student scholarships and provided generous financial support to the Student Emergency Text-book and Supplies Loan Fund, Disabled Students Programs and Services, and athletic uniforms for the LPC Men's and Women's basketball teams. To learn more about the Las Positas Foundaplease tion,

www.lpcfoundation.org The LPC Foundation also extends its support beyond the campus borders to the surrounding community in a number of ways. "One of the most significant items the LPC Foundation funded last year was a \$30,000 grant to pilot The Future Scholars, a program designed to encourage college attendance by 30 at-risk middle school students in our region," notes Dr. Kaye.

The foundation provides donors with an opportunity to contribute to the college with taxdeductible investments that can be used for student support, including scholarships, staff development and technology upgrades. Foundation funds are also used to improve and increase the school performing arts and other college programs and services.

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Fran and Lanny Replogle hold one of the first vintages bottled by their winery, known then as Ventana. The name was later changed to Fenestra Winery. Fenestra celebrated its 30th anniversary last weekend.







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Commuter Choice Transportation Fair at Hacienda Open to Public

The Tri-Valley Commuter Choice Transportation Fair will be held Thursday, October 5, between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm at the CarrAmerica Conference Center at 4400 Rosewood Drive.

Over fifty different exhibits will be available highlighting time- and money-saving commute options.

This year's fair will provide free customized commute counseling from the 511 Regional Rideshare program and will also explore futuristic, low-pollution solutions through options like Personal Rapid Transit (your own personal shuttle to take you directly where you need to go).

The fair has two parts. The first hour of the fair, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, has been specifically designed for Employee Transportation Coordinators, or those who either facilitate a company's transportation program or who oversee employee benefits programs including transportation incentives. Fair vendors will be available to answer questions and work with representatives on creating pro-

gram options for their business. The second part of the fair, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, is for the general public. Here, fair attendees will be able to connect with resources that will aid them in getting to and from work using alternatives that can save both time and money.

Pleasanton's Mayor Jennifer Hosterman comments, "The City of Pleasanton has a long history of applying innovation to addressing these problems. We are proud to be working with Hacienda Business Park in both providing a One Stop Shop of practical measures any commuter can apply to improve their travel today as well as participating in forward-looking research with the US Environmental Protection Agency to look at the next generation of solutions for commuters tomorrow. Since the Tri-Vallev is one of the fastest growing parts of the Bay Area, we also need to make sure that these solutions address not only commuting problems but environmental

sustainability as well." Admission to the Commuter Choice Transportation Fair is free. Special drawings will be held to award prizes to attendees. Prizes include a variety of transportation giveaways including BART tickets, gift baskets, commute incentives and much, much more. The grand prize will be a getaway for two to Lake Tahoe. There is no charge to enter the drawings and attendees need not be present to win.

Fitness Facility Earns Distinguished Achievement Award

LifeStyleRx, ValleyCare Health System's medical fitness facility in Livermore, has been honored with a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Medical Fitness Association, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association. The award is for an operation less than three years

"This is a significant honor for LifeStyleRx to be considered an immediate success," said Neil Sol, PhD, vice president of Outpatient Services. "Most hospital medical fitness facilities take more than three years to be deemed successful. The honor goes to all ValleyCare employees, as it takes an entire team to achieve this kind of success."

The award will be presented

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at the annual Medical Fitness Association Conference in Las Vegas in November.

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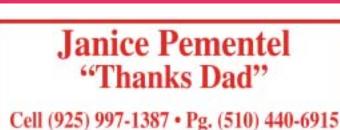
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Airport Not on Council Oct. 9 Agenda

The City of Livermore City Council will not be considering any Airport items on the October 9th City Council agenda. According to a notice from the city, issues related to the airport will be considered at a later date, after a final determination has been made on whether the City of Pleasanton City Council will participate financially in an Airport Noise Monitoring

Haggerty Elected Chair

Members of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) board last week elected Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty to serve as chair for the next year. Union City Mayor Mark Green was chosen as vice chair.

"The state is preparing to make major investments in its infrastructure. I look forward to lead-

ing the CMA as it competes to fund projects that are critical to improving mobility throughout the county. We are a major gateway between the Central Valley and the rest of the Bay Area. Any improvements made here would benefit the region and the state," according to Haggerty.

CMA is currently engaged in a process to determine which projects would be submitted to the state for funding if the transportation bond on the November ballot were approved. Included in the funding are two new categories of funding. Money is limited to highway projects. Corridor Mobility Improvement is intended to address highly congested travel corridors. Trade Corridors Improvement focuses on projects that enhance or expand the capacity for goods movement. Alameda County is host to 40 percent of all the traffic congestion in the entire nine county region with five of the top ten most congested

CAMPAIGN '06

TRI-VALLEY NOW ENDORSES

The Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Organization for Women hosts a Meet the Candidates Night for all of NOW's endorsed candidates for the November 7 election. NOW endorses candidates on three levels: local, state and federal. The chapter serves Southern Alameda County. The chapter endorsees candidates for office through a Political Action Committee.

After a questionnaire and interview process, Tri-Valley endorsed the following local candidates: Jennifer Hosterman for Mayor of Pleasanton, and Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne for Pleasanton City Council. Federal and state candidates endorsed are Ellen Tauscher, 10th Congressional District; Jerry McNerney, 11th Congressional District, Mary Hayashi, Assembly 18th District, and Ellen Corbett, State Senate 10th Dis-

Tri-Valley NOW will host a candidates night on Wed., Oct. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hart Middle School in the multipurpose room, 443 Willow Rd., Pleasanton. All local and California endorsed candidates have been invited.

Admission is free. The event is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Tri-Valley NOW at 462-1776.

MAYORS FOR BROZOSKY

San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson, Danville Mayor Karen Stepper and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena have endorsed Steve Brozosky in his bid to become the next mayor of Pleasan-

"Livermore and Pleasanton share a special relationship - we not only share a border, we share our Fire Department. It is critical cities work seamlessly together to continue to provide superior public safety service and to improve our disaster preparedness. I have worked closely with Steve for the past four years and look forward to working with him as the next Mayor of Pleasanton," said Mayor Marshall Kamena of Livermore, who also serves as Chairman of the joint Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Board.

"In addition to disaster preparedness, the Tri-Valley cities must work closely together in order to solve regional traffic congestion," said Steve Brozosky. "I am proud that I

have earned the support and trust of Mayors Wilson, Stepper and Kamena and will continue to work closely with them." Mayor Wilson, Mayor Step-

per and Mayor Kamena join County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Pleasanton City Councilmember Cindy McGovern, Pleasanton Unified School District Trustees Weaver, Haugen, Kernan, Pulido and retired Trustee Gloria Fredette in endorsing Steve Brozosky for mayor of Pleasanton.

CORRECTION

A statement attributed to Pleasanton mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky regarding the Stoneridge Extension was incorrect. Brozosky stated, "I don't believe the extension will be built today. At some point it may go

HOUSTON ENDORSES FAUSTINA

Dan Faustina, a candidate for the Pleasanton City Council, has been endorsed by Assemblyman Guy Houston.

Dan brings a fresh perspective to the many issues surrounding the City of Pleasanton and has the knowledge and experience to serve the people of Pleasanton well," said Houston.

Faustina says he sees this endorsement as a reflection of his promise to cooperate with regional leaders to effect policies that are sensible for Pleasanton.

Dan Faustina has also received the endorsements of current Councilmember Cindy McGovern and Pleasanton School Board President Steven Pulido. McGovern joined Dan's list of supporters after attending the League of Women Voter's Forum on September 29 and stated that Dan's honest and straightforward approach is needed in city hall.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FORUM

The "2006 Republican Candidate Forum," sponsored by the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, will be held on Thursday, October 19 at Kassabian Motors, 6080 Dublin Blvd., Dub-

A reception with the candidates will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The candidate forum is an opportunity for the public to learn where Republican candidates stand on issues. The event is open to the public. There is no charge. There will be refresh-

ments and a drawing for a week's stay in a Molokai beach home.

The forum venue has been donated by Kassabian Motors, Dublin, California.

Confirmed candidates are: John Dendulk, 9th Congressional District; Congressman Richard Pombo, 11th Congressional District; George Bruno, 13th Congressional District; Darcy Linn, 19th Congressional District; Lou Filipovich, State Senate District 10; Assemblyman Guy Houston, State Assembly District 15; and Jill Buck, State Assembly District

Other Republican candidates who have been invited are: Richard Mountjoy, U.S. Senate; Governor Schwarzenegger; Senator Tom McClintock, Lt. Governor; Bruce McPherson, Secretary of State; Tony Strickland, Controller; Claude Parrish, Treasurer; Chuck Poochigian, Attorney General; Steve Poizner, Insurance Commissioner; Leigh Wolf, Assembly District 14; Ken Nimishura, Assembly District 20; David Neighbors, Board of Equalization, Dis-

Local candidates and dignitaries have been invited.

For additional information contact: Janet-Marie Persico, Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated (925) 600-0609.

BUCK-HAYASHI DEBATE

Candidates for the 18th Assembly District, Republican Jill Buck and Democrat Mary Hayashi will debate during a candidates forum on Thursday October 5th.

The debate will be held at the All Saints Church, 22824 2nd St., in Hayward. The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area (LWVEA) will be hosting the forum between the two candidates. This forum is currently the only scheduled meeting between the

CHAMBER FORUM

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for mayor and city council candidates on Tues., Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Palm Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasan-

Candidates will deliver campaign platforms and then answer questions from the audience.

Cost is \$25 per person. The general public is invited to attend. Please RSVP by October 5 at www.pleasanton.org. For information call 846-5858.

(continued from page one) John Carroll said he didn't think such a facility is needed in Pleasanton. He suggested that before spending staff time and money on planning, that the city should determine the public's in-

ICE ARENA

John Cliney, a representative of the local soccer club, offered to help finance soccer fields to be constructed in the remainder of the park.

Councilmember Steve Brozosky said in supporting the study that the city has a lot more needs than money. "I see this as a way to gain an amenity. We don't have the resources. It makes sense to look at the partnership. If we don't, the site will be weeds and dirt for the next twenty

Cindy McGovern said that the city is always looking for ways for kids to get out and do something, to exercise.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said she really liked the concept. She understood Sullivan's concerns. Hosterman said that she had always looked at parks as green grass. "When this opportunity came up, I saw it could provide an activity that doesn't rely on green grass." She said she believes the Parks and Recreation Commission will provide ample opportunity for public in-



terest in an ice arena.

LARPD Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan Update

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Help plan future Recreation Programs in Livermore!

The Livermore Area Recreation & Park District (LARPD) is updating its Master Plan and wants to hear from you regarding future recreation programs, Come share your ideas about LARPD programs including: nature/outdoor events, fitness and special interest classes, sports programs, youth activities, teen programs, daycare, senior services, and other activities and special events.

Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca Ballroom 4444 East Avenue, Livermore

For more information contact LARPD at (925) 373-5700 or by email: masterplan@larpd.dst.ca.

Money Will Be Used to Water Parks

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors amended the 2006/ 2007 budget last week by reallocating \$30,000 in unused election funds to the Park Division irrigation budget.

The District's irrigation budget was cut two years ago, as a result of budget shortfalls, which has resulted in the yellowing of turf in many parks. The proposal to use the money for irrigation was made by Director David

'Parks are one of the facilities that residents use heavily. If they don't use them, they seen them. One way we can show we care about the parks is to use the

for assistance. Board members also wanted

money to water the grass," said Furst.

The Board also discussed the Friendship Center relocation project. The Friendship Center is LARPD's adult day care center, which currently leases space at the Charter School. LARPD's lease expires in June 2007. Staff is trying to find another site for

the program.
Staff members have contacted Supervisor Scott Haggerty to see what the county might be able to do to help. Director Dale Turner said that the district has been referred to the Agency on Aging

to make sure that the staff kept to

the 60 day timeline to come up with a soľution.

Dennis Gambs, a member of the Adult Day Care board, said that the district should look at both immediate and long term solutions. "There is an immediate need to extend the time the program stays at Sonoma. Other options will take longer than the date set for us to vacate.

Turner said it may be necessary to find an interim site. "We cannot let this program slip away," he stated.

The district will be asking the charter school for an extension on the deadline for vacating Sonoma School. Director Steve Goodman commented, "I am optimistic they will agree.

HABITAT (continued from page one) Contra Costa County, have been

subjects of habitat conservation plans (HCP). According to Al Donner, spokesperson for FWS in Sacramento, they are negotiated between FWS and developers, cities and any other affected public agencies, such as Contra Costa Water District and East Bay Regional Park District.
Besides HCPs, there are also

consultations, in which the developer meets with FWS to come up with a plan that will protect habitat. The Blue Rock Country Club on the Hayward Ridge is a good example of that, said Donner.

The developer talked to FWS about the 1500 acres, and wound up dedicating approximately one-half of the acreage to habitat preservation for the snake, Donner explained.

Miller, though, was critical of

Donner's response. He said that the east Contra Costa HCP is still in draft form. It's a poor substitute for including the whole area in the habitat recovery plan, said

Miller cited two studies that claim that HCPs have flaws, and are not as good as critical habitat designations by FWS. One study in 1999 looked at all HCPs in

existence then. Most contributed to habitat losses for species, and failed to meet recovery goals.

The measures outlined in the HCPs were not effective, some were not implemented, and funding was not set to manage and monitor effects of development's impact on the environment, said Miller.

The study was conducted by the Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, and the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

A second study, which looked at 22 multi-species HCPs this year, was completed by the American Institute of Biological

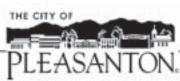
Sciences. It was published in Bioscience magazine. The study said that because of loopholes in the conservation plans, the HCPs

are proving to be inadequate.

Some of the Eastbay whipsnake habitat already has been cleared with public agencies in separate HCPs, such as with EBRPD, said Donner.

However, Miller said that despite a park agency's best intentions, the protections are not at the level provided by critical habitat designation. "The Alameda whipsnake with here with high them with high t worse off with HCPs than with critical habitat designation," said





NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES EXTENDED RECRUITMENT

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications to fill vacancies on the following commissions or committees for the terms indicated:

City of Pleasanton Commissions/Committee (Four-Year Terms)

Housing Commission,

Library Commission, Alternate Member

 Housing Commission, Alternate Member Civic Arts Commission, Alternate Member Economic Vitality Committee, (1) At-large Member; (1) Residential Builder Representative;

(1) Financial Institution Representative

Regional Commissions/Boards

Alameda County Housing Commission, Pleasanton Representative, Term: September 2006-December

Tri-Valley Conservancy, Pleasanton Representative, Four-year term

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006, Postmarks are not accepted.

Interviews will be held the week of October 23. Applicants will be notified regarding interviews and the selection process once the filing period is closed.



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EDITORIALS

Pleasanton City Council: BRIAN ARKIN, JERRYTHORNE

Two seats are open, with four candidates running in the Pleasanton City Council election. Our endorsements go to Brian Arkin and Jerry Thorne.

Brian Arkin has been both a grassroots activist and an appointee to the Planning Commission. As a citizen, he wrote Measure V (no more housing on Bernal) and co-chaired the victorious campaign for it. As a planning commissioner, Arkin has been deeply involved in the general plan update. He advocates transit-oriented housing as a way to achieve the densities necessary for affordable housing, with minimal impact on existing neighborhoods. On traffic issues Arkin isn't afraid to suggest out-of-the-box solutions, to innovate when conventional solutions are inadequate.

The only incumbent in the race, Jerry Thorne has shown himself during his first term to be admirably balanced in his decision-making. Testament to that is the broad range of endorsements he has received — Tom Pico, Ken Mercer, Matt Sullivan, the Chamber of Commerce, etc. Thorne contributes a strong financial background to the council; he has been very helpful in that area. He has also become involved in energy issues and helped write the general plan's new energy element. On affordable housing, Thorne supports the transit-oriented concept, but wants to see more housing developed in the downtown area, in addition to around BART.

We believe Cheryl Cook-Kallio is a worthy candidate. We admire Dan Faustina's love of Pleasanton. However, Arkin and Thorne have proven themselves. Arkin would make a good council even better. Thorne has been a first-rate councilmember; there is no reason to replace him. We urge our Pleasanton readers to elect Brian Arkin to the City Council and reelect Jerry Thorne.

Livermore School Board: WILLIAM DUNLOP, ANNE WHITE

With three Livermore school board seats on the line, four persons are running: incumbents William Dunlop and Anne White plus McKinley Day and Kate Runyon. We endorse two, the incumbents Dunlop and White.

William Dunlop has been an outstanding trustee, bringing intelligence and foresight to both education issues and growth ones. During the Pardee issue last year, when the board majority performed like a shameless lackey of the developer, he kept a clear head, urging neutrality by the board.

A retired Livermore Lab physicist, he has a background that can be extremely helpful as the school district endeavors to keep up with emerging technologies.

Dunlop was a co-founder of the Livermore Valley Education Association and served three years as its president. He is completing a two-year term on the school board.

Facing many unknowns about future enrollment and other matters, the Livermore school board needs William Dunlop.

Anne White is seeking her fifth term on the board. "We must add to the traditional 3Rs," she says. "Instruction must be rigorous for all students, as well as relevant to the careers and challenges of our shrinking world."

She takes a rational stance on issues where learning values are at stake. As one example, on the question of whether "intelligent design" should be taught as science, she opposes it, but believes the subject does have a place in classes where contemporary issues are discussed.

Anne White has been a good, reliable trustee, committed to the concept of quality education. She deserves to be reelected.

MEMBERSHIP

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berships were received for a total of more than \$120,000 exceeding the evening's goal by \$50,000.

The evening featured a Renaissance theme and included musicians, food and wines and appearances by costumed members of the event's planning committee. Participants learned more about the progress of construction on the 500 and 1800 seat theaters and were encouraged to select their membership level. At each level, new members received special gifts ranging from a delicious bottle of Murrieta's Well Zarzuela to a ride in a luxurious million-dollar RV- all donated by individuals and organizations from across the Tri-Val-

ley community.

"We're most grateful to
Evelyn Fletcher, Wendy Madden, Nancy McKenzie, Susann
Mercer, Kimberly Moore, Helen
Smith and Julie Wente for their
commitment to making this initial membership event such a tremendous success. The
committee's careful attention to
detail and their desire to create a
fun event certainly paid off for
the Center. We are also grateful

to Murrieta's Well and those who

donates membership gifts for helping to make this first event so successful." Ms. Hyams said. "We are already thinking forward to our next event slated for April, TOP OF THE PARK (which will be jazz cabaret under the stars in downtown".

While the Center has already raised more than \$9.5 million in its ongoing \$15 million capital campaign to fund the construction of the initial 500-Seat Theater, annual membership funds will be used to underwrite staffing and programming costs for the theater when it opens in the fall of 2007.

Planning is currently underway for the first season of programming which is expected to include performances by the Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera, Del Valle Fine Arts, California Independent Film Festival, Valley Dance Theater and others. In addition, the Center will host a presenting series that will feature well-known and aspiring artists in the areas of jazz, folk and chamber music along with small-scale theater productions and young people's programming that connects artists to the region's schools.

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Prop. 90: 'Uses a Machete Where Scalpel Is Needed'

Valley mayors were asked their views concerning Proposition 90 on the California November 7.

The question was posed during a Chamber of Commerce luncheon held last week at Wente Vineyards in Livermore.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson, and Danville Mayor Karen Stepper were at the luncheon.

All five mayors agreed that eminent domain needs reforming. As Mayor Hosterman put it, "Proposition 90 is like reforming eminent domain with a machete where a scalpel is needed."

Proposition 90 asks: "Should the California Constitution be amended to require government to pay property owners for substantial economic losses resulting from some new laws and rules, and limit government authority to take ownership of private property?"

All five mayors voiced the view that a "yes" vote would have major financial impact on their cities, as well as their ability to enforce zoning laws. It could reach a point where all development would stop

ment would stop.

Hosterman continued, "It would allow developers to make a claim against a city if the city did not allow development. Basically, all land use ordinances would be set aside. I hope voters read between the lines. This is bad for cities."

Wilson suggested voters find out who is financing the measure. It is out of state money. He called it, "A bait and switch proposition. Read it. It is loaded with far reaching provisions that won't protect residents or homeowners." Wilson said that passage of the measure would create a new dynamic where cities would constantly be trying to defend their positions on decisions. The taxpayers would have to pay both for the defense and the higher prices for land

Danville Mayor Stepper described herself as a big proponent of property rights. She is opposed to Proposition 90. One example she provided of the negative impact is that government will be hamstrung in trying to fix transportation. When land is needed for a right-of-way, there will be no way to acquire it because of the cost and the length of time it will take.

Stepper suggested that greed is one motive behind the measure. She pointed out that the city re-

cently used eminent domain to take property needed for a new veterans hall in Lafayette. The price offered by the city was a fair market price. The landowner was asking nearly twice the fair market value based on potential

Under Proposition 90 landowners can demand payment for potential use, rather than current zoning

Kamena declared, "If Proposition 90 were approved, virtually all development would stop. Cities would have to pay outlandish prices to property owners who claim their property values have gone down as a result of a land use decision."

Kamena used the example of Wal-Mart. Property owners who live near the site, could say approval of the Wal-Mart lowered

their property values.

Kamena also pointed out that groups who might be expected to support the preposition have come out in opposition. These include the Ventura County Property Owners Association, the California Taxpayers Association, and the California Farm Bureau.

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Lockhart offered the view that it would be more difficult to protect open space and agriculture were the measure to be approved, because it would require inflated

pay-outs for easements.

"Responsible planning will be replaced by sprawl and uncontrolled development. If a city limited the number of units, a developer could sue. Taxpayers would be on the hook for the difference. New roads, schools and more infrastructure would be more expensive. If government can't afford the inflated costs of the land, residents won't see needed amenities built."

While not at the luncheon, Livermore City Councilmember Tom Reitter said he believes the goal of the measure is to eliminate all zoning laws and any kind of environmental protection

of environmental protection.

Property owners could file a claim on any decision made by any government body, said Reitter. This could include such a simple decision as changing school boundaries. It could be claimed that putting a home in a poorer performing school area reduced the value of the home.

Reitter said that in Oregon

Reitter said that in Oregon, where a similar law was approved in 2004, the state has already had \$5 billion in claims against it.

Reitter pointed out that California law is not the same as in other sates. "The ballot measure portrays eminent domain reform

ban growth boundary seriously,

in his opinion. By denying the

as something that is desperately needed. In fact, California law favors homeowners. The city has to pay more than the property is worth now," according to Reitter.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT

Those in favor say that Proposition 90 will restore homeowners' rights that were gutted last year by the Supreme Court ruling allows eminent domain to be used to take homes and businesses and turn them

over to private developers.

Proponents say Prop. 90 is a reaction to the June 2005 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allowed a Connecticut city to seize the home of Susette Kelo and others. The city wanted a different owner to build a hotel, condominiums and commercial space on the land.

They contend passage of Proposition 90 would return eminent domain to legitimate public uses, such as building roads, schools, firehouses, and other needs that serve the public and not the financial interests of the government and powerful developers, according to supporters.

Other arguments are that state and local governments have undermined private property rights through excessive use of eminent domain power and the regulation of private property for purposes unrelated to public health and safety. Supporters say, therefore, that Proposition 90 is needed to limit the use of the power of eminent domain by governments in California to legitimate public

Proposition 90 ensures that the owner will receive just compensation for any property taken or damaged, proponents state. Whenever a property owner and the government cannot agree on fair compensation, the California courts should provide through a jury trial a fair and timely process for the settlement of disputes.

They argue that Proposition 90 stops eminent domain abuse and protects the American Dream—the fundamental right of every American to own a home. "It prevents government from taking your home or property without your permission and turning it over to powerful developers who want to build strip malls or other commercial

INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS
A team of economists at
LECG consulting, led by former
nonpartisan legislative Analyst
William Hamm, released a comprehensive report outlining

Proposition 90's potential fiscal impact on California and its tax-payers. In their report "The Fiscal Impact of Proposition 90," economists at LECG conclude that "the costs imposed on the taxpayers by Proposition 90 would amount to billions of dollars annually".

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Among the key findings of

• Proposition 90 would increase the annual cost of state and local government in California by billions of dollars.

• By increasing the cost of public works, like schools, roads, water systems, flood protection and utility services, Prop. 90 would curtail infrastructure development. For example, CalTrans is projecting that Proposition 90 will lead to more than \$180 million in project schedule delay costs over the next seven years, and another \$43 million per year in added litigation-related expenses — without even considering the higher property acquisition costs that the measure will require the agency to pay for highway improvements.

• By increasing the cost of regulation, Prop 90 would reduce government's ability to regulate land use, protect consumers and workers, and safeguard the environment.

ronment.

According to LECG, two features of Proposition 90 are mainly responsible for the measure's multi-billion-dollar price tag:

• The measure would require government (and the taxpayers) to pay businesses and individuals whenever it passes laws or

• The measure would require government (and the taxpayers) to pay businesses and individuals whenever it passes laws or adopts regulations intended to protect the public's interest (other than health- and safety-related) that substantially affect property values.

property values.
Proposition 90 also would significantly increase the amount that government and state-regulated, investor-owned utilities are required to pay owners when their property is acquired through eminent domain for public uses such as roads, schools, hospitals, airports, utility transmission lines, and power plants. Under current law, government must compensate owners by paying them the fair market value of their property, taking into consideration existing limitations on how the property can be used (e.g., zoning restrictions). In some cases, Proposition 90 would require government to pay owners more than the fair market value of their property.

CEDAR GROVE

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mitigation. The use is not
whether the church is compatible. The issue is the size," said
the commission.

Staff had offered the view that the project should be regarded as infrastructure and therefore not subject to mitigation.

Commissioners said that infrastructure has to have a direct relation to what it is supporting. Commissioner Richard Hancocks said that he didn't think the commission could find the church qualifies as infrastructure. "We need to find a way to condition the project so there is higher compatibility with surrounding land use. That gets to density," he said.

Commissioner Frank Imhof had proposed that the matter be continued to allow staff time to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the project.

Another suggestion was that the commission approve only the first of three phases. The first phase is more in line with the size project the commission favored. The proposal never came to a

The church asked that the commission either vote the project, "up or down, so that the church could move forward. We have worked for three years on the project. We have an EIR that indicates there is no impact."

There are four findings the commission needed to make to approve the project.

One is that the project fulfills a public need that could not be accommodated within the city limits. Commissioners felt that the church had not exhausted all of the possibilities within the urban growth boundary.

A second is compatibility with other land uses. Commissioners said that if the project were properly conditioned it could make that finding. However, unless conditions were modified to be in-line with other land use, commissioners said they could not make the finding.

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A third finding is that the project would have an adverse or injurious impact on health, safety and welfare. Commissioners said that depends on how injurious is defined. As presented and defined, the finding is problematic. "The most compelling risk is its impact on the price of ag land. The ag land exists because of zoning and land use planning."

The final finding that the project meets the overall intent of county zoning and policy standards was the most difficult to make, commissioners said.

Commissioner Jacob said he could vote for the application if the church had a 60 acre parcel and built on 6 acres, and planted the remaining acreage in cultivated agriculture.

Jacob scolded Livermore for

not taking protection of the ur-

church's use within the city, the city forced the church to look outside the city, said Jacob. "We are talking about a partnership. The voters have told is to protect the UGB. Livermore is not doing its part by denying such uses."

Commissioner Mike Kirby said he didn't believe the church completed the application pro-

completed the application process within the city. "The church abandoned the process before it exhausted all remedies within the city," he stated.

The other issue addressed by

The other issue addressed by the commission related to Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) of 2000.

The law says that no government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including religious assemblies or institutions absent the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling governmental integer.

mental interest. County counsel offered the opinion that the county would not violate RLUIPA if the church application were denied. He said that it is not fair to say that land use and zoning are not a compelling argument for denial. The county is trying to protect land identified by the state as prime agriculture land through its zoning and land use policies. He said that he believes that the church would have to show there is no other site available where it could practice its religion, before the denial could be considered a burden on the church

Kevin Snyder, legal counsel for the church, told the commission that he believes the application fits within the RLUIPA provisions. He did not believe that protection of agriculture land was a compelling reason to deny the church's application.

John Bulloch, the attorney representing the Tri-Valley Conservancy, told the commission that the plan (South Livermore) specifically prohibits development that does not enhance or promote cultivated agriculture. The church does neither.

He also discussed RLUIPA, noting that the church is not prohibited from offering religious services at its current location. There are alternative sties available. The church may not choose to use them. That doesn't mean the government has to allow the current project. The county has no duty to make all land available to churches. Churches are accorded equal treatment under the law, not special treatment.

Members of the public on both sides of the issue addressed the commission. Most were opposed to the use.

Brian Voss of the Wine Group, owners of the neighboring

Concannon Vineyard, said the main issue is the density of the use in an agricultural area. He pointed out that Concannon developed 5 acres out of 230 acres, a 2.5 percent density. The church is proposing to develop over 9 acres of a 14 acre site, a 65% density. Voss stated that if the church were to comply with the 2.5 percent density, it would need 375 acres of land. Typically density is 10 percent in an ag area. At that level the church would require over 80 acres of land."

Tom O'Neill, a Livermore resident, said of RLUIPA that he would like to see the federal government leave planning to local communities. "RLUIPA seems to upset the balance of the First Amendment in the direction of establishing religion."

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A proponent of the church, Dan Nelson said the church site had been a dumping ground for contractors. The church is working hard to clean up the site. "I think it would be a nice addition to this end of town and a real benefit to the community."

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Councilmember Tom Reitter, speaking as an individual, told the commission that federal law does not allow the county to ignore planning rules. "The church is an urban use that belongs inside the urban growth boundary." He added that approval could increase the price of land; above what ag land would otherwise sell for. "Why sell property as ag land, when the owner could get higher prices from a church?" he asked.

Others opposed to the proposed plan addressed what they said would be negative impacts of the use on nearby properties, including traffic, storm runoff, aquifer depletion, and wastewater disposal (use of packaged sewer treatment plants).

Proponents lauded the church for its work in the community. Others said there is a tradition of churches in wine country, pointing to Napa, France and Italy as examples where churches are located within vineyards.

Pastor Keith Cromie said that the church would not have gone through time and expense of the application if it were not necessary to carry out the church's vision. "Denial would place a heavy burden on the ministry."

He told the commission that the church had done its due diligence before proceeding with the purchase of the land. They met with county and city representatives, as well as Eric Wente. They all expressed support for the project. "I implore you not to have us suffer any more delays. It's been 39 months." He said they had only looked outside the city limits after they decided not to proceed with their expansion plans at the current site.

He said he was never told by the county that the location and

land use regulations would be a sticking point in gaining approval for the project. Commissioner Kirby said that

after reading the East County Area Plan it was hard to understand why a senior county planner did not say this would be a problem.

Herbert Pedigo from Cedar

Herbert Pedigo from Cedar Grove said that Cedar Grove is not a regional mega-church. Ninety percent of the membership lives in Livermore. "The church has grown, because Livermore has grown," he told the commission. "The current site is too small."

Several proponents said that churches were never discussed as a use not allowed within the South Livermore Plan. They believed that they are a permitted

Jean King said the issue is not whether the church is good for the community. It is an issue of an urban use in an ag area. When the church purchased the land, it should have been told it is in an ag area. "The commission must not set a percent by allowing this

urban use," King declared.

Tom Concannon, a descendant of the founder of Concannon Vineyard, said his great grandfather founded the winery on the best vineyard land in the State of California. Allowing the proposed plan would extend urban infrastructure, making the land more attractive for similar uses.

The EIR does not address the importance of farmland, continued Concannon. He urged the church to withdraw its application

Jim Perry, a former Livermore planning commissioner, told the county commissioners that the church's application was not turned down by Livermore. In the light of neighborhood opposition to the church, he worked with both sides to come up with a compromise plan that was not accepted by either side. The church did not proceed with its application.

Realtor Mark Triska said he believes there are other options for the church within the urban growth boundary. He has helped three churches locate in Livermore over the last three years. He said that ag land is the least expensive option. If the commission approved the application, there would be nothing to keep other large churches from expanding in the area.

John Christensen, a smaller grower, discussed the economics. He said that he is currently losing money on his grapes. "The thing that will keep my vines in the ground is more money for the fruit. That is achieved by being able to sell wine at higher prices. We need as much money coming in and as many wineries and acres of grapes as possible to make this come to pass."

dents," Day commented. He would like to take his experience as a tutor and put it to use in Livermore schools by acting as a math counselor for the district. He said he would recommend programs that he feels would work to improve math grades...

Day says he has created math programs for Title I schools. It is a math lab that would work well in educating the underachieving subgroups in Livermore. It was used in his previous job at the Mt. Diablo District, where he said, "It worked."

When it comes to spending the current surplus the district has, Day says, "You have to have teachers and programs to close the achievement gap. How can we improve math scores when we are hiring an intern to teach," referring to the person who replaced him at East Avenue.

He said with regard to the parcel tax approved by voters and the possibility of renewal, "The voters were willing to pay a tax to get results. Give them the money, then look at the results. If the district continues as is, I would not put the tax up for renewal. If improvement is demonstrated, okay.

When it comes to hiring the best teachers, Day declared, "One thing the district can do to maintain a top staff is not to take a principal's recommendation and be so quick to terminate a

He observed that there is a big learning curve for a new teacher. The district should commit to developing that teacher. Day said that about half of all new teachers "disappear. I believe what happened to me happens to others. If you allow five years for a teacher to develop, that teacher will remain loyal to the school and the district.'

When it comes to inequities at Livermore elementary schools. Day said, "I would go into a school like Marilyn Avenue and deal with the issues personally. I would set up shop there. If you put your mind to it, you can overcome any problems life brings you." He added, "I have the resources to set up a math lab at the school. With my technology degree, I can help set up computers with the math program. The kids would work at the computers at their own pace in a kind of a game environment.

When it comes to the number of tests that students are required to take, Day said, "It doesn't matter whether testing is good or bad, it's reality." He added that he teaches to testing. In the learning process, students learn how to recognize problems and answer questions.

As to whether schools should teach intelligent design, Day said that science classes teach evolution. I could agree that intellisible explanation of what occurred before evolution. I could see giving it exposure as a theory.

Day says he hasn't seen any evidence of gang activity in Livermore. What he does see is inattentiveness to the possibility of gangs. "With the white majority, there is less sensitivity to the issue." Day also says he doesn't believe the district is racist. "There is a lack of diversity in the decision making process. There is no input from subgroups. I don't think board members can relate to minorities. They didn't live it. I did. I would encourage the board to create more diversity among the staff.

He believes that the creation of a charter high school will help alleviate overcrowding in the district's high schools. He thinks the board could have worked more closely with the charter school in the beginning in order to create a closer relationship to-

Smaller classes are good, said Day. That allows for more oneon-one instruction and creates fewer discipline problems. In addition, teachers have more energy at the end of the day to create stimulating lesson plans for the next day, to create what he described as a "playground of academic activity.

He says he comes to the school board with no attachments to special interest. "As a board member, I would create programs to improve math tests scores." He would challenge other board members with special talents to create programs in their areas of expertise to enhance learning in the district.

In addition to math, Day believes his experience as an industrial technology teacher can help develop the district's technology plan. "As a result computers and technology, such as digital white boards, multimedia, and wireless networks, can be used by teachers to access standards based content lessons and enhance student learning.

WILLIAM DUNLOP, 63, is completing two years on the board. He has a Ph.D. from UCLA. He worked for 32 years as a physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Dunlop was one of the cofounders of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation and served as president for three

He says during his two years on the board, he learned a lot and now better understands some of the difficult problems the school district faces. He sees the role of the school board as providing oversight and providing ideas about what the school system should look like in the future.

Dunlop said one thing he has had to adjust to is the limitation on discussions. "It is difficult to get used to only being able to discus issues during a board meeting. It is not the most fruitful way to proceed. It does limit our ability to look at new things and come up with new solutions. However, it is the law. I understand the need for open discus-

He believes the parcel tax approval was very important. When it is time for renewal, he would fully support placing it on the ballŏt. "The tax provides \$3 million in funding a year. Without it, the district would be short of funds in the future. The money partially makes up for the \$12 million in cuts the district has had to make over the years. The district has not restored the \$12 million worth of cuts it has had to make over the years.

Dunlop said the district can't anticipate what the level of state funding might be. "This year is exceptional when it comes to state funding. It's an election

When it comes to spending the \$7 million surplus this year, Dunlop declared both salaries and programs are critical. "We need to have the best staff. At the same time, the district needs to provide the programs the public expects. The board will have to find a balance." He wouldn't be likely to approve placing the money in reserve. "While it would be nice to have a larger reserve, the district has more than the mandated amount.

He says of hiring the best teachers, in the past, the problem was the district's financial situation. Teachers were handed pink slips each year and then hired back. "Continuity of funding is probably the best improvement we have to retain staff. The funding situation has improved. This year, the district has been able to recruit teachers. That is an important way to improve staff."

High school overcrowding has been an ongoing issue, with some advocating a third high school. Dunlop points out that the most recent projections predict a decline in enrollment. There is currently a decreased enrollment at the elementary level and the district is starting to see the same trend at the middle schools. "It's rate of students from new housing. The predictions for South Livermore were incorrect. Development there has not generated the number of students pre-dicted."

Another issue that led to more crowding at Livermore High School this year, is the mandated minutes. There are more classrooms and more students in classes, because they are required to take six classes. In the past many only took five classes. That has resulted in more portables on

There are a lot of unknowns about future high school populations, such as the impact of the potential charter high school, Dunlop mentioned.

To deal with inequities at the elementary school level, Dunlop would love to see more volunteers from the community step forward. "If you don't have parent volunteers, it would be wonderful to have the community volunteers assist with such things as reading to students and helping with homework clubs," he said.

One program he has fostered at the middle school level is MathCounts. He helped start the program at both Junction and Christensen. MathCounts is aimed at the proficient, advanced student. It is one way to lower

the achivement gap.

Dunlop said there are two types of achievement gaps. There is one gap for students who are not performing at grade level. That represents an achievement gap the district needs to deal with. The other is an individual gap, where kids are not doing as well as they could. They need programs to help them perform better, programs such as MathCounts.

He believes that testing is good, because it creates an expectation of what children should learn. Testing also ensures some uniformity in what students

Many tests focus on math and English. Dunlop doesn't have a problem with that focus. Students need to be proficient in English. Proficiency is needed in many fields, including math.. Students going into trades need to know algebra and trigonometry.

When it comes to intelligent design, Dunlop would not make it part of the science curriculum. If it were taught, it belongs in a class on comparative religion.

Dunlop would deal with potential gang and racism problems through character education. "It is meant to teach pupils how to treat each other with honesty and respect. Such instruction minimizes discipline problems." The district launched a pilot program last year that incorporates character education with other subjects that are taught. Plans are to incorporate it throughout the district, Dunlop explained.

Determining the exact size a class should be, is not easy, Dunlop said. For example, 40 students in calculus class is probably too many. "I don't know what the magic number is. It may vary from teacher to teacher," said

He would like to see programs focusing on the building trades, such as carpentry and plumbing, added to the curriculum. There is a segment of the student population that could really benefit he said, recognizing that there is never enough money to introduce new programs. It takes long term sustainable funding.

One thing that he would like to see is more and better use of technology in the schools. "We have got to be able to take advantage of emerging technology," he stated. Dunlop provided several examples. Video conferencing would allow students at Livermore High and Granada High to take the same advanced placement class. Perhaps there would be 5 students at Livermore and ten at Granada.

Continuing education classes for teachers could be provided on site through the same means. Perhaps Tri-Valley schools could work together to provide teleconferencing of advanced placement classes and teacher development classes.

KATE RUNYON is a first time candidate. However, she has been very active in the schools since moving to the city in 1998. She served on a school site council. Runyon was also president of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation for two years. She chaired the Dollar a Day Campaign from 2000 to 2004 to fill the funding needs of the district..

"Education is the most important obligation we have to the younger generation," she said when asked why she is running. As a board member, she would work to maintain the fiscal health of the district, to enhance student performance, and to recruit and retain the best personnel pos-

While the district still receives less money from the state than other districts, it still has to pay a we have to give something up. We need to have a rational discussion about what that is," said Runyon. For example, should the trade-off be larger elementary campuses. The larger campuses are one way to save money, because there are fewer administrators and staff per student.

It is important to retain the income from the parcel tax in the future. "I don't want to think of the consequences of non-renewal. Stability of funding is important, particularly with paying teachers," said Runyon.

When it comes to spending the current surplus, Runyon would like more data on the consequences of any decision before a vote is taken. The board may vote to bring something back this vear. What are the future costs. A teacher, for example, would receive wage increases. That information needs to be factored in any decision.

One program she would emphasize is the Reach program, a reading program designed to bring students up to grade level. "It has made a difference with kids with the lowest scores. One teacher had a fifty percent improvement. I would make the program available to every school site. I would love to see a comparable program for low performing math students," Runyon

Runyon would educate the staff at schools such as Marilyn and Portola in ways to make the

schools desirable places to be. Perhaps that would mean a 15 to 1 student to teacher ratio or full arts and music programs.

The community at large has to make up for the inability of parents to be involved at elementary schools where test scores are low. There is the Roadrunner program at Marilyn. I would like to see something comparable at Portola, even if it's just reading to the kids, Runyon stated.

While we are concerned about the low achieving students, we can't forget about the rest of the kids, Runyon added. We have to hire the best people available and recruit the best teachers; then ask them what they need to do their

In hiring teachers, she believes that improving relationships with the bargaining units is a plus. "We want the same thing: happy, well compensated and well supported teachers. Then the teachers can focus on what they can do for the kids."

Partnering with the city to put together resources for teachers, such as housing opportunities, is another way to help retain teach-

The only cure for the current overcrowding at high schools is more portables on site. In the future, if appears there won't be as many students. The yield from new housing is not as great as in the past, points out Runyon. However, she adds, if we can find something on the northside outside the urban growth boundary, we really need to build a high school there.

The role of the school board is to set policy. The implementation is for the professionals. The board also engages in public relations and outreach to explain how and why decisions are made.

Testing will continue. "It doesn't matter whether I think it's a good thing or not. It is good to have an objective measure.

'The more you learn about test data, the more useful it is. For example, at Portola scores are lower for non-English speakers. They are higher for others. The school results look a whole lot better if you use a bell curve to analyze the results. Do teachers teach to tests? It's inevitable,' said Runyon.

As a practicing Christian, she doesn't believe intelligent design should be taught.

When it comes to gangs or racism, Runyon said it's more of a problem of classicism. California is so multi-cultural, race is not usually an issue. She should support any school that wants to implement a policy of wearing uniforms. That would help kids who are poor.

When dealing with gang prob-lems it is something that needs to be addressed by a broad community effort.

rnoram like to see introduced into the Livermore high schools is international baccalaureate. It is a writing based program. Students have to pass six tests, one in a foreign language, one in their own language, and they select the other four subjects. Tests results are sent to Geneva and graded.

In setting class sizes, California did not look at data. Classes need to be smaller. However, I still think what the district has done is valuable. All you have to do is walk into a classroom with 20 students. The room is full. It would be difficult to figure out where you would put ten more desks, said Runyon. She doesn't think the district can afford class size reduction everywhere.

The district still needs to seek more funding from the state through equalization. "We have gotten more. It's not any where what is spent in schools on the east coast. I think we need to be concerned about education throughout the state," Runyon declared.

ANNE WHITE has spent 16 years as a member of the school board.

White earned an AB from Brown University, and an MS from Purdue. She spent 10 years in medical research at UCSF.

White says the major job of the board is to set the direction of the district. The board also hires the superintendent and sets

the budget. It is up to the board to ask the right questions when issues come before it to ensure the the district is going in the

direction established. She explained why she is running for the board. "We spent so many years taking the district apart piece by piece, it will be fun to rebuild it today." White doesn't envision returning all of the programs of the past, because it is a different world now.

For example, counselors used to needed to provide information about universities and colleges and their admissions policies. Now all that type of information is available on the Internet. Now counselors are there to make sure students take the classes they

"We must add to the traditional 3 R's. Instruction must be rigorous for all students, as well as relevant to the careers and challenges of our shrinking world,' according to White.

In spending the surplus, the district has to provide enough to pay teachers competitively. "They haven't received good raises for awhile," according to White.

Some of the surplus is one time money. White would use those funds to buy band instruments, provide equipment for maintenance people and purchase materials.

The money from the parcel tax will be necessary in the future, because the state does not provide an adequate amount. She would support asking voters to renew it.

High school overcrowding may take care of itself, mused White. At the high school level, the numbers indicate the district is not growing. "The kids aren't there. We may not need a third high school," she stated.

In addition, a charter high school and the Catholic high school are projected to reduce the number of students Livermore's high schools. "The board will have to keep reviewing the situation," said White.

One thing White would like to see is some of the district's smaller elementary schools come up with a focus to market themselves to attract students so that not all of the students are trying to attend schools such as Sunset. She referred to them as "magnet elementary schools." For example, Michell might want to pitch journalism, or public service, or ecology.

At elementary schools where there are fewer resources resulting in lower scores, the faculty should be able to focus on academics. The community should help provide outside programs that will help the teachers to keep that focus. The school board needs to make sure those schools have enough and appropriate to decided not to treat all of the elementary schools the same when it comes to providing resources," White commented.

The district needs to provide competitive salaries and to continue improve the working environment in order to attract the best teachers. "We need to make teaching a twenty-first century job," she added. White explained that in the past, teachers basically set up their classrooms on their own. Now there is a need to work in a collaborative manner, find what's out there and share the information with colleagues to improve teaching.

She points out that the district was able to have a recruitment budget this year. As a result, the district was able to hire two teachers from Mexico who will teach Spanish. Two other teachers came from Germany.

Testing is a way of life for schools, said White. However, she doesn't think Livermore focuses as much on teaching to the tests as has been reported in other districts. White said, that one thing that was discovered as the result of the high school exit exam is that Livermore has a high transient population. Many of the students in high school who

did not pass the exam did not attend middle school in Livermore. It's something we have to look at in addressing the issue, she stated.

Intelligent design or creationism is not included in the state science standards for teaching. If the district were to teach it, the student would be at a disadvantage. "I would support and encourage discussion of modern issues such as intelligent design in a class setting. Other subjects could include the death penalty and abortion.

Lowering the class size at all levels would take more teachers and space. She's not sure the district would be able to do that.

She would like to see band ing whether they are good at it or not.

She would also support funding for athletics. "It's learning about life, about being part of a team, learning to take direction, and dealing with defeat and victory. Close to half of the kids are involved in sports in some way.

LEAGUE FORUM

Candidates were asked about where they would build a third high school, if the board determined one was needed.

Dunlop noted that the current high schools have more students than were planned. The board has heard mixed projections on fu-ture growth. It is a situation that will have to be monitored. If in the future, another high school is needed it should be built north of the freeway.

Runvon said before the district builds a third high school, there needs to be have a better picture when it comes to future student populations. If needed, the high school should be built north of the freeway.

White said that a larger school supports a greater variety of academic programs. She suggested one option would be to add more portables to accommodate larger student populations. White did not discuss where a third high school should go.

Day felt that the district should work more closely with the charter school on its plans for a high school. Perhaps the school could meet both the needs of the district and the charter school. If a third high school were needed, it should be on the northeast side of the freeway.

Candidates were also asked about the impact of clean and safe schools.

White said the board needs to allocate the money to provide the people and tools to keep the schools clean. A gang task force is working with the district to keep the schools safe.

Day said he has worked in Title I schools where there has been a police presence as a preventive measure. He would supmilar presence drug sniffing dogs to ensure safety. These measures would let students know certain activities won't be tolerated.

Dunlop felt that character education would help alleviate many of the problems. He noted that four of the schools that had implemented character education and lower rates of suspensions and fewer discipline prob-

Runyon agreed that character education to instill middle class values such as punctuality and respect in students is important. "Not all children learn at home." She also believes that closed campuses have done a good job in improving the security situation at schools.



2006 City of Livermore **Beautification Committee** Appearance Awards

The Beautification Committee of the City of Livermore recognizes projects that improve the appearance of local neighborhoods and the entire community.

Livermore residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in this year's Appearance Award program. For more information and a free application, please visit the City's web site at: www.ci.livermore. ca.us/boards/bc_info.

Submit application no later than October 31, 2006.





SHORT NOTES

Towne Center Books

On Wed., Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. off Wed., Oct. 11 at 7.30 p.lin. sychologist Jacqueline Golding discusses her book "Healing Stories: Picture Books for the Big and Small Changes in a Child's Life." This is a guide for parents (and other adults who have children in their lives) to more than 500 children in their lives) to more than 500 picture books that help support children as they face new or challenging experiences

A Terribly Sad and Somber Party will be held at 4 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 13 to mark the sad occasion of the publication of "The End." This will be the final installment of the extremely tragic Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. The party features disgusting food, and horribly boring games as this occasion demands. Guests are encouraged to bring a letter detailing their most unfortunate experience to share at this very tragic occasion. Free. Call 925-846-8826 for reservations.

Bookclubs: Teen Mother / Daugh ter Bookclub - grades 8-11 Wed., Oct. 18 at 7:30 at the store. Book discussion will be AngelMonster by Veronica Bennett. This is a retelling of the life of Mary Shelley. New members are wel-Adult bookclub meets Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:00 at Coffee Beans and Bistro 401 Main Street Pleasanton. The discussion will be on Flanders Panel by Arturo Reverte-Perez. The Flanders Panel presents a tantalizing puzzle for any connoisseur of mystery, chess, art, and history. New members are wel-

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street., Pleasanton.

Wine Release

John Christopher Cellars will re-lease the new 2005 Livermore Valley Chardonnay on October 7 and 8th at the new tasting room in Downtown

Located in the renovated Blacksmith Square, John Christopher Cellars offers this wine produced from two new vineyards in Livermore. Chardonnay was tasted at Harvest Festival in September as a pre-release and received high accolades from everyone who tried it. It was described as smooth and buttery with flavors of melon - especially delicious with Brie and fresh artisan bread. Light appetizers will be served.

There is no charge for this event. John Christopher Cellars will also offer people the opportunity to join their new wine club. Sign-ups will begin on Oct 7th at the tasting room, 25 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. For information, call 456-9463.

At the Library

Author Amy Meyer will be the guest speaker at a 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 8 at the Pleasanton Library.

She is the author of "New Guardians for the Golden Gate: How America Cost of Cost of New Instituted Pack".

Got a Great National Park."

National parks are a distinctively

American idea. But it takes people to make them happen. This unique, insider's account tells how Bay Area activists forged bipartisan local and national support for an unprecedented campaign to create a great new national park. In 1970, beginning with the former Army lands originally_reserved to protect San Francisco Bay, the grassroots People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area succeeded in preserving the spectacular land that frames the Golden Gate.

Towne Center Books will sell New Guardians at the program. For book pre-sale information, call 846-8826. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Family Storytimes

Stories about robots, super heroes and monsters will be featured by storyteller John Weaver at Family Storytimes

during October. Robots will be the focus at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., on Mon., Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. Storytimes are held in the storytime/ craft room located in the youth services

Super heroes will be featured in Incredible Super Stories told at the Springtown Branch, 998 Bluebell Dr.,

On Sat., Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. Monsters Eek! will be the theme of a not-tooscary storytelling session at the Rincon Branch, 725 Rincon Ave. Those at tending are encouraged to come dressed in costumes.

All ages are welcome. There is no admission charge. For information, contact youth services at 373-5504 or pick up a storytime schedule at any of

Walt Disney Classic

Bruce Lau, sculptor and artist of Walt Disney Classics, will be at Where the Magic Begins in Livermore on Sat., Oct. 14.

He will be available to sign purchases

In addition, Traci Thomas will provide previews of the Horace & Jaspar Badun, Chernsbog and Ranger and

Where the Magic Begins is located at 2177 Las Positas Ct., Suite A, Livermore. For information, call 294-8152.

Springtown Birds

Fall Springtown Birds will be the focus of a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District nature program on

Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8:30 a.m. at Marlin Pound Park, 2010 Bluebell

Many migrating birds are hanging around the Arroyo Las Positas/Altamont Creek area. Bring binoculars, field guides, and drinking water. There will be some binocs and field guides to lend for the program. Please call (925)960-2400 for directions or more informa- $\begin{array}{c} tion. \\ A \ \$2 \ donation \ is \ requested \ to \ help \end{array}$

support the programs

Hikes and Farm Tours

Greenbelt Alliance has planned a series of fall outings featuring Bay Area hikes and farm tours.

For directions, reservations or more information visit www.greenbelt.org or call 415-255-3233. Reservations

are required only when noted.
Sunday, October 8: Hawk Hill Hike, Marin County, This moderate hike in the scenic Marin Headlands offers op-portunities to enjoy autumn vistas while spotting migrating birds of prey. Includes a visit to Hawk Hill for a talk and banding demonstration by the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory. 10 AM to 4 PM. Reservations required.

Sunday, October 15: Pleasanton Ridge and Wine, Alameda County, Oak-studded grassland and expansive views. See remnants of historic farms and finish with a taste of modern agriculture at Elliston Winery in Sunol. 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Reservations re-

quired.
Sunday, October 15: Bluegrass for the Greenbelt, Contra Costa County,

Critically acclaimed bluegrass artists in a private outdoor theatre at this firstever Greenbelt Alliance benefit concert. 3 PM to 6 PM. \$50 members / \$65

Storytime with the Farmer

Storytime with the Farmer will be presented on Tues., Oct. 10 for 3 and

5 year olds at Forest Home Farms.Children will hear stories and songs about farm life and see sheep and tractors. There will also be a craft activity and refreshments.

Storytime is form 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$3 for San Ramon residents and \$4 for nonresidents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Only children need to be registered.

Forest Home Farms is located at

19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, call 973-

AAUW Brunch

American Association of University Women (AAUW) celebrates the $125^{\rm th}$ birthday of its founding this year!

Over the course of its 125-year exist-ence, AAUW has changed the way women are and treated forever.

AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch invites you to "Come into the Garden" on Saturday October 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m at the Enchanted Garden (252 Main Street, Pleasanton, behind J'aime Bridal). There will be refreshments and conversation under the shade of trees and informa-tion about AAUW interest groups and

programs.
The Come into the Garden brunch is open to both AAUW members and women interested in learning about the organization.

Any female graduate holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution is welcome into AAUW membership. Please contact Roz Wright (484-0614) or Jean Shaw (462-4951) for more informa-

AAUW's mission is to promote education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

Antique Faire In Downtown **Pleasanton**

The second of the semi-annual Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique Street Faires will be held on Sunday, October 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street.

Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Block after block of genuine antiques and collectibles will be displayed by over 250 professional dealers from all over the West. This is the 14th year for this Pleasanton event that has become one of the largest antique faires in the eleven Western

For more information, contact Frate and Associates at (760) 724-9400 or the Pleasanton Downtown Association at 925-484-2199 or go www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Valley Montessori Celebrates Thirty Years in Livermore

By Patricia Koning Last weekend Montessori School (VMS) celebrated 30 years of serving families of the Livermore Valley. Over 400 current and former students, parents, grandparents, staff, and friends showed up to the event, which included food, carnival games, and lots of reminiscing.

"This is a special day," says Mary Ellen Kordas, the school's director. "It's a real gift to do this kind of work.'

Kordas spent part of the celebration inside Valley Montessori's four-year-old facility giving tours to former students, now young adults, who had never before seen the new

building.
Kordas' own personal history
is intertwined with that of Valley Montessori. When the school first opened in 1976, Kordas' son was one of the six children in the first class. Two years later she became the director.

The school served children ages 6-12 for about ten years before adding a toddler program in the 1980's. In 1987, the program expanded to include middle

school (grades six through eight). For many years, Valley Montessori bounced around different rental locations in Livermore. In 1998, the school purchased a 6.6 acre plot of land on North Livermore Avenue, just

south of the 580 freeway.
"The collaborative effort that went into making the vision for this facility a reality was over-whelming," says Kordas. "This is a place where you get a good sense of our energy and our commitment to children and educa-In 2002, the new facility was

opened, bringing together all of the different age groups under one roof. Another addition to the new facility was an infant program, serving children was young as eight weeks old.

Entering the infant room makes one feel like a giant, as the furniture and decorations are all designed for babies that spend most of their time on the floor. There are no cribs, only

open floor beds, and no high chairs, just mini-versions of regular tables. The idea, says Kordas, is to create a unique environment that provides as much freedom

as possible to the infants. Approximately 50 students attend middle school at VMS. Kordas has no plans to expand the program in size, but does want to create opportunities and resources for children with special needs.

Valley Montessori implements the philosophy and curriculum of Maria Montessori to create an environment in which children are inspired to realize their academic, personal, and social potential. Last year VMS became the first school in California to be dually accredited by both the Western Association of Independent School and Colleges (WASC) and the American Montessori Society.

For more information on VMS, visit http://www.valleymontessorischool.com/ or call (925) 455-8021.

'That's Amore Raises Money for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

TVAR is the official animal

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue celebrates the 7th annual "That's Amore, Paw Prints on our Hearts," on Sat., Oct. 14.

This will be a fundraising dinner and auction.

This year's event will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center. It offers many exciting auctions, wonderful wine and food, and an opportunity to ensure homeless animals will receive another chance, states TVAR Vice President, Cathy Bergren.

rescue working with Alameda County's animal shelter in Dublin. Last year this all-volunteer group saved over 1,640 animals. That's Amore" is their largest

The event takes place from 6 to 10 p.m.It includes a buffet dinner, live and silent auction, raffle prizes, and a Wheel of "Furtune." This year's grand prize is \$1,000 cash. The live auction will feature a Harley Davidson motorcycle, a week in Costa Rica, an Extreme Makeover and many other items. This event sells out every year, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended.

Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market TVAR adoption event, held every Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:00 p.m., at the corner of W. Angela & First streets, on-line at www.tvar.org, or call (925) 803-7043.

Pace for Peace Draws Attention to Domestic Violence

The Pace for Peace, Tri-Valley Haven's annual 5k walk/run will be held on Sat., Oct. 7 at the Haven's community building.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. The walk/run starts at 9:30 a.m. Participants who bring \$25 in pledges will receive a free commemorative t-shirt designed by

local student artist, Clare Girling. The Haven community building is located at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

Pledge forms can be obtained from the Haven's website at www.trivalleyhaven.org or by calling 449-5845. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Haven's domestic

violence, sexual assault and homeless services.

The Family Fair follows the Pace for Peace. The fair will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It features children's karaoke, crafts and other activities. Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. A Clothesline Project display and community information booths will provide infor-

mation. Ann King, executive director, comments, "Our mission is to build a world without violence. These events give us the opportunity to share our vision and to celebrate healthy families while

we raise awareness about domestic violence and our services."

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Tri-Valley Haven's 24-hour crisis line number is 449-5845 or 800-884-8119.



'Warlock Moon' Showing One of Halloween Events

"Warlock Moon" will be shown on Wed., Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So.

Livermore Ave. The program is part of the Livermore Heritage Guild Lecture Series.

The movie was filmed locally on the grounds of the Arroyo del Valle Sanitarium. The film had a grand opening in Livermore. It bombed.

It was created for \$25,000 by then students at UC Berkeley. According to set designer and special effects artist Douglas Saunders, It was designed as a drive in movie - "scary scenes to have your girl friend want to snuggle, no complicated plot to interfere with the smoothing."

Reportedly, there's no warlock and no moon. But there is a ghost in a bridal gown, a couple of axe wielding hippies and a lot of drugged beverages.
Saunders and Rand Herbert,

who was also involved in the creating of the film, will be on hand at the screening in Livermore on

Oct. 11. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 443-9740.

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth will host its annual Haunted House on Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The "House" will be the transformed Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Avenue, adjacent to the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, in Pleasanton.

This year, the Amador Recreation Center will become "Pleasanton Manor" where the theme, "The Witching Hour," has been created by teens from the Parks and Community Services Department's Haunted House Performance Class. Visitors will be invited to participate in craft projects outside the "Manor" and a magician will perform from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tickets are assigned to scheduled, 30-minute visits beginning at 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. on both evenings. The three earliest times are recommended for children under the age of nine. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Ad-

age of three is free. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Department of Parks & Community Services, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call (925) 931-5353.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is hosting a Monster Bash! Bring the kids, 5 yrs. & up, out for an All Hallows Eve themed evening in the park. Participants will start by making some ghostly decorations. Afterwards, play some games while a barbecue dinner, complete with all the fixin's, is prepared. After dinner, there will be a hay ride through the park. This will be followed by a campfire. Drink hot chocolate, eat s'mores, learn about the history of Halloween, hear a few spooky stories and maybe even sing Hal-loween themed songs. Everyone will take home their ghostly décor and memories of a great time. Under 18 must be accom-

panied by an adult. Monster Bash takes place on Saturday October 28, 4:30-9:00 pm at Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore. Fee is \$27 per per-

son. To register, call (925) 373-

Sunol Regional Wilderness presents its Annual Halloween Haunting, "Back to the Ice

Visitors are ivited to go batty in the vampire's cave, sink saberfangs into some I Scream and get ghoulie as they explore the tra-ditions of Howl-o-ween! The program will be Sat., Oct. 21 at the Sunol Visitor Center.

Guided hikes last approximately 1 ½ hours and become more dark and spooky as the evening progresses. Hikes are every 15 minutes starting at 5:15 until 8

Fee is \$7 (\$9 non EBRPD residents). Preregistration is limited to families and individuals. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Only ticketed guests are permitted; no drop-ins allowed. There is a limit of 8 tickets per

Registration may be completed by calling the park district at (510) 636-1684.

The campy 1974 horror film — mission for children under the — The Haunted Caves of the Environmental Education Center will bethe program at the Tilden Nature Area on Sat., Oct. 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. There will be cave tours, crafts and refreshments. Cost is \$3. This program is appropriate for age3 and over. No registration is required.

> derground at the Black Diamond Visitor Center on Sat., Oct. 28. There will be contests, games, crafts and much more from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no charge. The program is good for all ages. No registration is required. Meet the park's most feared critters and learn the tricks they use for sur-

Tricks and Treats will go un-

Halloween Haunting at Ravenswood: Sunday, October 22, Halloween Witches in full regalia will greet guests at the Ravenswood Historic Site on Arroyo Road. Come see if you can find the ghost (a lovely old Victorian one!) that is living in the Cottage House.

These witches will be giving away small Halloween treats to the children whose parents are brave enough to visit this victorian estate at Haunting Time. Ravenswood is open from noon to 4:00PM. Bring your camera for a ghoulish good time.

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YOUTH MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF VACANCIES The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for 11 members to serve on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC). The 11 members will be appointed by the City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board. This is a non-paid position.

The purpose of the Committee is to implement the goals and objectives of the Youth Master Plan of Pleasanton such as: Ptown411 web page, Youth-related workshops, events and special projects. The Plan focuses on providing services to youth throughout the community. Specifically it addresses issues of programs and activities, health and wellness, childcare, jobs, leadership and communication amongst children, youth and families. The Committee is comprised of representatives from various community organizations, schools and

- The YMPIC is comprised of 30 members. Applications are being accepted for the following representatives: 3 At-Large Parent Representatives – one representative from a pre-school, one representative
 - from an elementary school and one representative from a middle school
 - 1 Health and Crisis Representative
 - 1 Non-Profit Agency Representative
 - 1 Senior Citizen Representative 1 Alternate Representative from Amador High School

· 1 Youth Representative from Pleasanton Middle School

 1 Youth Representative and 1 Alternate from Village High School . 1 Youth Representative from Hart Middle School

It is anticipated that the YMPIC will meet at least monthly for the purpose of implementing these projects. Committee members will be appointed for a one-year term initially.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www. ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006, Postmarks are not ac-



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dum of understanding between the city and Alameda County to retain the right-of-way. "Everyone gave a little in reaching the agreement. It is a good one," said Arkin.

"If 580 were fixed and traffic were flowing, there would be a lot less opposition from people to having the Stoneridge road extended to El Charro. If the freeway were not fixed, studies show that Stoneridge will look like an expressway.

Arkin agreed that Valley Avenue residents have a legitimate complaint about the way traffic is funneled to that area of the city. He suggests the city might consider metering right turns onto Santa Rita Road from roads leading out of the business park. "It could help keep traffic from backing up on Santa Rita. It may work, it may not. I would like to see the idea modeled," said Arkin.

Asked about dissension on the current council, Arkin replied, "I get along with every-

He doesn't think there is anything wrong with someone using his or her title when working on non-city projects. He also doesn't object to councilmembers advocating for what they believe in. "I don't think it's good to hamper someone from doing what they are passionate about. If the community doesn't like what the person is doing, they will let that person know.

As to the future fiscal health of the city, Arkin said he hasn't studied the issue in depth. "I don't think development adds that much money to the general fund. An application fee is \$2000. We spend more than that in staff time. The fees paid by development are based on a nexus. Those fees pay for the infrastructure to support that development. Most of the city's money comes from property and sales taxes.

Business plays a vital role," he declared. The city needs to attract businesses by being business friendly. He would look at all aspects of city government to see how permit and approval processes might be streamlined. Arkin would like to put a process in place that tracks how long it takes to accomplish various tasks in the city. That information could be used to increase efficiencies, he explained.

Arkin said he would like to see the civic center redeveloped. There are no high value or historically important buildings on the site. He would prefer to see the performing arts center proposed for the Bernal property built within the civic center, facing Main Street. City hall could be built next to it. By sharing a foundation, both could be built at a lower cost than if they were constructed separately, according to Arkin. One reason he would like to move the performing arts center to downtown is because of the height of the building. He does not want to block the views

on the Bernal property. Another issue he raised has to do with senior transportation. In talking to seniors, he said he has been told they aren't happy with the situation. Currently, all of the bus routes go to BART. Seniors have to change buses. Arkin says there is a need for a line that goes between hubs such as the hospi-

tal and the mall. Arkin conceived and coauthored Measure V, which was approved by voters. It does not allow any more housing to be built on the Bernal property. He has also led and collected signatures for referendums to protect neighborhoods from what he describes as poorly conceived development projects.

He says he has spent the last ten years protecting the hills and open space around the city and will continue to do so, if elected.

He is a public school volunteer and a ÝMCA volunteer.

Arkin has a degree in electronic engineering and an MBA degree. He holds thirteen US Patents and is a published author. He works as the Director of Hardware Engineering at a semiconductor equipment company in Milpitas.

He is endorsed by former mayor Tom Pico, and city Cindy councilmembers McGovern and Matt Sullivan.

CHERYL COOK-KALLIO

is a first time candidate. However, she is not a novice when it comes to campaigning or knowing how government works. She says she has been politically active in campaigns and government since high school. She teaches government at Irvington High School in Fremont and has also been the coach of the We the People team there, a competitive civics class.

Cook-Kallio says she is proudest of the number of kids who leave her classroom and become politically active.

She says she decided to run for city council because of her passion for public service. "There is an open seat. I think I'm a clear choice. No matter what happens, when you get an alternate voice it leads to valuable discussions on the council," Cook-Kallio commented.

She believes she will play the role of a consensus builder to

"help shape Pleasanton's future." When it comes to affordable housing, she says she wished she had a magic wand. "It would help if Pleasanton complied with the state levels of housing and rezoned land to accommodate affordable housing.

She believes it is important to provide housing. Residents will have to make a certain amount of sacrifice in deciding where to put the city's resources. "A community is only as good as how it treats its most vulnerable citizens," she stated. She added, "As a mother, I am worried that my children will find it difficult to come back and live here.

Cook-Kallio believes it is particularly important to provide housing for citizens who serve the community, such as firemen, police and teachers.

She would not exceed the housing cap. It was approved by the people and can only be changed by referendum. "I believe it was established because people don't want sprawl. With a cap you have to be very careful what types of homes you build."

Rezoning is likely to be a part of the general plan update process, a process that is moving very slowly. Cook-Kallio believes that with the election there is a potential the nature of the council will be changed. There may be an opportunity to move forward more quickly.

When making decisions, it is important to have all the stakeholders involved. However, there is a point where the council should understand the issues and make a decision. "You aren't going to make everyone happy. It is the council's job to look at what's best for the whole city.'

Cook-Kallio would keep the Stoneridge Drive extension in the general plan. It will be built at some time, she contends. "People who live there were aware of the plan when they purchased their homes. When you favor one neighborhood, you disfavor other neighborhoods."

Traffic is going to come into Pleasanton. People from outside the community work, shop and dine here. There are only two viable routes to Livermore - 580 and Stanley Blvd. Not all of the traffic is cut-through, she pointed out. People who live in Pleasanton drive to other destinations within the city adding to conges-

The city may want to rethink traffic patterns. That can't be accomplished by taking things off the table, such as the Stoneridge extension. "It's wonderful to say I'm for a neighborhood. The question is which neighbor-

One way to help traffic flow would be to synchronize the lights, said Cook-Kallio.

She says one of the things she may bring to the council that other candidates won't is her experience with state and federal government and the relationships she has developed at those levels over the years. "I know how the layers of government work. I teach government. I know when to look for local funding sources and when to seek state or federal

monies," she explained. Cook-Kallio added, we need to "play nice" with our neighbors. Traffic is not just a Pleasanton issue. We need to pay attention to what we do so that we don't adversely impact our neighbors.

Senior housing is needed and has to be built somewhere, even

if it is near the Livermore Airport. Cook-Kallio said she had toured Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens, current low cost senior housing, and was struck at how much work needs to be done there. She also found that in some cases there is a six year waiting list for the housing.

"If I could, I wouldn't build anything next to an airport. However, there is no place you can live within a municipality where you won't face a regional impact of some sort. I live near a railroad track. You become adjusted to noises around you. The city has an absolute obligation to minimize the impact of noise on the quality of life," she declared.

When it comes to campaign financing, "It would be wonderful if it worked for everyone. The Supreme Court has said money is speech. If someone has money, you can't stop that person from spending it on a campaign. There are political action committees and independent expenditures. In this current climate, I don't know how you would solve the problem. Incumbents are generally re-elected, because challengers don't have name recognition. That is achieved through cam-

paigning.
"I would like campaigns to focus on discussions of issues, not whether a candidate has 42 signs in one location." She is referring to the fact that some candidates jumped the gun with their campaign signs. They were able to do so, by placing them on ve-

hicles that could be moved every 48 hours. The law allows signs on vehicles.

She has no problem with an elected official using the title of his or her office. She also has no problem with outside activities. Just because you are an elected official, doesn't mean you can't have a personal opinion. Discussing the matter takes the focus off the real issues.

"I wish this campaign were less personal and more about what's important to the community. When someone brings up one or two activities, they forget about the $100 \ good \ things$ an incumbent may have accomplished. And, it's counter-productivity for the community.

The future fiscal viability of the city will be a huge discussion. "People love Pleasanton for the kind of community it is. How to continue to pay for it is the issue. Attracting businesses is one way. Solving traffic problems to make it easy to get in and out of the city is another.

"The permitting, planning process has to be clean and efficient. The city doesn't have to give a business everything it wants in order to convince it to come to the city. There needs to be clear rules so a business can make a decision on whether to come here.

Her issue would be community building. "The kernel is Pleasanton. Our actions or inactions affect our neighbors. I love living in Pleasanton. I want the same quality of life for everyone, to retain what we have here. That takes hard work.'

Cheryl has been honored by the Fremont Education Foundation for Excellence in Education in 2006, Irvington High School's Teacher of the Year 2005, Woman of the Year by State Senator Liz Figueroa 2004, Teacher of the Year by the Sons of the American Revolution 1997. In 1997, Cheryl was also awarded a James Madison Memorial Foundation Fellowship, a prestigious merit scholarship awarded to only one teacher per state each year to pursue a master's degree with an emphasis on the United States Constitution.

Cheryl earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte and her Masters of Arts degree in History from San Jose State University. She holds a teaching credential in Social Science, English, and a supplemental in Spanish. She lives in Pleasanton with her husband John, a retired teacher. They are the parents of four children. Twins Heather and Heidi, graduates of Foothill High School, live out of state. Nathan and Lauren graduated from Amador Valley High School where they both participated in We the People and now attend Chico State University.

Among those endorsing Cook-Kallio Assemblymember Alberto Torrico, State Senator Liz Figueroa, and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. She has also been endorsed by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

DAN FAUSTINA is a third time candidate. He says he is running for council, because he wants to maintain the same great community he was born and raised in for future generations.

"I seek a seat on the City Council to bring the citizen's voice back to city hall. I bring a perspective to this race that no other candidate can claim, and that is one of being born and raised in Pleasanton," he de-

While the council should focus on local needs, there is also a need to build relationships on a regional basis. "It is important to work together regionally so we can lobby for funds for transportation and disaster relief," said Faustina.

He would focus on fixing traffic, because it impacts everyone. Within the city, he would work to time the lights in order to keep the arterials flowing. "There is no reason it should take twenty minutes to drive across town. People won't use surface streets, if the arterials are flowing." He believes that traffic calming devices, such as speed bumps, create more problems. Something that is needed for a small portion of the day to slow traffic impacts residents at other times and on weekends. He would also look at the impacts of traffic calming on public safety, whether they slow response time by emergency re-

sponders. Fixing the freeways comes back to working with regional partnerships. He is pleased to see that process underway through such things as the Triangle Study and Port-to-Port study. The Portto-Port study looks at the movement of goods. "That gets the attention of federal folks. One idea has been to extend port hours so trucks would use the roads at night.

Faustina would like to see 580 widened, and truck lanes built on the Altamont Pass. He would fast track the Highway 84 improvements along Pigeon Pass.

The Stoneridge Drive rightof-way is being preserved. "However, before it is built, there needs to be a lot of work done to improve both local and regional traffic. We are looking at level of service on 580 at the lowest levels. Until there is improvement in the freeway network, I don't want to see any more frontage roads built in Pleasanton," said

Senior housing is proposed for Staples Ranch. Faustina described the plan as a beautiful complex that is much needed. "I support it. At the same time, there is a concern about the noise from the airport. If it were built, the city would have to live with its decision and the noise complaints.

In looking at the progress on the general plan update, Faustina comments, "The general plans is a general plan. The council is getting into too much detail rather than looking at an overall picture. The general plan process has taken way too long. As a result, a lot of other things aren't getting done.'

He believes that the process to update the general plân used in the past was much better. It was a community driven process, rather than council driven. The community created the plan, then brought it to the council for comment. That allowed the council to continue to do its business.

In regard to the land use element, Faustina would support some transit oriented development (TOD). He would scale back on some of the large home developments. On one hand, higher density development would protect open space, observed Faustina. On the other hand, within the business park, the land should be used for business. He would like to see more affordable senior and workforce housing, but would not mix the two.

There are difficulties in providing affordable housing. The city has no control over land value or construction costs. The city should encourage developers who want to include affordable housing in a project. The city could come up with creative incentives, reduce fees, and/or fast track the permitting process for such developments. The city should also seek state and federal funding and work with nonprofits and faith based groups to provide affordable housing.

He pointed to the Habitat for Humanity project in Livermore as an example of what could be done.

He would absolutely retain the housing cap. "It speaks to the will of the majority. The city needs to work on a lot of issues, before it considers expanding the cap, including solving traffic," Faustina said. Any development that pushes the city over the cap would have to go on the

Faustina added, "I'm not a big fan of putting things on the ballot. The council needs to make the tough decisions based on good data and community in-

Faustina thinks the current council has spent money that could have been used for other things. It has also delayed decisions, leading to higher costs.

One example of a project he did not support is the Kottinger Creek restoration. "To me it's not a creek, it's a drainage ditch. The council spent \$1.3 million to make it a creek.

Downtown restrooms approved by the council costs more, because the council delayed its decision, Faustina offered.

In the future, the city will see a shift in revenue focus from development to business revenue. He would look at ways to increase sales and property taxes and business fee revenues. "If we don't have revenue coming in, we will have to start looking at what programs we are willing to

He would be active in attract-

ing and retaining businesses. He says he is referring to all levels of business, not just flagship employers such as Oracle and Biosystems. "There are a huge number of entrepreneurs in the city. My concern is the time it takes to obtain a permit. I would like to create a one-stop shop along with an on-line resource checklist. The checklist would allow those coming in for a permit to know what they have to

bring.
"The small businesses have the potential to grow into bigger businesses. We need to provide the resources and encouragement to allow that to happen," said Faustina.

He says he brings a skill to the council that others don't. "My job is to work with small and midsize companies on employee benefits. I know about corporate budgets and how business works.

Faustina would like to develop a marketing program, record it on a DVD and send a kit with all of the information about the city to businesses who might consider moving to Pleasanton.

When it comes to financing campaigns, Faustina is concerned about how much it cost to run for office. "It is getting to the point where you have to have a lot of money to run, particularly against an incumbent. I don't support a spending limit. You have to allow candidates the opportunity to raise money. I do support complete disclosure of donations," said Faustina.

His big issues is public safety. "The number one priority of the council is to protect the people we serve." Faustina would like to see more focus on planning to deal with all potential disasters including earthquakes, terrorism or a pandemic situation such as the flu.

"Where we are failing is in educating the public. I would like to create a community volunteer organization trained in basic emergency response. There should be programs to educate the public in what to do in the event of a disaster," explained Faustina.

Just as important is having a recovery plan in place. It could take one to three or more years to recover. The city needs to have a plan in place, he added.

In looking at other issues, Faustina said he would also like to see an increase in sports facilities, parks and cultural arts ven-

Faustina serves on the Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission, the Alameda County Human Relations Commission and is president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton. He is also a leader in the Trinity Lutheran Church High School Ministries, and is a volunteer coach for the Pleasanton Junior Football League.

He was the former head coach of the Saint Mary's College Men's Rowing Team – 2001-2004. While at the helm, Dan guided the Gaels to three straight West Coast titles and two top five national rankings.

Faustina earned a B.A. in Political Science from Pepperdine University.

JERRY THORNE was elected to complete the term vacated when Jennifer Hosterman was elected mayor.

Thorne believes the council has a role to play in bringing the community together. "Decisions should reflect the needs of all or our citizens regardless of age, interest or other factors that tend to separate us. This includes decisions related to traffic, housing, arts, and sports, among others."

He says of his experience on the council, "It was everything I expected." Thorne adds that he believes the current council has been successful in focusing on objectives. Five priority projects were selected. There has been real progress made on all five.

Thorne continued, "For the last fifteen months, I have been positioning myself to be of more service to the council. I am scheduled to be the next chair of the Tri-Valley Transportation Committee and the vice president elect of the League of California Cities East Bay. It takes time to establish yourself, so you can be of use to the city.

One area he would like to work on is the development of a finance matrix for the city. It would avoid micro-management on the part of the council. To create the matrix. Thorne would look back at about ten years of spending patterns in the city and include information about what other cities and private industry are spending for similar services. If a department traditionally uses 10 percent of the revenues available, the budget would allocate that level of spending. If the department exceeds that level over a period, it would automatically trigger a review of spending. That would be brought to the council for a policy discussion.

Thorne would also like to put together a ten year strategic financial plan to target revenue streams, how to replace development revenues. One way, he says, would be to attract and retain businesses that would increase the sales tax base.

He would look at sreamlining city processes to help retain the city's economic vitality. It takes too long now to get through the permitting and approval process, according to Thorne.

Affordable housing is one of the tougher issues facing the city, he said. Rezoning land for higher densities would provide an opportunity for affordable housing. At the same time, the rezoning would put the city in compliance with its housing element.

Thorne also says he favors transit oriented development. However, that will require tough decisions about whether the council wants to forego additional development in the down-

If a good project were to push the city over the housing cap, Thorne said the developer would have to take his plan to the voters. "I don't think any member of the council will ignore the housing cap."

With an aging population, the

city does need to provide more senior housing, said Thorne. He said of the proposed Staples Ranch senior housing that the developer has assured the council that the airport noise will not be an issue. "I think it is an issue," Thorne declared. He would work with Livermore and the airport to figure out what to do about noise impacts.

Traffic is an issue that comes up time after time. Thorne says he hears people say that timing stoplights would help. It won't solve the problems, Thorne contends. There needs to be a regional effort to solve the freeway problems. With traffic moving on the highways, there won't be as much cutting through the city.

Thorne would continue to work on the Port-to-Port study, the Triangle Study and make sure highway 84 improvements stay on track. He believes the Port-to-Port study with its emphasis on moving goods will draw federal dollars.

The Stoneridge road extension, Thorne believes, will wind up as an advisory or mandatory ballot measure. He has supported not extending the road.

He pointed out that cutthrough traffic has become an increasing issue with people who live outside the Stoneridge Drive area. Traffic ends up on their streets. Thorne said, "Traffic on a freeway is like electricity. It will find and follow the path of least resistance. We have got to fix 580 to keep the traffic on the freeway.'

When it comes to campaign finance, Thorne believes a candidate should be able to go out and raise the money needed to get his or her name out there. Incumbents have an edge, because their names are recognized by the public. If donations were limited, that could open up running for office only to those with a lot of personal money, said Thorne.

The general plan update is taking a long time. Thorne said it was believed when the process started that it would involve a simple update of a few sections. New elements have been added. There are a lot of changes being made to others. These things take time, he explained.

Thorne believes it is important for the council to work together, that councilmembers are not confrontational. "We need to focus on common goals. There may be different opinions on how to reach those goals. Discussion, working together, is how you reach a majority decision.'

As for outside activities by councilmembers, Thorne stated that everyone has the right to express his or her own view. It is, however, important to be careful in what a councilmember says or does when representing the city. "If I go to a political rally as Jerry Thorne, I can say whatever I please," he declared.

Councilmembers should focus on Pleasanton first, rather than issues of national or international import. Thorne said he is reluctant to bring up issues over which the council has little control, particularly when council meetings go to midnight now.

Thorne is the City Council Liaison to Pleasanton Economic Vitality Committee and City Council Liaison to Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency. He served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for ten years, with two terms as chairman. He was vice chairman of the Pleasanton Energy Committee and helped to develop the new energy element for the general plan.

He is a member of the Livermore Amador Valley Historical Society, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, and Vision 2010 Agricultural lands and Open Space Committee. He successfully led a grassroots community effort to build a 50-meter Olympic pool in Pleasanton. He co-authored the successful Ballot Initiative titled 'Initiative to Save Our Community Park," which has led to the current construction of lighted ballfields on the Bernal Property.

Thorne worked for 26 years with Agilent Technologies and Hewlett Packard Corporation, including: Global Operations Management responsibility for Environmental Engineering and Safety Engineering. He earned a bachelors degree in chemistry and zoology from the University of Tennessee. He has a certificate from The Brookings Institute in Interacting with the Federal Government and took a graduate course in environmental toxicology at the University of San Fran-

He served in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard Officer Corps (1963-1969), reaching the rank of Captain, Artillery.

He is endorsed by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and former Pleasanton mayors Tom Pico and Ken Mercer. He is also endorsed by current councilmember Matt Sullivan, as well as members or the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Civic Arts Commission. He is also endorsed by Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 and the Pleasanton Chamber of Com-

SPORTS NOTES

Livermore Football

 $Livermore\,Youth\,Football\,League\,scores$

from last week include the following: **Livermore Vikings** 6, Clayton Valley 0: John Kuchac had 9 carries for 131 yards. Eddie Horn had 5 caaries for 11 yards and 1 catch for 9 yards Brandon Keshmiry had 6 carries for 61 yards. Kevin Stein had 4 carries for (-2) yards and 1 pass completion to horn for 9 yards. The only touchdown was a 43 yard pass from Gary Chapeta to Brett Wagner. Liver-more had 32 plays for 251 yards of offense to Clayton Valley's 45 plays for 171 yards. John Kuchac and Austin Price each had an interception. Austin Price, Trijohn Tran, Steven Niessen, Max Vazquez and Eddie Horn all had key tackles. Cheerleaders are Linda Castro Ashley Cunningham, Macy Ferrer, Emily Galindo, Allison Hill, Stephanie Hoover, Rachel King, Christa Patron, Amanda Soars, Jenna Zendarski.

Livermore Gladiators offense struggled against Clayton Valley Falcons. Malik Pruitt, Nick Arnold and Christian Techiera all ran the hall hard for the Gladiators.Providing outstanding efforts on defense were Ryan Barnes, Aezon Fernandez and Garrett Hart. Nick Stanley, Christian Garcia, and Tyler Gonzales also played well.

Junior Midget: Two undefeated teams met Saturday at Granada High School, the Livermore Norsemen and the Clayton Valley Falcons. Kevin Kutchera started things off fo the Norsemen with an interception. Livermore would see the end zone first. In the 2nd quarter Walik Gilmore had a 30 yard run, setting up a 9 yard rushing TD for Diquan Madison, only to have it called back because of a holding penalty. Livermore's Jeremy Mata would then attempt a 30 yard field goal that failed. Livermore's offensive speed proved to be too much for the Falcons's. Walik Gilmore would score in the 3rd quarter on a 28 yard run, Mata's PAT was good and Livermore was on the board 8-0. In the 4th quarter Livermore's defense was sparked by an interception by Cameron Sawyer. The Falcon's could not adjust to Livermore's defense led by Zach Pursch, Blaine Call, Luc Hamilton, Damariay Drew and Jordan Moss. The Falcons would fall to the Norsemen 8-0 in their first meeting of the year. Livermore

head's to Deer Valley Saturday 4-0. **Pee Wees:** The Livermore Warriors defeated the Clayton Valley Falcons 6-0 in Pee Wee action. In an extremely hard-fought defensive hattle, the Warriors made two goalline stands in the first half to deny the Falcons. In the fourth quarter, Jake Williams connected on an 18 yard touchdown pass to David Moffitt for the winning score. The Warriors defense dominated with interceptions by Ben Sawyer and Rio Castillo, and a fumble recovery by Kevin Coburn. The Warriors improved to 3-1 with their third shutout of the

Pleasanton Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League scores: Senior Contact: Dolphins 32, Titans 0: Max Kurth ran for 126 yards and 2 touchdowns, and David Camarena ran for 1 TD and passed for two more, as the Dolphins beat the Titans 32-0. The touchdown passes were caught by Rees Curtis and Patrick Gibbons, while fullback Kevin Lois added extra fire power to the running game. The defensive line of Anthony Viveiros. Brandon Herbert. Nate Vincent, Michael DeVivo, and Austin Haire was relentless, registering their second defensive shut out, as key interceptions were picked off by Keoni Sanchez and Brian Hill. Michael Flores and Hill led the way with 4 solo tackles each, and Tanner Clark and Kurth both made

recoveries of Titans fumbles.

Steelers 44, Bucs 14: The story of the game for the Bucs was tailback Carson Ewanich who ran for 174 yards and a touch down. Offensively, the Bucs played very well as they consistently moved the ball downfield with a balanced attack. Quarterback Stuart Cooper was 5-11 for 90 yards. Cooper also had a touchdown on a short run and he ran in a two-point conversion. Cooper's main target in the passing game was Brandon Arace who had two spectacular catches for 50 yards. Fullback Codey Heidebrecht added 28 yards rushing. The Bucs offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage as they repeatedly opened up holes for the running game which gained over 200 yards. The line repeatedly sprang Ewanich loose into the Steelers sec ondary and it consisted of center Steve Duarte, guards Sean Vanlandingham and Tory Ziemer, tackles Drake Rivenes and Evan Gum, and tight ends E. J. Hand and Nico Tornaghi. The Bucs defense had a tough game but linebacker Henel i Kailahi made three tackles and he

Pleasanton Rage

The Pleasanton U-16 Rage Premier racked up two more victories and remains in first place in the Golden State Soccer League. In the five league games so far, the Rage has scored 25 goals and have only given up three. This talented team is rated ninth in the nation, third in the Western United States, first in Northern California and ranked second in the

The Rage U-16 Premier defeated the Bay Oak Bombers by the score of 4-1 at the College of Alameda. Despite a "bunker" defense, a tactic the Bombers used that at detense, a factic the Bombers used that at times had eight defenders lay back on defense in front of their goalkeeper. The Bombers looked to play offensively only by launching long balls to the two sole attackers on offense. This tactic worked well for the first half of play as the Bombers held the Rage scoreless. In the second half, the patient Rage played like the more skilled team with more possession play, while showing some nice thoughtful moving off the ball. The Rage hit seams to get through the bunker defense to score their goals. Amanda Luxford passed the ball to Rachael Clark off a set piece to start the Rage scoring in the second half. For the second

scoring in the second half. For the second Rage goal, Carlee Payne scored with an assist by Megan Jurado. Payne scored the third goal unassisted while Jurado scored the final goal.

The Rage defeated the Mustang United of Danville by the score of 6-0. The Rage defenders lead by Sam Cloutier, Rachael McGlinchy, Ashley Loughmiller, Clark and Luxford limited the Mustang United attack to few offensive opportunities effectively giving goalkeepers Maddie Fox and Alexa Douglas the afternoon off. Asha Smith scored the first two goals; one of which was assisted by Carlee Payne. Megan Jurado then scored with Carlee Payne. Megan Jurado then scored with an assist from Amanda Luxford. Carlee an assist from Amanda Luxtord. Carlee Payne scored the final three goals of the game, one of which was off a beautiful combination of passes from Smith and Jurado.

The Rage Premier AC under 12 team travaled to A paneda and bettled the Bay Oaks.

traveled to Alameda and battled the Bay Oaks Gold club to a scoreless tie. Rage defenders Laura Byron, Jessica and Nicole Swinkels knocked the Bay Oaks forwards off the ball time and time again. Despite strong indi-vidual efforts from forwards Nicole Heller and Julia Rogers, the Rage was unable to get any type of offense generated in the first half. In the second half, play was mainly controlled by Rage midfielders Haley Jackson, Lauren Hayashi, and Jessica Chen, who kept the ball in the offensive end. Danielle Roe and Alaina Lirban each made impressive runs. The best urban each made impressive runs. The best scoring opportunity of the day was generated by Nicole Heller, forcing the Bay Oaks goalie to make a nice stop. Rage goalie Payton Thomas was perfect in the first half and Brooke Quesinberry matched that performance in the second half.

Game two of the weekend was a very fast paced and well played match, in which the Pleasanton Rage suffered a 3 to 0 loss to the

Pleasanton Rage suffered a 3 to 0 loss to the Mustang Blast. The play of forward Nicole Heller and goalie Brook Quesinberry was exceptional. Brooke allowed only one goal

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off a corner kick late in the first half. Nicole applied pressure on the Mustang defenders. Despite allowing three goals, the defense was once again strong. Laura Byron, Laura Klein, Shannon Malindzak, and the Swinkels (Jessica and Nicole) did a good job turning back

the Mustang offense.

Top Offensive Players: Nicole Heller,
Danielle Roe, Alaina; Urban Top Defensive
Players: Laura Byron, Shannon Malindzak,

Rage Division 3 U12 defeated the Mustang Sharks 1 to 0. Another outstanding game by the entire team. With only two shots on goal the defense played great. Sydney Ruegseggerscored another goal with an assist by Oliva Climent. Top Offensive Player: Sydney Ruegseger; Top Defensive Player: Linden Allon

Pleasanton Rage U14AC posted a hard Pleasanton Rage U14AC posted a nard fought 2 to 1 loss to a strong Dublin side. Dublin used its size and speed advantage to keep pressure on the Rage side of the field throughout the game and produce numerous good scoring chances. Several brilliant saves by goal keeper Heidi Johns kept this one close until the Rage found its offense. The Rage until the Rage found its offense. The Rage finally broke through with a powerful left footed blast from Blair Stiers from 30 yards. In a game where the defense was under constant pressure, the back line of Sarah Court, Caylee Heller, Erin McGillivray, and Jenica Holt held strong. Brittney Guillory, Allie Rodriguez, and Celia Ochoa had some good runs on offense while Samantha Bieler, Lauren Goeppert, and Casey Curtis connected on some nice balls from the midfield nected on some nice balls from the midfield.

Pleasanton Rage U14 AC suffered a tough 3 to 1 loss at the hands of a very physical ACC Mavericks team. The Rage controlled play but were unable to convert on early chances. ACC got the scoring started in the 30th minute and then added two more goals the assist. Ari Gordon, Amanda Kalbarczyk, and Vanessa Medina each had some close scoring chances in the front while Caylee

Heller, Brooke Brown, and Sarah Court posted a strong back line with efficient clears. Rage Division 3 came up on the losing Rage Division 3 came up on the tosting side of two very close games against the Mustang Eagles and the Newark Evil Cheetahs. On Saturday the girls faced the mighty Mustang Eagles. The Rage came out strong and matched every move of the Mustangs. An unintentional handball inside the penalty box gave the Mustangs a direct kick and an early gave the Mustangs a direct kick and an early lead in the first half. The Rage defense came back stronger than ever in the second half. The Eagles, scored in the last 5 minutes, sealing the deal with a 2 to 0 victory. Next, the Rage met up with the Newark Evil Cheetahs in Newark. The Rage dominated play the entire game, but despite multiple shots at goal, were unable to place one in the net. In the last 5 minutes of play the Evil Cheetahs scored. Although the Rage never gave up, taking 2 additional shots in the last 4 minutes, they were still unable to score resulting in a 0 to 1 loss against the Evil Cheetahs. Top 1 loss against the Evil Cheetahs. Top Offensive Players: Kayla Bautista, Molly Grozier, Bailey Downum and Paige Hughes; Top Defensive Players: Olivia Brown, Lauren Fan, Claire Hickel and Danielle Leedeman.

The Pleasanton Rage U13 girls used clean passes and crisp ball control to come away with a 3-1 victory over the San Ramon Stingers in this weekend's soccer action. The Rage got on the board when Stephanie Little crossed a pass into Kelly Parsons for her first goal of the season. The Stingers would tie the game up at 1-1 before the halftime whistle. Rage's second goal came with Kelly Parsons chipping to Jessie Hopson who passed to Danielle LaMarche for the score. With 10

Danielle LaMarche for the score. With 10 minutes left to go, Kelly Parsons scored her second goal of the game.
Other soccer action for the Rage saw a 3-2 loss to the Mustang Magic. Rage played hard with goals coming from Stephanie Little, Aria Crawford, and Jessie Hopson. Credit the assists to Danielle Homan, Stephanie Little, and Danielle LaMarche. Top Offensive Players: Kelly Parsons, Stephanie Little, Jessie Hopson, and Danielle LaMarche; Top Defensive Players: Aria Crawford, Megan

Defensive Players: Aria Crawford, Megan Ash, Megan Clark, Autumn Whitney. The Pleasanton Rage U15 Division 1 AC team staved at home for their lone game of the weekend. They matched up against the ACC Mavericks and came away with a 2-2 tie. The Rage started the scoring early in the 12th minute on a beautiful pass from Ailsa Smith, deep into the right corner. Page Robertson ran onto the ball, and crossed it to Danielle Paxton. Paxton drove the shot to the far post for the score. The Mayericks came right back in the 15th minute with a goal of their own, leaving the halftime score at 1-1. Once again, the Rage started fast in the second half with a goal in the 44th minute. Julia Frizzel a goal in the 44th minute. Julia Frizzel crossed the ball left to right to Robertson, who scored the go ahead goal. The Rage held onto their lead until the 58th minute. ACC Mavericks scored the tying goal and the game remained tied until the final whistle.

The Rage U14 players faced off against a determined San Ramon team this weekend, beating them 2-1 in an action-filled contest. The first Rage goal, by Madeline Weber, was a perfectly placed chip shot from well outside the box. The second goal, scored by Ellie Kim, came off of a beautiful crossing shot by Niki Gotelli. Chelsea Lowenstein and Kristen DesPrez provided their team with multiple scoring opportunities; Emma Caswell and Meaghen Kirchner supported the offensive strategy with effective and efficient defense.

Pleasanton Rampage U19 Travelling
Div IV, despite out shooting both of their
opponents this weekend, managed only a
split, falling 4-3 to the Livermore Extreme
and defeating the San Ramon Jalapenas 2-0.
In defeating San Ramon, the Rampage
went scoreless in the first half despite out

shooting their opponent by a 5-1 margin.
Pleasanton broke through in the second half. Katie Voss took control near midfield and played a through ball deep into the San Ramon end. Marissa Klei took a shot that

dribbled by the backpedaling keeper who got a hand on the ball, but couldn't keep it from crossing the line. For the second goal, corralled the ball and lofted a perfect shot. Despite a hat trick from Klei in the first half against Livermore, the Rampage couldn't overcome a couple of bad breaks and their own overcome a couple of bad breaks and their own fatigue and the Extreme snuck away with a win. Voss was once again the catalyst for a Rampage score, setting up Klei. Klei's second goal came a few minutes later. Brittany Leal won the ball at midfield and hit a through ball the Klei ran onto to the goalie's left. Klei deftly went far post and the goalie was helpless to stop the shot. The third goal of the half came on a give and go between Klei and Elaine Brogna. Klei got the ball back from Brogna on the left side in the box and ripped a left footed shot near post that found the net. After closing the score to 3-2, Livermore knotted the game at 3 on a Pleasanton own goal. The Rampage had several great scoring opportunities, most notably by Klei and Voss, but couldn't convert and Livermore scored with 30 second conventions.

convert and Livermore scored with 30 seconds remaining to take the 4-3 win. Pleasanton Rage U19 Orange played the San Ramon Impact for the first time on Sunday afternoon, winning 4 to 0. Four minutes into the half, Heidi Larsen shot one minutes into the half, Heidi Larsen shot one over the goalkeeper's head off an assist by Catrina Cruger. Rage's second goal came 25 minutes into the half as Megan Gomez made a run up the left side of the field and again found the upper right corner of the net. The 2nd half again saw excellent play from both offense and defense, with Melissa Sheehan scoring off a corner kick, 4 minutes into the half, and finally Jamie Thurman, left-footing the ball into the goal at 31 minutes. Rage played strong defense, as well, keeping the Impact to 2 shots on goal, which goalkeeper LeeAnn Meyer had no trouble saving to keep LeeAnn Meyer had no trouble saving to keep the shutout. Top Offensive Players: Megan Gomez, Heidi Larsen, Jamie Thurman, Melissa Sheehan; Top Defensive Players: Lindsey Ellison, Margie Blidy, Kerry McCulloch, Alex Martin, Hannah Roberts.

The Pleasanton Rage AC under-13 girls soccer team battled hard for their 2-0 win over Newark Freedom on Sunday. Haley Boehmer fired the ball at the goalie for the first score. The final goal was scored when a sho by Jessica Morosoli rebounded off the keeper and Gabriella Perko was there to finish it off. Danielle Abramovich, Elisa Verita, Haley Paxton, Jessica Klahr, Arielle Siegel, Tori Hausman, and Ashley Jenezon kept the ball in Rage half of the field, while the stellar defensive play of Nicole Santana, Olivia Zhu, Sydney Okumura, Nicole Torquato, Jillian Beck, Malia Ryan coupled with the great saves by goalie Carly Boehmer led to the Rage AC shutout and win over Newark

DIVISION 4 Under-12: Boomerangs continued their excellent streak by tying this game with Broncos. Both team played great soccer with excellent spirit. Anisha tied the game by scoring the goal for Boomerangs. SCORES: Broncos 1, Boomerangs 1; Bobcats 2, Black Panthers 3; Banshees 2, Black Widows 4; Bure javs 4. Barracudas 0: Bandits 0. Buc-Pantners 3; Bansnees 2, Black Widows 4; Blue jays 4, Barracudas 0; Bandits 0, Buc-caneers 1; Blasters 6, Big Dawgs 2; TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Anisha, Shelby, Boomerangs; #14 Kourtnie

Ahisia, Sheiby, Boomerangs; #14 Kourtnie Si Cam, #9 Lauren Copenhaver, #8 Miranda Boyden, Bobcats; Kyra Costa, Danielle Sullivant, Nikki Van Wagner, Black Wid-ows: Victoria Rudolph, Jamie Suk, Kelly McDeavitt, Barracudas; Anna Wishnowsky, Kylie Kruger, Sara Akenhead-York, Bandits; Heather Dean, Ellen Ouyang, Jessica Jayson, Blasters:

TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Shreya, TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Shreya, Cheyenne, Megan, Boomerangs; #7 Annaliese Miller, #11 Hailey Duniphin, #16 Tara Ross, Bobcats; Caitlin Newman, Meher Pahwa, Laura Van Wagner, Black Widows; Stephanie Villegas, Kevie Bouvaird, Micaela Hughey, Barracudas; Karissa Souza, Kara Carlstrom, Andrea Bright, Bandits; Sara Gieinger, Julie Martin, Maddie Wu, Blasters:

Under-10: Great passing between Cassidy Under-10: Great passing between Cassidy Hager and Annelise, a consistently strong offensive player, scored the goal for the Jammers. SCORES: Jack Rabbits 1, Jammers 1; Jaguars 2, Jellybeans 1; Jungle Cats 1, Jewels 1; Jokers 3, Jitter-

bugs 0; TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Cassidy TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Cassidy Hager, Annelise Dutcher, Jammers; Racquel Nino, Angelina David, Erica Meier, JellyBeans; Izzy Perlman, Kiki Kramer, Connie Kim, Jungle Cats; Katie Grant, Erin

Connie Kim, Jungle Cats; Katie Grant, Erin Walsh, Jitterbugs;
TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Sarah Thielen, Brianna Walters, Jammers; Elizabeth Castillo, Sara Banks, Neha Nirkondar, JellyBeans; Mary Glenn, Abbie Matsusaka, Maddie Jackson, Jungle Cats; Kate Klein, Jenna Reitsma, Jitterbugs;
Under-9: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Priya Kallu, Jocelyn Sahagun, Kelly O'Neill, Polka Dots; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Saoirse Dwyer, Aurelia Escobar, Caroline Morris, Polka Dots;
Under-8: A very exciting game with lots

Under-8: A very exciting game with lots of goals! The Mad Dogs showed some great dribbling and passing skills. TOP OFFEN-SIVE PLAYERS: Ariana Nunos, Isabel SIVE PLAYERS: Ariana Nunos, Isabel Skinner, Allison Andre, Mavericks; Jessica O'Neal, Gabriella Sanchez, Christie Quinn, Mad Dogs; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Madison Soble, Maci Manos, Tori Garcia, Mavericks; Gemma Schiaffino, Alexandra Scrabas, Soskis, Advase, Mad Dogges,

Sanchez, Sophie Adams, Mad Dogs; **Under-7:** Goals by Allison Sanchez and Karlee Schweitzer (Teddy Bears). TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Allison Sanchez, Karlee Schweitzer, Reilly Bowman, Teddy Bears; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Madeleine Dierickse, Kiley Grundstrom, Teddy Bears;

Under-6: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAY-Under-6: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: Mary Tincher, Lacey Hicks, Dolphins; Madeline Granucci, Grace Himsl, Gianna Lyng, Divas; Kayla Baughman, Alyssa Serrano, Dribblers; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Molly Griston, Lilly Fehrmann, Dolphins; Jessical Maloney, Divas; Addyson Mapes, Abby Smith, Dribblers; Flight Under-14: The O-Sixers were led by a balanced offense and a tenacious defense in their 4-1 win over the Earthquake. Sarah

in their 4-1 win over the Earthquake. Sarah Jupina, Emily Diggins, Sofia Castaneda and Jaclyn Strom scored the Sixers' goals. The strong defense held off the Earthquakes until the dying minutes of the game. Sylvia Cooley, Mary Gruen, Taylor Dorsey and Janelle Beasley led the Sixers defense smothering the Earthquake attack throughout the

Earthquakes 4, 0-sixers 1; The Crush 1, The Heat 0: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Emily Diggins, Sarah Jupina, Sofia Castaneda, 0-sixers; Nicole Zalewski, Erin Araj, Allison Walker, Crush; TOP DEFEN-SIVE PLAYERS: Sylvia Cooley, Mary Gruen, Taylor Dorsey, 0-sixers; Sammy Hoffman, Kirpa Wirk, Lauren Ançora, Crush;

Flight Under 12: The Hotshots gave a tough performance Saturday keeping the ball on their opponents side most of the game. Strong opening in the first half allowed Jennifer O'Neill to make the first point of the Jennifer O'Neill to make the first point of the game. Madisen Ivensen and Dani Comito provided an impressive performance for the Hotshots, each aiming for the net of their opponents. Awesome defense by Johanna Gauer, Natalie Cook, and Kennedy Poplawski. Each the girls did an impressive job blocking attacks and passing the ball to the offense and midfielders. The Hotshots played a superb game, and for that they should all be proud. SCORES: Raging Monsters 3, HotShots 1; Earthquakes 2, Tigers 4: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Jennifer O'Neill, Madisen Iversen, Dani Comito. Hot Shots: Moira

Iversen, Dani Comito, Hot Shots; Moira Andrews, Katie Beliles, Haley Bradley, Earth-quakes; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS. Johanna Grauer, Natalie Cook, Kennedy Poplawski, Hot Shots; Claire Lorenz, Diane

Hadley, Olivia Beuscher, Earthquakes;
Light Under-10: The Bulldogs put out
the Fireballs Fire. Goals were scored by
Samantha Spain, Monica Medor (2), Darby
McLaughlin, Bridget Beck, Rachel Barta (2)
and Jonae Arias. Defensively Sydney Nethery
and Isabelle Adams contributed strong performances consistent with the offense

and Isabelle Adains Controlled Wrong per-formances consistent with the offense. SCORES: Bulldogs 8, Fireballs 1; TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Monica Medor, Rachel Barta, Bridget Beck, Bulldogs; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Sydney Nethery, Leabelle, Advant Bulldogs, TOP

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Sydney Netnery, Isabelle Adams, Bulldogs;
The girls played an excellent game today. DeLaney Soble and Sarah Jeffery made their first goals today, maneuvering the ball with precision down the field as the team rooted them on. Grace Skinner played excellent defense as she knocked the ball out of the way of the same state to the same state of the same st

detense as sine knocked the ball out of the way of the opposite teams goal when it was just within reach of the goal. SCORES: Dolls 14, Dribblers 1; TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Kira Broacha, Sara Jeffery, DeLaney Soble, Dolls; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Grace Skinner, Lily Manos Leila Shafi Dolls: Lily Manos, Leila Shafi, Dolls;

Livermore Elite Soccer

The Livermore Elite U-10 Clash won two more Al Caffodio games this weekend as they swept Ballistic Black 2-1 and the San Ramon Diamondbacks 2-0.

In Saturday's match against Ballistic Black of Pleasanton, the Clash offense looked lackluster in the first half as Black dominated possession. Led by Mike Brooks, Livermore's defense held Ballistic at bay until a late first half goal gave Black a 1-0 lead. Regrouping during the break, the Clash equalized in the 32nd minute as Ryan Ball scored during a scramble in front of the goal. Livermore kept up pressure throughout the second half only to be denied time and time again by the stubborn Ballistic defense. With only two

minutes left in the game, Diego Plascencia won the game for Livermore with a high shot from outside that found the net.

Sunday morning brought San Ramon to
Livermore to meet the Clash. The Clash battered the Diamondback goal with shot after shot throughout the first half, only to reach the break knotted in a 0-0 tie. Five minutes into the second half, Livermore broke through with a Diego Plascencia goal on some clever interior passing among the forwards. Donnie Buchanan scored on a powerful low shot in the 48th minute to make owerful low shot in the 48th minute to make the final 2-0. On defense, Tommy Earle played season-high minutes at fullback for Livermore, anchoring the Clash defense as it recorded its sixth shutout.

The Livermore Elite Lightning U-12, **Division 3** came out short in spite of a gutsy effort, holding the Mustang Storm to a single goal scored early in the game. Leading the Lightning assault with shots on goal were Tyler Ellis, Daniel Toscano, Jose Zavala, and Morgan Melendrez, with Hugo Guerrero aiding in forward support. Playing well up the sides were Christopher Sund, Jason Stearns, and Ricky Martinez, while Jeff Gellerman helped control the center midfield. Playing forceful defense were Gerald Cuyle, Cody Martinez, Lee Wood, Justin Moore, and Jeoner Tristan Louis. and keeper Tristan Lewis. The game was exciting to the very end, with the Lightning

never losing intensity.

In their second weekend game, the
Lightning stough play continued against the
powerful Pleasanton Ballistic. The two bowerful Fleasanton Bailsuc. The two teams battled scoreless for the first 53 min-utes. Then, Daniel Toscano came up with the ball from the top of the midfield, dribbling to the top of the box, and shooting. Claiming another Lightning shutout was goalie Tristan Lewis, and defenders Cody Martinez, Lee Wood, Jeff Gellerman, and Justin Moore, who made key blocks, along with defender Ricky Martinez and Morgan Melendrez. Offensive Lightning teammates Hugo Guerrero, Jose Zavala, Jason Stearns, Tyler Ellis and Cheistober Scual setzibat Jeff Ellis, and Christopher Sund contributed to

Livermore Elite Legacy U-16 Division 1 played a skillful game against Hayward, winning 6-1. Melissa Lamb beat the defender winning 6-1. Melissa Lamb beat the defender and passed the ball infront of the goal, which the defender kick in scoring the first goal. Hayley Swanson beat her defenders, passed the ball to Brittnay Shiraki, who scored the second goal. Later, Jessica Foster crossed the ball to Rachael Butler who chipped the ball into the goal. At the end of the second half, Lamb passed the ball wide to Swanson who Lamb passed the ball wide to Swanson who scored. In the seccond Legacy came out strong scoring two goals. Lamb passed to Foster who scored. The last goal came from a pass from Lamb to Annelise Wood who scored. Defenders Jennie Null, Hailey Howard, Emily Paddack, and Chelsea Herbert played a strong game. Goalies Kelly Calton and Annelise Wood shared the keeper position making key sayes. making kev saves.

The Livermore Roadrunners boys **U12** soccer team won 1 and tied 1 over the weekend. On Saturday they beat the DVSC Black 4-1. The Roadrunners first goal was crossed by Juan Carlos Alfaro and scored by DVSC player. Their second goal was scored on a free kick opportunity. Tanner Turner took the kick, chipping the ball over the defensive wall to Patrick Taylor for a ground shot into the far corner of the net. Turner dribbled in the third goal for the Roadrunners massisted. The Roadrunners final goal was unassisted. The Roadrunners final goal was scored on another free kick taken by Sergio Alvarez and finished by Turner.

On Sunday, the Roadrunners met with the Bay Oaks Earthquakes in a frustrating match that ended in a 0-0 tie. The Roadru-nners dominated the first half of the game, but

were unable to score.

Livermore Rampage U14 girls divi-sion 3 team swept a pair of Al Caffodio league games last weekend when they beat the remont Elements and Dublin Divas. The Rampage are in second place in the standings with a 4-1-0 record. The Rampage were firing on all cylinders, rolling to a 7-0 win over the Fremont Elements. Right forward Olivia Mowry had three goals and an assist while left forward Jennifer Wakefield had a goal and two assists. Katring Kalantar contributed a goal assists. Katrina Kalantar contributed a goal and an assist, Sissi Gonzalez added a goal and Sara Slabaugh, Kelsey Carzoli and Courtney Holsen all chipped in with assists. Super sub Janae Turpin played forward in the first half and broke through for her first goal of the season and then played goalie in the second half to share the shutout with Katelyn Krueger.

The Dublin Divas came to Livermore on The Dublin Divas came to Livermore on Sunday in a battle of two upper division teams. The Rampage jumped out to a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the first half when Olivia Mowry took a lead pass from Jennifer Wakefield and placed a shot in the left corner of the net. The Rampage secured the 3-0 win in the second half when Sissi Gonzalez second off a wild exemple in front of the goal and off a wild scramble in front of the goal and Serena Claudio added her first goal of the season off a rebound when a hard Jennifer Wakefield shot came loose from the Diva goaltender. Rampage goalie Katelyn Krueger completed her fourth shutout in five league ames and has given up only one goal in

games and has given up only one goal in league play this year.

Livermore Crew 97 U9 girls division 1 hosted the Fremont Flash at Robert Liver-more field on Sunday and came away with a 3-0 win. R.J. Atwal opened the scoring for Crew97withanassistfrom Carleigh Thurman. Ashley Arnett scored the second goal and Carleigh Thurman added the third off of a feed Carleigh I hurmanadded the initro of a reeu from Kamryn Lipman. Hanna Beauchamp and Bridget Rittmann split time in goal to share the shutout while Megan Amick con-trolled the midfield for Crew 97.

Livermore Elite Explosion U-12 Division 1 girls soccer team reached the halfway point in GSSL league play this weekend with a record of 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. Livermore Explosion 4, Pleasanton Rage 3. Team passing was the key to Livermore's best offensive effort of the year giving them 2 goals right away in the first half. Danielle Lacombe fed a ball to Audrey Walke who trapped it and assisted to Kassidy Peters who scored Lennie Harmison scored off a perfect scored. Jennie Harmison scored off a perfect cross by Alex Boucher. The Rage fought back and put 2 on the board themselves leaving both teams tied at the end of the first half. Early in the second half, Livermore put goal number 3 on the board when Sierra Cassels number 3 on the board when Sierra Cassels passed to Kaley Olsen whose shot landed deep in the net. The victory insuring 4th score came off another well set up pass combination as Lacombe passed to Olsen who found Karley Luce whose toe attempt was short but Peters was right their to follow it in. Keeper Holly Lamb and backfield players; Kylee Southwell, Gabi Macias, and Jessica Floyd's strong defensive support in the second half gave Livermore the hold they needed to keep the win alive.

win alive.
East Diablo United 3, Livermore Explosion 0. Livermore suffered their first league loss in this early morning match up in Oakley, East Diablo's midfield and backfield were dominant by not allowing Livermore many opportunities at offense. The Explosion defense had to work double time in this match. Rachel Tabaracci, Kylee Southwell, Jessica Floyd and Gabi Macias put their best efforts on the field when the United offensive pressure held momentum for most of the

The Livermore Fury U-11 girls D3 team played two exciting games over the weekend. In the first game against the San Ramon Solar, the Fury started strongly as Beth McCall scored in the 7th minute on a lead pass from Skyler Kriz. Fury midfielders Callie Crowe and Brittany Ahrbeck had some pice ruis into the Solar zone. Defenders nice runs into the Solar zone. Defenders Alison Lau and Nicole Kurian thwarted a number of Solar rushes. Solar evened the

score on a well-placed kick to the left corner of the goal. After a Fury shot on goal, San Ramon countered with a rush down the right ramon countered with a rush down the right side and placed a crossing ball that was deflected into the goal for a 2-1 Solar lead in the 37th minute. The Fury responded with several strong pushes as Amanda Fairclough's long kicks set up shot attempts from Skyler Kriz and Olivia Cabotage. A late goal by the Solar sealed the 3-1 win. I

Solar sealed the 3-1 win. I

In the second game against the Mustang
Stampede, the majority of the play was in the
midfield. Erin Winegarner and Amanda
Fairclough led the hard play by the Fury,
making it difficult for the Stampede to
advance close to the goal. The Fury's
Rebekah Johnson made some nice offensive
nuches. Both defense limited any descent pushes. Both defenses limited any decent scoring opportunities until a free kick from scoring opportunities until a free kick from close range was fired high into the net from the Stampede for a 1-0 lead in the 27th minute. In the second half, Stampede con-trolled the midfield play to keep the pressure on the Fury defense. Goalie Alison Pierson made several key saves to keep the score close. The Fury evened the scored when Morgan Brandt passed to a streaking Kaitlin Dadalt who dribbled in and shot a hard ball that bounced off the Stampede goalie and into the net. Fury defense withstood the challenge until the final minute when the Stampede finally got an open look at the goal and buried a high ball to the back corner of the net for a

2-1 Victory.

The Livermore Crew '95 played a great game against the visiting Pleasanton Rage AC team at Kellman Park, winning 1 to 0. The defense did a fantastic job keeping the ball on the opposing side of the field, and Danika Egelston made a great cross to Hannah Gooby, who put the ball in the back of the part for the only score of the game against a net for the only score of the game against a tough Pleasanton team. Other top players this game— Jenna Hatch, Pooja Patel, Jessica Hopkins, Sarah Franklin, Hayley Grant, Mandy Crabb, Rachel Leonard.

Livermore Crew '95 0 vs Pleasanton Rage Premier 1 - The Livermore Crew '95 gave it everything they had during a rainy game in Pleasanton against the Pleasanton Rage Premierteam before losing 1-0. Despite exceptional defensive play, which kept the ball on the opposing side for most of the same The Craw '85 could not everyeame the game, The Crew '95 could not overcome the tough Pleasanton team, who scored their only goal early in the first half. Both teams demonstrated exceptional ball handling skills despite the wet weather. Top players this game- Brooke Rittmann, Pooja Patel, Jessica Hopkins, Rachel Leonard, Sarah Franklin, Mandy Crabb, Hayley Grant.

Livermore Elite U-10 AC1 Express 3, Using City Parallel.

Union City Barcelona 0: Ryan Ruley scored in the first half with an assist by Dominic Foscalina, and also scored in the second half with an unassisted goal. Dominic Foscalina scored the third goal from an assist by Matthew Dremalas. Tony Jimenez played strong offense for the Express. Michael Rademann played great defense for the Express and Logan Gruidl was solid in the goal.

Livermore Elite Force U15 AC3 5.

Pleasanton Ballistic Black 0: Livermore goals scored by Geo Carbajal (2), Chad Berghoff (1), Nick Crusco(1) and Jonathan Ramirez(1). Assists by Zach Addington Brandon Bauer and Cody Lutz. Peter Mor-

row in goal. **FC Livermore United** 2, Danville Mustang Alliance 1: This early morning game in the hills was a tough match up for both teams. Livermore seemed to be dominating play in the first half. They scored fort where covers the Law Marray side. first when a cross by Jesus Moreno, rico-cheted around in the box until Richie Howard got a solid foot on the ball and put United into the plus column. Danville came back into the plus column. Danville came back strong on defense for most of the rest of the game and put a shot of their own into net in the final minutes of play. Apparently this served as inspiration for Livermore, as they powered up the field determined to score. Cole Martinez put them back into the lead with a classic goal shot and the boys were ready to go again when the final whistle blew. When this games story was told. United When this games story was told, United outshot the Alliance 20 to 8 and keeper Ian Coolbear earned several nice saves. FC Livermore United 5, Fremont Fire:

Another early morning match for the boys saw Livermore starting off quick and advance ing on Fremonts goal several times but, with no results. Both teams played well defen-sively until well into the first half, when a missed penalty shot seemed to pull United together. Jesus Moreno was first to fuel the engine of the goal train with a commanding shot that put them ahead. Soon to follow were goals by Alejandro Sanchez(2), Cole Martinez, Christian Murillo and by games end, Livermore had taken 37 shots on goal

The Livermore Elite Tri-Valley United U-19 B 3 won an exciting match against the Ballastic Black, 1-0. In the middle of the first half, defender Sam Hoppes lifted a long cross half, defender Sam Hoppes lifted a long cross to midfielder Sam Martin who took one touch to control the ball, shot, and scored. What little attacking play got past United's defensive wall of Nate Richardson, Justin Mueller, Sam Hoppes, and Chris Martin, was stopped cold by keeper Jarrod Belsick who turned in an outstanding performance. In the second half, Belsick rose up from a sea of yellow Ballastic players to save a perfectly placed corner kick and kept Ballastic off the scoreboard. Midfielder Jon Bonneti made several crucial plays disrupting Ballastic attacks and keeping Livermore's momentum going.

going.

Livermore Elite U10 AC3 Storm 2, Pleasanton Royals 0: The Storm fought their Pleasanton Royals 0: The Storm fought their way to their first victory Saturday against Pleasanton Royals. Offensive standouts for the Storm were Samantha Sobers, Mary Ellam, Breanna Hernandez, and Grace Naylor. They put pressure on the Royals to keep the ball off of the Storms side of the field. When the Royals passed the half way mark Melissa Allen, Gabrielle Parker, and Ariana Mancieri provided a tough defense to prevent the provided a tough defense to prevent the Royals from scoring. Shannon Rosemark had another great performance in the goal not allowing any shots to get by her. Livermore Elite Storm 0, Danville Mustang Dynamite

Livermore Storm fought another defensive battle against a strong Mustang Dynamite team. Jennifer Chaidel, Rachel Esser, and Britney Turner fought hard trying to bring a win home. While Jessica Casey, Gabrielle Parker and Shannon Rosemank made sure that the Dynamite chances of

made sure that the Dynamite chances of scoring were limited.

The Livermore Elite Titans (U13, Division 1) defeated Walnut Creek Storm 3-2 this past Saturday in league play. The Titans' Michael Kronenberg got the scoring started by feeding a pass to Victor Reyes for the first goal. Oscar Garcia scored the second goal off a deflection from the Storm's goalie and Reyes scored the final goal unassisted. and Reyes scored the final goal unassisted. The Titans had many opportunities to break the game wide open but were able to convert.

On Sunday, the Titans hosted Bay Oaks. Bay Oaks was able to score two goals on set pieces each time due to the Titans getting called for fouls.

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Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soc Club (BUSC) Black under-16 boys Al Cer Club (BUSC) Black under-16 boys Al Caffodio soccer team defeated the Union City Toros 2-1 on Saturday, and lost 3-1 to the Danville Mustangs on Sunday. Ballistics and Mustangs are both tied for 1st with a league record of 3-1. Solid team was play led by goalkeeper Stephen LaCommard, Eric Burnett, Austin Richwood, Patrick Yee, Wills Ches Lusti Davos: and Edward Mike Chen, Justin Dorsey, and Edmund

Hare.

Ballistics started slowly on Saturday against the Toros and fell behind 1-0 by half time. Nathan Roberts jump started the Ballistics by dribbling through several defenders and scored from the 18 yards out minutes after the start of second half. Julio Canaz soon follow with a goal inside the box

Gomezsoon follow with a goal inside the box on a pass from Mason Ridgeway.

Ballistics fought hard against its rival, Mustangs. Ballistics trail 1-0 at half time. Phil Viebeck punch in the only goal from a pass by Roberts.

Ballistic United Premier U10 played a

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Rodriguez. **BUSC Class 1 U16:** After a tough first BUSC Class I U16: After a tough Inst half which left the head referee injured, the second half was broken open by the Vallejo Jr. Mafia team. After many shots the U16 Ballistic United Black lost in a shoot out, Ballistic United Black lost in a shoot out, 4-3. Kenny Hunt scored two for the Pleasanton team with KJ Newbery finishing with one. Great pressure was put on by Andrew Choi, Bobby Regalado, and Matt Donner. Top Offensive Players: Kenny Hunt, KJ Newbery, Kasey Uwakwe; Top Defensive Players: Sam and Joe Clark.

Ballistic United Class 1 U14 beat a tough Castro Valley team 2-0 on Sunday. The teams were evenly matched but Ballistic was able to get the momentum going their way. Deep in the first half, Garret Foster drew a penalty in the goal box. Derek Kanowsky

a penalty in the goal box. Derek Kanowsky took the PK and buried the shot in the lower corner of the goal. In the second half, Ben Ewing scored on a deflected pass by Nick Pereira to seal the win. Demonstrating outstanding hustle and ball control throughthe agree were Lucas Crawbuck. Zach out the game were Lucas Crawbuck, Zach Savoy, and Parker Quesinberry. Keeper Adam Bailey faced seven quality shots, all of which he masterfully saved. Top Offensive Players: Garret Foster, Derek Kanowsky, Ben Ewing; Top Defensive Players: Adam Bailey, Lucas Crawbuck, Parker Quesinberry.

The U15 Ballistic White notched another victory in a commanding 6-0 win over the Mustang United team. With clean passes and crisp ball control, Ballistic quickly went up 1-0 when Ryan Parsons passed a short ball to Cory Thomas who in "bicycle kick fashion" to seed one into the net. Edits Remanian. ion" tossed one into the net. Edris Bemanian crossed to Ryan Parsons who shot it in for a 2-0 lead. It was Edris B. again on the assist to Cory Beck who put it in the goal for his first goal of the year giving Ballistic a 3-0 lead at the halftime whistle. In the second half, actine natural evilistic. In the second natural Edris Bernanian got into the scoring action when Cory Thomas crossed one and Ed put it in. Nik Thompson stormed and fired in a bullet. The Mustang goalie deflected Thompson's try and Ryan Parsons was right. Inompson's try and Ryan Parsons was right there with the finish to notch his second goal of the game. The 6th and final goal from Ballistic came when Tiago Abreu launched a perfect corner kick into the far right corner of the net. Top Offensive Players: Ryan Parsons, Edris Bemanian, Cory Thomas, Cory Beck, Tiago Abreu; Top Defensive Players: Cody Hoster, Bryan Bui, Brian Johnston.

The BUSC U17 continued their roll with a 2-0 victory over Livermore. Ballistic brought the heat early and had some great early opportunities by Jay Guilmart, Brent Cambra, and Tim Gaisor, but the Livermore keeper was on his game. Ballistic finally broke through when Kamron Behzadi found looy. Halim streaking down the sideline Joey Halim streaking down the sideline. Halim sent a great cross Jason Ash, who converted. BUSC continued the pressure but couldn't convert any further in the half. However, Livermore was continually thwarted by the Ballistic defense, led by Kurt (the by the Ballistic detense, led by Kurt (the Blanket) Lenamon and supported by Bryant Dante and Nick Bonham. The second half found more of the same, and BUSC got some breathing room when Eric Lobao and Gaisor played tic tac toe, with Lobao sending Gaisor in Iv1. Gaisor rocked one inside the far post

for the 2-0 final.

Ballistic United U14 beat Heritage Stampede 3-2 in what started as a one-sided game dominated by Ballistic but ended as a real nail-biter. Ballistic dominated the first half, but was able to score only once, Ben Ewing shooting a bullet off a James Metz pass into the goal. A few minutes into the second half, Derek Kanowsky's corner kick was knocked down by Heritage's keeper and then re-bounded in by Jonathan Yankowski. Heribounded in by Jonathan Yankowski. Heritage scored twice in the next ten minutes. Evan Larsen and Eddie Schoennagel were able to prevent Heritage from getting their offense going by clearing the ball at every opportunity. In the last minute of the game, Carret Foster carried the ball into the corner, took a hard shot which Heritage's keeper was able to stop but not hold onto. Simeon Comanescu then came forward and scored the winning goal. Top Offensive Players: Ben winning goal. Top Offensive Players: Ben Ewing. Jonathan Yankowski, Simeon Comanescu; Top Defensive Players: Eddie Schoennagel, Evan Larsen.

The U17 Ballistic Black put it all together as a team in a 1.0 win over Dublin

The U17 Ballistic Black put it all together as a team in a 1-0 win over Dublin. It was a clean but hard fought game, with every pass and ball in the air being challenged. The backfield of Bryant Dante, Willie Berger, Kurt Lemamon, Trevor Dawson, and Nate Weber were rock solid to the final whistle. Jay



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SPORTS NOTES

Guilmart was a beast in the midfield and a handful in the box, almost converting a great header on a direct kick by Lenamon. BUSC broke through in the second half when Eric Lobao drove the right wing and sent a perfect cross to an onrushing Matt Carlucci, whose header redirected past the Dublin keeper. It then became a game of attacks and counter-attacks, but Lobao and Weber combined on

Ballistic Gold U11 grabbed its first win of the season, shutting out the San Ramon Warriors 2-0. Ballistic dominated the first half, with goalie Kevan Knaggs seeing little action. Connor Tait-Mole put Ballistic on the scoreboard with a rolling shot into the goal to put Ballistic up 1-0 at halftime. In the second half, Wesley Rager was perfectly positioned to receive a cross, and he kicked positioned to receive a cross, and he krcked a high shot into the goal to put Ballistic up 2-0. Jeff Snyder almost scored for Ballistic on a direct kick that hit the post, and Nick Goldstein at goalie kept San Ramon from scoring in the second half. Top Offensive Players: Connor Tait-Mole, Wesley Rager; Top Defensive Players: Kevan Knaggs, Nick Goldstein.

U-9A/C Bronze Ballistic Black played the Livermore Elite Dragons in Livermore in a battle of unbeatens. Sam Molz, after a fine individual effort in the opposing end, took a shot which glanced off the post, bounced off a Livermore defender and went into the net for a 1-0 Ballistic lead. The Elite Dragons a guick counterattack and tied the employed a quick counterattack and tied the game at 1-1. Cameron Ritchie of Ballistic made a nice run into the box and sent a nice pass to the left side that found Jack Traube, who slotted home the game winner from about 6 yards out.

about 6 yards out.

The following day, U-9 A/C Bronze
Ballistic Black returned home to face the
Livermore Sharpshooters. Jack Traube opened
the scoring for Ballistic on a fine assist from
Konrad Jurkiewicz. The Sharpshooters tied
the score at 1-1. In the second half, Sam Molz found Cameron Owens, who scored from the left side near the top of the box. Chudi Atuegbu made it 3-1 for Ballistic taking a nice feed from Ryan Racer and making a burst into the penalty area, before scoring on a nice shot. Cameron Ritchie closed out the scoring for Pleasanton when his corner kick deflected off an opposing fullback and into the net. Ballistic stayed unbeaten with this hard fought 4-1 victory. Top Offensive Players: Michael Anastassiou and Sahil Patel; Top Defensive Players: Bryce Veit and Sebastian Perry.

Ballistic United Premier U10 remained undefeated in league play with a 6-1 victory Sunday against FC Fremont Flash. Jeffrey Klei,Sahii Menon,Jason Sarubin Matthew Powell,Alex Krause, Jackson Still, Collin Richardson and Jack Geasa helped lead the offensive charge. The consistant defense of Daniel Payne, Stephen Dougherty, Jeff Klei and Daniel Rodriguez also helped in the win. Top Offensive Players: Jackson Still, Collin Richardson, Jack Geasa, Top Defensive Players: Daniel Payne, Stephen Dougherty, Jeff Klei, Daniel Rodriguez.

Klei, Daniel Rodriguez.

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

Under-7: The Sharks vs. Snakes; Sharks
Top Offensive Players: Logan Still, James
Kroll, Dillan Shackley; Sharks Top Defensive Players: Nicholas Brdar, Kyle Walsh,
Nico Lemoine. Snakes Top Offensive Players: RJ Pennisi, Peter Oh, Matthew
Gummerson; Snakes Top Defensive Players:
Austin Munro, Joshua Molz, Brett Johnson.
The Scornions vs. Stealth. Scontings Top The Scorpions vs. Stealth; Scoprions Top Offensive Players: Brent Gibson, Mark Molz, Offensive Players: Brent Gibson, Mark Molz, Quinn T. Scorpions Top Defensive Players: Matthew Maganini, Joonsung Park, Nick. Fireballs vs. Fighters. Fireballs Top Offensive Players: Tommy Kramer, John Zaine; Fireballs Top Defensive Players: Stephen Dean, Brady Bosuego, Sidewinders vs. Strikers. Sidewinders Top Offensive Players: Mason Bartolo, Paarsa Heidari, Weldon Yang; Sidewinders Top Defensive Players: Ben Thompson, Matthew Johnson, Dyllan Hazen. Strikers Top Offensive Players: Tanner Dantzig, Riley Shields, Colin Coffing; Strikers Top Defen

Shields, Colin Coffing; Strikers Top Defensive Players: Kushaan Bahl, Daniel Jorgenson, Luka Morgan.

Luka Morgan.

The Striker's game started off well with a great tackle from Riley Shields and superb passing from Tanner Dantzig and Brandon Kinsey, who scored a goal within five minutes of play. As the game progressed Luka Morgan and Daniel Jorgenson made a solid defears block with some nice tackles man. defense block, with some nice tackles, managing to pass the ball forward to the offense.

Tanner Dantzig, Kian Gibson and Colin Coffing continued to make a great team, tackling and passing the ball forward attempting to score at every opportunity. Kushaan Bahl and Colin Coffing both did a fabulous job in goal, saving the few attempts by being constantly on the alert. Under-8: The Marlins vs.Musketeers;

Marlins Top Offensive Players: Nick Carreon, Jordan Reed, Ethan Boone; Musketeers Top Offensive Players: Ben Lombardi, Joey Vasquez, Trevor Bergman; Musketeers Top Defensive Players: Matt Burns, Chase Godi, Peter Freitas. Mustangs vs. Meteors; Mustang Top Offensive Players: Bobby Fjerstad, Sam Cukar, Yanni Karkalemis; Mustang's Top Defensive Players: Joshua Ott, Brendan Englert, Garret Newman Mavericks vs. Maruaders: Mayricks Top Offensive Players: Koedy Baxter, Nicholas Barnett; Mavericks Top Defensive Players: Marcus Toombs.
Marauders Top Offensive Players: Jacob
Lum, Bradley Green, Kaushal Kumbagoidana.
Marauders Top Defensive Players: Jack Miller,
Chris Balas, Owen Markley, Mongooses vs. Mercury. Top Mongoose Offensive Players: Guillaume Fracchia, Jarod Moyers, Jake Perlman; The Mongoose's Top Defensive Players: Colby Gilbert, Blake Tucker, Joe Geasa. Cobras vs. Cheetahs; Cobras Top Offensive Players: Robbie Brumm, Jonathan Pattadis, Echie Schient, Cobras Top De Statistic Habio Salvioni; Cobras Top Defensive Players: Jimmy Kim, Faiz Haque, Stan Luo. Colts va.e Cardinals; Colts Top Offensive Players: Nathan Caluya, Quentin Conboy-Monroe, Gregory Arnold; Colts Top Defensive Players: Paul Meyere, Sabastian Cuwady Vash Chitegopakar.

Conboy-Monroe, Gregory Arnold; Colts
Top Defensive Players: Paul Meyere,
Sebastian Gwozdz, Yash Chitgopekar.
The Mavericks played a tough Maruader
team on Saturday. The Mavericks were led
by Koedy Baxter and Nicholas Barnett, each
scoring goals. Marcus Toombs repeatedly
denied Marauder goal attempt. Jacob Lum,
on a break away; Bradley Green, with a great
shot; and Kaushal Kumbagoidana, with a
center pass from Jacob, each scored a goal for
the Marauders. Bradley Green, Jack Miller,
Chris Balas, and Owen Markley each played
a quarter in goal providing excellent play.
Under 9: Thunder 0, Tigers 1; Top
Thunder Offensive Players: Brady Smith,
Kevin Gubner; Thunder Top Defensive Players: Richie Sahoo, Austin Kim, JJ García.
Dophins 10, Dons 2; Dolphins Top Offensive Players: Geoffrey Wiederecht, Damian
Johnson, Neel Kale; Dolphins Top Defensive
Players: Patrick Murphy, Ryan Yoshikami,
Michael Horton. Daredevils 8, Dynamos 0;
Daredevils Top Offensive Players: Nick
Tucker, Dario Loriato, Adit Shretsha; Daredevils Top Defensive Players: Kyle Genoni,
Brandon Fraga, Cole Morrell. Dynamos Top devils Top Defensive Players: Kyle Genoni, Brandon Fraga, Cole Morrell. Dynamos Top Offensive Players: Jackson Freese, Jarrett Indalecio; Dynamos Top Defensive Players: Michael Jurich. Thrashers Top Offensive Players: Jean Kim, Andrew Bonilla, Bryce Rogers; Thrashers Top Defensive Players: Alexander Simion, Viral Shukla, Joseph Desmond Dragons 2 Dawgs 4; Dragons Top Offensive Players: Shaun Kienhofer, Innes McEntee, Raj Chekuri; Dragons Top Defensive Players: CJ Cassidy, Timmy Wu, Tyler Wineger.

The Dolphins were off to a fast start with

The Dolphins were off to a fast start with 3 goals in the first period. A nice cross by Josh Halperin to Amit Nagdev started off the Dolphins. Neel Kale and Damian Johnson followed up with one goal each. The Dons came back with 2 goals to end the first half. Second half play started with a well placed powershot by Geoffrey Wiederecht. Damian Johnson, Neel Kale, and Georffrey Wiederecht added 5 more goals by the end of the game. Great defensive play by Michael Horton, Josh Halperin, and Ryan Yoshikami. Patrick Murphy had come great sayes in goal A fun Murphy had some great saves in goal. A fun and fast-paced game was played by the

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Dolphins and Dons.

Under-14: Phoenix 1, Pack 1; Predators 2, Phantoms 1; Power 5, Pack 1; Top Offensive Players: Henri Zanker, Andrew Junghans, Eduardo Perez -Phoenix; Titus Norton, Sam Dissels, Melvin Park - Power; Austen Potter, Blake Sell, Iden Yekan -Phantoms; Alex Marjanovic - Pack; Chris Pocs, Luis Castillo, Josh Pickering - Preda-

tors;
Top Defensive Players: Troy Stetson,
Luke Savage, Andrew Black - Phoenix; Brett
Jantzen, Kyle Surber, Adam Johnstone Power; Sam Akacsos, Russell Flock, Alex
Newman - Phantoms; Cliff Woodward,
Brenton Hsu - Pack; Kevin Vicencio, Danny
Pycarki, Lan Kanny - Pradzton.

Rycerski, Ian Kenny – Predators; The Phoenix dominated the first half of the game, with the Phoenix defense (Troy Stetson and Luke Savage) managing to keep the action mostly on the Pack's end of the field and allowing only a very few shots at Phoenix goalie Andrew Black. The second half of the game was more evenly balanced. Troy Stetson in goal managed to save every Pack shot. Henri Zanker scored at the 29rack shot. Helm Zahker scored at the 23-minute-mark from a pass from Gage Sperry to tie the game. Eduardo Perez and Henri Zanker and several good chances. Other good scoring opportunities came from long down-field sprints by Andrew Black and by Matt Jacobe, and from shots on goal by Jeremy Howald and Gage Sperry.

Under-12: Rapids 0, Renegades 0;

Richochet 2, Rampage 1; Rebels 3, Ravens 2; Top Offensive Players: Jassae Virk -Richochet; Kevin McLaughlin, Austin Do,

Richochet; Kevin McLaughlin, Austin Do, Nathaniel Kenny - Rebels; Top Defensive Players: Bailey Roberts, Wesley Bower, Adam Baxter - Richochet; Shri Ghandhi, Noah Rotter - Rapids; Jarrod Poston, Nate McMillin, Anthony Sabatini - Rebels; A very close game with neither teams scoring any goals at half time. Rampage breaks the balance when they score their first goal several minutes into the second half. However, Richochet manages to end the game with a one-goal lead after two excellent goals scored by Jassae Virk.

Under-10: Avalanche 2, Alliance 6; Jetstream 1, Jackals 2; Top Offensive Players: Chase, Dante, Stone - Alliance; Luis Garcia, Jordan Ott, Reed Marques - Jetstream;

Flayers: Olase, Dalne, Stone - Alffance, Luis Garcia, Jordan Ott, Reed Marques - Jetstream; Jake Molz, Alex Baro - Avalanche; Top Defensive Players: Shaurya, Aditya, Robert - Alliance; Luis Garcia, Jordan Ott, Reed Marques - Jetstream; Jacob Gibson, Justin

Alliance maintained their winning streak Allance maintained utel winning streak by winning 5th game in a row. Alliance dominated the entire game. Goals scored by Dante 2, Chase 2, Stone 1, Robert 1. The goalkeepers Alex and Bryce were very tough on the Home team.

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results

from last week:

Boys Under-16 Livermore Sting 1,
Dublin Savages 0- The Livermore Sting ran
their record to 4-0, beating the Dublin Savages 1-0. Battling the elements and a tough
Dublin defense, the Sting were able to scratch
out a goal late in the second half when
Brandon Perry scored on a loose ball in front
of the net. Both offenses were hampered by
high winds, but were able to create scoring
opportunities. The Sting offense led by Alex
Fairclough, Martin Tostado, Kamden
Holcomb and Edgar Munoz created a bal-Holcomb and Edgar Munoz created a bal-anced attack, while Austen Wallis, Wes Hanna, Luis Morales and Justin Triantos kept the defense solid. Goalkeepers Nicholas Ludwig and Leo Gonzalez teamed up for the

Boys Under-14 Lightening 5, Titans 0: Top players Lightening: Cristian Buendia, Kristopher Burk, Bryan Frank, Brandon Johnson; Titans: Kyle Sheppold, Devin

Johnson; Hans: Kyle Sheppolu, Devin Sheppold. Lightening 9, Hot Shots 2: Top players Hot Shots: Ryan Cox, Jon Blea, Mario Putnam, Zach Swinford; Lightening: Henry Jones, Johnathon Lunn, Shyam Patel, Stan

Boys Under-12 West Coast Fury 4, Fuego 3-Zach Harlan, Dakota Scribner, Matt Hergert, Adam Harlan, Eddie Rusniak, Braden Sweeney, West Coast Fury; Gosue Medina, Jose Gonzales, Anthony Garcia, Matthew Cable, Kevin Sweeney, German Zorte, Engos

Matthew Cable, Kevin Sweeney, German Zarate, Fuego;
Falcons 0, West Coast Fury 2- Bobby Griffin, Zach Cantril, Saul Ruelas, Stephan Psarris, Ben Coverg, Ivan Otero, Falcons; Zachary DiGiallonardo, Danny Emerson, Kyle Trask, Tyler Melgosa, Justin Tan, Krishen Bhakta, West Coast Fury;
Blackbayte 0, Thundor 1, Lyrod Pob.

Krishen Bhakta, West Coast Fury; Blackhawks 0, Thunder 1- Jerrod Rob-erts, Joseph Hawkins, Justin Meyer, Franklin Kerstetter, Roman Gerhard, Tyler Persson, Blackhawks; Jeffrey Beaulieu, Sam Brinker, Jesse Farrens, Klayton Brauer, Gaston Oviedo, Robert Pocella, Thunder; Game was tied 55 Minutes in to the game until Thunder scored to win by 1 Goal.

Thunder 6, Dragons 0- Roman Marquez, Rio Orozco, Dario Caliz, Christian Hulbert, William Stewart, Ben Davidson, Thunder; Colby Stoneham, Nicholas Pletschette, Nico Pinelli, Staven Hahn, Trevor

Pletschette, Nico Pinelli, Staven Hahn, Trevor Bradley, Grant Salk, Dragons; Dragons 0, Wolves 8-Colby Stonehan, Nicholas Plestchette, Marcos Casillas, Loren Badillo, Grant Salk, Matthew Ewing, Dragons; Collin Shetron, James Wilker, Jared Dec, Alex Hartley, Chandler Shetron, Chris Hill, Wolves; Both teams played hard and showed good sportsmanship. Lots of action and great teamwork

Boys Under-10 American Eagles 3,
Blazers 2- Ryan Shepodd, Hayden Goldstein,
Joel Iniguez, Sebastian Lopez, Christopher
Moussa, Jake Mitchell, American Eagles;
Kameron Johnson, Vincent Rizzo, Eduardo
Morales, Peter Lalor, Matthew Wells, Eric

Morales, Peter Lalor, Matthew Wells, Eric Hammons, Blazers;

Boys Under-9 Sharks 4, Lightning 4-Dominic Mingione, Harrison Goofd, Brandon Brocklesby, John Estrada, Noah Marcel, Ross Wohlgemuth, Sharks; Luis Ceja, Archie Labine, Gideon Firl, Danial Brynes, Clayton Franklin, Garret Vest, Lightning: Dynamite 0, Pirates 10- Brett Bernstein, Sean Dreger, Sal Opipari, Cameron Nagy, Omar Naisan, Graham Yeremian, Dynamite; Max Pruett, Thomas Triantos, Max Wigginton, Christopher Lassen, Eric Lopez, Devon Shortridge, Pirates;

Aces Wild 3, Blazers 1- Chance Owen, Jacob Parsons, James Yarnell, Aces Wild; Jared Faith, Kyle Tupper, Joseph Villegas, Blazers;

Twistors 2 Stampede 1, Cavin Clements

Blazers;
Twisters 2. Stampede 1- Gavin Clements,
Zabrisky Roland, Hayden Olsen, Nick
Sobrepena, Tim Gibson, Josh Frazier, Twisters; Jeff Baron, Chase Billings, Zach Dunn,
Keilan Field, Justin Ahn, Ryan Bishop,
Stampede; Slammers vs Rockets- John
Reggiardo, Aaron Kawahara, Jacob Dayton,
Slammers; Gabriel Martinez, Kush Patel,
Eric Stamm, Rockets;

Boys Under- 8 Titans vs Red KnightsSam Grossano, DeAndre' Hawkins, DeVonte'

Boys Under-8 Titans vs Red Knights-Sam Grossano, De Andre' Hawkins, De Vonte' Hawkins, De Vonte' Hawkins, Dicholas Ehrhorn, Nathan Fish, Patrick Schwartz, Titans; Tanner Souza, Jack Walker, Caleb Nale, Kevin Ginn, Austin Brester, Dominic Hill, Red Knights; Sting Rays vs Thunder- Kauan Bagatelos, Noah Greene, Mark Foreman, Jack Bouscher, Andrew Preece, Peter Vance, StingRays; Kyle Wright, Joshua Zielinski, Lucas Coppock, Spencer Kramm, Joey Sullivan, Jakob Veilleux, Thunder; Ghostbusters vs Terminators- Connor McCormack, Ethan Aboumrad, Kevin Emerson, Noah Kluball, Kyle Wohlegemuth, Troy Forward, Ghostbusters; Shane Ward, Kyle McKlanahan, William Chacon, Shane McDonald, Harrison Dunn, Brandon Montoya, Terminators: Dragons vs Cheetan Gould Authone Gould Montoya, Terminators: Dragons vs Cheetahs- Joel Gauch, Anthony Garcia, Ryan Myers, Marco Ramirez-Buckles, Joey Lestochi, Brian Zarate(2), Dragons; Nathan Coates, Stevie Mohler, Leo Ramirez, Alexsei Miles, Will Mohler, Nathan Taborocci, Cheetahs; Great White Sharks vs Blue Flames-Quinn Smalling, Nicholas Swanger, Cameron Priest, Bobby Payne Joshua Ruddolf, Leif Greene, Great White Sharks; Aaron Eppstein, Bailey Kemp, Nathan Whinnery, Shaun

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Flames;

Boys Under-7 Cheetahs vs Sharks-Nate
Wilson, Brandin Liu, Joseph Murphy, Kyle
Correia, Colton Casey, Alex Northrop,
Cheetahs; Nick Lloyd, Anthony Orlando,
Jack Perry, Jack Henderson, Cabriel
Msadinich, Tyler Griffin, Sharks; Tigers vs
Goal Miners- Nicholas Bertolucci, Austin
Evernham, Benjamin Schasker, Andrew
Lewis Christian Johansson Tigers: Troy Lewis, Christian Johansson, Tigers: Troy Wentworth, Andrew Walker, Anthony Bar-row, Zachary Stewart, Connor Sweeney, Goal Miners; Hot Shots vs Fireballs-Nico Chavez (3), Victor Quintero (1), Angel Hernandez (1), Ethan Payne, Edward Robles, Sath Davis, Hot Shots: Trevor Bantley (1) Hemandez (1), Ethan Payne, Edward Roblés, Seth Davis, Hot Shots; Trevor Bantley (1), Zachary Kiser (1), Tyler Revay (1), Matt Hargraves, Cody Stearns, Isaac Prachar, Fireballs; Boys Under- 6 Little Rascals vs Thunderbolts- Dominic Shepherd, Zachary Macintire, Logan Greenough, Matthew Reddick, Caleb Hardesty, Frankie Silva, Little Rascals; Dillan Martinez, R.J. Ruckteschler, Gregory Short, Aidan Ackerman, Alec Lewis, Nicholas Puso, Thunderbolts; Tornados vs Hot Lava Dragons-Adam Logadzinski, Cameron McGee, Anrew Choumas, Samiron Bora, Nathan drew Choumas, Samiron Bora, Nathan Downs, Ethan Dregar, Tornados; McClain Minton, Hayden Glasco, Brodie Wolf, Dylan Graham, Ethan Wiesbrod, Jason Widdington, Let Love Descense.

Graham, Ethan Wiesbrod, Jason Widdington, Hot Lava Dragons;

Boys Under-5 Spongebob Soccerpants vs Lightning Bolts- Jake Carmichael, Dylan Silva, Mason Smith, Evan Nystrom, Blake Texeira, Collin Eads, Spongebob Soccerpants; Dylan Rapp, Jacob Peterson, Ethan James, Ethan Montesinos, Michael Gauch, Kaegan Nelson, Lightning Bolts; Spongebob Soccerpants and Lightning Bolts had a great offensive and defensive game. A fun game for all!

Girls Under-16 San Ramon Aristocrats

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Livermore X-Treme X-plosion 3- Julia
hatemi, Corinne Kanter, Lauren Jentz, Natalie Ball, Megan Fracolli, Amanda Calderon, San Ramon; Paige Anaya(2), Kylie Siebert(1), Jennifer Ross, Kaila Domnick, Kat McGowan, Emma Folta, Livermore;

Kat McGowan, Emma Folta, Livermore;
Girls Under-14 Crossfire 1, Terminators 1-Grace Hockman, Ana Tostado, Shelby
Hamilton, Jackie Maruskin, Indy Pereida,
Crossfire; Brittany Mumford, Angelica
Rodriquez, Stephanie Meloy, Stephany Miler,
Gabriella Aguilar, Terminators; Great team
work and sportsmanshin was consistent work and sportsmanship was consistent throughout the match by both teams. The intensity picked up toward the end of the second half which ultimately ended in a one to one tie when the Terminators made the

to one tie when the Terminators made the final goal. **Girls Under-12** Net Rippers 2, Jaguars
4- Sarah Hepburn, Katie Baron, Meagan White, Shelby McNeil, Net Rippers; Madi-son Bernstein, Christina Guillford, Katherine Orell, Malani Hibbard, Jaguars; Cougars 1, Pink Panthers 0-Stephanie Malohn, Sierra Clark, Stephanie Behnke, Sarah Wilkinson, Ashlyn Tadokoro, Jessica Kendro. Cougars: Sarah Amorin, Jessica

Sarah Wilkinson, Ashlyn Tadokoro, Jessica Kendro, Cougars; Sarah Amorin, Jessica Hallum, Jordan Shay, Ariana Barr, Katherine Braun, Cynthia Hansen, Pink Panthers; Spinning Vortex 0, Tigerblast 3 - Madeline Thompson, Elyse Codiroli, Tai Bal, Jasmine Larkey, Brooke Yarrington, Grace Grim, Spinning Vortexes; Lauren Boultier (2), Hannah Stepanek (1), Kristin Pauazzo, Kylie Greer, Siena Trujillo, Brittney Gunderson, Tigerblast; Lauren Boultierscored a goal to break a scoreless tie, The half ended with great defense by both teams. The second half Lauren scored again and Hannah added half Lauren scored again and Hannah added another goal to make the score 3-0 to end the Girls Under-11 Panthers vs Funkv

Monkeys- Sierra Freeland, Hayley Bell, Jordan Gewing-Mullins, Tatiana Hernandez, Kate Wise, Katie Falgout, Panthers; Emily Richards, Kimmie Faulkner, Hana Owens, Macy Williams, Carli Henderson, Anya

Massoud, Funky Monkeys; **Girls Under-10** SnapDragons 0, Bulldogs 3-Olivia Garcia, Jenna Remund, Katie Reddick, Isabel Gonzalez-Velarde, Shelby Rocereto, Mackenzie Moore, SnapDragons; Hannah Bumbach, Juliana Herbeck, Michelle

Hannah Bumbach, Juliana Herbeck, Michelle Huwitt, Madison Richards, Emily Wilson, Katie Valus, Bulldogs;
Angels 1, Xtreme Team 1- Jesse Jaureguito (1), Kelsey Santin, Michaela Storz, Sydney Zambonin, Gianna Donoghy, Hannah Maravelias, Angels; Lauren Miller (1), Keeley Harvey, Danielle Dufek, Jocelyn Hart, Taylor Lewis, Hayley Warren, Xtreme Team; Xtreme Team came out guns ablazing for this fast-paced duel. They led 1-0 at the half. The Angels spread their wings in the second period to tie it up. Great defensive effort on both sides.

second period to tiè it up. Great défensive effort on both sides.

Dynamites 0, Fireballs 7- Annika Landreth, Sarah Swanson, Miranda Lima, Megan Fairbanks, Brianna Lima, Genie Rose, Dynamites; Jamie Dittmore, Lindsey Harmon, Lainey Hibbard, Julia Lee, Riley Greenough, Sariah Baker, Fireballs;

Tomcats 1, Hurricanes 0- Molly Farro, Shruthi Sukir, Taylor Ditzel, Maya Barnum, Kelsie Graham, Alyse Pereira, Tomcats; Skye Stewart, Adilene Ruiz, Gissel Manzano, Madison Gerton, Marely Aumua, Liliana Montes, Hurricanes; Cool

Madison Gerton, Marety Aumua, Lihana Montes, Hurricanes; Cool Cleat Kickers 3, Snapdragons 0-Michele Saunders (2), Shoshana Cohen (1), Samantha Rundle, Taylor Hansen; Taylor Enderlein; Kayla Lindsay, Cool Cleat Kickers; Jenna Remund; Shelby Rocereto, Kirin Bora, Rylie Fields; Ilyssa Shields, Amanda Starsiak, Snandragons;

Snapdragons;
Girls Under-8 Dragonflies vs Soccer Cats-McKenna Buti, Jessica Perez, Lauren Stuart, August Yocher, Kiley Yocher, Alina Coronado, Dragonflies; Kailey McFadden,

Coronado, Dragonflies; Kaíley McFadden, Lauren Sandy, Alejandra Duenas, Tessa Nafzinger, Shannon Blockley, Hannah Larsen, Soccer Cats;

Girls Under-7 Pandas vs Fireballs-Kirsten Sorenson, Lexi Carzoli, Taylor Sullivan, Cosette Bartholomew, Riley Shepard, Lauren Schultz-Godfrey, Pandas; Olivia Volponi, Emily Harrison, Hunter Neu, Andrea Sommer, Amelia Sobrepena, Jenna Jorgenson, Fireballs; Cheetah Girls vs Green Lightning- Allyson Badger, Katie Hinds, Madison Stewart, Tara Collier, Emma Zika, Tessa Mullins, Cheetah Girls; Lauren Green Lightning- Allyson Badger, Katie Hinds, Madison Stewart, Tara Collier, Emma Zika, Tessa Mullins, Cheetah Girls; Lauren Souza, Lauren Fountaine, Kylie Martinez, Katelyn Johnson, Emily Ilharreguy, Sophia Pearson, Green Lightning; Shooting Stars vs Cute Cats- Melinda Miller, Shelynn Holsen, Meghan Giamona, Brianna Claft, Erin Bell, Rachel Jensen, Shooting Stars; Jasmine Currie, Hanna Schormann, Sophia Michaels, Ki Ja Ourdoune, Claire Forgey-Jahn, Katie Carmichael, Cute Cats; Goal Getters vs Crazy Bears- Chloe Brickwedel, Kaylee Brist, Olivia Curtis, Amanda Czapkay, Ashley Geary, Madelyn Krueger, Goal Getters; Jessica Bonfiglio, Kendall Korhummel, Sierra Rose, Alyssa Bonfiglio, Ellie Deuell, Sydney Pournaras, Crazy Bears;

Girk Under- 6Soccer Angels vs Lovely Ladybugs- Emily Turner, Lindsay Harnish, Abby Harnish, Erin Gribi, Mya Waechtler, Soccer Angels; MacKenna Lippmann, Madison Wright, Carly Schindler, Josephine Bretz, Abby Theler, Lovely Ladybugs; Blazing

Abby Theler, Lovely Ladybugs; Blazing Stars vs Strawberry Shortkicks-Rachel Myers, Emily March, Kylie Karter, Victoria Ramirez, Amanda Craft, Bridget Bowe, Blazing Stars; Haylee Kramer, Mary Griffen, Alyssa Silva, Courtney Hayes, Miranda Heckman, Lauren

Courtney Hayes, Miranda Heckman, Lauren Zielinski, Strawberry Shortkicks;
Girls Under-5 Goal Getters vs Soccer Chickies- Jessica Gresho, Sabrina Pertica, Rachelle Stone, Claire Wiedenfeld, Goal Getters; Catherine Linney, Katherine Frost, Jessica Zogaric, Isabella Mayo, Soccer Chickies; Superstars vs Kittens- McKenna Diaz, Claire March, Sara Sommers, Jane Abele, Gracie Dupuis, Jessica Keaney, Superstars; Jaida Carr, Emma Hyde, Gabriella Paneda, Alexa Schasker, Erin Thompson, Skylar Vinson, Kittens; Pink Panthers vs Lif Kickers-Jillian Devine, Laura Marshall, Skylar Vinson, Kittens; Fink Families vs Lil' Kickers-Jillian Devine, Laura Marshall, Eliana Eme, Danielle Groth, Katherine Terry, Justynne Thomas, Pink Panthers; Mia Mendoza, Bella Schenone, Lauren Phillips, Mendoza, Bella Schenone, Lauren Phillips, Hannah Kavanaugh, Shelby Williams, Payton Young, Lil'Kickers;

Youth Soccer

The Dublin Fighters Class I U12 split two games in league play over the weekend. The Fighters beat the Fremont Flash 2-0 on Saturday, and fell 0-2 to the Heritage Gold Rush Sunday. Top Offensive Players: In the win Amanda Garcia and Rebecca Beasley had one goal & one assist each, while Veronica Bossio, Joanna Giron, Veronica Highsmith and Annie Jones all had shots on goal. Despite being denied the win, the Fighters also played well against the Gold Rush, dominating the mid-field with strong play by Adrianna Nugen, Mikaila Constable, Megan Zummo and "V" Bossio. Top Defensive Players: Goalie Heather Seeley recorded her 3rd shut-out of the season against Fremont, including a spectacular save versus a direct PK. Hailey Zummo, Christine Laymon, Allison Mitchell and "V" Highsmith held the defensive line strong allowing the Flash only 6 shots on goal.

Dublin United Class I Soccer U15

defeated the San Ramon Pumas 3 to 0. Goals were by Amanda Shulte, Alyssa Malfatti, Mariah Fulton, Laura Charbaneau, Stephanie

defeated the Newark Pumas 5 to 1. Offense was led by Kristina Avolicino (2 goals/assist), Zaynib Hamze, Amanda Briones, andAlyssa Malfatti. Strong defense was played by Sereena Cherian, Nicole Skubic and Kaitlin Miller

afternoon of soccer in which the Santos needed a win, they did not waste much time scoring a goal on the MDSL team. Justin Scott scored an unassisted goal in the second minute to put the Santos up quickly. A second goal came in the 10th minute when Ben Danielson sailed a free kick to 10 feet in front of MDSL's goal where Scott put it in off his head for his second goal of the day. Great defense by Stevie Rector, Michael broke through for their 3rd and final goal of the afternoon on a quick counter that started from the Santos side. Guillermo Rivas sent a through ball to a sprinting Matheus Menezes who put it in the net. MDSL added another goal to their count in the 28th minute had a great save at the end of the game to preserve the victory. Matt Sarmiento, Eric

Berman and Rivas did a great job of controlling the midfield for the game.

The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys team came away with a tie and loss in this weekends soccer action. In the game versus Hayward Aztecas, Mustang came away with a tie 1-1 Franco Cruzscored the lone goal for Mustang assisted by George Mayer. Ryan Rivera recorded the tie in nets for Mustang. In Sundays action, Mustang missed several

Gymfinity Gymnastics The level 4, 5 and 6 teams from Gymfinity

Gymnastics competed at the Meet By the Bay held this past weekend at Gymtowne Gymnastics in San Bruno. The level 6 team brought home first place in their team competition, while the level 5 team placed third. Valentina Barbalinardo and Sophile Libkind led they lavel 6 team. Barbalinardo Libkind led they level 6 team. Barbalinardo placed first on bars and in the all-around in the younger age group. Libkind brought home firsts on yault and bars on her way to winning the all-around in the senior age group. Morgan Allen won the floor title in the middle age group. In level 5 competition, Rebecca Meister won the vault title in the younger age group, while Angelica Leporati brought home the vault title in the middle

age group.
LEVEL 4, CHILD: VAULT - Alyson Gilkerson, 8.3. BARS - Gilkerson, 7.55. BEAM - Gilkerson, 6.05. FLOOR - Gilkerson, 6th, 8.5. ALL-AROUND - Gilkerson, 30.4. JUNIOR: VAULT - Julia Garrison, 4th, 8.9; Mariel Chiong, 8.55. BARS - Garrison, 8.1; Chiong, 8.05. BEAM - Garrison, 4th, 7.825; Chiong, 6th, 7.4. FLOOR - Chiong, 7th, 8.925; Garrison, 8.4. ALL-AROUND - Garrison, 6th, 33.225; Chiong, 8th, 32.925. SENIOR: VAULT - Chelsea Werner, 7.55. BARS - Werner, 7.525. BEAM - Werner, 4.75. FLOOR - Werner, 7.4. ALL-AROUND - Werner, 27.225.

LEVEL 5, YOUNGER: VAULT Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.6; Isla Andrews, 4th, Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.0; Ista Anturews, 411, 7.8; Ashley Person, 7.5; Victoria Enos, 6.925. BARS - Meister, 4th, 7.65; Enos, 5th, 7.5; Person, 7.4; Andrews, 6.75. BEAM - Enos, 7.75; Meister, 7.475; Person, 7.475; P .15; Andrews, 6.6. FLOOR - Enos, 8.3; Meister, 7.925; Person, 7.875; Andrews, 7.75. ALL-AROUND - Meister, 6th, 31.65; Enos, 30.475; Person, 29.925; Andrews, 28.9. MIDDLE: VAULT-Angelica Leporati, 1st, 8.8; Amy Morrison, 2nd, 8.25; Kaitlin Hausmann, 4th, 8.0; Celina Moufarrej, 6th, 7.9. BARS - Leporati, 4th, 8.05; Morrison, 7.6; Hausmann, 7.35; Moufarrej, 7.3. BEAM

7.6; Hausmann, 7.35; Moutarrej, 7.3. BEAM Leporati, 3rd, 8.5; Hausmann, 7.85; Morrison, 7.725; Moufarrej, 7.65. FLOOR Morrison, 6th, 8.675; Leporati, 8.375; Moufarrej, 8.65; Hausmann, 8.025. ALL-AROUND-Leporati, 2nd, 33.725; Morrison, 4th, 32.25; Moufarrej, 31.5; Hausmann, 31.225. LEVEL 6, YOUNGER: VAULT-VALLED BELL 1. BEAM - Alien, 4th, 7.9; Albiani, 3th, 7.03.
FLOOR - Allen, 1st, 9.25; Albiani, 3rd, 8.875. ALL-AROUND - Allen, 3rd, 33.5; Albiani, 5th, 32.9. OLDER: VAULT - Sophie Libkind, 1st, 9.275; Allison Hyatt, 5th, 8.45. BARS - Libkind, 1st, 8.225; Hyatt, 5th, 7.65. BEAM - Libkind, 2nd, 8.55; Hyatt, 3rd; 8.4. FLOOR - Hyatt, 2nd, 125.1 libkind, 4th, 8.9. ALL APOLIND 9.125: Libkind, 4th. 8.9. ALL-AROUND - Libkind, 1st, 34.95; Hyatt, 4th, 33.625.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Fall Fest Meet hosted by Black Diamond Gymnastics in Brentwood over the weekend. The Level 5 team came home with the third place trophy.

RESULTS (by event):

LEVEL 4 Acc Town: Younger VALIET

RESULTS (by event):
LEVEL 4 Age Group: Younger VAULT
- Kelly Hebert - 1st (9.45); Riley Kuderca - 5th (9.05); Kirstin Hewitt (8.6) BARS - Riley Kuderca - 8th (7.875); Kelly Hebert - 9th (7.85); Kirstin Hewitt (7.225) BEAM - Kelly Hebert - 5th (8.375); Riley Kuderca - 8th (8.0); Kirstin Hewitt (7.55) FLOOR - Kelly Hebert - 3rd (8.875); Riley Kuderca - 6th (8.8); Kirstin Hewitt (8.125) ALL AROUND- Kelly Hebert - 3rd (34.55); Riley Kuderca - 7th (33.725); Kirstin Hewitt (31.05); Age Group: Middle VAULT - Loren Couture - 6th (8.65) BARS - Loren Couture - 9th (8.2) BEAM - Loren Couture (8.7); Age Group: Older VAULT - Peri Ouyang - 5th (8.925); Kate Scheibner - 7th (8.85) BARS - Kate Scheibner - 4th (8.8); Peri Ouyang (8.25) BEAM - Peri Ouyang - 4th (8.95); Kate

Scheibner (8.2) FLOOR - Kate Scheibner

Scheibner (8.275); Peri Ouyang (7.5) ALL AROUND
- Kate Scheibner (34.125); Peri Ouyang (33.625)

LEVEL 5 Age Group: Younger VAULT
- Isabella Orecchia - 6th (8.3); Hannah Skinner - 9th (8.175); Athena Bach (7.75); Haley
Chambers (7.35); Morgan Fiske (7.125) BARS - Haley Chambers - 3rd (8.25); Athena Bach - 5th (7.7); Hannah Skinner - 9th (7.15); Morgan Fiske - 10th (7.125); Isabella Orecchia (7.05) BEAM - Athena Bach - 2nd (9.05); Alyssa Oki - 3rd (8.9); Hannah Skinner - T5th (8.775); Isabella Orecchia - T5th (8.775); Morgan Fiske - 8th (8.55); Haley Chambers (7.725) FLOOR - Hannah Skinner - T6th (8.75); Athene Bach - T6th (8.75); Morgan Fiske - 9th (8.35); Isabella Orecchia - 10th Fiske - 9th (8.35); Isabella Orecchia - 10th (8.275); Haley Chambers (7.8) ALL AROUND - Athene Bach - 6th (33.25); Hannah Skinner - 7th (32.85); Isabella Orecchia - 8th (32.4); Morgan Fiske (31.15); Haley Chambers (31.125); Age Group: Middle VAULT - Melissa Graber - 6th (8.6); Logan Reynolds - 10th (8.025); Dori Lucero (8.0); Rachel Yang (7.75); Kelly Overstreet (6.8) BARS - Dori Lucero - 4th (7.9); Rachel Yang - 7th (7.575); Melissa Graber - 8th (7.55); Logan Reynolds (6.425) BEAM - Melissa Graber - 3rd (9.225); Rachel Yang - 5th (8.775); Logan Reynolds - 6th (8.7); Dori Lucero (8.5); Kelly Overstreet (7.7) FLOOR - Melissa Graber - 2nd (9.125); Rachel Yang

Redmon, Kelly Dyer led the defense. **Dublin United Class I Soccer U15**

San Ramon Santos 3, MDSL 2: In an

Bernardi, Nico Portugal, and Kevin Ho kept the MDSL out of the Santos goal for most of the half until MDSL was awarded a penalty kick in the 24th minute of the game. Santos of the second half. Jake Boyd did a great job in goal coming off his line all afternoon, and

scoring opportunities and came away with a 2-0 loss to Bay Oaks.

Masters Swimming

Members of the LifeStyleRX Masters Swim team completed recently in the Alcatraz Invitational Swim.

- Melissa Graber - 2nd (9.125); Rachel Yang - 6th (8.75); Logan Reynolds (8.175); Kelly

Overstreet (7.9); Dori Lucero (7.775) ALL AROUND - Melissa Graber - 4th (34.5); Rachel Yang - 7th (32.85); Dori Lucero - 8th (32.175); Logan Reynolds - 10th (31.325); Age Group: Older VAULT - Jessica Fineran (7.75) BEAM - Jessica Fineran (8.075)

(7.73) BEAM - Jessica Fineran - 2nd (9.125) LEVEL 6: Age Group: Younger VAULT - Kaitlyn Pahler - 10th (8.5); Tiana Hodzic (8.4); Shannon Gray (8.35); Melissa Chambers (8.225) BARS - Kaitlyn Pahler (7.65); Tiana Hodzic (7.2); Shannon Gray (6.35); Melissa Chambers (6.05) BEAM - Kaitlyn Melissa Chambers (6.05) BEAM - Kaitlyn Pahler (3.54); Melissa Chambers (6.05) BEAM - Kaitlyn Melissa Chambers (6.05) BEAM - Kaitlyn (3.54); Melissa Chambers (3.54); Melissa Chambers

Melissa Chambers (6.05) BEAM - Kaitlyr

Pahler - 8th (8.55); Tiana Hodzic - 10th

(8.25): Shannon Gray (8.05); Melissa Cham-

bers (7.95) FLOOR - Kaitlyn Pahler - 9th

(8.875); Melissa Chambers (7.9); Shannor Gray (7.8); Tiana Hodzic (7.45) ALL

AROUND - Kaitlyn Pahler (33.575); Tiana

Hodzic (31.3); Shannon Gray (30.55); Mel-

Hodzic (31.3); Shannon Gray (30.55); Melissa Chambers (30.125); Age Group: Middle VAULT - Amy Tilson-Lumetta (8.5); Jaime Gray (8.225) BARS - Amy Tilson-Lumetta (8.025); Jaime Gray (7.675) BEAM - Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 3rd (9.25); Jaime Gray (7.9); Joine Gray (7.9); Jaime Gray (8.3) ALL AROUND - Amy Tilson-Lumetta (34.525); Jaime Gray (32.1); Age Group: Older VAULT - Melissa Parker (8.775); Jacy Rasnick (8.1) BARS - Melissa Parker-10th (7.8); Jacy Rasnick (6.4) BEAM

Parker - 10th (7.8); Jacy Rasnick (6.4) BEAM
- Melissa Parker - 4th (9.025) FLOOR Melissa Parker - 7th (9.0); Jacy Rasnick
(7.875) ALL AROUND - Melissa Parker - 7th

Results: William McGourty, Livermore, age 60, 34:54.1 placed 8th overall, 1st in his division; Joe Clark, Livermore, 45, 36:05.4, 17th overall, 3rd in division; Cliff Sprague, Livermore, 53, 36:09.0, 18th overall, 5th in division; Charles Wise, Livermore, 43, 46:39.0, 75th overall, 12th in division; Aimee Aichison, Pleasanton, 38, 47:37.6, 40th overall, 8th in division.

Bowling News

Greg Kwasniak rolled three identical 258 games for a 774 Series in the Kings and Queens League then returned to bowl in the Classic where he rolled a 720 Series that included a 269 plus another 258 game. In the Re-Max Cheyenne Men's League, James Murphy had a 267 and a 259 on his way to a 748 Series while Modified Guys and Dolls bowler Mark McCreary turned in games of 269-266-205 for a 740 series.

Other top scores were recorded by Lloyd Smith 245-222-233 - 700 series; Chris Williams 279 gm 675 series and Maria Lockridge

used a 260 game to complete her 622 series. The Primetime Seniors saw Fritz Rittman

The Primetime Seniors saw Fritz Rittman roll a 268 game to complete a 635 series and Harry Thompson improved his 165 average when he rolled a 231 game.

In the Generation Gap League youth bowler Erik Biczkow rolled a 267 and a 229 on his way to a 681 Series, while Michael Rivershad a 234 and a 214 on his way. Bumanlag had a 224 and a 214 on his way to a 628 set.

Little League Registration Livermore Little Leagues 2007 Season

Baseball Registration Saturday, October 21 and Saturday November 4, from 9 am to 2 pm

Granada High School Student Union.
Players must be 5 - 18 years old on or
before April 30, 2007. New players must
bring original birth certificate and proof of www.eteamz.com/LALL, or National

Lacrosse Registration

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring 2007 season registration is now open. Programs are available for girls and boys entering grades 3 thru 8.

The season runs from February thru mid May. Players will practice 1-3 times per week with scheduled games throughout the Bay with scheduled games throughout the Bay Area and Sacramento region on weekends. Full equipment required for all players. Registration fee is \$170 for boys grades 3&4, \$215 for boys grades 5-8, \$150 for girls grades 3&4 and \$185 for girls grades 5-8. Register early as spots are limited and additional fees for late registration will apply. To register and/or obtain more informations but grades 4.

tion about game and practice dates and times see www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or call Byron Hay at 925 998-5550.

Livermore Lacrosse

Spring registration has opened for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse. Boys and Girls, grades 3 through 8 are welcome. For information, go to www.phantomlacrosse.com.

Hats Off America

A Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 11 at the Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive,

Danville, rain or shine.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and a barbecue lunch after the run. There is no

entry fee for volunteers. Run with Sparky George, the Bear Flag Runner, to raise awareness and money for the Runner, to raise awareness and money for the Hats Off America (HOA) nonprofit organization. HOA raises money for families of soldiers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The run is another way that Hats Off America lets the families know that they and their loved ones will not be forgotten.

For information or to register or volun-teer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or the bearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, taxexempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Phantom Girls Softball

2007 Registration for all Pleasanton 2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registra-tion can be completed online or mail-in. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Upper Teams Tryouts
Upper Divisions teams are for all experienced players in grades 3 thru 8 who are interested in learning to play at a more advanced, competitive level. To be selected for an Uppers team, players must tryout. Tryouts will be held from October 2 thru 12 based on the schedule below. Players interested in pitcher and catcher positions should be there by 4:15 pm on their appropriate date. All other positions should be there by 4:45 pm. Tryouts will be held at the Pleasanton Sports Park GSB 6 & 7. If the fields are closed, tryouts will be in the parking lot. If you cannot make the assigned time, contact the division director listed in the Board of Directors on the PGSL website. For additional information check the PGSL website:

www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Tryout schedule: October 5 – Minor
Uppers (5th and 6th Grade) Last name A-G
October 6 – Minor Uppers (5th and 6th Grade)
Last name H-Q October 9 – Minor Uppers
(5th and 6th Grade) Last name R-Z October (5th and 6th Grade) Last name R-Z October 10 – Major Uppers (7th and 8th Grade) Last name A-G October 11 – Major Uppers (7th and 8th Grade) Last name H-Q October 12 – Major Uppers (7th and 8th Grade) Last name R-Z.

Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association/ Livermore Smoke Spring 2007 Registration will be held Oct 10 & Oct 24, 2006 from 6pm-9pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located on Mocho Street. Further information contact Stacie Heinz (925) 454-1406 or visit the website at www.livermoregirlssoftball.org.

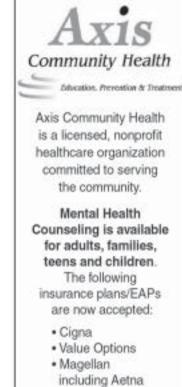
GolfTournament First Annual Granada High Lady Matadors Charity Golf Tournament will be held

October 30th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Livermore. Please contact Timme Taylor @ 925-550-0986 or email jbsport20@aol.com. Funds will benefit the Granada Lady Matador Lacrosse Festival

The Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club is holding a Beginner Clinic and Festival on Saturday, October 7 from 2 to 5 p.m.. Sticks are required, but may be purchased. Advance registration is recommended. For more information, go to www.phantomlacrosse.com.

Foothill Golf

Foothill High School will host the first annual Golf Classic on Saturday, October 7th. Registration is \$125 per person. Spaces are limited. Sponsorships are available. Contact Jaylene Groeniger at JayGroeniger@aol.com or 925 426-5680, or Chris Faubion at 925 462-9161 or cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us, for more information on registration and sponsorship



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Groovin' in the Vines Benefits Living Proof Prevention

Living Proof Prevention cates, wine tours including a pri-(LPP) will hold a breast cancer vate tasting for 10 at Westover benefit concert in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and will celebrate survivors on Oct. 21 at Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd. in Livermore, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event, called Groovin' in the Vines, is a benefit for LPP to help promote awareness and prevention of breast cancer. It will feature live music, wine tasting, food, a raffle, a silent auction, and a special tribute to survivors. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will be attending.

Some of the raffle and silent auction items include luxury hotel stays, restaurant gift certifi-

Winery, dinners, salon and spa packages, Google products, signed footballs by 49ers Keena Turner and Ronnie Lott, Broadway Show tickets. Oakland A's tickets, artwork, and jewelry.

Breast cancer survivors will be invited to mingle, share their stories and pose for a group picture with their fellow survivors. Each survivor will receive a pink memento and receive a copy of the group photo as a token in celebration of their hope, courage, and strength in beating the

Performers at Groovin in the

Vines include Georgi and the Rough Week, with special guest Keith Brown, Top Secret, and Steve Powell, aka The Singing Wine Maker. Georgi Longboya, lead singer of Georgi and the Rough Week, is a breast cancer survivor.

Tickets in advance are \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Tickets at the door will cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. Ticket information is available by calling 1-888-408-

Additional information regarding the event and LPP's miscan be found at www.livingproofprevention.com.

Pleasanton Lions Holding Benefit 'Big Money Give Away' Top prize to be given away during the Pleasanton Amador Top prize to be given away fourth prize \$300 cash. A total of \$9400 in cash will be given away With each \$100 contribute.

Valley Lions Club benefit is \$5,000 in cash.

The Big Money Give Away Benefit will be held Sat., Oct. 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Second prize will be \$1000 cash, third prize \$600 cash, and during the event. However, the club reserves the right to reduce the number of prizes if not all of the available 250 tickets are sold.

There will be a silent auction plus other raffles. Funds raised will benefit the Lions Sight Conservation and Community

Projects.
With each \$100 contribution, steak dinner (chicken available), including dessert and a 2-hour free bar.

For tickets, contact Chairman Tom Fields at 689-1881 or Cochairman Sandra Prost at 846-

OBITUARIES

Carol Ann Siedschlag

Carol Ann Siedschlag died September 25, 2006 in Pleasanton after a one month battle with cancer.. She was 61.

The native of New Jersey had lived in Pleasanton for 25 years. She graduated from Paramus High School in Paramus, NJ and was a homemaker for 38 years. Her hobbies included cooking and gardening.

She is survived by her husband Paul Siedschlag of Pleasanton, a son Andrew Siedschlag of Fremont, sister Marilyn Simcox of San Jose, nieces Kelly Simcox and Kaycee Simcox, both of San Jose and Terry Simcox of Gilroy.

Mass will was celebrated Thurs., Sept. 28 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Donations may be made to Glide Foundation, Attn: Development Office, 330 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Philip Gray Crumpler, II

Philip Gray Crumpler, II (Fluffy) died September 26, 2005 in Danville. He was 41.

He was born in San Mateo and lived in Pleasanton. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1984. Philip worked as an operating engineer with Operating Engineers Local 3. He belonged to the Werewolves Clean and Sober Motorcycle Club. His hobby was motor-

He is survived by his parents Phil Gray Crumpler, Sr. and Shirley Mae Crumpler of Pleasanton, daughters Chelsea Ann and Rachael Mae, both of Pleasanton, his fiance Tracy Tuel and her children, Colton Jack and Izabella Ann; his sisters, Andrea (Barry) Tyler of Danville and Alicia Crumpler and her partner Donna Bailey of Visalia, a niece and nephew Kaitlyn and Colton Tyler, both of Danville.

Funeral services were held

October 3 in Pleasanton. A fund, Crumper II Memorial Trust, has been established for Philip's daughters at US Bank, 749 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent in Phil's honor.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Jenny Lou Doehle

Jenny Lou Doehle died September 28, 2006. She was 47.

She was a Pleasanton resident where she served as business and special projects manager for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. She was a loyal member of the community. Her strong, yet quiet spirit deeply touched the lives of those around her. In her church family, she consistently amazed people with her deep wisdom and care. A treasured wife and beloved mother, Jenny's passion and abiding love for her family was only matched by her love for God.

She is where she always wanted to be.

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band, Mark and children, Jessica (20) and James (17).

A celebration of life ceremony was held Oct. 2 at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton.

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Charles Cass

Charles "Charlie" Cass died September 27, 2006 at his home in Livermore. He was 62. He was born Jan. 22, 1944 in

Highland Park, Illinois. He was retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he worked as a machinist for 30 years. Many loved him. He was a great father and friend. He was well known for his jokes and story telling. Charlie was passionate about racing, a hobby that he had since childhood. He went from being a driver to working on and mastering every aspect of the car. His number 55 lives on. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who enlisted his help. His home will always be remembered as "Charlie's corner." His garage was much more. It was a place for inventions, family, laughter, friendship and a gatȟering place for all.

He is survived by his mother Alma Cass of Eau Claire, WI., children Erin Cass of Federal Way, WA., Brian Cass of Livermore, and Kathy Cass Martinez of Livermore, and many caring

A memorial service was held Oct. 4 in Livermore.

Remembrances may be made in Charlie's honor to the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Program at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon, CA

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Tarry Lee Walker

Tarry Lee Walker, a home-maker, mother and grandmother, died Sunday, September 24, 2006. She was sixty-eight years

Tarry was born in Palo Alto, CA on Christmas Eve of 1937. In 1939, she was severely injured in an automobile accident, which killed her father. This accident left her with lifelong vision problems.

Her mother and stepfather moved the family to San Lorenzo, CA after WWII. Along with her new baby sister, Laurie, the family was active in the San Lorenzo Baptist Church. She met her future husband, Dale, at church when she was fifteen years old. After Tarry graduated from San Lorenzo High School, Tarry & Dale got engaged and were married in 1956. They lived in the Sacramento area and in San Lorenzo before settling in Livermore, CA. Tarry raised her son and daughter in a home filled with family and music, often singing lullabies together, in harmony, to their children.

Tarry worked at a variety of jobs. She and her husband owned a restaurant for a time. She worked for McDonald's and Manning's. She also worked for Intel in their early days. She loved to spend time with her

grandchildren, her family and friends. She played piano and enjoyed many different types of music.

Tarry is survived by her sister, Laurie Morris Silva of MI, former husband Dale Walker of Sunol, son, Doug Walker and wife Terry of Livermore, a daughter, Kelly Sandlin and partner Paige Mendicino of Sunol, grandchildren Derek, Christopher and Colin Walker of Livermore and Summer Sandlin of Santa Cruz.

Burial will be private.

Willie Henry Murphy

Willie Henry Murphy died September 25, 2006 in Livermore. He was 92.

The native of Tennessee had lived in Alameda County for 12 years. He was a past vice president of the Northern California Square Dancers Association. His hobbies included needlework and reading.

He is survived by a daughterin-law, Francine Murphy of Dover, New Hampshire; and a granddaughter, Kathleen Carter of Reno, Nevada. He was preceded in death by his son, Harry D. Murphy, who died in 2004. Private burial is planned at

Oakmont Memorial Park in

Arrangements by Graham-

Raymond Comer Jr.

Hitch Mortuary.

Raymond Allen Comer Jr. died October 1, 2006 in Livermore. He was 57.

He graduated from Livermore High School then served in the U.S. Navy as an aircraft mechanic for four years. He moved to Nevada to run cattle ranches with his father about ten years before returning to Livermore to work with his dad in several successful businesses. He owned and operated The Old Towne Saloon in Livermore with his wife, Sandy McQuillan. He enjoyed ranching, darts, fishing, boating, shuffleboard, pool, water skiing, football, track, roping, bull riding, welding, woodworking, telling stories and gambling. He also had a recycling business, trucking and feed stores.

He is survived by his companion of 20 years, Sandy McQuillan, daughter Heather Comer, stepdaughter Teresa England, and stepson Brent McQuillan, all of Livermore sisters, Patty Ramos of Washington, Annette Martinez of Livermore, and Marnee Chua of Atwater, a brother Keith Comer of Idaho and two step-grandchildren. He as preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Comer Sr. and Susan

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Oct. 6 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Memorials may be made to Kaiser hospice of Martinez or the American Cancer Society.

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

BULLETIN BOARD

should also be included.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club,
semi-annual used and some new clothing,
toys, furniture and accessory sale on Sat., Oct. 7 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. Entry fee \$1. If you know someone in need that the club can help, contact Carole at 736-4641.

Harvest Home Tour, Pleasanton, pre-

Harvest Home Tour, Pleasanton, presented by Assistance League® of Amador Valley, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring five unique homes in Pleasanton. Benefits Operation School Bell®, providing new clothing, shoes, socks and backpacks to children in need in our communities. Tour begins at the Rose Hotel, 807 Main Street, Pleasanton 94566, tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 925-828-3272 or 925-461-6401, or email at alamadorvalley@yahoo.com. More information is available on the web at

ww.AmadorValley.AssistanceLeague.org. **Fall boutique,** Tri-Valley Unity Church is sponsoring a fall boutique on Sat., Oct. 14, from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. For sale will be beautiful handmade items and great holiday gifts. 767 North P St., Livermore. Call Mary

Bob for more details, 455-5017.

Annual Fall Festival & Carnival, Arroyo Seco Elementary on Saturday, Octo-ber 7th, 12pm - 4pm, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore Hosted by the Arroyo Seco PTA to provide a fun-filled, community event for the family. Free entrance (game tickets available for 25c each). Come join us for an afternoon of games, entertainment, and food including smoothies from Juice Zone (15%) donation to ASPTA) and the Livermore Police K-9 unit.

Police K-9 unit. **Fall boutique**, Tri-Valley Unity Church is sponsoring a fall boutique on Sat., Oct. 14, from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. For sale will be beautiful handmade items and great holiday. gifts. 767 North P St., Livermore. Call Mary or Bob for more details, 455-5017.

Vendors sought, The Livermore Lion's annual Christmas boutique to be held Nov. 4 in Livermore is looking for vendors to participate. The event features handmade gifts from local artists. Information, call Joan Beason at 373-1131.

Mini Fund reison for Sisters in Sec.

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Mini Fund-raiser for Sisters in Service, Monday, October 16, 7-9 p.m. at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. Inventory your shoe closet -Then pledge to donate 50 cents per pair toward SIS projects supported by our Tri-Valley Chapter. Enjoy an evening of fondue, fun, and fellowship. Bring shoe specimens for a chance to win the Cinderella Award, Stella Stiletto Award, Shabby Chic Award, Frou-Frou Award, Antique Award etc. Questions

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- call Gloria Gregory (925)998-3785.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday,
October 13, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Robert
Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 447-1950, menu #7 (leave a message) or e-mail

BloodDrive@asburylive.org.

Keeping our Young People Safe on the

Internet, Parents with children who use the
internet are invited to here Police Officer Steve DeWarns's presentation, Keeping our Young People Safe on the Internet, Thursday, Oct. 5, 7 to 9 p.m. in Borromeo Hall at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Community, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore (near the corner of Holmes Street and Concannon corner of Holmes Street and Concannon
Blvd.) Officer DeWarns, founder of the
www.Internetchildsafety.net will give an online demonstration and talk about: How child
predators use the Internet to find and exploit
children, Cyberbullies and the damage they
cause, Myspace.com, And ways to protect
your child from becoming a victim.

Republican Women's Dinner Meeting Congressional Candidate George Bruno

ing, Congressional Candidate George Bruno, running against Congressman Pete Stark, and Pleasanton City Council member Jerry Thorne, seeking re-election, will be the guest speakers at the Thursday, October 12 dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated at 6:30 n.m. at Carlie di Pasta Federated at 6:30 p.m. at Garlic di Pasta Restaurant, 3037 Hopyard Road, Hopyard Village Shopping Center, Pleasanton. New members and visitors are welcome. For reservations, contact Marilyn (925) 485-

Yellow Ribbons, funds are currently being collected to replace the yellow ribbons on the tree at the corner of First St. and Livermore Ave. in Livermore. Donations can be left at Richards Art Supply, 4502 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, or call Kristin (Op-

be left at Richards Art Supply, 4502 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, or call Kristin (Operation: SAM) at 443-7841.

Sunol Regional Wilderness Hike, through East Bay Regional Park District, Flag Hill/Indian Joe Loop. ncluded is a special mindful activity/meditation facilitated by Sue and a group digital photo. The distance is about 4.5 miles with some healthy elevation gain. Sat., Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 1:30p. m. Fee \$21. Contact Sue at (925) 484-0239 or www.fitness-to-photos.com.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets Saturday, October 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Featured speaker will be Don "Mr. Quilt" Linn. During his presentation "Serendipity," Don will talk about his continuing journey through the world of quilting. His approach is 'to be lighthearted and not take himself too seriously.' He will share some of his quilts to demonstrate how his work has evolved over the years. Don has been a professional machine quilter for over 10 years and has won numerous awards. On neen a professional machine quinter for over 10 years and has won numerous awards. On Sunday, Don will conduct a workshop en-titled "Circles and Curves." The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://

visit our website, http:// amadorvalleyquilters.org. **Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat.**, Oct. 7, 2 rides two routes: 25
miles through Dublin and Danville or 63
miles continues on to Livermore and Pleasanton, meet 10 a.m. at Dublin High School, Jim Duncan, 806-9467. Sun., Oct. 8, progressive dinner by bicycle, meet at the home of Jennifer burton in Livermore, for details, call Bob and Bonnie Powers, 828-5299.

Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

East Bay Essential Tremor Support Group, special guest speaker for Oct. 21 meeting. Dr. Jerry Judd Prude, Jr., newly appointed medical director of Solstice Neuroscience. He will discuss the newest prod-uct, Myobloc and its uses in the treatment of movement disorders such as Essential Tremor and Dystonia. Public is welcome. Seating is limited. Oct. 21, San Ramon Regional Hospital, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Preregistration advised at 487-5706 or galexplor@comcast.net.

Power for Change, Wardrobe for Opportunity Fashion Event Thurs., Oct. 26, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Rotunda Bldg., 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. Keynote speaker is George Zimmer, CEO, the Men's Wearhouse; fashion show, hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, silent auction. Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Purchase tickets on-line at 222.wardrobe.org or call 510-463-4100 ext.

Amador Valley Lions Club, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at noon at the Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St., Pleasanton. For information, call Tom Pendery, 846-4749.

Support group for caregivers of aging relatives, A free support group/class is being offered to meet the needs of members of the "sandwich generation," who are caring for infirm parents, grandparents, and other family members. The students will receive information and learn about helpful resources as well as get emotional support from each other. The class is being held in Room 801, Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Av enue, Pleasanton, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on every other Tuesday evenings, October 10, October 24, November 7, November 28, and December 12. Students are invited to join at any time. Ruth Gasten, class facilitator, is an experienced adult educator, who cared for her mother until her death at age 94. To register call Amador Valley Adult School at (925) 426-4280 or visit them at

www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted.

Iraq For Sale, a new film, will be shown on Saturday, October 14th, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin at 7:30 PM. Meet and greet starts at 7 PM. Event is open to the public, \$2.00 optional donation, snacks and beverages provided, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 25, 462, 2450 organization ways irreferred to compare the control of the public of the public

925-462-3459 or go to www.iraqforsale.com.

Construction Financing Seminar, Building Your Dream Home. Educational evening hosted by Sandy Coler, Chris Mohammed & Stephen Seidler. There will be information on how to purchase a lot, build a new home or remodel an existing home. Seminar is complimentary. Oct. 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave, Liver-

more. RSVP at 925.449.1275.

Laughter Yoga at Dublin Senior Center, ongoing Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$5 drop-in okay. All ages welcome. Information 200.4105 tion, 390-4105

Computer training classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Introduction to the Internet, Sat., Oct. 7, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; searching the Internet, Sat., Oct. 14, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Introduction to Word Processing, Sat., Oct. 28, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are hands-on first come, first served. Information

Preparing and Presenting the Business Plan, Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, October 18th from 8:30 am -12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session takes the entrepreneur step by step through the process of develop-ing and writing a business plan directed ing and writing a business plan threteen toward achieving equity financing for his/her innovation and company. Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technology startups. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Conter 4400 Perseywood Prive Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive Pleasanton. Please register online at: http://www.123signup.com/calendar?org=techventures. For more information, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or tvc-ca@techventures.org.

Read Project, seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve basic

reading and writing skills. A free tutor training workshop at the Livermore Library on Mon., Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m., and Sat., Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training or for more information, call 373-5507. The Read Project is a service of the Livermore Library. **Teen, Pre-teens & Family Square Dance**

Come join the Cactus Corners youth square dance club for an evening of square dancing. Youth (aged 8 & up) and their families are invited. No experience, partner or special clothing is necessary. Thursdays Oct 5, 12, & 19, 7:30-9:00pm at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. First night is free. More info. Ruth (408) 730-4684 info@yellowrockandrollers.org.

Wage & Hour Laws, program Wed.

Oct. 11, for human resource professionals. 7:30 to 9 a.m. Radisson Hotel, Dublin 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. Hosted by the Greater Tri Valley Chapter of NCHRA To register, go to www.nchra.org, select chap-ters (on left) select Greater Tri Valley Chapter register online. \$30 members, \$50 non members. Additional \$10 for walk-ins. Breakfast, Networking until 8am, program from 8-

Preserving Your Medical Choices: Stating Your Health Care Wishes in Advance is the topic of an evening class held at the Pleasanton Senior Center on two consecutive Thursdays, October 5 and 12. You may state your choices of preferred medical treatment in advance. You may choose the person who will speak for you Doctors will honor your choices. An Advance Health Care Directive is as important as a Will or Trust. Learn about choices for your future and ensure some certainty in your medical world. An Advance Health Care Directive will be provided. Learn when, how, and why it is used. Learn how to fill out this form and what questions to ask your self while doing so. For more information call Jill Moore at (925) 931-5369. Class size is limited. Fee: \$15.00 resident/\$17.00 non-res plus a \$2.00 materials fee.

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Library 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Thurs., Oct. 12 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. James Koponen will present "European Highlights," a side show

with music of his travels through Europe. Adults are invited to this free program. For information, call 373-5500.

Organizing Your Office: Home, Work and Small Business, class Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Las Positas Com-munity College 3303 Collier Canyon Rd Livermore, 424-1467. College Class fee \$79 (plus class text \$25,00). http:// www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed. Learn dozens of proven tips in an extensive demonstration of office organizing tech-niques and tools; from in-box to archiving for

paper and computer.

Seniors out Sightseeing: Take a day trip to enjoy the Greater Bay Area. Schedule: Steven Kent Winery & Callippe Preserve Golf Course (includes lunch), Wells Fargo History Museum, 10/12/06 from 10:30am-4:30nm residents. \$12 4:30pm, residents \$10, non-residents \$12 Sweet Tomatoes and South Pacific, 11/3/ 2006 from 5:30pm-11:30pm, residents \$32, non-residents \$35 Holiday Lights - A tour of Pleasanton, 12/14/2006 from 6:30pm-9:30pm, residents \$6.00, non-residents \$7.00 Please stop by or call the Pleasanton Senior Center for details 931-5365.

Free public tours of Ravenswood Historic Site are offered on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, except December. Tours are conducted by docents dressed in 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tearoom. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Ravenswood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The next tours are October 8 and 22. Call (925) 443-0238 for tour information, or visit the LARPD website at

miormation, or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco
Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30
a.m. Topic for Oct. 8 is "SRP seeks BC," intern minister, Sonya Sukalski will lead. Information 447-8747.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call

(925) 447-2946. 2nd annual Autumn Quiet Day, A day of reflection and peace centered around the labyrinth The day will be spent first in conversation and then in quiet, using both indoor and outdoor labyrinths, guided visualization, and other tools for creating peace and clarity in a busy life. Saturday, October 14, 10 am to 3 pm. Led by Judy Hughes, Marriage and Family Therapist and labyrinth facilitator. Cost\$10 for materials. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street (Corner of 4th and L Streets), Livermore. For more information call Judy Hughes at 925

485-2524.

Communication Workshop - Turning Conflict into Intimacy - A 2-evening workshop, Thursdays, Oct.19 & 26, 6:15 - 9:30 pm, \$45 per single, \$80.00 per couple. Refreshments provided. George Papageorge, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, presents eleven skills to change the way you talk and listen, care for your self, and increase empathy, and satisfaction with each other empathy and satisfaction with each other. This workshop is for couples and individuals. Held at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Dublin. csiglin@crosswindschurch.org or Claudia at 925-560-3826, or visit 925-560-3826, or visit www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops to

WINGS is a weekly gathering of Christian women that encourages spiritual growth through inspiring speakers, small group discussions, prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meet-ings on Thursdays, at the Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore, from 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Theme is Spirituality. Childcare provided for a nominal fee. Registration fee to join \$25/year; includes materials. Contact Mary Fair at 925-447-4549 or bob.mary.venter@comcast.net.



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Livermore Valley Opera Stages 'The Magic Flute'

Livermore Valley Opera celebrates the opening of its fifteenth season and Mozart's 250th anniversary by presenting "The Magic Flute" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Performances are Saturdays, Oct. 14 and 21 at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. in the Livermore performaing Arts Theater, 600 Maple Street, on the

Livermore High School campus. Dramatic sets have been designed by Jean-François Revon. The performance is directed by Barnaby Palmer, Heather Carolo and Sarah-Nicole Ruddy. Local artist, Carolyn Lord, has designed the artwork for this sea-

Producer Pauline Krieger has assembled a talented cast of artists, musicians and directors for this production. The cast includes Heidi Moss as Pamina, Brian Thorsett as Tamino, Shawnette Sulker as Queen of the Night, Martin Bell as Papageno, Roger McCracken as Sarastro, Joanne Um as Papagena, Michael Mendelsohn as Monostatos, and members of the Cantabella Children's Chorus as

The Three Spirits.
There will be pre-performance lecture one hour prior to performance by Philip Manwell, Dean of Academic Services for Humanities and Social Sciences at

Las Positas College. Tickets are \$25-\$49. For tickets and information, call (925) 960 9210 or go to www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

A prince, Tamino, is chased by a vicious monster into the realm of the Queen of the Night. He is saved by the Queen's Three Ladies. The Queen commissions Tamino to rescue her daughter, Pamina, from an abductor, Sarastro. Tamino, by now in love with Pamina's portrait, will be rewarded by marrying Pamina. The bird-catcher Papageno is to be his helper. Their only aids are a magic flute and magic bells, gifts

Pamina is captive in Sarastro's palace and guarded by the cruel, lecherous Monostatos. Papageno finds his way into Pamina's chambers, scares off Monostatos, and tells Pamina of Tamino's love for her. Extolling love, they leave together seeking Tamino. Tamino, led by Three Spirits, finds Sarastro's court and learns that he must join Sarastro's group in order to win Pamina. Glad that Pamina is still alive, he plays his flute and is answered in the distance by Papageno's pan pipes. As Tamino rushes out to find his comrade, Papageno and Pamina run in, but are intercepted by Monostatos. Only the music of Papageno's magic bells saves them from capture. Sarastro enters with his followers, and Monostatos brings in the captured Tamino. Tamino and Pamina see each other for the first time, but are forced to separate until Tamino and Papageno prove their worthiness.

Sarastro and his community's priests, discussing Tamino's and Papageno's entry into their society, realize that the two men must face dangerous tests and even mortal danger to prove them-selves. But Pamina, too, undergoes agonizing trials: she must withstand Monostatos' unwelcome advances and threats against her life. She must reject her mother's increasingly unwholesome influences. During these events, Sarastro's goals are revealed as largely benevolent and the Queen's as evil.

Papageno fails the tests, but his good nature wins him Papagena, the wife for whom he has longed. Tamino, with Pamina at his side, successfully passes the tests of fire and water. The Queen and her followers sink into oblivion. Sarastro and his followers celebrate as Tamino and Pamina are united through love — and the power of the magic flute.

Radio Las Positas Streams Live

Radio Las Positas went on the air Monday, Oct. 2. The radio began streaming live on line at 8 a.m. The broadcast

can be accessed on the web at radiolaspositas.com.

The radio station is entirely student organized, produced and operated. The station manager is Laurie Murphy who said about the station, "The best part is the students get to decide what we do."

She went on to say, "When I came here I had no idea what I wanted to do. Once they started this radio class, I was really inter-

Mommy-Track Mystery Author at Library

Ayelet Waldman, author of "Daughter's Keeper," and of the "Mommy-Track Mysteries," will present a program at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Sun., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. The mystery series features Juliet Applebaum as a part-time sleuth

and full-time mother. Waldman spent three years working as a federal public defender

in the Central District of California. She has drawn extensively on her education at Harvard Law School and her career as an attorney in all her fictional works. Her personal essays have been published in a variety of periodi-

cals. She is a columnist on Salon.com.

Her latest novel, "Love and Other Impossible Pursuits," has been optioned for the screen by the Walt Disney Company.

The session will be held in the community room at the library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. There is no admission charge.

For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.



& ENTERTAINMENT

Ekphrasis, Poets Responding to Art. Poets spending September writing responses to art on display at Big White House and el Sol Winery, 6800 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Ekphrasis Reception on Oct. 7, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Exhibit closes Oct. 29. Tasting room open noon to 4:30 p.m

.weekends. No admission charge. **Late Harvest Artists**, work by Al Sinerco, lleanna Soto, and Candace Snieto, fleahild Solo, and Candace English, Livermore Library Gallery, Oct. 1 to 29. Reception Oct. 7, 2 to 5 p.m. includes performance by Faultline Brass, playing the premiere of a new tuba quartet by English. Library at 1188 So. Livermore Ave.,

Livermore.

Auditions, Once Upon a Mattress,
Pleasanton Playhouse. Pleasanton Playhouse Presents: Oct. 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 303, Pleasanton. Please prepare 16 bars upbeat Broadway or contemporary. Bring sheet music in your key. Be prepared to move/dance and dress accordingly (e.g. dance shoes are recommended). Please bring headshot, resume, and list of conflict dates. Non-equity, no pay, all roles open. Kathleen at 925-449-5636.

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Diablo Light Opera Company, presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

8 p.m. Oct. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 8, 22, 28, 29, Nov. 4, S26-S38 Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469, www.dlrca.org.

Meet the artists, reception and exhibition, Sat., Oct. 7, 4 to 8 p.m.. Local artists are award winners each has his

artists are award winners each has his or her own unique style of pastels, watercolor, acrylic and collage. All new work will be displayed that includes such themes as vineyards, wine country, abstract landscapes and handcrafted jewelry. Artists are Denise Miller, Barbara Daggett, Mary Claire Stotler, Kim Pace, May Ho, Marge Atkinson, Kathleen Hill, Patrick O'Rourke, and Eric Christensen. Rrefreshments. Free. Alexander's Main Street Gallery, 610 Main Street, Pleasanton. Open Monday-Friday 10-6 Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 112-4. For information contact the Gallery at (925) 846-6015. includes such themes as vineyards,

Comedy at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Senior Players present "Nellie the Nurse," an old fashioned melodrama with a cast that includes a lovable heroine, dastardly villain and gallant hero. The laughs keep coming with "The Golden Girls of Pleasanton," a two-act comedy involving four retired ladies and a doctor on the make.Performances are Friday, October 6, 7:00-8:30pm and Saturday, October 7, 2:00-3:30pm, Pleasanton Senior Center, Main Hall, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets available in advance or at the door. Advanced Reservations \$7 residents \$8 nonresidents, at the door \$8 and \$9 respectively. Admission includes dessert. For information, please call 925-931-5365.

925-931-5365.

Pleasanton Poetry Spotlight will feature local Poet Deborah Grossman at a Thursday, October 26 program starting at 7:30 p.m.. She will read from her new book Goldie and Me. Deborah Grossman is a poet, journalist, and essayist. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

Members of the Tri Valley Writers, a newly formed branch of California Writers, will share their work at a

Writers, will share their work at a writers showcase Friday, October 27 at 7:30. Cynthia Bryant, the Pleasanton Poet Laureate will kick off the festivities. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. Long Day's Journey Into Night, Eu-

and more are all represented.

six other talented artists.

Livermore Valley Opera

noon to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesdays)

'Creative Hands, Caring Hearts' Art

The East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be hosting the annual "Caring Hearts - Creative Hands" art show at their Tri-Valley Adoption Center in Dublin.

Bay Area animal shelters and rescue groups. In addition to staff and volunteers from the East Bay SPCA, Hopalong Animal Rescue, Ber-

keley East Bay Humane Society, Oakland Animal Services, FOFAS,

The show is open to the public during regular shelter hours. An Artist's Reception will be held October 8th from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

ter hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed on Mondays &

The work will be displayed through November 13th, during shel-

An artists' reception will be held on Sunday, October 8, from 12

The East Bay SPCA is located at 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin. For

Bill Sala will host his annual Open Studio. The public is invited

Sala is well known in the Bay Area as an intense surrealist who

works in oils. His imagination takes the viewer on a journey into the

subconscious. The open studio is a wonderful opportunity to see

Bill's quirky private studio and purchase art directly from him and

pen and ink and graphite illustrations; Big Al Lopez, caricatures, fantasy, pin-ups) will draw patrons during the show 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

on Saturday and 11 .am. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday); Ron NOrman, landscapes, color pencil; Mark Mertins, landscapes, pastel; Maria

Pascal, interiors, watercolor; and Barbara Stantion, miniature oil paintings. Stanton will be demonstrating her technique during the show.

For further information contact Bill Sala at (510) 537-8566.

Magic Flute

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 2006

Saturday - 8 p.m.

Sunday - 2 p.m.

Performing Arts Theater

600 Maple Street - Livermore

Tickets (925) 960-9210

www.livermorevalleyopera.org

Other artists include Doug Desmond, fantasy and old world charm

to visit and see his latest work, as well as the work of six other professional artists who are participating in this event.

The open house is Oct. 7 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.
The studio is located at 17628 Vineyard Rd., Castro Valley.

information, call 925-479-9670 or go to www.eastbayspca.org/events.

Artist Hosting Annual Open Studio

The show features the artistic talents of the volunteers or staff of

gene O'Neill Foundation and Na-tional Park Service present the 50th anniversary production of O'Neill's Pulitzer-prize winning play performed by Pear Avenue Theatre of Mountain View. Performances in the Old Barn at O'Neill's Tao House estate in Danville. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and 7; 2:30 p.m. Oct. 8. Tickets \$30 p.m. Oct. 9. Tic at the Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets include transportation to the site.

943-7469, www.dlrca.org, www.eugeneoneill.org.

Prometheus Symphony, concert Oct. 8, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 116 Montecito St., Oakland. Program: Le Coqd' or Suite by Pimeky Korsakov and Symphony. Rimsky Korsakov and Symphony #9 "New World:" by Antonin Dvorak.
Admission is free. Donation requested. For information, go to www.prometheussymphony.org.

Don Lewis and Young Expressions, showcasing award winning artists

showcasing award-winning artists from Pleasanton's schools, on Friday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Amador Theater. Lewis, a local professional musician and synthesizer pioneer, along with his troupe of students, will perform their talents in a multi-media show. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Advance tickets are \$10, \$14, and \$18 for adults, and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children 12 and under. Tick-

ets may be purchased online a www.civicartstickets.org until 1:00 a.m. the day of the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444.

St. George Spirits Dinner, Wed., Oct. 18, 7 p.m. St. George's Hanger One Vodkas will be featured and paired with Chef Neil's menu selections. Advance reservatoins being taken. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Information, 846-8106.

Danville Fall Crafts Festival, October

21 & 22, 2006, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hartz Avenue, Downtown Danville Over Avenue, Downtown Danvine Over 200 high quality arts and crafts Hal-loween parade, Kids' Activity Area, Scarecrow Alley, Street and stage entertainment, Great food and beverages. Free Admission. Hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Com-merce at (925) 837-4400 or visit

www.mlaproductions.com.

Photography Exhibit: Mark Oatney,
Nature photography by Mark Oatney
is now on exhibit at Art!Space Contemporary Fine Art & Craft Gallery.
Oatney, an art teacher at Livermore Valley Charter School, has been pub-lished internationally in National Geographic as well as numerous photography magazines. Art!Space hours are Wed. through Sat. 10-7; 12-5 Sunday; Mon. & Tue. by appointment. The gallery is located at 133 S. Livermore Avenue (across from Peet's), in downtown Liver-

Pops concert, Pops at the Zoo, Liver-more-Amador Symphony. Fri., Oct. 13 and Sat., Oct. 14, at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Doors open appreciated in keeping with the theme. Reservations available starting Sept. 7 at \$20 for reserved seating. 447-4924 (only between 8 a.m. and 8

Woody Guthrie's American Song, The Willows Theatre Company pre-sents Songs and Writings by Woody Guthrie, Conceived and Adapted by Peter Glazer, October 9 – November 12. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.with matinees Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. \$30-\$35; discounts for seniors (65+), students (6-18), and groups (10+). The Willows Theatre is located at 1975 Diamond

Blvd. next to CompUSA and REI in the Willows Shopping Center in Concord. Tickets: (925) 798-1300;

cord. Tickets: (925) 798-1300; www.willowstheatre.org

Our Town, Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Oct. 6, 7, 8

This winner of the Pulitzer Prize, by Thornton Wilder, is perennially one of the most popular selections for high school productions was rehigh school productions, was revived in 2002 on Broadway starring Paul Newman. Tickets 462-2121 or

www.pleasantonplayhouse.com Jazz at the Ridge, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz from Two Guys. Information, 456-8215 or

Information, 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

Barbeque and Blues on the patio, Thursdays 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 5: Kenny Blue Ray. No Cover. BBQ menu. Full Bar. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton; 925-846-8106 8106.

Tuesday Tunes 6 to 9 each Tuesday Free concerts at the Flagpole Plaza Lawn area, located at Livermore Avenue and First Street. The entertainment is sponsored by Livermore Downtown Inc. The following bands are scheduled: Oct 17: The

Pendletons.

Tommy T's (comedy) Pleasanton,
5104 Hopyard Rd. Oct. 5-8, Tommy
Davidson, Thurs. 8 p.m. (\$20), FriSat 8 and 10 p.m. (\$25), Sun. 8 p.m.
(\$20); Oct. 19-22, "Stuttering" John
Melendez, Thurs. 8 p.m. (\$20), FriSat 8 and 10 p.m. (\$25), Sun. 8 p.m.
(\$20). 227-1800 or

www.tommyts.com.

Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film
Series, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., 7 p.m. Oct. 5: The Best Years of Our Lives. Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College, will give an entertaining talk before each film is shown. Free admission. No registration required. For more informa-tion, please contact Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.

South Pacific, Pleasanton Playhouse, Oct. 20-Nov. 5. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is $8\ p.m.$ and Sundays $2\ p.m.$ For tickets or information, call 462-2121

or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. Justin Hellman Trio performs Music in the Jazz Tradition, October 22, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. No admission charge. For more information call 925-373-5505.

4th Annual US Bank Art Show, Oct. 25-Nov. 11, Open during bank hours, US Bank, 2125 Second Street, Livermore Judged show. Sponsored by Livermore Art Association. Free admission. Information, 449-9927 www.livermoreartassociation.org. Children's Theater Show: Blather Blarney & Balderdash; Friday, Octo-

ber 27, 2006 at 7 pm; Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 2 pm. Las Positas College, Room 601. Free Admission. 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Liver more. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118. Foothill Band Review, Sat., Oct. 28

Concert competition at Amador Theater starting at 7:30 a.m. Parade competition Main Street, Pleasanton. Field how and awards competition at Foothill High School. www.foothillband.org. **Nutcracker**, with Diablo Ballet in col-

laboration with Civic Arts Education, December 1- 3, t the Del Valle Theater, 1963 Tice Blvd., Walnut Creek under the direction of Rebecca Crowell. Students of Diablo Ballet Apprentice Program and Diablo Ballet Professional Intermediate Program (PIP) will perform the classic holiday favorite with professional dancers from Diablo Ballet. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2; 2 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3. Tickets, \$26 adults/seniors, \$23 age 12 and under, may be purchased at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts Box Office and are also available on line or by calling: 925/943-SHOW.

WINERIES

Elliston Vineyards, Murder Mystery in the Mansion, Sat., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Reservations are available at www.mysteriesforhire.com/events. \$125/person for a cocktail party guaranteed to die for including hors d'oeuvres, Elliston California champagne, premium wine selections, assorted soft drinks, mineral waters sparkling apple cider and Murder! Entrance to the mansion will begin at 7 pm with festivities starting at 7:30pm.

Challenge to Write a Poem for The Iragi People

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant has issued a challenge: to write a poem for the Iraqi

She calls the challenge a Gift of Words-Poetry for the Iraqi People. "The idea is to create a poem about something that you want to express to the citizens of

The poems will be translated into Arabic, put into a booklet and sent to the Iraqi people.

There will be a celebration on at Century House from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 3. The poems will be read. A festive potluck will follow.

Send the poems to: C/O Pleasanton Poet Laureate, P. O. Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or email it to Cynthia L. Bryant, PoetsLane@comcast.net. Please include full name, area code and phone number along with e-mail if available.

The deadline is November 1,

For information, contact Bryant at 398-8846 or PoetsLane@comcast.net.

Kids Invited to Enter Art in Annual ArtWalk

Kids are invited to enter their artwork in the upcoming ArtWalk in downtown Livermore.

The Kids' Art Show will be featured at businesses in the Second Street Mall.

Children, up to age 11, are invited to bring one unframed drawing or painting on paper on October 21 to one of the following locations: Cooleykatz Toys, Way Up Art & Frame, or Worldwide Signs. The name of the child, school attended and teacher should be included on a label with the artwork. ArtWalk will be held from 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 21. Other activities at the Second

Street Mall will include art activities for kids, a gel demonstration for parents, and a sidewalk chalk fund-raiser to help out the city's Diversity Fair.

There is no entry fee.

The Second Street Mall is located between L and M Streets on Second Street.

ArtWalk is presented by the Tri-Valley Artists Guild. For information, go to www.tvag.org.





133 S. Livermore Ave. Livermore, CA 94550 925.371.2500

(Across from Peet's Coffee)



Book your family portrait session in October starting at \$99.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Operation Smile, which helps children who suffer with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

studio location : 156 s. livermore ave

livermore, ca 94550

925.449.9879 anna@ultra-spective.com www.ultra-spective.com (behind Peet's Coffee & Tegula's Tagueria)

Granada High School will honor its recent Principal Honor Roll Students and others who have distinguished themselves academically during a "Celebration of Academic Excellence" on Friday, October 6. The GHS Academic Recognition Committee will join with community leaders, parent volunteers, and teachers in serving a breakfast reception to those students at Granada who achieved a 3.67 GPA or above for

the Spring Term 2005-2006.
The event will begin at 7:20 a.m in the Student Union with entertainment from the GHS String Quartet. Special awards will be presented to our National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists, students receiving perfect scores on the SAT I and SAT II, AP High Score for students who have an exemplary score of 5 on the Advancemed Placement Exam, AP Scholar award - for students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams, and Awards for students receiving a score of "Advanced" on all subjects tested on the Standards California Susan M. Houghton, the Director of Public Affairs/Communications for Lawrence Livermore National Lab, will be sharing her thoughts on Academic Excellence with the Granada students during the breakfast. The "Celebration of Academic Excellence" will continue throughout the day as Livermore School District dig-nitaries present honor certificates to all Granada Honor Roll students during their Seminar Classes from 8:45 am -

9:15 am. Granada High is extremely proud of the many students who work hard to distinguish themselves aca-

Livermore High School: Katherine School reports students there have a new schedule. There are still alternating days for classes. All classes meet for 95 minutes with the exception of the second class, which meets for 105

The schools API (Academic Performance Indicator) score went up by 36 points. The goal was to raise the

score by only three points.

The annual homecoming foot ball game is on October 20th. As is Livermore tradition, floats will be shown at approx. 6pm. During halftime the lomecoming Queen will be crowned. Each class will participate in float parade. The overall theme is "Famous Romances." The classes have selected the following themes: Seniors: Barbie and Ken; Juniors: Tony and Maria from West Side Story; Sophomores: Lois Lane and Clark Kent from Superman; and, Freshmen: Tarzan and Jane. The homecoming dance is being held on October 21.

After years of trying start a GO GREEN project (recycling and waste management programs) on campus, one is now up and running. More than \$20,000 has been donated from various community clubs and organizations. Thank to those who have do-

nated. If anyone would like to donate money, supplies, or other support please contact Stephen Bailey at sbailey@livermore.k12.ca.us or 606-4812 ext. 2406.

The First Annual Foothill High School Book Fair will be held Monday, October 16th thru Friday, October 20th before school (7-8:00AM), at lunch time (12-1:00PM), and after school (3-4:00 PM).

On Thursday evening, October 19th, the book fair will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. for family and community members. This fund-raiser is being co-chaired by the school library and DECA.

DECĂ, an Association of Marketing Students, is a national organization whose program of leadership and personal development is designed specifically for students interested in marketing, management and entrepreneur

ship.

The purpose of this fund-raiser is to encourage leisure reading, lifetime learning, and raise funds for the li-

Foothill is also participating in a "One for Book" charity fund-raiser for nonprofit children's organizations. The high school will use the money raised to buy books. Scholastic will donate one book for every dollar to those organizations.

The school is located at 4375 Foothill Rd. in Pleasanton. The event will be held in C-6, located on the left hand side of the library. For more information,

please contact Brenda DuCharme at 461-6626 or check the school web www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/fhsweb/li-

Students of the month: Livermore High seniors Charlene Emerson and Ravel Holland were the first to be honored in Livermore Rotary Club's Outstanding Student-of-the-Month program for the 2006-2007 school The students were selected by their principal, David Chamberlain. Along with a plaque recognizing their honor, they each received gift certifi-cates from Granada Bowl, Coldstone Creamery, Carl's Jr., and Richard's Creative Marketplace. Livermore Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesdays at Doubletree Club Hotel.

Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

This evening of entertainment will feature a live band and original perfor-

to the UCSF AIDS Health Project.
The show is on Amador's Second

brary/ph1.html.

Amador Valley High School's 10th annual AIDS Benefit will be held on

mance art, a form of theatrical art in which thematically related works in a variety of media are presented simultaneously or successively to an audience. Admission is free. Donations will

be accepted at the door. All proceeds go

Stage in the multipurpose room, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Las Positas Student Awarded **Bright Futures Scholarship**

Bright Horizons Family Solutions has selected Gulandam Sediqi, a student at the Las Positas College, Livermore, as one of three winners of the annual Bright Futures Scholarship Award. The award is given to students around the country who show great promise for

being excellent educators of young children. Bright Horizons Family Solutions is the leading provider of employer-sponsored child care and early education.

This award is given to students who are actively pursuing careers in early childhood education, and who have demonstrated passion and perseverance in achieving their goals.

Gulandam Sediqi has maintained an impeccable academic record and has gained the respect of her professors and fellow classmates. Described by others as a gentle and nurturing human being, Gulandam has also shown strength and perseverance in difficult times. Living in poverty-stricken Afghanistan she had a difficult life that included the sudden death of her three young daughters as a result of war hostilities of the time. However, this personal tragedy has not stopped Gulandam from achieving her dreams of becoming a teacher.

After coming to the United States with her family and not knowing any English, she decided that she was going to learn English and get her degree to teach in the United States. In her native Afghanistan, Gulandam had taught for 20 years at the elementary and middle

Her love for the early education profession is seen through her outstanding academic work, as well as her devotion when working with children. Gulandam believes in never giving up no matter what obstacles come in the way. This is a philosophy by which she guides her life and which continues to inspire all those whom she touches.

GOOD NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS





LEGAL NOTICE STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FILE NO. 365417 The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name First Nail Spa located at 2026

1st street, Livermore, CA 94550 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on June 20, 2005, in Alameda County under file number

Lydia Dao, 6354 El Capitan Ct., Livermore, CA 94551 This business was conducted

by: an individual /s/:Lydia Dao This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 6, The Independent Legal No.

FILE NO. 384923 ing business as First Nail Spa, 2026 1st Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner

Àoa Huynh, 1249 Lucille

by:an individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/06.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 6, 2006. Expires September 6, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2050 Publish September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2006.

The following person (s) do-267 Northwood Common Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the fol-

more, CA 94551 267 Northwood Common,

Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by:husband and wife The registrant commenced to transact business under the

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Judith Farrell Hawkins This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 6, 2006. Expires September 6, 2011 The Independent Legal No.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FILE NO. 384725-384728 The following person (s) doing business as (1) Livermore Shakespeare (2) Shakespeare in the Vinevard (3) Fourth Street Story-Productions, 750 South "L Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Shakespeare's Associates. ermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by:a corporation Registrant has not vet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed. Signature of Registrant:

This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 31, 2006. Expires August 31, 2011 2052 Publish September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 384984 The following person (s) doing business as The Land Baron Brokerage & Real Estate Office of Hal Miller is hereby registered by the following

R Helmer Miller, 773 Lido Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted bv:an individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:R. Helmer Miller This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 6, 2006. Expires September 6, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2053. Publish September 14,

21, 28, October 5, 2006. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 384939 The following person (s) doing business as Wine Country Designs, 268 Quartz Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 is

hereby registered by the fol-Laurence R. Kiefer, 268 Quartz Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 Barbara A. Kiefer, 268 Quartz Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted

by:husband and wife The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on 9/06/06.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Barbara A. Kiefer

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 6, 2006 Expires September 6, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2054 Publish September 14

The following person (s) doing business as Lazy Leann's titches, 6325 Benne Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the fol-

Ruth Leann Young, 6325 Benner Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed. /s/:Ruth Leann Young
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 5, 2006. Expires September 5, 2011. The Independent Legal No 2055. Publish September 21,

28, October 5, 12, 2006. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) doing business as (1) Mr. Sparkle tomotive Detailing Supplies (2) East Bay Zaino. 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): David Han Sheh 2921 Garder

Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588 Min Hwan Chang 5715 W. Cog Hill Terrace Dublin, CA 94568 This business is conducted by:a general partnership Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the

names listed. /s/:David H. Sheh and Min H. Chang This statement was filed with

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21, 28, October 5, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 384888

FILE NO. 385281-385282

fictitious business name or

the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 13,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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/s/:Michael F. Reno

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:David Han Sheh This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 26,

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19, 26, 2006,

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94588 by:an individual

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NAME STATEMENT

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ABANDONMENT OF USE OF

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FICTITOUS BUSINESS

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AZ 85021 at 602 279-7480 The Independent Legal No. 2060 Publish October 5, 12,

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426-8656.

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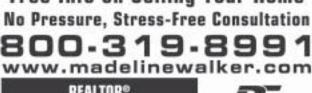
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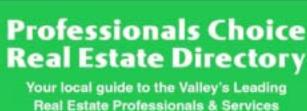
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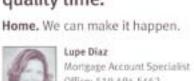
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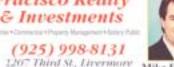


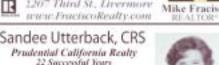
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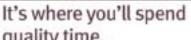




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Local Firefighters Plan Programs to Mark Fire Prevention Week

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, "Prevent Cooking Fires-Watch What You Heat," Öctober 8-14, in an effort to raise awareness about the causes of home fires and the steps people can take to avoid them.

"Many people don't realize that they are at greater danger from fire at home than anywhere



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Rosie is a 4-month old tortoise shell shorthair female who loves to play. She is the instigator of the action among her litter of three siblings. She also adores her interaction with people, and can be cuddly and sweet as well as playful and active. All four kittens are healthy, spayed and neutered, and ready to go. For more information on Rosie and pals, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

else," says Bill Cody, LPFD Fire Chief. "Fortunately, there are many things residents can do to turn that around and make their homes safer. Fire Prevention Week is the time when we reach out to the community one-onone, teaching people of every age how to prevent fires. This year, we'll be focusing in particular on cooking fires, a serious and growing part of the fire problem and the number one cause of home fires, resulting from unattended cooking."

LPFD has lined up the following Fire Prevention Week activi-

During the Pleasanton Antique Faire on Sunday, October 8th from 8am-4pm located on Main Street, LPFD members will be on hand to demonstrate and simulate escape through a smoke filled environment using the fire safety trailer. Information on fire safety and disaster preparedness will be provided. Attendees will also receive free recycling containers to dispose of waste oil and recycling information.

The program will be repeated at the Livermore Farmers Market on Thursday, October 12 from 4-

All of the fire stations in Livermore and Pleasanton will be open to the public on October 14 from 6-8pm. Everyone is welcome to visit any LPFD fire station at this time for a tour and to see life inside the fire station. Visitors will also receive fire safety handouts including "Prevent Cooking Fires-Watch What You Heat.'

Fire Prevention Week has been sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for 84 years and is proclaimed by the President of the United States each year. NFPA selected the 2006 Fire Prevention Week theme in order to teach families and kids how to keep cooking fires from starting.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Cooking also ranks first among major causes in number of home civilian fire injuries.

In addition to cooking safely, Livermore and Pleasanton residents are urged to ensure that smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home and kept working with monthly testing and semi-annual battery replace-

ment. All smoke alarms should be replaced with a new unit after 10 years. Each member of the household needs to know the fire escape plan, and all should practice it twice a year. At each of the fire safety trailer events a free hand out for planning your home fire escape will be available.

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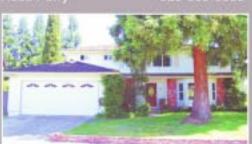


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