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Lawsuit Challenges Pleasanton's Housing Cap

Affordable housing advocates have sued the City of Pleasanton, challenging city policies and practices that they say exclude housing for lower-income

Among those, they say are the housing cap that limits the number of homes to 29,000, the failure to rezone land for affordable housing, and the city's growth management program that restricts building permits to 350 per year.

The lawsuit asks the Alameda Superior Court to order the city to lift policies that effectively ban affordable family housing in Pleasanton.

Plaintiffs in the suit are Urban Habi-

tat, a regional environmental justice organization, and Sandra De Gregorio, a Pleasanton resident who sits on the board of the Tri-Valley Interfaith Pov-

Following a 10 a.m. prayer vigil convened by the Tri-Valley Interfaith Poverty Forum on Tuesday, Public Advocates delivered a copy of the lawsuit to City Hall, along with a message asking the City Council to show leadership in meeting Pleasanton's affordable housing needs and obligations.

Pamela Ott, public information officer for the city, said the city has not been officially served with a lawsuit. It the cap.

would be premature to comment on it before the city has an opportunity to study the lawsuit.

Ott said she believes the city has tried to address the concerns of Urban Habi-

She said the city council would likely discuss options with legal counsel to determine the city's course of action. She didn't think it would happen during Tuesday's council meeting, because it was not noticed.

The housing cap was approved by voters. It has been an election issue, with virtually every candidate supporting

According to a press release,"These policies have created a highly restrictive planning environment that has artificially suppressed new housing construction in Pleasanton.

Richard Marcantonio, Public Advocates managing attorney representing plaintiffs in the case, noted in reference to the housing cap and growth management, "These are all obstacles that have basically dried up the potential to build affordable housing in Pleasanton." He noted that the city is undergoing a general plan update. The housing cap limits the number of sites that could be rezoned to provide for affordable housing. Rezoning could put the city over

"The city promised to zone 30 to 40 acres for about 900 units of higher-density affordable housing by 2004," said Marcantonio. "Nearly three years later, it has still not fulfilled its promise."

Marcantonio pointed out that the lawsuit does not challenge the urban growth boundary. He believes that all of the housing could be built within the

Sandra De Gregorio, the plaintiff, stated, "Pleasanton is a city of opportunity, with quality jobs, great public

(See PLEASANTON, page 4)

Altamont Fee **Funds Go Towards Ridge Park Purchase**

The Pleasanton City Council approved granting \$200,000 of its share of the Altamont Landfill Open Space fund to the East Bay Regional park District as part of the purchase price of a 103 acre site on the ridgelands.

The Tehan Falls property would bring the total number of acres in the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to nearly 5,000 acres.

The site contains a seasonal waterfall, rolling and steeply sloped terrain.

The total purchase price is \$930,000 with the remaining \$790,000 coming from other

Pleasanton will still have over \$570,000 in its open space fund. Pleasanton

Cindy Councilmember McGovern commented, "The public should be excited about this property. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for today's residents and future resi-

(See COUNCIL, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Sandra De Gregorio talks to the press about the lawsuit aimed at developing more affordable housing in Pleasanton.

Park District Considers Policy on Feral Cats

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is working on a policy to deal with feral cats in the district's parks.

Board members offered comments on a draft policy at last week's meeting.

The discussion of a policy was precipitated by a recent incident involving park staff and a member of an animal rescue group. The resident had been feeding the cats, catching them and finding homes for them. Park staff said she could no longer feed the cats.

The issue was brought to the attention of the board, which directed staff to develop a policy on how to deal with feral cats in the parks.

President Scott Kamena called the proposed policy "confusing." He noted that the proposed policy states that staff is reluctant to eradicate the population unless they are determined to be a health hazard. At the same time, a rule is proposed saying that people can't feed the cats. Kamena commented, "It appears that staff doesn't want to catch them; they just want to let them starve to death."

Kamena suggested that staff should coordinate efforts with animal rescue groups.

David Furst said that the policy is still in the form of a working document. It doesn't just deal with not feeding cats, it proposes prohibiting feeding other animals as well. He said he objected to allowing people to feed the cats with no attempt to rescue them. "We have talked about trapping them. I'm not sure animal control is the proper place to send them," he stated.

General Manager Tim Barry said the policy would also include regulations about releasing animals into the park.

Kamena agreed that it is important to have a policy about feeding animals. There could be danger in feeding deer, squirrels and other wild animals. He added there should be some flexibility in the policy when it comes to cats that would allow (See CATS, page 4)

McNerney, Pombo Talk About Issues treated fairly in terms of any pos-**SPOTLIGHT BROUGHT** ON TIGHTER RACE Pleasanton and Sunol are part sible government "takings" of

By Ron McNicoll

of the 11th Congressional District, which is represented by Republican Rep. Richard Pombo.

A portion of the district was extended into the Valley, and into a long segment from Danville south to Gilroy when redistricting occurred in 2002.

Pombo is a rancher, with an agricultural business degree from Cal Poly Pomona. A motivator for his initial run in 1992 was concern for ranchers and other large landowners to be

Incumbent demoncrat Rep.

Ellen Tauscher has one chal-

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sional District seat, Republican

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ing Republican Bill Baker of

Danville, a former Assembly-

Her most visible House com-

The district's boundary was

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on Armed Services and transpor-

changed in 2002. Pleasanton

Tauscher of Alamo was

Darcy Linn.

their land. He and his family live on their Tracy ranch.

Pombo's Democratic challenger, Jerry McNerney, is a wind energy consultant who ran two years ago on a shoestring budget of approximately \$150,000, few unions and environmental groups. He had little name recognition, and received 39 percent of the vote. He lives with his family in Pleasanton.

Contrast Is Sharp Between Tauscher, Linn

Stock Exchange.

to have a seat on the New York

Fortune 500 retailer in San Fran-

cisco. She is single, and lives in

Pleasant Hill. When she lived in

San Francisco two years ago, she

was a member of that county's

Republican central committee.

This is Linn's first try at public

cause she "wanted to hold

Tauscher accountable. She does

not represent the views of the dis-

Both candidates were asked

She said she chose to run be-

Linn works in finance for a

According to McNerney's chances are looking up this time, because Pombo drew voters' attention in two headline-grabbing situations. Pombo's name was tied to convicted Washington lobbyist Jack Adramon in wire service news paper stories.

Pombo admitted taking two contributions totaling \$7500 from Abramoff, but said that was before he knew about the events

the Middle East, said Linn, "I'm

sure we have an exit strategy. It's

not announced. You should not

set a date arbitrarily (for leaving

Asked whether she had any

Iraq). We must stay the course.

concerns about the suspension

of habeus corpus and other

shrinkage of civil liberties in

dealing with alleged terrorists

who are arrested or captured,

Linn said, "We are a country at

war. Lincoln did it (suspended

habeus corpus during the Civil

(See 11TH DISTRICT, page 6)

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

There was lots of action during the North American Bocce Ball Tournament held last weekend at Campo di Bocce. The tournament pitted Canada against the United States.

Court Ruling Stalls Plans To Open Lab Facility

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling Monday holding a Department of Energy environmental study inadequate. As a result, the pending plans to operate a Biosafety Level-3 facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory are on hold. The decision follows three years of litigation.

Plaintiffs, Livermore Lab watchdog group Tri-Valley CAREs and Los Alamos watchdog group Nuclear Watch of New Mexico, as well as other individuals, had demanded that the Energy Dept. conduct a thorough study of the project's potential environmental impacts, including possible terrorist threats to the facility.

In Monday's decision, the Ninth Circuit remanded the environmental review back to the Department of Energy for further analysis on terrorist risks, and possibly a new environmental impact statement, before the facility can operate.

According to plaintiffs, the (See LAB, page 4)

the same questions in telephone and Dublin were dropped from interviews. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order. **DARCY LINN**

the district. Livermore was retained. Tauscher lives in Alamo, and has one child, who is in school. Originally from New Jersey, Tauscher was the first woman

in Iraq is to spread democracy to

The ultimate goal of the war

War). The single most important role of government is to protect its citizens.' Linn is optimistic about the economy, and thinks it is im-

proving. Economic indicators

are up, she said. The deficit is shrinking because tax revenues (See 10TH DISTRICT, page 5)

Two Candidates Running for Judge's Seat

There are two candidates for Alameda County Superior Court Judge: Dennis Hayashi and Sandra K. Bean.

Each county in California has a Superior Court that hears all civil and criminal cases. Judges are elected by the county residents for 6 year terms in nonpartisan elections.

The Independent interviewed each candidate asking why they were running and what issues they would like to see addressed. The interviews are in alphabeti**SANDRA BEAN** is a resident

of Pleasanton. She is currently a Deputy County Counsel representing Adult Protective Services and the Public Guardian. In her job, she helps battle abuse of seniors, dependent adults, and (See JUDGE, page 5)

Pleasanton school district trustees were pleased with the results of the annual state API test score compilations, which were released in August, and presented to the board in a report at its Oct. 10 meeting. The district as a whole scored

80 points above the 800 mark mandated by the state. All of the district's comprehensive schools were above 800, so Pleasanton came out as a star again. It is ranked 11th on the Academic Performance Index (API) among unified school districts in the state.

However, there were fewer good feelings about another testscore index, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which is federal, and coordinates with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation passed by Congress. The AYP spells out certain percentages of students in each class that must meet minimum proficiency in various subjects.

Board Likes API Results, But Wonders About AYP

Right now, the standards are set at the mid-30s in percentages. Pleasanton easily meets those goals now. The AYP standards increase slowly until 2008, when they start to ramp up quickly toward 100 percent, which must be met by 2014.

The district is trying to accelerate now, to get a head start on the steep ramping up. However, the district misses on some goals that it has set for itself to date.

Trustee Jim Ott alluded to it when he said he was concerned about the district's overall score of 70 percent of students proficient in biology in grades 9 to 11. That's above the current AYP demand. However, the district's

(See SCORES, page 4)

Annual ArtWalk Offers Art Displays, Music, Wine Tasting

The 5th Annual TriValley Artists Guild's ArtWalk in Livermore is set for Saturday October 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day will include art displays, music, entertainment, wine tasting and more.

There is no admission charge. Businesses throughout downtown Livermore will open their doors to host artists and their works. The tour headquarters and show preview can be found at Forester's Hall, 171 South. J Street. The preview will include samples of work by exhibiting artists, musicians, and wineries offering samples of their wares. Tour maps will be available

at Forester's Hall the day of the exhibit, at Way Up Art & Frame, 1923 2nd Street, the LAA Gallery at the Carnegie Building (3rd & J Streets) and many downtown locations.

CALENDAR DEBUTS

Making its ArtWalk debut this year is TVAG's 14-month fundraiser art calendar, featuring the works of 14 Livermore artists. The creator of the calendar is Katie Caulk, new to the board of TVAG. Profits from the sale of the calendars will go to both TVAG and Livermore Art Association.

The calendar may be pre-or-

dered for pickup at ArtWalk by contacting LAA's President and head of TVAG calendar sales, Angela Johal, at Angela Johal angelajohaldesigns@yahoo.com, or by pre-sale at the LAA booth at Farmers' Market. Any calendars remaining will be offered for sale at Forester's Hall and at the LAA Gallery at the Carnegie Building on ArtWalk Day. WINETASTING

Winetasting will be offered in many downtown locations, including Main Street Design, Main Street Christmas Shop, Orghipchick, John Christopher Cellars, Retzlaff Tasting Room

(both at Blacksmith Square) and

Beckman Investment Securities. LOTS OF MUSIC. Music can be heard at

Panama Bay throughout the day and into the evening.

Livermore's ArtWalk 2006 will feature a day of live music, with fourteen hours of acoustic and folk music performances from more than a dozen musicians at downtown locations. The musicians are as colorful and varied as the visual art: Megan Slankard is a rising star who has performed in more than 75 cities in five different countries. She was featured in Rockgirl magazine; Acoustic Guitar magazine (See ARTWALK, page 7)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The rising sun creates a dramatic backdrop for the Concannon

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

Grain in the Field to Biscuits in One Day

Throughout the Tri-Valley, Ohlone and Bay Miwok peoples have unintentionally left evidence of their existence with quern-stones—stone tools for hand-grinding. Their quernstones were the rotary type, with a pestle acting as the mobile handstone and a mortar as the stationary quern. Women fed acorns or grass seeds into the mortar and pounded them into flour with the pestle. Sometimes the mortar used was a small, portable one; others remain in bedrocks scattered under the oaks.

Early Hispanic peoples also used quern-stones, but of a different type, to grind corn. The stationary quern in this case was shaped somewhat like a saddle; the handstone was either shaped like a rolling pin and used by both hands, or a sphere used by one hand. Probably Indian servants at the Las Positas Rancho of the Livermore family ground corn for tortillas using this method.

With the coming of the missions in California, grist mills began to take the place of hand grinding. Gradually, private mills grew up outside the mission walls.

Agustin Bernal evidently ran a flour mill at his adobe, built about 1848 on Foothill Road. According to James Delgado's Sombras de la Noche, early Pleasanton settlers were Bernal's customers, but the mill was dismantled about 1872. In the 1940s while Walter Johnson was restoring the Bernal adobe, one of the 200-pound grindstones was found. Although the Arroyo de la Laguna is nearby, most likely horses turned the stones.

William When Mendenhall laid out the town of Livermore in 1869, he gave five acres to Calvin J. Stevens to build a steam-powered flour mill. Probably wood was first used for fuel; later, coal, sometimes from local mines, was used.

The intersection of Livermore Avenue and First Street is sometimes called Mill Square because the Livermore Flouring Mill opened for business on the northwest corner in late September 1869. The 1878 *Alameda* County Atlas shows two buildings—a single story structure for the steam boiler and furnace, indicated by the smoking chimney; a three–story one for the mill

The Laumeister brothers, William, Anton, and Charles, leased the Livermore mill; earlier they had been running the mill at Mission San Jose. Charles remembered a tour de force staged in one day: local farmer Jesse Bowles had his wheat cut, threshed, and hauled to the Livermore Flouring Mill in the morning. In the afternoon the mill ground it into flour, and the cook at the Livermore Hotel, then at the southeast corner of Mill Square, made the flour into biscuits and served them with supper in the evening.

On the night of October 17, 1882, Stevens' mill burned down. William and Anton Laumeister soon built a new one, the Livermore Roller Mill, farther east on First Street across from McLeod Street. The new name probably indicates that the new mill had steel rollers, which ground the grain more efficiently than grindstones. This mill lasted until November 1894, when it, too, burned down. The Laumeisters moved to San Francisco, where they ran a flour mill on Battery Street; the 1906 earthquake probably put them out of business for a while.

Mill owner Calvin J. Stevens served as a Livermore town trustee, including three years as mayor. On November 8, 1887 he was driving a buckboard on L Street in Livermore when he fell from the vehicle, striking his head with considerable force. An hour later, he died without re-

gaining consciousness. After the 1894 fire, the town of Livermore was without a mill until 1906, when H.P. Hansen and a partner built the Diamond Flour Mill at the same site as the Laumeister mill. The structure had three floors, with a cement basement containing the line shaft and a 30-horse power electric motor. When the machinery was being installed on January 20, 1906, the millers had already bought 250 bags of valley wheat from Arroyo Road farmer Daniel M. Teeter to grind as soon as everything was ready.

According to the *Herald*, with the opening of the flour mill, local farmers would have not only a ready market for their grain but also the means for attaining their family's yearly supply of flour. The millers were ready to make white flour as well as to steam and roll barley.

By 1918 Hansen had bought out his partner and retired; his son Rasmus Hansen took over the business, eventually turning it into a grain-buying outfit. He used the mill for grain storage; the railroad was convenient for shipping. The mill was razed in

A grain elevator southeast of the railroad crossing on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton was pictured in A Pictorial History of Pleasanton published in 1976. However, I have no idea whether milling was done or grain simply stored here. Many large onestory warehouses for grain storage were scattered along the railroad tracks in Pleasanton and Livermore.

Today, most of us in the Tri-Valley purchase a loaf of bread with no thought as to who grew the grain, who harvested it, who ground it, or who baked it.

(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

Cota Leaving Post as Chabot-Las **Positas Community College Chancellor**

Susan Cota, Chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, has announced her retirement effective August

Citing a desire to spend time with family and friends, Cota expressed her thanks to the Board of Trustees and the district staff for their support during her six year tenure as district chancellor. "The thought of retirement fills me with excitement, yet it is also tinged with a touch of sadness,' said Dr. Cota in a message to district and college staff members. "After more than 30 years in the California Community Colleges, 16 years in this district specifically, it is time for me to chart a new direction."

"Chancellor Cota has led this district with strength and integrity, always putting our students first in every conversation and decision," said Isobel Dvorsky, President of the district Board of Trustees. "Her leadership has been recognized at the national, state and local levels, and our district and communities are much better for having had her as our leader."

Named to the position in 2001, Dr. Cota has led the district, which operates Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. The two colleges together serve more than 22,000 students in the San Francisco East Bay Area. Dr. Cota was the first Hispanic female chancellor in California and in the district's 40-year history. She is one of only three female Hispanic chancellors in the California Community College system.

As Chancellor, Cota worked with college and district staff to launch a district wide strategic cost management study to establish ongoing fiscal stability for the district. In 2002 she worked closely with the Board and staff in the investment and purchase of the district office building in

In 2004, she led a massive district and community-wide effort in the successful passage of Measure B, a \$498 million facilities bond and the third largest bond in California Community College history. The strength of her leadership resulted in the passage of the bond by 59% of the voters. She also led the district through a successful accreditation visit, resulting in reaffirmed accreditation through 2009.

Prior to being named District Chancellor, she served as President and Dean of Students at Las Positas College where she was instrumental in forecasting the growth of the college and creating a culture that embraced growth and change. She worked with faculty and staff to implement online education, which continues to outpace other community colleges. She established a partnership with ValleyCare Health System to create the College's first comprehensive Health Center.

Before joining the district, she was the Dean of Students at College of Alameda, and served in the State Chancellor's Office as the Director of the Disability Services, where she established the disabled students' workability program for the State's 109 community colleges.

She has served on the boards of several state and national organizations including the American Association of Community Colleges and the Community College Leadership Development Initiatives organization. She is currently a member of the Pleasanton Rotary Club and the Tri-Valley Education Council. In 2004 she was named a Distinguished District Administrator by the Chabot College Faculty Senate and in 2005 she received the prestigious Harry Buttimer Award from the Association of California Community College Administrators for her exemplary service as a community college chief executive officer.

Cota received her doctorate from the University of San Francisco in Organizational Leadership in Higher Education, her master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from San Francisco State University

and a bachelor's degree in English from Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. She is also a graduate of the Harvard Seminar

for New Presidents.

The Board of Trustees expects to launch a nationwide search for Cota's replacement.





New Playground Equipment

The new playground structure for the kindergarten at Marylin Avenue Elementary School will be formally dedicated by Principal Jeff Keller this Fri., Oct. 20. The opening will be at 10:15am – right about the time for the start of the recess for the school

The new playground structure has been placed in the same location as the older version and will accommodate a larger number of students.

The new structure was financed by the City of Livermore using Measure "D" funds which are generated through a fee on garbage service throughout all of Alameda County with a specific share going to each city based upon their annual tonnage of landfill-bound garbage. One of the provisions within Measure "D" is to promote and provide recycled-content products for public venues.

What makes the new structure at Marylin so trashy? The play-

ground structure is composed of stainless steel, steel and plastic components that are an average of 87% recycled. The plastic alone utilized about 40.000 recycled plastic milk cartons. When a student falls to the ground under the structure, their fall will be cushioned by more trash - about 7,000 ground-up liquefied pour-in-place used

The design of this structure will also allow those students with physical disabilities access to the structure at several points. Since the fall material is stable any student using a wheelchair will be able to enjoy the struc-

ture along with their classmates. A similar structure was funded by the city of Livermore in 2004 at Croce Elementary School. There is another structure in the final stage of construction at the Marylin Avenue C.A.P.E facility and is due to open next week

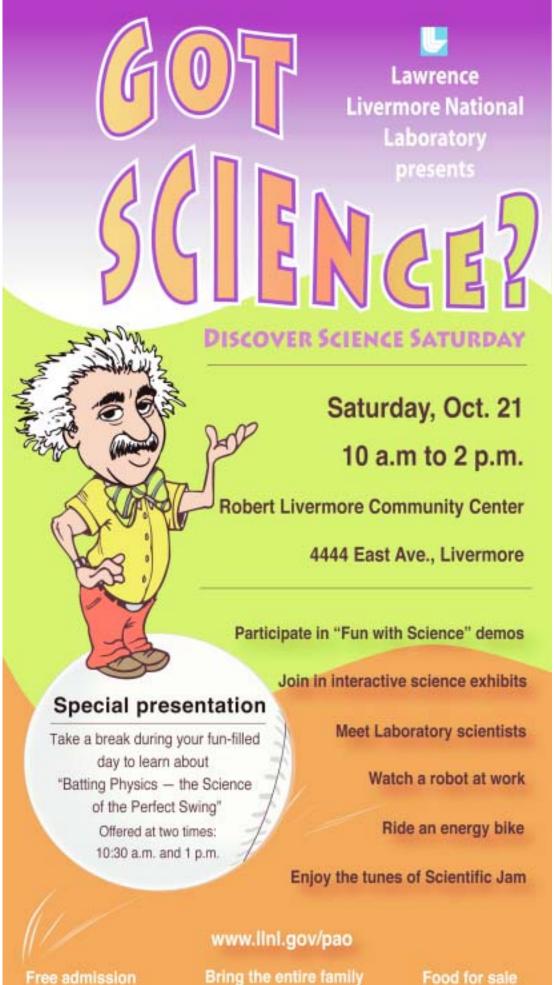


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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Bicyclist Struck

For the second time in as many weeks, a bicyclist was struck by a motorist in Pleasanton.

The most recent accident occurred October 14 at the intersection of Stanley Blvd. and Main Street. A pickup truck was making a right turn onto Main Street, while the driver was making the turn, a 26-year-old male bicyclist who was on Main Street was struck by the front end of the truck. The bicyclist was dragged under the vehicle and run over by one of the wheels.

He suffered major injuries including a fracture spine and punctured lung. He was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley.

The cause of the collisions is under investi-

Anyone who might have witnessed the accident is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100 and reference case 06-

Rangeland Monitoring Workshop

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) are sponsoring a technical workshop in Alameda County on California Rangeland Monitoring, Thursday, November 9, 2006.

Jon Gustafson, State Rangeland Management Specialist, NRCS Davis, CA; Ceci Dale-Cesmat, Rangeland Management Specialist, NRCS Susanville, CA; Sheila Barry, Bay Area Natural Resources Advisor, UCCE; Tim Koopman, Certified Rangeland Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, will present a workshop on the effective baseline report and monitoring plan development strategies for Califor-

nia Rangelands. The information conveyed will be useful in conservation planning for land trusts, public and private landowners, and conservation planners. Participants will receive training in establishing successful plans and baseline reports as well as ecological site descriptions and their importance.

The workshop will consist of a daytime classroom session on November 9 at the Martinelli Center in Livermore and a field session immediately following.

Registration is \$150 if received before November 1, 2006; \$175 thereafter. Participation is on a space-available and paid basis. Registration includes a light breakfast and a lunch on Thursday, November 9th.

To request registration form and more information, phone or email Barbara Maroney, Workshop Coordinator, Alameda County RCD at 925.371-0154 x.115 or workshops@acrcd.org.

Total Wellness Program

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Total Wellness Discovery" program on Tues., Oct. 24 from noon to 1 p.m

This brown bag seminar will offer information on how to have more free time, work in your own home, own your own life, and have a balanced healthier life-style from the home.

Dr. Ken Howayeck, medical intermediary in the area of Prevention and Wellness as well as Peter Patras, local businessman and marketing specialist, will present the program.

The seminar will be held at the Pleasanton Chamber office located at 777 Peters Avenue. Space is limited please RSVP to Dawn Wilson at dawn@pleasanton.org.

Study to Look at Restoring Fish

Studies to restore threatened steelhead trout within the Alameda Creek watershed will soon get under way. A formal agreement to collaborate on water flow and fish habitat studies was signed this month by 17 public agencies and nonprofit organizations.

The agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding to conduct jointly-funded studies of how much water might be needed at critical times to support a viable steelhead population, while also considering other native fish and wildlife and minimizing potential impacts to drinking water supplies. The \$240,000 technical study will be conducted in two phases by an independent consultant.

These studies should iden-

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tify how much water is needed, when it is needed, and in what stream reaches," said Jeff Miller, Director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. "We believe we can provide water to restore a steelhead run without compromising water supply, and in the process provide beneficial habitat for other native wildlife.'

Contributions of \$30,000 each were approved this year by four of the signatories - the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), Livermore-Amador Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency, Alameda County Water District (ACWD) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The \$120,000 provided by these four agencies will be matched by the California State Coastal Conservancy, for a total of \$240,000.

"The signing of the Memo-

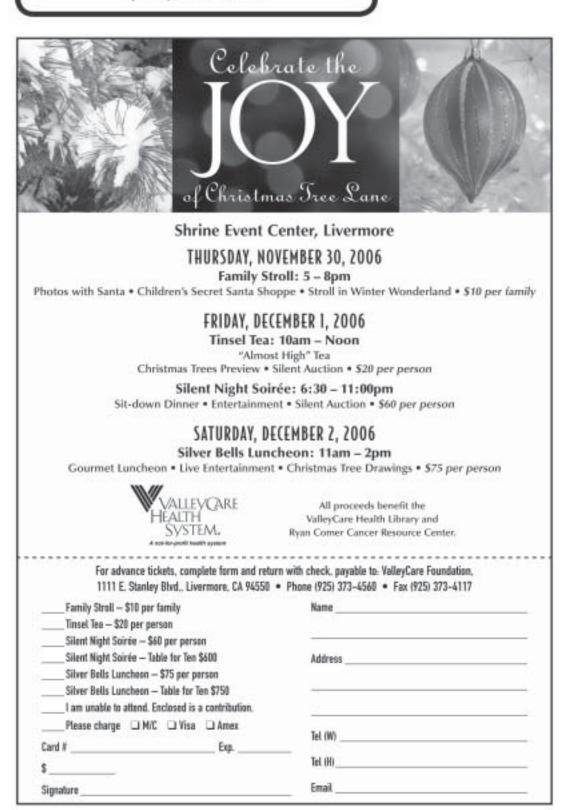
Efforts to restore steelhead to areas of the Alameda Creek watershed where there were historical trout populations are gaining momentum on other fronts as

randum of Understanding is a milestone in the process of restoring steelhead to Alameda Creek," said Paul Piraino, Alameda County Water District General Manager. "Water supply and environmental issues are not always seen as going hand in hand. In this case, however, all the parties agree that these studies are an important step in determining how to provide enough water for both steelhead and the residents of the Bay Area."

Other participating organiza-tions include the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Alameda County Resource Conservation District, Alameda Creek Alliance, American Rivers, California Department of Fish and Game, East Bay Regional Park District, National Marine Fisheries Service, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ser-

well. For example:
Steelhead trout in the central

California coast (including the Bay Area) were listed under the Endangered Species Act as a federally threatened species in 1997.





Cyclists took part in the Tour de Vendage in Livermore over the weekend. Rich Mongarro, president of the San Jose Police Amateur Athletic Foundation, sponsored the ride that raised funds for children with hydrocephalus. Riders came from all over the Bay Area to take part in the ride. The goal is to make the ride one of the most popular in the Bay Area.

Scientists Find New Element

Scientists from the Chemistry, Materials and Life Sciences Directorate at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in collaboration with researchers from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Russia (JINR), have discovered the newest superheavy element: element

It is the fifth new element discovered by the team.

Dawn Shaughnessy, team member, said over 1000 hours of experiments were conducted during which two atoms of the element were discovered. Earlier, the team had observed one atom of the element, bringing the total to three. The average lifetime of each atom was .9 milliseconds, which Shaughnessy described as pretty normal.

Asked why conduct such research, Nancy Stoyer said, "It's like any other journey to a new place. Why go to the moon or climb Mount Everest? It's about finding something new. It is something interesting. It helps theorists understand what really works in their theories.'

The results will be published in the October 2006 edition of the journal, Physical Review C.

The decay properties of all the isotopes that we have made so far paint the picture of a large, sort of flat Island of Stability and indicate that we may have luck if we try to go even heavier," said Ken Moody, Livermore's team leader. "We're nibbling away at the shores of the island," he declared during a teleconference with reporters.

The Island of Stability is a

term from nuclear physics that indicates where elements could be found that have particularly stable "magic numbers" of protons and neutrons. This would allow certain isotopes of some transuranic elements (elements with atomic numbers greater than 92) to be far more stable than others, and thus decay much more slowly.

Element 118 is expected to be a noble gas (inert gases) that lies right below radon on the periodic table of elements. It has been dubbed ekaradon. "The world is made up of about 90 elements," Moody said. "Anything more you can learn about the periodic table is exciting. It can tell us why the world is here and what it is made of.' Other members of the Liver-

more team include Mark Stoyer, Wilk, Jacqueline Philip Kenneally, Jerry Landrum, John Wild, Ron Lougheed and former LLNL employee Joshua Patin.

Livermore has had a longstanding heavy element group since the inception of the Laboratory in 1952. The group has been successful in the discovery of several new elements over the years because it has access to unique materials to perform the experiments. In 1999 and 2001, the Laboratory announced the discovery of elements 114 and 116, respectively. In 2004, the Livermore-Dubna team observed the existence of elements 113 and 115.

As for the future, the LLNL-Dubna team will continue to map the region near the "Island of Stability." In 2007, the team plans to look for element 120 by bombarding a plutonium target with iron isotopes.

"The heavy element community will continue to search for new elements until the limit of nuclear stability is found," Mark Stoyer said. "It is expected that limit will be found."

However, the limit isn't likely to be reached using tools currently available. Moody noted, "At this point it can't be done anywhere. The tools to conduct such research are not available.'



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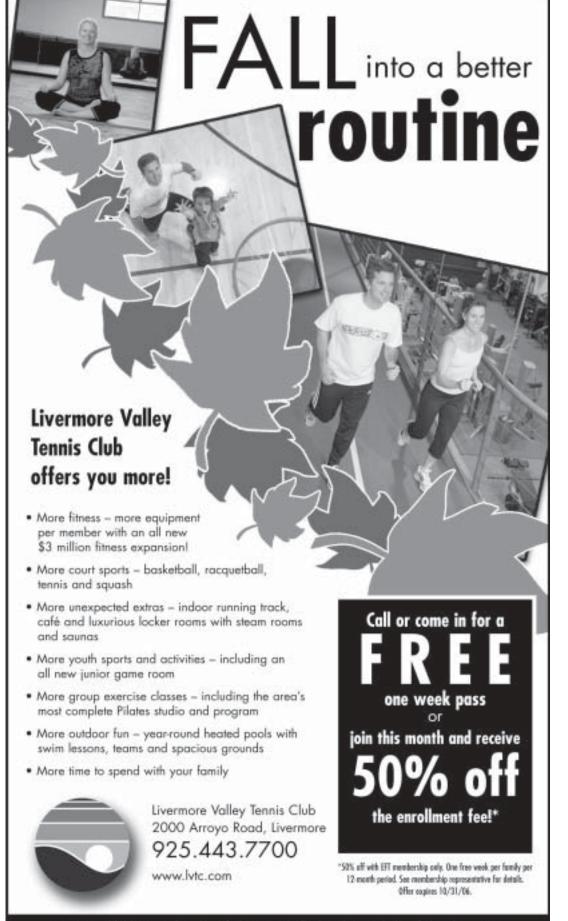
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EDITORIALS

15th Assembly District — TERRY COLEMAN

The 15th is among the few Assenbly districts where liberals and conservatives are pretty evenly divided. In that context, Terry Coleman brings a consensus approach to his candidacy.

His top priority would be to create a bipartisan caucus in the Assembly to break up the legislative gridlock that often occurs because of the party bickering. Coleman observes there has never been this kind of caucus in Sacramento, "though they have caucuses about everything else under the sun.'

A resident of Danville and an attorney by profession, Terry Coleman seeks to unseat incumbent Guy Houston.

Houston's campaign is heavily financed by developers — no surprise given his abysmal record on environmental matters. In that vein, Houston supports Proposition 90, the eminent domain initiative. Coleman opposes it, observing that 90's effect would be to make 'environmental regulation impossible."

Recently enacted ozone protection legislation lifts California into a pace-setter role in the campaign against global warming. Houston voted against this legislation. Coleman would have supported it.

We believe that on this and many of the other important issues of the day, Coleman would give the 15th a more responsive and wiser level of representation. We urge the voters of the 15th Assembly District to elect Terry Coleman.

18th Assembly District — MARY HAYASHI

Mary Hayashi, the Democratic candidate, has three priorities. She would expand health care. She would push for affordable education by supporting community colleges and trade schools. And she would work for more public transit. She is herself a health care leader, who serves on the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Jill Buck of Pleasanton, locally reknowned for her recycling endeavors in the schools as founder/president of the Go Green Initiative, is also in the race, running hard as the Republican candidate, hoping for an upset in a district where the Democrats far outnumber the Republicans. We can't help but admire the never-saydie spirit that Buck is showing in her campaign.

However, we endorse Hayashi. Health care — one of the topmost of priorities —needs the impassioned and informed leadership that Hayashi would bring to the Legislature. She advocates a multi-strategy approach and opposes ballot-box solutions to fund these programs.

Of significance to us, Hayashi supported Alameda County Measure D, which established the North Livermore urban growth boundary (UGB). Buck, meanwhile, says open space must be balanced against housing needs — a point of view that usually signifies opposition to UGBs.

From expanding health care to halting suburban sprawl, Hayashi is the strongest candidate in this race, in our opinion. We urge 18th Assembly District voters to elect Mary Hayashi.

10th State Senate Distric — **ELLEN CORBETT**

Ellen Corbett will go to the State Legislature with a long record of local public service. As one of her priorities, she pleages vigilance to protect local government against further funding raids by the state.

Corbett won the Democratic primary in June over two formidible candidates, Johan Klehs and John Dutra. Corbett won largely because the voters felt that among the three she was the candidate most in touch with the grassroots concerns of the district. Environmental organizations — Sierra Club, etc. —rallied behind her.

The 10th Senate District is so overwhelmingly Democratic and the Republican candidate has so little support that Corbett's election is virtually assured. The real election was in June. However, we hope 10th District voters won't take this race lightly. We urge them to elect Ellen Corbett.

Pleasanton Measure P — YES

Pleasanton Measure P would ratify the plan for a

"Grand Park" at the Bernal site.

The 318-acre park will feature sub-areas of woodlands, meadows, wetlands and heritage sites. Trails will traverse the park, connecting with regional trails.

Also planned are a teen/community center, outdoor basketball courts, children's play areas and arts

Lighted ballfields will be constructed on 35-50 acres as a separate project at Bernal. (This area isn't part of

The Bernal site lies along Bernal Avenue across from the Fairgrounds, on both sides of I-680.

The plan for the Grand Park was developed through a process involving extensive community involvement. Voter approval is now needed for the plan to proceed. The park will be built as funds become available to the City of Pleasanton during the coming years.

This park will be truly grand. It will be to Pleasanton what Golden Gate Park is to San Francisco. We wholeheartedly urge "yes" on Measure P.

Suit Over Altamont Bird Deaths Thrown Out

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Bonnie Sabraw dismissed a public interest lawsuit over the alleged failure of state and federal regulators to enforce laws that would reduce kills of raptors, such as eagles and hawks, in the Altamont.

The suit was filed by Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) under a section of the state business and professional code against Altamont wind power firms and government regulatory agencies. The suit asked for what CBD considered long overdue enforcement of "takes" of birds from the Altamont, and enforcement of the fines for those takes. The law attaches penalties to the take of certain raptor species. According to the suit, the agencies have failed in their enforce-

The fines would have gone to pay for new habitat for Altamont

raptors, said CBD wildlife coordinator Jeff Miller.

The windpower firms argued that birds flying into wind turbine blades are not "takes," in the sense that shooting a bird is. The birds in the Altamont die because their flights take them into the turbines. They call it accidental or unintended death. Further, the wind firms' attorneys challenged CBD's right to sue under the business and professional code.

CBD's argument was that under state law, wildlife is a public trust commodity owned by the public. Therefore failure to enforce the law was a violation of the business code.

The wind industry argued that a proposition passed by voters in 2004 to stop attorneys from filing nuisance suits just to collect a fee also prohibits public interest suits filed under the business and professional code. Sabraw agreed with that argument, and dismissed the case.

There are cases in courts that challenge the proposition. If CBD appeals its case instead of letting it die, there is a chance that a favorable decision could overturn the proposition, at least for public interest suits, and therefore would enable CBD's suit to return to court, said Miller.

The nonprofit group has not decided whether it will appeal. The decision was handed down

CBDs' attorney, Rick Wiebe, said in a press release that Sabraw's ruling "conflicts with more than 100 years of California Supreme Court rulings that clearly establish that California's wildlife is property owned by the people of California.'

Tt also conflicts with California Supreme Court rulings holding that citizens and public interest groups can sue to enforce public trust property rights. The court's ruling guts citizen en-forcement of the public trust in wildlife, leaving citizens without a remedy when corporations destroy the public's wildlife for pri-

vate profit."
CBD realizes bird kills can't be totally eliminated, said Miller. For the future, CBD has worked toward a significant reduction by participating in a county permitting process that will lead to replacement of wind turbines in the Altamont.

Bird kills are under study by a scientific committee pulled together by the county, with advice from the wind industry and CBD. In two years, there should be enough data to see whether design and placement of the new turbines to be put in the Altamont will be effective in reducing bird kills, said Miller.

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schools and excellent services for its residents. Working people who contribute to this community cannot live here with their families because the housing they need doesn't exist." She said that she was able to find an affordable apartment five years ago. She and her family would like to purchase a home, but can-

Asked about infrastructure constraints such as sewage capacity, Marcantonio called that argument a "red herring." He pointed out that there is no cap on commercial development. There is plenty of sewage treatment capacity for commercial development. Some of the capacity could be used for housing.

not afford to do so in Pleasanton.

According to Urban Habitat, Pleasanton's unmet share of affordable housing includes approximately 800 homes affordable to very-low and low-income households. Since 1999, only 20 homes for very-low income families with childre, such as a family of four earning \$40,00, have been built in Pleasanton.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development in 2005 "decertified" Pleasanton's housing element plan, because the city had failed to rezone land for affordable housing.

Public Advocates and Urban Habitat served a demand letter on the city in June. They met with city officials in August, who

described current city plans that would meet less than half of the remaining need for lower-income homes, at best.

The city sent a letter to Marcantonio signed by City Manager Nelson Fialho on September 29 pointing out that the city is currently working with a developer on a large family development with affordable units adjacent to the soon to be constructed East Dublin BART sta-

Fialho also notes that the rezoning will be addressed during the general plan update.

You have questioned the city's growth management program and voter approved housing cap," Fialho observed. "The city has not restricted any housing development as a result of its growth management ordinance or general plan polices related to growth management.

"The city council and staff remain committed to providing a full range of housing, including affordable housing," Fialho writes. He concludes that the city has developed 2,764 housing units, which is in excess of many cities of comparable population in the ABAG program.

At a press conference Marcantonio said that the city has been invited to come back with a proposal on how they plan to resolve the issues. "It's not too late to contact us with a meaningful proposal. However, we will move forward with the lawsuit, if necessary," he declared.

SCORES

(continued from page one) target is 83 percent proficiency for last year's testing.

Ott was especially concerned about the English Learners program, where the goal was 52 percent proficient. The result was 28

Casey said that the formula the district used in setting its own goals on AYP was complicated. However, the merit is that it makes the district ask "are we really doing well for our socioeconomic disadvantaged and others this year, and our English language learners?"

Ott said that he wanted to know, "What the district can do specifically. The teachers are teaching, but what more can we

Casey said, "If someone has an answer, come to us. Our teachers are teaching smart.'

"In 2014, we won't see more goals realized" said Ott.

Casey replied that since NCLB affects the entire nation, it's likely Congress would change it before 2014. He noted that expecting all children in a district cue them. tic. The NCLB law calls for the possibility of removing the superintendent and teachers in order to meet the goal. However, obviously that kind of sanction was directed to large districts with low test scores, not to a high-performing district like Pleasanton, especially if it comes close to 100 percent, Casey said.

Nevertheless, Pleasanton does want to increase its student performance, and is committed to advancing on the AYP, Casey

A.P.I. RESULTS PRAISED

Back on the topic of the state API performance, trustee Pat

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dents to enjoy the outdoors." The council also approved a memorandum of understanding with the City of Livermore to

develop a solar energy program. The two cities will undertake data gathering from the community, city staff, business leaders and professionals, solar industry representatives and others regarding solar programs with the goal of tailoring a program for

Pleasanton staff is proposing a "turn-key" program that would require minimal ongoing staff involvement. The study will look at existing residential retrofit, new residential development, existing and new commercial and city owned facilities for potential solar energy programs.

Laboratory's plans to operate the

facility without proper environ-

mental study, as well as a sister

proposal for Los Alamos Labora-

tory in New Mexico to open a

similar facility also without thor-

Energy Dept. withdrew its ap-

proval for the Los Alamos facil-

ity and litigated only on the Liv-

ermore proposal. Potential earth-

quakes, and the need for "additional seismic analysis," were

listed as a reason for the approval

to be withdrawn and the more

stringent review to be under-

taken in New Mexico.

After plaintiffs filed suit, the

ough environmental review.

Kernan said he was glad to see a fairly close range of scores between the highest and lowest schools. "It shows all of ours schools are comparable," he said. It's important when the board draws attendance boundaries for parents to realize that whatever school their children attend, the quality is there, said Kernan.

Kernan said he also likes the fact that the test results, by grade and schools, are used for diagnosis, to see where things might be

Although not mentioned at the meeting, district officials said in August that Foothill High School dropped in its overall score from 841 to 833. Filipino students dropped by 17 points to 887, which is still an extremely high score. A difference in the number of Filipinos compared to the year before could have affected that statistic, school officials said in August. Foothill officials are exploring what the drop in their score

TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON TEST SCORES?

Kernan also called for putting test scores in a broader context, perhaps in a future report. "It's almost like there is a fixation on test scores. That's not what it (education) is all about," he said.

Ott said that Kernan was right. "It's not all test scores. On the other hand, the students have to compete (on demanding levels), and these are test-score driven."

Trustee Juanita Haugen said that she, too, was "thrilled" with the higher API scores. However, looking at the bigger picture of performance, Haugen said that she is concerned about 10th and 11th grade students who coast

when they become seniors. Students who have acceptance letters to colleges shouldn't assume they will automatically get in. Some colleges have rescinded acceptance because seniors' grades sagged, said Haugen.

Board president Steve Pulido said he likes the API numbers. However, he thinks there is too much emphasis on testing and the numbers. "I want every child to be all that he or she can be," he said. The district should push the bar higher, but the expectations have to be realistic.

'We don't have all A students. Some kids will be very stressed. Not all can meet stringent expectations. We'll reach a point where we are not doing our kids a favor. We don't have as Einstein in every single one of our students," said Pulido.

CATS
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"I am unashamedly a cat person," declared Director Maryalice Faltings. "I know there are people in Livermore who catch feral cats, neuter them and place them in foster homes in an attempt to domesticate

Faltings agreed the district does not want a lot of cats in the park, because they eat birds, lizards and other small animals. She added, "Keep in mind that feral cats have been dumped by people who don't know any better." She urged staff not "to come

feeding them with efforts to resdown too hard on this issue." She asked whether there had

been any complaints about cats in district parks. Kamena said there had been

complaints. Director Steve Goodman said

he encouraged rescue rather than sending the animals to a shelter where, if after a period of time they are not adopted, they are destroyed. "I do not support hav-ing them destroyed," he declared. "I'm not in favor of that for any animal.

CIPADJUSTMENTS

The board considered proposed changes in the capital improvement project (CIP) budget.

Because of the slow-down in the housing market, park in lieu fees are coming in slower than projected by the district when the CIP budget was set.

The board also voted to reclassify Park Supervisor James Brandenburg to the position of Senior Park Supervisor, effective October 16, 2006. Brandenburg has worked for LARPD for 31 years. He started as a Recreation Maintenance Technician, then Park Maintenance II, and has been Park Supervisor for the last 19-1/2 years.

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Elect Daniel Faustina Dorene Paradiso-Carroll Pleasanton

I have known Dan Faustina since he attended Foothill High School. I enjoyed working with him as he helped to found the Key Club at Foothill and in his work with the Pleasanton Kiwanis Club. Dan is currently involved in the community, and serves on two county commis-

I have watched Dan grow into an extraordinary young man, who is completely devoted to his hometown of Pleasanton, and to serving his community.

I know that Dan is dedicated to preserving Pleasanton's excellent quality of life, and that he is a hard worker, with outstanding leadership skills. As a member of the City Council, Dan will be open to new ideas, and will listen to the citizens of Pleasanton. I know he will base his decision making on sound advice, knowledge, and the understanding of the issues brought forth to him. Having been born and raised here in Pleasanton, Dan is keenly aware of the issues surrounding our community. He has a unique blend of youthful vigor, and ma-

Please join me, my family and friends in voting for Dan Faustina.

Campaign Signs Lisa Townsend

Livermore After spending eight hours last weekend placing Kate Runyon's campaign signs throughout Livermore, I was highly disappointed to see that many of the signs had disappeared within two hours after l finished putting them out. My disappointment grew to concern and anger after realizing that most of the missing signs had mysteriously reappeared in areas

> Bay on First Street. It seems obvious that some person or group of people is trying to make Kate look bad and/ or cause her to be fined. Kate has filed a police report, but realistically we don't expect to find out who is responsible for the sign theft and relocation. We can only hope that the thefts will stop.

where campaign signs are prohib-

ited. For example, five signs

showed up in front of Panama

I have known and worked with Kate Runyon for several years. She is a fair and honest person who is running for School Board because she cares about education. She has proven that time and time again in her many volunteer efforts on behalf of our schools. She doesn't deserve to have her campaign sabotaged. No candidate for any elected office

Each candidate for School Board is a sincere, well-meaning person, who deserves our respect and thanks for being willing to run for such a demanding job. Let's give all four of the candidates and the electoral process the respect they deserve and leave their signs alone.

Elite vs. Elitist Kevin R. Braun Livermore

Mr. Morrison's inability to discern the difference between "elite" and "elitist" forces me, sadly not for the first time, seriously to question his fitness to hold any post in education.

The Magic Flute John Shirley Livermore

I am writing this letter to inform your readers of a wonderful experience in wait for them. Next weekend, they can hear and see Mozart's wonderful "Magic Flute." It is a morality story, a love story with a happy ending, a fairytale, an opera for people of all ages.

Those in attendance will be amazed at the high quality of the principal singers, the chorus, and the orchestra. They are all a great credit to Livermore Valley Op-

The pre-opera lectures are highly recommended and start at 7PM on Saturday evening, Oct.21, and at 1PM on Sunday, Oct.22. The performances start 8PM on Saturday and 2PM on Sunday. You can enjoy grand opera in Livermore without long car rides in the traffic. Parking is free, and the costs are modest, \$25 to \$40. You may buy tickets at the door, but for your choice of seats, you can make reservations by phoning 925-591-9210.

As a board member of Livermore Valley Opera, I can tell you there is a great deal of effort and expense that goes into these productions. An enthusiastic audience makes all the work worthwhile. I hope you can join us.

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of Energy is studying the deci-

sion and looking at options

available to the department. The

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JUDGE

the mentally ill. She also has extensive trial and court experience. She served as a Judge Pro Tem and volunteer mediator for the Alameda County Superior

Over half of the judges of the Alameda County Superior Court have endorsed her. She has been a teacher and also worked in private practice in civil litigation.

Bean says she was encouraged to run by other judges. She says that her experience as a teacher makes it more likely that she would look at all sides of an issue, rather than zeroing in on one viewpoint. "I have always tried to get to the right result, rather than push a point."

Bean believes that more women are needed on the bench. In general, she says men are more likely to be appointed when an opening arises. Women have to run for election.

One area where she would like to see some focus is in making

sure that laws on the books are applied, particularly when it comes to elder abuse and the mentally ill.

Bean would also like to see greater access to the courts. She thinks some recent changes have helped, including placing civil cases on a management system. Several years ago, there was recognition that the system wasn't working. It would take several years for a case to make its way through the courts.

In Alameda County, they are considering a direct calendaring system. The same judge would keep the case. "It's a wonderful idea. Having a specific judge to deal with would be more efficient," according to Bean.

Access to the courts is something people are entitled to and expect. "It is important to make the courts something people can really use. I would like to see some kind of program where people who can't afford lawyers have access to them," said Bean.

There also should be strict

The federal government also

Schwarzenegger "did the

penalties for employers who hire

needs to provide the proper sur-

veillance for any terrorists

right thing" in signing a bill to

curb emissions that contribute to

global warming, said Tauscher.

"I'm proud that California is a

leader on this issue," she said. If

Congress changes hands Nov. 7,

"I think you will see a much more

sensible reflection of current sci-

ence on global warming and cli-

mate change. We have every rea-

son to be concerned. We have to

understand it and address it," said

Tauscher said that the trend has

been that employer based health

care is going away, with fewer

benefits and less participation by

employers. "In the next Con-

gress, we need to look at what

can be done," she said. Tauscher

does not favor a single payer

plan run by the government. Pri-

vate market participation is

needed in an approach that gives

consumers choices and access.

rity, Tauscher said that although

Oakland/San Francisco is "one

of the top ports in the country, it

received no money at all" in the

most recent distribution of fund-

ing. She said she organized a

meeting that involved the Bay

Area congressional delegation.

flaws in the way they (Homeland

Security department) are assess-

ing and analyzing the risk. We

think they are unresponsive,"

she said. "We made it clear we

don't want the same kind of rules

that got us nothing. There are 581

ports, and Long Beach/Los An-

geles and Oakland/San Fran-

cisco are in the top 100. You

can't take the 'must-haves' and

leave them to compete for a pal-

try sum of money. I hope in the

next six weeks to have a meet-

ing and move the ball forward,"

projects funding, Tauscher men-

tioned her work in obtaining

money for Interstate 580 and I-

680 widening and other conges-

tion relief projects, as well as

funding to help Livermore BART

process in the study stage.

money than was ever delivered

to the Bay Area," said Tauscher.

up her own topics in the inter-

view, Tauscher talked about the

time she has spent working with

Sandia and LLNL to see their

programs are funded. "We got the

contract for the NIF. We're proud

of the UC/Bechtel consortium

bidding for the Livermore con-

tract. We also have a close rela-

tionship with Alameda County

supervisors, particularly Scott

Haggerty and officials in Liver-

more. It's an honor to represent

them," said Tauscher.

With the opportunity to bring

'We've gotten 50 percent more

Asked about highway

said Tauscher.

'We have found significant

Asked about homeland secu-

On health insurance,

Tauscher.

illegal immigrants.

threats at the border.

Family law is a big problem, she noted. Many people can't afford an attorney.

Her idea would be to ask lawyers to provide free service in exchange for credits for classes the lawyers are required to take.

When it comes to the death penalty, Bean states, "Any judge has to tell you it is the law. No judge can do anything other than support it. I'm not wild about, but it is the law. It has to be used sparingly and in special cases.'

Bean supports a woman's right to choose. "It is the law," she added.

Bean continued, "Judges are allowed to have personal opinions. However, if they take the job, they have to apply the law as it stands."

In making a decision, a judge looks at precedent, says Bean. Where there are grey areas, the law is open to interpretation.

She supports rehabilitation for nonviolent offense, rather than sending people to prison, because the system is overcrowded. At the same time, Beans says it is important to have enough teeth in place that people don't take advantage of the justice system. In addition, the court system is not the best place to do social work

Bean likes the drug courts. If offenders don't follow the rules of an agreement, they can be sent to prison.

While some perceive the judicial system has having one rule for the rich and another for the poor, Bean says that the law has to be applied equally. "It doesn't matter who you are, but what you did. Perhaps the reason people look at the courts as being twotiered, is that people who have more resources can present better defenses because they hire the best lawvers.

"My focus is to have someone on the bench who is involved in the community," said Bean. She said her focus has been on trying to service the community. "I am nonpartisan, impartial and compassionate, qualities essential for a judge," she declared.

Bean has a J.D. from the Santa Clara University Law School, graduated from Wake Forest University cum laude and has completed course work for a Ph.D. at UC Berkeley.

DENNIS HAYASHI, a Castro Valley resident, is a public interest attorney. He served as director of Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Clinton administration.

Hayashi describes himself as having a lifelong commitment to public service. "For 25 years I have worked to enact and enforce federal and state laws to protect people."

I have had a lifelong commitment to public service. As an attorney for more than ten years with the Asian Law Caucus, he litigated numerous cases on behalf of low income residents who faced discrimination or harassment on the job or threats to civil liberties. He declares, "I was proud to have served as co-counsel to Fred Korematsu, who successfully challenged and had vacated his World War II conviction for refusing to report to an

internment camp."

Most recently, he was elected to the Board of AC Transit, working to ensure affordable transportation to all residents of Alameda

He has been endorsed by a wide range of judicial and public

PLEASANTON.

officials, and prominent community leaders, as well as the Sierra

He said he is running, because of three things he says he believes very strongly in. They are judicial independence from the legislative and executive branches of government; making the courts and legal systems accessible; and providing fair and unbiased judging.

"Accessibility is a big issue," Hayashi declared. "It's not just not being able to afford legal representation. The filing fees are expensive. Over the years, there have been efforts to encourage alternatives, such as dispute resolution and mediation. My concern is that leads to a two tier system of justice," he explained.

Keeping in mind expenses and budgets to run the courts, Hayashi would like to explore whether there can be exceptions made in the payment of fees for those who can't afford them.

A judge has to apply the law as written and interpreted. He would render decisions based on his understanding of the law and case precedent. In what might be considered grey areas, Hayashi said he would collect as much evidence as necessary to help render a proper decision.

Hayashi said that he believes his experience in serving in both the Clinton and Davis administrations has provided him the background necessary to interpret laws when required. He explained that he has been involved in drafting and discussing legislation. "I have some idea of how to look for the intent behind how a law was written," Hayashi stated.

He considers both rehabilitation and incarceration as equally valid remedies for those who break the law. He would look at all of the circumstances before making a decision.

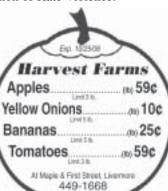
Hayashi expressed concern about the number of cases involving individuals with mental health issues. "In those situations, it is frustrating to lock them up for a few days. I hope there can be a way to develop a process to provide treatment.'

He provided the same answer when asked about the death penalty and abortion. "I don't have an opinion. The judicial council is pretty strict on this. We are not supposed to take a position on any issue that may arise."

Given the case loads in the courts, additional judges would make sense. However, Hayashi said he understands there are budget issues when it comes to being able to fund additional

Hayashi would like to see not just more women, but more minorities appointed to the bench. He adds, "I would stress that my interest in diversity goes beyond that. I don't believe there are enough judges who came from a background of public service."

He has a J.D. from Hastings College of Law. He has served as a commissioner on the California Commission on the Prevention of Hate Violence.



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are up. She said that much of the deficit was money for the war. "Am I happy with the way Congress spends money? Absolutely not. Much of it is pork in bills that we are passing. We need to cut back on such spending," said

Linn. Linn says of the Republican Congress, "We have to live within our means. The size of the federal government should not be increased. One lesson of Katrina was that the federal government can't respond to disasters. We need to reduce the federal government, and leave more to local government. The closer you are to a situation, the more productive," she said.

Asked whether states should receive disaster funds from the federal government or have to generate their own to replace the federal government's role. Linn said that she wasn't sure about the mechanics of it. "The point is to not increase the level of spending.

Linn said that tax cuts are good, because history shows that tax revenue goes up when tax rates go down. More people have money to pay their taxes, she

LINN OPPOSES CAM-PAIGN FINANCE REFORM

The federal government does not need campaign finance reform, said Linn. She was in charge of the San Francisco Republican county committee when the McCain-Feingold federal law "complicated things. People always find loopholes. It's better to leave it up to people to do the right thing. You can't regulate morality.

Linn explained that under the McCain-Feingold campaign reform law and state Proposition 34, donors had to give contributions to central committees in each county, and not designate it for anyone in particular. However, "they would say things like, 'We would strongly recommend that it be given to a certain candidate'," she said.

Linn said that she is familiar with Rep. Richard Pombo's bill that brings major changes to the Endangered Species Act. She supports it. "I think we need a balance between eco-friendly and business-friendly," said Linn.

On immigration, Linn said she favors a bill by Republican Sen. Kay Bailey that would allow a six-year permit for an alien to come in legally as a guest worker. It could be renewed once. provided the person acquired good English skills. However, it would not be a track to citizenship. The program would be run by private industry, with oversight by the federal government, she said.

Linn said that she admires the desire of people who want to come to the United States for a better life for their families. "However, this country is based on the rule of law." Putting illegal aliens on the same track for citizenship as legal entrants "would be a travesty. I have a very dear friend from Panama. She is proud to be a citizen. She followed the rules. She is upset with others who don't follow the rules," she said.

GLOBAL WARMING NOT TRUE

Global warming is not an issue in this campaign, said Linn. "It was hotter in 1936 than it has been in the past 10 years. I think a lot of scientists think there is no global warming, and I agree," she said.

On health insurance, the federal government should not step in. It's up to the individuals and their employers to take care of health insurnace. It's part of the salary package when people interview for jobs. "If companies are unsuccessful, the government shouldn't step in to help them. There is a level of poverty

where the government can help," she added.

Asked if there were any problems with how the federal government is handing out funding for homeland security, she said she didn't think so. Asked about the Port of Oakland being left off the list, Linn said she would have to understand more about where the money went. Oakland officials would have had to make a competent case for the money, "like anyone else who works for a living," she said.

When it comes to acquiring highway funds and other congestion relief projects for the district, Linn said that she would "work better with a Republicancontrolled Congress than Tauscher would," she said.

REP. ELLEN TAUSCHER "People in Washington might quibble about the definition of a civil war. However, we are in a civil war in Iraq. It fits the average person's definition, when the average Iraqi can't go buy a newspaper, kids can't go to school, and thousands leave the country every day because of violence. It meets my definition. Eight of 10 (in the violence) are Iraqi fighters; only two out of 10 are Al-Qaida or jihadist fighters. We have 150,000 troops pinned down in the country," said Tauscher.

We need a change of direction. We have a national intelligence estimate that is vastly different than the rosy Rose Garden scenario, with everything through a political filter," she said. "We have to make it clear that U.S. troops will not fight the Iraqi civil war. We'll be supportive, but not a crutch. With 2700 (American) dead and 20,000 iniured, we need to tell Iraq, 'It's time for you to stand up, so the U.S. stands down.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban are becoming rich off the opium from the poppy crop, and pouring their money into "the most sophisticated weapons in the region." That's why they are knocking NATO forces back on their heels. The international community needs to give the Karzai government more aid, to develop the country into stability, so that the Taliban fail, said

Tauscher. On Bush's new laws about how to treat arrested or captured suspects linked to terrorism. Tauscher said that she led the fight against the military commissions. "I stand with all Americans that there is a special place in hell for the perpetrators of 9/ 11. But I want to bring them to justice more quickly than the Bush administration does. It's been five years, and no one has been tried. The original plan to try them was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. They already had one chance, and they blew it," said Tauscher.

Framers of the new approach have it wrong. By taking away rights of captured or arrested people, they are endangering the lives of U.S. military personnel who are captured in foreign countries, said Tauscher.

PROSPERITY NEEDS EXPANSION

The U.S. economy is "working for some people. It's on a steady course for recovery, though it has been a slow course. The question is how to make sure we are widening the circle for more Americans. How do they get a sense of job security, a job with benefits that that can invest in their families, buy a home, and do things we know lead to stable

communities," said Tauscher. "You don't do it by preferring a class of people, the most wealthy, and provide them with more tax cuts than you do with the working middle class, who struggled in this economy, and continues to do so. These (tax) cuts have come at a cost to all

Americans," said Tauscher.

Tauscher said that in the past 30 years, the national workforce has become more mobile and fluid, with people moving all over the nation. The rate of change is "shocking to some, and many can't gain skills in an affordable way, a way that doesn't interrupt their way to get money."

"We are blessed in the 10th CD that many are doing well. Probably in their families there are siblings who are not doing as well, and who worry about their children's ability to attain their American Dream. We need a comprehensive strategy for higher paying jobs, access to higher education, and working on the health care crisis, Tauscher said.

Tauscher supported the McCain-Feingold campaign reform law four years ago. "There is too much money spent in politics these days. Campaigns cost millions of dollars. People who want to serve a term or two in politics find it difficult to make a run. Also, gerrymandering says, 'A pox on all your houses.' We should have neutral commissions (to draw redistricting lines), not something jerryrigged by the governor," said Tauscher, referring to the redistricting initiative that was supported by Schwarzenegger.

The redistricting plan was not representative of the state. It didn't include geographic or racial balance, said Tauscher. "That's why I opposed it. It was the right idea, but the wrong plan," she said.

Tauscher was asked about the Environmental Species Act reform bill, which was written by her geographical neighbor, Rep. Richard Pombo in the 11th CD. Environmental organizations said that the bill dismantles the act, and bends over backward to keep developers and timber and mineral interests happy

Tauscher said that "while any law in effect for 15 or 20 years needs changing, this is the wrong reformer. This is a pickaxe approach."

'FAILED POLICY' ON **BORDER**

On the immigration issue facing Congress, Tauscher said "We have a failed border security and immigration policy that has left us with 12 million illegals in the country. That's why I supported comprehensive border reform, instead of demagoguing debates that at times sounded unrealistic and racist," said Tauscher.

A realistic solution for illegal immigrants is to recognize the work they have done for the nation, but create a separate class of identification for them, so they are "not in the same queue as those waiting to be citizens. We need to find out who they are, and understand what their status is. If they are guilty of any crime, they would have to leave immediately. If they are solid citizens, put them in a status where they pay a fine, so they aren't rewarded for (illegal immigration), and then put them into a program were they can be citizens in time. That could also include a guest worker program," said Tauscher.

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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 businesses.

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

Early Voting in the City Clerk's Office

Early voting will be available at the City Clerk's office at 1052 S. Livermore Avenue beginning on October 23. The hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Election day, November 7, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00

11TH DISTRICT (continued from page one)

that led to Abramoff's conviction. He said he then donated \$7500 from his campaign fund to charity, so that the money would not further his election.

Pombo also drew the fire of environmentalists with his bill to make changes in the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The bill passed the House. However, it was stalled in the Senate, with no compromise bill completed by adjournment. In effect, it is dead. Pombo said he will work to pass another one in the House when it reconvenes in January.

Environmentalists said Pombo's bill would gut the ESA. The Environmental Defense Fund has been especially active campaigning against Pombo, raising funds and commissioning polls during the primary and general elections.

Environmentalists said that Pombo's so-called fair treatment of landowners, giving them compensation for habitat land, amounted to a government subsidy for developers, timber interests and mining companies, and would destroy efforts to create enough habitat for endangered species to survive.

Pombo said that a majority of Resources Committee Democrats voted for his bill. A total of 40 Democrats supported it on the House floor. He said it's a needed reform that improves the ESA by treating landowners fairly in situations where they have endangered species on their land. He expanded on this in his candidate's answers part of this

D.C.C.C. SHOWS SUP-PORT FOR McNERNEY

McNerney has received the endorsements of the San Jose Mercury News, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Merced Bee and this newspaper.

Johnson, the campaign consultant, tried to minimize the Democrats' funding effort by pointing out that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) has not given McNerney any direct donations, a sign that it doesn't have much faith in McNerney's likelihood of winning.

However, Yoni Cohen, one of McNerney's two press contacts, disputed Johnson's remarks. Cohen said that the DCCC has given McNerney \$70,000 in 41a (d) funding, the maximum under that law. The donations pay for overhead such as campaign headquarters rent, meals, salaries for workers.

Further, Rep. Emmanuel of Illinois, who chairs the DCCC, has given McNerney the maximum \$5000 from his own PAC, and the maximum \$2000 from himself. The DCCC recently put McNerney on its list of "emerging candidates," which "may help out," Cohen said.

During the last quarter, we raised over \$700,000. Some 98 percent of it was from 4558 individuals. It's more money than any Pombo opponent has ever raised," said Cohen. McNerney has passed the \$1 million mark in the campaign.

Pombo, though, has gone past \$3 million. Some of it comes from oil, timber and gas interests, and from Indian tribes, reflecting his powerful position as chair of the House Committee on Resources.

Pombo told the Independent, "Energy companies have been a big part of it, but also people involved with agriculture and small business." Pombo serves on the agriculture committee. He is also on the transportation committee, but is on leave from it because of his duties as chair of the Resources committee.

President Bush appeared at a fund-raiser for Pombo in Stockton recently. Democrats point to

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be raising funds for California at the walk in Phoenix. They are

the Bush visit as a sign the Republicans are worried.

Pombo echoed Johnson's remarks about his campaign's polls showing him ahead. He told the Independent that he has attended Bush fund-raisers. It was Bush's turn to come to one of his. He said the event raised approximately \$500,000 for his campaign.

The candidates were interviewed by telephone from a set list of questions, with the opportunity to add any topics that weren't covered. Their names are listed in alphabetical order.

JERRY McNERNEY

Asked about the situation in Iraq, McNerney said, "Unfortunately, it is going badly. It makes me sad to say that. Americans are there. Our national security is at stake. I was against the Iraq war from the beginning. However, once we were there, we should follow a reasonable strategy. We need to make it secure.'

The United States needs to put pressure on the Iraqi government. There should be a public timetable, which would put real pressure on it, he said.

In Afghanistan, "again, they (Bush administration) had the opportunity. The entire world was behind us (after 9/11). Instead they diverted resources to Iraq and let Bin Ladin get away. Now Afghanistan produces more poppies (for heroin) than ever before. The situation is deteriorating militarily," said rating McNerney.

The key thing in Afghanistan is to "rebuild the country. That hasn't happened The (U.S,.) national leadership has lost interest. We had a secure situation, but it's deteriorating. There are not enough troops there, not enough resources. The Taliban is moving back in. It's disheartening to say these things. That's truth as I see it," said McNerney.

On the concerns of many people that civil liberties are brushed aside by the Bush administration, McNerney said, 'We need to be tough. We need to wire-tap suspected terrorists. However, we need do it within the laws that existed. They had all the authority needed to wiretap. We don't need to go against 230 years of tradition, and the Constitution itself. Ben Franklin said that those who give up freedom for security, deserve nei-

McNerney said that the United States fought Communists after World War II "without breaking the Geneva Convention. Torture is counter productive. They hate us all the more. It has not provided us with good information. We can beat terrorism. We have to be smart about

McNerney favors campaign reform. Congress should look at the state laws in Maine and Arizona and see how they have been working, and determine whether it would be a good plan for federal elections.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) can be improved. McNerney said Pombo's bill "will destroy the act. We need to protect species. The act has been successful. A large fraction of species listed have not gone extinct. They are on the slow path to recovery. Some have even been taken off the list.

"However, (the ESA) does put financial hardship on some developers and landowners. That should be taken into account. There should be some sort of tax deduction for people who have direct financial losses," McNerney said.

Immigration reform is "a difficult topic. It requires a comprehensive solution. We need good border security, definitely, for

national security purposes. We also need job-site enforcement of existing law so employers can't hire undocumented workers without any consequences," said McNerney.

McNerney would allow people into the nation for specific work, like farm work, "with a blue card, like (Sen. Dianne) Feinstein is proposing." Further, he would consider legal admission for illegal immigrants eventually, if they were willing to pay taxes and "go to the end of the line" behind people who came in legally.

The best way to get to the root of the problem is to reform NAFTA, said McNerney. It needs fair trade practices, where pay is better than "slave wages," and food doesn't come into this country with pesticides on it that are banned here.

Commenting on global warming, McNerney said, "We need to take it seriously. We can reduce consumption of oil, if we work with Detroit. We have hybrid technology. Using turbo-diesel, we can achieve 30 to 40 percent better mileage. We can use carbon fibers and get cars with better than 100 mpg. We need to make public transit more available, and run BART to the ACE train in Livermore, and give ACE its own tracks," said McNerney.

Buildings are a big source of energy loss. The nation needs to produce more solar, bio-fuels and other forms of energy, he

HEALTH INSURANCE NEEDS REFORM

Health care insurance definitely needs reform, said McNerney. "We pay twice more per capita than any nation. We have 45 million people in the U.S. uninsured, 7 million in California. The single payer plan that the governor vetoed is a good place to start looking. We could also look at Massachusetts. We also need to bargain collectively (with pharmaceutical companies) on prescription drugs,' McNerney said.

Asked about whether Homeland Security funding is adequate, McNerney said that he is "no expert." However, it seems to him that some communities receiving money seem to be less at risk than cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle and New York, that appear to be receiving less per capita.

On transportation, McNerney said, "Our highways are neglected badly. I'd love to see Highway 4 in Stockton go to Rough and Ready Island (in the Delta). It will open commerce, and bring jobs. That island is a deep-water port and has agricultural assets. Right now trucks have to go through urban streets to get there."

McNerney also thinks that with all of the population increase in the Central Valley, Highway 99 has slowed so much, it needs to be converted into a freeway, like Interstate 5.

Offered a chance to bring up other topics of his choosing, McNerney said, "I think we can bring jobs into the district, and help bring prosperity, so people don't have to drive over the Altamont, to work in the Bay Area. It's a big ambition of mine. It helps for economic growth

McNerney also brought up education. He said that he doesn't much like aspects of the No Child Left Behind act, but since it is law, it should be wellfunded. "It places requirements on schools, without giving them resources to achieve them," he

REP. RICHARD POMBO

Pombo said he thinks that the United Sates attacked Iraq and Afghanistan for the "right reasons," namely to fight terrorism. We are still there for the right rea-

The exit strategy has "been clear from the beginning — have a stable government in Iraq. They should not only govern themselves, but be able to protect themselves. The idea of bringing in (former Secretary of

State) Jim Baker is a healthy thing to do. It doesn't change the goal at all, but can help how we get there. We should continue to

Setting a specific pullout date "nine months or a year, would be the ultimate disaster, not just for Iraq and Afghanistan, but for the entire region. Instability in Iraq would break down into allout civil war, sucking in the neighboring countries," said

Asked about the current level of violence, Pombo said that it isn't a civil war. The violence between the various groups there "has been going on for genera-

Pombo was asked about the idea of "co-opting the Taliban," as a diplomatic strategy in Afghanistan, Pombo said that's nothing new. The more moderate people there, including Taliban, were approached, just as they were in Iraq. Encouraging more investments in both Afghanistan and Iraq to help people make a living would be a good step toward stabilization, he said.

Asked about President Bush's recent package of bills to deal with arrest and incarceration of suspect terrorists, Pombo said that he supported the package. He said some of the press accounts have been "somewhat

The laws took a situation where neither the Geneva Convention nor American Constitutional guarantees applied to virtually all of the alleged combatants, and "and came up with rules in terms of how they should be treated. They do have more rights now, if it becomes law, than under the current situation," he

Some Tri-Valley liberals noted several year ago that Pombo, a conservative, had reservations about the Patriot Act, although he did vote for it. Pombo said that he did support it, but also had lots of questions. "We were able to make changes before it ultimately passed. One major thing, we added a sunset provision to look at it again in five years.

'It was a better law, coming out of the House, but I still have concerns. I don't want to give up our individual rights. When we talk about the protection of civil liberties, I am just as suspicious of our government and actions they take as some of my liberal colleagues," said Pombo.

On campaign finance reform, Pombo mentioned that the McCain-Feingold bill is law now. He doesn't like the loophole that allows independent political action committees (PACs) to donate without limit and without having to itemize donors' contributions.

He claimed that a lot of money is going into his opponent's campaign from third parties. However, there is no way to see how much anyone is donating.

"Because of the campaign finance reform we passed, the candidates themselves are less important than the outside groups that come in with unregulated money. It's wide-open for them, and they are having a bigger influence on the election. I think it went the wrong way. The candidates should be responsible for their message and for how they are conducting their campaigns.

"The best reform needed is to demand immediate display of all contributions. It would have to be done on the internet. It's the only way it could be accomplished," said Pombo.

POMBO EXPLAINS HIS SPECIES ACT REFORM

Pombo was asked about his efforts to alter the Endangered Species Act (ESA). He said that he would work on it again, (if he is re-elected), since it failed to gain Senate approval, and must go through the House again.

'We put together a bipartisan bill. It wasn't what I wanted. It was a compromise, with a bunch of different ideas. A majority of Democrats on the committee and 40 Democrats on the floor voted for it," said Pombo.

Pombo outlined the three

most important things about the bill. "We really did change the focus of ESA to its original goal of recovering species. The habitat protected is directly related to the species recovery. The bill mandates that the Fish and Wildlife Service adopt a recovery plan for every listed species. Whatever habitat is necessary to fulfill the recovery plan is what they have to protect. It's the same as was in the (Rep. George) Miller substitute bill. I think all of the Bay Area delegation voted either for my bill or the Miller

tat," said Pombo. 'Second, we raise the bar on the level of science used to make decisions," said Pombo. Currently the standard is "the best science available," he said. In his bill, it's spelled out to have peer review, and have the National Academy of Sciences sign off on

bill, which creates critical habi-

"We want to be at the same level as the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act," he

Third, the bill fosters cooperation between the federal government and landowners, by offering cooperative agreements, with grants and tax credits. If that doesn't work, then the Secretary of Interior steps in and says that the landowner can't use the property for whatever the current

Government would compensate the landowner. The value would all depend on current zoning. There would be no compensation for development, if the zoning were only agriculture,

On immigration, the top priority must be border security. "We need to know who is coming across and how long they will be here. Once you have control, we need to create some kind of a guest worker program. You can't do one without the other,' Pombo said.

People who sign up for a guest worker program would then be legally in the country. The nation would know who they are. They could then start the citizenship process, if they wished, but not jump ahead of people already in line for citizenship. Occasionally, the National Guard could be on the border on a temporary basis. "We do have to con-

trol our border," said Pombo. **NO GREENHOUSE-GAS BILL NEEDED**

Pombo doesn't see any need for the House to pass a bill for the United States to sign the Kyoto Treaty on global warming. The Senate voted 97-0 against signing it.

"Even the nations that signed are not meeting their targets. For us to step in and say, "We'll change things in our economy, or do things that have serious negative impact on our economy, when others not doing it," is not a good idea, he said. Further, emerging economies such as Mexico and China, are exempt from the treaty, said Pombo.

The federal government has been making changes in health care during the 14 years that Pombo has been in Congress, he said. They range from health savings accounts to giving small business the ability to band together to buy in larger quantities (for health insurance), Pombo said.

He rejects universal health care as "a crazy idea. Do you want to turn health care over to the same people who run the

The single payer approach, where one designated company is the administrator for health care, with cost containment in place "was soundly rejected 15 years ago" when Hillary Clinton proposed it, he said.

Asked a question about whether funding for Homeland Security is being handed out fairly, Pombo said, "I think we can always argue about whether money is going where it should. I don't believe some of our highest risk targets are receiving the money they need."

He said he asked for more for the ports of Stockton, Sacramento and Oakland. "I believe our ports are a priority. I don't believe we are doing enough to protect our ports," he added.

On obtaining federal highway funds, Pombo has been a member of the House transportation committee. He said he obtained more than \$100 million earmarked for the district. Counting nearby areas, the total is boosted to \$200 million, he

CAMPAIGN '06

In her campaign to gather bipartisan support for her bid for state Assembly, Jill Buck has garnered support from a number of key Democratic women leaders in the community.

Mary Hayashi is her Democratic opponent.

The following Democrats have expressed their support for Jill Buck: Janet Lockhart, Mayor of Dublin; Cindy McGovern, Pleasanton City Councilwoman; Becky Dennis, former Pleasanton City Councilwoman, Pleasanton; Sharell Michelotti, former Pleasanton City Councilwoman, Pleasanton; and Gloria Fredette, former President, Pleasanton Unified School District.

California Professional Firefighters (CPF), which represents 30,000 career firefighters in 150 affiliated local unions, along with the California Association of Highway Patrolmen (CAHP) and the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), announced their endorsements of Mary Hayashi for State Assembly.

CPF, CAHP, and CCPOA join a long list of other public safety organizations that have endorsed Mary, including CAUSE - Statewide Law Enforcement Association, Hayward Police Officers Association, and the Peace Officers Political Action Council of Alameda County.

Mary is the Democratic nominee for Assembly District 18, having won the primary election in June 2006. Her Republican opponent is Jill Buck.

Rep. Richard Pombo was honored by the Property Rights Alliance with its Congressional "Protector of Property Rights" award. The award goes to members of the House of Representatives who vote with the property rights community on at least 83 percent of the issued scored by the organization. Pombo received a 100% rating.

The California Women's Leadership Association state political action committee (CWLA-PAC) this week announced its endorsement of Steve Brozosky for Mayor of Pleasanton. The CWLA PAC considers a candidate's position on taxes, business regulation, local control, and limited government when making choices in important state and local elections. CWLA State PAC, located in Fullerton, California, made its recommendation based on strong support from CWLA's Bay Area Chapter PAC.

'California needs passionate leaders who are ready to improve the quality of our state and local communities with fresh and innovative perspectives," said Carol Morrison, CWLAPAC Bay Area Chair. "Steve Brozosky is a leader who will move Pleasanton toward a brighter future and continue improving Pleasanton's strong and successful vision."

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SHORT NOTES

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Of Oakland Department of Human Services to distribute at their 15th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Tues-day, November 21st where they serve more than 1500 people a holiday meal

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For more information contact Fred Turner, Broker Associate, (925) 216-

October at Wente

This October, Wente Vineyards joins cadre of venues playing host to the California Independent Film Festival, which brings filmmakers from all walks

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named her album, Freaky Little Story, as one of the top 5 albums of 2005. She's written and performed with David Knopfler, cofounder of Dire Straits, is a native Californian and a Bay Area favorite.

Flying from Nashville, Tennessee to give ArtWalk attendees the annual gift of his talents is Ira Leitner, a recently-relocated guitarist/singer with a strong following. Paul Manousos is a Bay Area musician who's been written up in several music magazines. The Mundaze, a group with the best recent protest song to come out of the Bay Area, was recently nominated to compete in the Modesto Area Music Association Awards for Best Rock-Pop band. All of the musicians that performed in last year's ArtWalk music event have returned, including Steve Suppe, Gabe Duffin, Brian Loud of the Blue House band, Jeff Reed, and MidLife Chrysler.

ÅrtWalk performances are set at Foresters Hall on J Street and Panama Bay on K Street. The ArtWalk musicians will perform free of charge.

Other musical happenings include musicians at Blacksmith Square, and the concurrent Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center stage event at the Flagpole, featuring various local groups. Among those performing on the stage will be Hot Lunch and Aftershocker, both intensely energetic and award-winning bands that have a strong following. The Granada High School Jazz Band, the local symphony, and many more are slated to per-

ArtWalk musicians coordinated by Duane Gordon; LVPAC by Tony Trevianio. For more information about ArtWalk, see www.tvag.org or contact Linda Ryan at 925-243-0424.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

A Children's Art Show will be featured at CooleyKatz Toys, Way Up Art & Frame, and Worldwide Signs (located at the Second Street Mall on Second Street, between L and M Streets). Children can bring a drawing or unframed painting on paper to hang up and participate in ArtWalk, or create one there.

Sidewalk Chalk Art fundraiser, also at Second Street Mall, is open to all from budding artists to professionals, kids to adults. They can purchase a sidewalk square and create sidewalk art. Proceeds to benefit Diversity Faire; chalk sponsored by the City of Livermore

VETERANS ART

Art Teacher Bud Donaldson and helper and artist Jennifer McFadden will be exhibiting the works of several local veterans from the Veteran's Hospital at the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street. On the gallery side of the building, LAA will be hosting a group show, as well as offering the TVAG fundraiser calendar, proceeds of which go to benefit both local visual art groups.

TEEN FILMS

New to ArtWalk is a viewing of works by the entrants to the City of Livermore Public Library's Teen Film Festival, held in conjunction with the High School Art exhibit at Groth Brothers Chevrolet, 59 So. L Street.

SCULPTURE GARDEN

The one-day sculpture garden will be recreated this year near Lizzie Fountain, courtesy of artist and long-time ArtWalk sup-



of life to the Livermore Valley to share their works and inspirations. October also welcomes a new installment of Flight Night at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, with El Sol winemaker Hal Liske. The "Cooking Basics for Kids" class returns. A group printmaking exhibit runs throughout the month at the Wente Estate Tasting Room.

Wente Vineyards is a sponsor of the California Independent Film Festival and will play host many of the festival's

world premiere screenings.
On Friday, October 27th, Wente Vineyards hosts the Film Festival Preview Event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Event Center, Livermore. Tickets are \$30 (Movies and Lunch), \$15 (Movies Only). For more information visit www.wentevineyards.com or call (925) 456-2424. For complete California Independent Film Festival schedule and to purchase tickets www.caindiefest.com.

Printmakers Edmee Keele, Patty Pico and Margaret Huffman share their works in a group show running throughout the month of October. Exhibit will be on display through October 31st, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Estate Winery Tasting Room, open daily, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. For information call 925-456-2305.

Fall Crafts Festival

More than 200 talented artisans will

porter (and the maker of our cool markers), Cliff Tinsley.

Blacksmith Square shops make it a party on ArtWalk day, with music, wine, and featuring a group of faux-finish and mural masters from the Artisans Institute of Decorative and Visual Arts. Blacksmith Square is at the corner of Railroad and N. Livermore, conveniently kitty-corner to the parking garage. **BLACKSMITH SQUARE**

John Christopher Cellars is participating in Livermore's Art Walk this year. At Blacksmith Square, there wilal be jewelry artists, as well as painters including faux and mural artists. Live music will be provided by Blue Truth. John Christopher Cellars award winning wines will be available for tasting. Blacksmith Square is at 25 South Livermore Ave at the corner of Railroad and South Livermore Ave. Phone (925) 456-WINE (9463) for more information.

A&R PRESENTS BANNERS

A&R Floor to Ceiling will host the display of 25 banners painted by local artists to help raise funds for public art in Downtown Livermore, followed by an auction of the banners along with a reception that evening. The auction itself is a separate function sponsored by Livermore Downtown; see below.

take part in the 15th annual Danville Fall Crafts Festival hosted by the Dan-ville Area Chamber of Commerce on Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville.

It will be held Oct. 21 and 22.
Scarecrow Alley will once again be the place to check out just how creative the people from Bay Hills Pony Club can be when it comes to constructing scarecrows. Last year they created scarecrows reflective of the 50 states. This year's theme will be "Scarecrows At Work" depicting different careers such as teachers, dentists, farmers, firemen, musicians, etc.

The Halloween costume parade will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. Ghosts and goblins and giant pumpkins will make their way down the street giving visitors a taste of what to expect on Halloween night. Safe trick-or-treating will be a part of the event. The young folks will also enjoy the fun to be had at the San Ramon Valley Times Kids' Activity Area all weekend long.

Stages will be set up for performances. Those in attendance will hear of everything from romantic Italian music to Native American pan flutes, Latin sounds and Chapman Stick.

Admission is free. Free shuttle service is provided by Diablo Valley Lodge on Saturday from the Park n' Ride at Sycamore Valley Blvd. and Interstate 680. For more information call Robin Sell, Event Coordinator for the Danville Area

ART!SPACE Art!Space Gallery, 133 So. Livermore Avenue, will host two artists on site: Trish Fenton (painter) and Rich Mortensen (fused glass). There will be some goodies to eat and drink, plus drawings for free gifts.

THOMPSON GALLERY

Six artists will be showign their work at the Thompson Gallery, 2241 First Street between noon and 5 p.m. They are Beth Sherman, Peggy Frank, Sherri Kelcourse, Carolyn Lord, Lynne

Shephard, and Mark Mertens. New to the gallery is Beth Sherman and her mosiacs. In her work, Sherman expresses the tension between the human and natural world. Like an archeologist, she exposes layers unearthing hidden meanings and out connection and responsibility to the plant and animal kingdom.

ČENTER STAGE

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Stage to Celebrate the Arts will be from 10-6 on ArtWalk day: Located near the flagpole, the stage feature ocal talent such as Aftershocker!, a rockin' band composed of three Livermore area grads who are now busy tearing up stages near Davis. Also on stage will be the Granada High School Jazz Band, the local symphony, and many more. For more details, contact the LVPAC office at 925-373-6100.

Chamber 925.837.4400 or visit MLA Productions web site www.mlaproductions.com.

Kaiser Grant

Axis Community Health, providing medical has received a \$5,000 grant from the Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Program/Diablo Area. The grant will enable Axis to purchase medical supplies necessary for treating children with asthma.

In addition, a Kaiser nurse who specializes in treating pediatric asthma is providing technical assistance and helping Axis to develop best practices for the treatment of the disease.

"It is common knowledge that the incidence of pediatric asthma is increasing each year," says Axis Community Health CEO Ronald Greenspane. 'The grant from Kaiser Permanente will enable us to provide excellent care to the children from uninsured or underinsured families who suffer from

this growing health concern."

More information about the grant is available by calling Karen Martinez, RN, Axis Clinic Director, at (925) 201-

Tree Relay

There will be a program entitled, Tree Relay, on Sun., Oct. 22 in Veterans Park. Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 10

a.m.
The question is, can you identify the trees that grace the Livermore area? Join the ranger on this race (actually more of a fast-paced ramble) through Veterans Park to try to find and identify as many trees as possible.

This program is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Call For Art

Health Through Art, a community project promoting health and creativity to counteract substance abuse, racism, violence and socially destructive media imagery, has announced the start of its 7th community-wide Call for Art, with a November 10th, 2006 deadline for submissions.

The Call for Art, the project's 7th since 1989, invites people of all ages and artistic abilities to submit artwork and messages that speak to the health of the individual and the community, such as "Love: It's a good look;" "Racism is a Mental Illness" and "Your Drinking Affects Everyone."
All forms of two-dimensional art

are welcome - paintings, drawings, prints, graphic design, cartoons etc. A multi-ethnic, and diverse committee of community members will select five (5) pieces. Each winner will be awarded a \$500 gift certificate to the store of their choice.

The winning pieces will be used in Multi-Media Campaigns over a period of two years, on billboards, BART, busses or the Internet. All submitted artwork will be a part of our Roving Art

Artwork should be sent to, or dropped off at 2288 Fulton Street, Suite #103, Berkeley, CA 94704 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10am and 6pm. Call 510/ 549-5990 with questions, or before dropping off

artwork.

For more information go to www.healththroughart.org.

First Meeting

The first meeting of Tri-Valley Cultural Jews/Jewish Culture School family and adult education program will be held Sun., Oct. 22. Meeting the same time and place as the Jewish Culture School for children, the program involves parents and other adults in cooking and singing with the children. The adults separate from the children to learn about the topic of the day. The first meeting, held at 10:30 a.m., will cover Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath and will include a challah-

baking workshop. Jewish Culture School meets two Sunday mornings a month and pro-vides a broad hands-on approach to Jewish life and learning, focusing on Jewish life and learning, locusing on history, music, literature and ethics. JCS students cook, sing, dance and engage in heated discussions of the lessons of Jewish history. The school is open to children 8-14. Adults wishing to attend do not need to be parently of school children, but there is parents of school children, but there is a \$5/session fee for non-member adults. Jewish Culture School welcomes students from dual-cultural (intermarried) households and those from non-traditional families.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews serves those whose Jewish identity is based on culture, heritage and family, rather than on religion. It is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organiza-

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews 1817 Sinclair Drive Pleasanton, (925) 485-1049 CulturalJews@aol.com Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.



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 Civic Arts Commission, Alternate Member

Planning Commission

- Housing Commission. Alternate Member Economic Vitality Committee,
- (1) At-large Member;
- 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 ac-

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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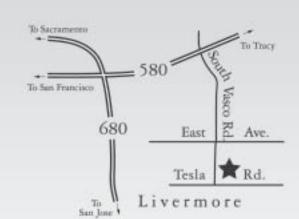
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SPORTS NOTES

Alumni Soccer Game

Foothill and Amador Valley High School Alumni will be playing in the 4th Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Game on Saturday, December 30th. There will be 2 games featuring Men's and Women's soccer players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's

The games have become an annual event that benefit the Soccer Programs at Foothill and Amador. All gate receipts (\$7 adults and \$4 students) and Snack Bar proceeds will go directly to the programs.

The teams will be playing for trophies that will be awarded to the schools of the winners. The winning school will gain possession of the trophies each year. Games during the 1st three years featured victorious teams from both Amador and Foothill.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill High School. He was killed in a boating accident shortly after graduating. He played soccer at Foothill for four years and vas planning on attending Santa Barbara City College where he planned to continue playing soccer. The original Alumni Game was organized to fund a scholarship that benefits a graduating member of the Foothill women's or men's soccer team who aspire to play soccer in college. Since the 1st year all proceeds go directly to the soccer programs at the 2 high

If you are an ex-soccer player from Amador or Foothill and would like to play, you can get more information and/or register at All-

Star Sports. There is a \$20 fee to play.
Players and fans are invited to the "HopYard Alehouse" after the games. Fifteen percent of proceeds will be donated to the

There will be "special entertainment" at

each of the half-times this year!
The games will be played at Amador Valley High School, women at 4 p.m. an dmen at 6:30 p.m.

To register go to All-Star Sports, 3037-A Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; 846-7928. For more information, call Curt Gorden, 426-1540 or Janet Mullaney, 426-6756.

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results Boys Under- 5 Spongebob Soccerpants vs Sharks- Spongebob Soccerpants: Dylan Silva, Mason Smith, Colby Smith, Jake Carmichael, Blake Texeira, Evan Nystrom-Sharks: Jacob Moen, Chad Madrid, Cyrus

Palmer, Spencer Williams, Alejandro Cabassa, Joseph Bartoni; Cobras vs Sharks- Cobras: Joseph Bartoni; Cooras v Sharks-Cooras; Antonio Chavez, Nathaniel Coronado, Thomas Cowles, Jose Feliciano, Gabriel Tardiff, Mark Rivera-Sharks: Nickolas Hill, Dalton Johnson, Peyton Peterson, Ian Prachar, Jesse Wolfson, Noah Woll;

Boys Under-6 Clone Troopers vs Thunderbolts Clone Troopers: Kobe Cortez, Cameron Moghadam, Alec Faith, Greyson Hubbs, Roberto Iacomini, Gabriel Parrish-Thunderbolts: Colby Brocklesby, Dillan Martinez, Gregory Short, Matthew Hall, Alec Lewis, Nicholas Puso; Little Roughnecks vs. Hot Lava Dragons-Little Roughnecks: Nikolai Iniguez, Alejandro Hernandez, Cameron McWilliams, Erik Griffin, Ryan Mitchell, Nick Hill- Hot Lava Dragons: Brandon Yocham, Ethan Weisbrod, Hayden Glasco, Brodie Wolf, James Attree, Dylan Graham; King Cobras vs Jaguars-King Cobras: Colin Barnett, Mario Anaya, Sie Arciszewski, Taylor Pine, Noah Rakestraw, Shane Cromwell-Jaguars: Conner Cranplon, Max O'Conner, Luke Foscalina, Seth Street, Kevin Burklin Nolan Brandon; The King Cobras and Jaguars came together as evenly matched teams. They did a great job of staying in position and

Boys Under- 7 Tigers vs Fireballs-Tigers: Andrew Lewis, Austin Evernham, Ben Schasker, Christian Johansson, Nicholas Bertolucci- Fireballs: Trevor Bantley, Isaac Prachar, Chase Dunn, Kenton Foster Zachary Kiser; Italy vs Tornadoes- Italy: Dawson Viles, Julian Tan, Jack Cairel, Drew Messner, Codey Colagross, Donavan Wright-Tornadoes: Jack Forgerson, Christian Aceves, Ethan Compton, Justin Kundert, Jacob Marshal, David Rider; Bulldogs vs Goal Miners-Bulldogs: Brandon Ruley, Cory Hickerson, Jack Burke, Josh Gregg, Jayden Venegas, Will Hanson- Goal Miners: Andrew Walker, Mark Silverthorn, Troy Wentworth, Anthony Barrow, Tyler Rodgers, Zachary Stewart; What an awesome game! Both teams

showed great speed and sportsmanship. **Boys Under- 8** Firebolts vs Thunder Firebolts: Ben Kerlins, Kevin Garcia, Kyle Hipple, Russel Stevenson, Michael Heckman, Jay Robinson-Thunder: Kyle Wright, Chase Madrid, Jakob Veilleux, Cob Murdoch, Lucas Coppock, Joshua Zielinski; TNT vs Knights-TNT: Grayson Pringle, Andy Solarzano, Grant Riddiough, Connor Glasco, Ethan Shang, Bo Cole- Knights: Charlie Mitchell, Youki Chiba, Benjamin Dupuis, Raymond Carlson, Jordan Buranis, Parker Hall; Thunderwaves vs Livermore Devils-Thunderwaves: Miles McPeek, Kevin Spense, Jordan Mello, Michael Puso, Sam Knuth Aaron Sanghera- Livermore Devils: Jason Campbell, Chistopher Machi, Diego Camacho, Tanner Wright, Wesley Katz, Tren-ton Weidner, Dragons vs Fireballs- Dragons: Marco Ramirez-Buckles, Ryan Myers, Joel Lestochi, Danny Alverez, Brian Zarate, Noah Lestochi, Danny Alverez, Brian Zarate, Noah Blanchard-Fireballis: Darrell Staley, Roman Vasquez, Nicholas Brown, Anthony Lopez, Dominic Rivera, Anthony Schultz; Stin-grays vs Terminators-Stingrays: Peter Vance, Andrew Preece, Ravi O'Brien, Adam Turner, Noah Green, Mark Foreman-Terminators: Shane McDonald, Shane Ward, Garrett Slone, Brandon Montoya, William Chacon, Michael Henry; Lightning vs Cheetahs- Lightning: Dillon Eng, Benny Sanchez, Kyle Parson, George Tantzen, Tyler Meadows, Daniel Salazar-Cheetahs: Nathan Tabaracci, Nathan Coates, Will Mohler, Leo Ramirez, Nick Volponi, Stevie Mohler; Boys Under- 9 Twisters 4, Rockets 0-

Twisters: Cameron Dickson, Joshua Moore, Zabrisky Roland, Joshua Frazier, Hayden Clisen, Nick Sobrepena- Rockets: Ryan Petersen, T.J. Calva, Tyler Staton, Kush Patel, Brett Myer, Erick Stamm; Sharks 2, Bald Eagles 4- Sharks: Jonathon Sloboda, Harrison Goold, Jonathon Short, John Estrada, Nicholas Badders- Bald Eagles: Matthew Hewitt, Blake Lesky, Nathan White, Alexander Consoles Churchill, Marer: Demonitor Gonzales, Churchill Myers; Dynamite 1, Heat 4- Dynamite: Weston Nale, Jacob Wortham-Heat: Cullen Wheaton, Omar Lodhi, Heat; Pirates 5, Stampede 2-Pirates: Thomas Triantos, Max Pruett, Devon Shortridge, Eric Lopez, Sebastian Gomez, Antonio Moya-Stampede: Jeff Baron, Zach Dunn, Ryan Bishop, Sam Herwig, Oliver Grajeda, Keilan Field; Raptors 0, Sharks 5- Raptors: Conner Jones, Kevin Martin, Garrett Cordisco, Jor-dan Lenier, Andrew Kettenhofen, Dustin Stanek- Sharks: Kolin Krewinkel, Edgar Alvarez, Alejandro Tellez, Roberto Soto; Jesus Barriga, Dominic Stewart; Slammers 6, Blazers 4-Slammers: Jacob Dayton, Aaron 6, Biazers 4- Sialminers; Jacob Dayton, Aaron Kawahara, Jack Messier, Ben Gill, Gabriel Cabassa, John Reggiardo- Blazers: Bailey Wirth, Reed Berg, Kyle Emrich, Benjamin Smith, Kyle Moylan, Jason Flores; Boys Under- 10 American Eagles 4,

Hawks 1- American Eagles 4,
Hawks 1- American Eagles 2,
Hawks 1- American Eagles: Jake Mitchell,
Ryan Shepodd, Joel Iniguez, Hayden
Goldstein, Rudy Ramirez, Christopher
Moussa-Hawks: Isaac Dugger, Raul Equihua,
Jack Frevert, Sean Lambert, Joshua Ledbetter,
Josh Valdes;

Boys Under- 12 West Coast Fury 2,
Thunder 0, West Coast Fury; Zach Harlan

Thunder 0- West Coast Fury: Zach Harlan, Adam Harlan, Dakota Scribner, Eddie Rusniak, Danny Emerson, Tyler Melgosa-Thunder: Rio Orzco, Robbie Porcella, Jesse Farras, Dario Caliz, Ben Davidson, Roman Farias, Baito Cailz, Bei Daviusou, Kolitain Rivera; West Coast Fury 4,s Wolves 0- West Coast Fury: Kyle Trask, Justin Tan, Alexander Zamora, Braden Sweeney, Krishen Bhakta, Jacob Muggeridge- Wolves: Richard Davis, James Snook, Jesse Solis, Kevin Amaral, Clayton Stanek, Cory Herro; Girls Under- 5 Goal Getters vs Mighty

Ladybugs- Goal Getters: Rachelle Stone Claire Wiedenfeld, Allison Azevedo, Audrey Curtis, Nicole Geary, Jessica Gresho- Mighty Ladybugs: Madison Silva, Alexa Clatt, Ally Christensen, Kaleigh Garcia, Allison Jamison, Phoebe Omweg; Pink Panthers vs Mermaids-

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Pink Panthers: Eliana Eme, Lilly Ackerman, Isabella Moya, Jillian Devine, Laura Groth, Katherine Terry- Mermaids: Sierra Street, Charlotte Schrodi, London March, Annika Green, Daniella Covarrubus, Jordan Goodwin; Superstars vs Soccer Chickies- Superstars: Makenna Diaz, Claire March, Jessica Keaney, Jane Abele, Gracie Dupuis, Lillian Domondon-Soccer Chickies: Katherine Frost, Delaney Richards, Alyssa Swinkle, Jessica Warren Gracey Walke, Jessica Zugaric; Great game with lots of aggressive play. Good job Chickies and Superstars!

Girls Under: 6 Lovely Ladybugs vs

Eagles- Lovely Ladybugs: Abby Theler, Josephine Bretz, Mackenna Lippmann, Julia Rocha- Eagles: Kate Hottinger, Nicole Faribanks, Taylor Stamps, Shelby McClendon; Blazing Stars vs Princesses-Blazing Stars: Victoria Ramirez, Emily March, Sammi Wicks, Kylie Karter- Princesses, Lemine Aries, Princa Wheeled cesses: Jasmine Arias, Briana Wheelock, Sophia Mylius, Cloe Serpa; Pixie Kicks vs Lions- Pixie Kicks: Kaylie Lawsen, Sydney Herwig, Jessica Bailey- Lions: Leanna Chapman, Maritza Espinoza, Emma Dillin; Crushers vs Strawberry Shortkicks- Crushers: Chloe Stanford, Ashley Porter, Chelsea Howard, Caroline Eckel, Melia Tabarez, Kursten Nuestro- Strawberry Shortkicks: Courtney Hayes, Noelle Rizzo, Alyssa Silva, Emmerson Coberg, Miranda Heckman,

Girls Under- 7 Dolphins vs Crazy Bears- Dolphins: Alexis Rivera, Heather Woelk, Arianna Salcido, Sarah Morgan, Maggie Sneed, Julianna Santoe-Crazy Bears: Alyssa Bonfiglio, Makenzie Farro, Paige Sutter, Ellie Deuell, Kendall Korhummel Sierra Rose; Green Lightning vs Cute Cats-Green Lightning: Lauryn Souza, Kaitlyn Oki, Sophia Pearson, Katelyn Johnson, Emily Ilharreguy, Lauren Fountaine- Cute Cats: Madison McCallister, Jasmine Currie, Madissen Taylor, Sophia Michaels, Isabelle Monterroza, Claire Forgey-Jahn; Cheetah Girls vs Mermaids- Cheetah Girls: Tara Collier, Julia Cable, Emma Zika, Allyson Collier, Julia Cable, Emma Zika, Allyson Badger, Jenifer Gibson, Madison Stewart-Mermaids: Samantha Duke, Katie Dabney, Luciana Romero, Erika Lunquist, KJ Hutcheson, Laura George; Soccer Chicks vs Fireballs- Soccer Chicks: Sophia Krafcik Sierra Stone Tori Carroll, Krissy Keller, Marley Walke, Alize Rizzo- Fireballs: Andrea Sommer, Hunter Neu, Amelia Sobrema, Jenna Jorgenson, Emily Harrison, Mariah Ortiz; Polka Dots vs Goal Getters- Polka Dots: Ciara Martinez, Miriam Brown-Goal Getters: Cloe Brickwedel(3), Kaylie Brist; Getters: Cloe Brickwedel(3), Kaylie Brist;

Hat Trick for Cloe Brickwedel!

Girls Under- 8 Tornados vs All American Girls-Tornados: Annabelle Bush, Skyler Lewis, Adriana Sblendorio- All American Girls: Kathryn Tietjen, Taylor Stephenson, Randi Cortez: Panthers vs Earthquakes-Panthers: Sierra Freeland, Hayley Bell, Tatiana Hernandez, Riley Heffron, Kate Wise, Katie Falgout- Earthquakes: Morgan Vonderach, Aiden Tardiff, Isabella Neads, Lauren Bueno, Cynthia Celeste, Jordan Koch; Dolphins vs Soccer Cats- Dolphins: Jana Hagman, Jessie Wilker, Alysha Raj, Emma Kristovich, Calista Davis, Stephanie Valderez- Soccer Cats: Lauren Sandy, Tessa Nafzinger, Lauryn Schmitt, Claudia Chavira, Hannah Larsen,

Shannon Blockley; **Girls Under-10** Dynamites 2, Snapdragons 0- Dynamites: Dana Anex, Megan Fairbanks, Brianna Lima, Devin Everett, Alex Jenkins, Genie Rose- Snapdragons Kiran Boran, Olivia Garcia, Shelby Rocerto, Rylie Fields, Amanda Starsiak, Isabel Gonzalez; Hurricanes 0, Fireballs 2- Hurricanes: Skye Stewart, Gissel Manzano, Adilene Ruiz, Alexandra Winkler, Madison Gerton, Marley Aumua- Fireballs: Avery Harker, Meghan Lawrence, Lindsey Greenough, Hailey Shultz, Erika Dittmore, Julia Lee; Cool Cleat Kickers 3, Xtreme 3- Cool Cleat Kickers: Hayley Rundle (1), Haley Segundo (1), Melanie Henshaw (1), Nicole Paulazzo; Madeline Schmitz; Sydney Gibbins-Xtreme Danielle Dufek (1), Hayley Warren (2), Kayla Shepodd, Lauren Cairel, Madison Miller, Nadia Ranagan; Angels 1, Pink Panthers 3-Nadia Ranagan; Angels 1, Filik Pantiners 3-Angels: Jesse Jaureguito, Hannah Maravelias, Michaela Storz, Gianna Donaghy, Margarita Duenas, Monique Porcella- Pink Panthers: Carly Martinez, Sarah Novell, Caitlin Rokov, Milagros Flores, Ellen Kiser, Ange-Elise Venet; There was an action-packed first half with the pink cats scoring on their first possession. The Angels answered the call almost immediately with a goal of their own. almost infinediately with a goal of their own. The Panthers scratched their way to the top with two more goals in the first. The second half was an offensive draw with no goals

Girls Under- 12 Tigerblast 2, Blaze 1-Tigerblast: Lauren Boultier (1), Siena Trujillo (1), Krystal Hill, Alexa Kelly, Alyssa Ray, Dakota James- Blaze: Megan Cinquini, Katelyn Lovoi (1), Nicole Mingione, Ariana Lopez, Ashley Lyons, Katelyn Lortie; It was a great game with Katelyn Lovoi of the Blaze scoping first. Siena Trujillo tied the game scoring first. Siena Trujillo tied the game with a goal to end the half at 1-1. The second half was a defensive battle but with 2 minutes to go Lauren Boultier scored a goal for the Tigerblast to win the game.

Pleasanton Ballistic Soccer

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club Class 1 U14 upset the first place, undefeated ACC Mavericks 3-2 on Saturday. ACC jumped to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half, but Ballistic fought back in the second. Derek Kanowsky scored the first goal on a penalty kick drawn by Zach Savoy. Minutes later, Nick Pereira tied the game off a back pass from Savoy. Defense ruled the remainder of the game, with Evan Larsen and Eddie Schoennagel preventing ACC from creating any scoring opportunities. Lucas Crawbuck and Jonathan Yankowski were outstanding at midfold with less than two minutes left to midfield. With less than two minutes left to play, Garret Foster, showing his usual intenplay, Garret Poster, showing his usual intensity and hustle at forward, got the ball to James Metz, who volleyed in the winning goal. Top Offensive Players: Nick Pereira, James Metz, Derek Kanowsky, Garret Foster, Zach Savoy; Top Defensive Players: Evan Larren Eddie Schoennead

Larsen, Eddie Schoennagel

Ballistic United U-13s travelled to
Alameda on Saturday hoping to jump-start their season after a tough couple of week-ends. Ballistic trailed 2 to 0 at the half. Down by three, it would have been easy for Ballistic to get their heads down, but ironically their dire situation seemed to have the opposite effect and they replied with a nicely worked goal by midfielder Suchi Kuo. Bay Oaks sought to regain control and added a fourth goal. Suchi Kuo was then brought down in goal. Stell Kow was the Joseph Wick. With the penalty area and converted his own kick. With the score 2-4 Ballistic coach Todd Higley gambled by moving defender Knaggs up into attack in search of a goal. He duely obliged when he jumped to challenge a clearance by the Bay Oaks keeper and the ball rebounded into the net to make it 3.4 rebounded into the net to make it 3-4. Ballistic keeper Michael Viebeck kept their hopes alive with several excellent saves from

close range and the make-shift back four defended courageously. Bay Oaks settled the issue with a fifth and final goal.

The U-9 A/C Bronze Ballistic Black traveled to Danville to take on the Mustang Revolution. Chudi Atuegbu surprised the Revolution defense by scoring from 25 yards Revolution defense by scoring from 25 yards out after collecting a short clearance. Ballistic Black made it 2-0 after a fine run up the left side by Cameron Ritchie set up Michael Anastassiou who scored. In the second half, the Revolution pulled one back from a free kick near the top of the box. Ballistic Black took a 3-1 lead when Michael Anastassiou set up Cameron Owens who scored from 6 yards out. One minute from time, after a flurry in the goal area, Jack Traube scored after collecting a loose ball near the top of the box and lofting a well-placed chip into the upper left corner for a 4-1 Ballistic Black victory. Top Offensive Players: Konrad Jurkiewicz, Sam Molz, and Ryan Racer: Top Defensive Players: Bryce Veit, Jacob Guzman, and Sahil

The U11 United team, coached by Seam Lemoine, remains in first place in their league, defeating a very tough Benicia Arsenal team 2 to 1. Goals were scored by Alex Valencia and Zane Manaa, assisted by Alex. Top Offensive Players: Zane Manaa. Alex Valencia, Marek Jurkiewicz; Top Defensive Players: Michael Liamos, Eric Toombs,

Ballistic Gold Class 1 U11 topped the Ballistic Gold Class 1 U11 topped the Walnut Creek Cobras 4-3 in an exciting battle of leapfrog goals. Ballistic was first on the scoreboard with a great cross from Nathan Howald to Christopher Herz, who booted the ball into the goal. Ballistic's second goal came on a long high shot by Nathan Howald. At the half, the score was 2 to 2. In the second half, the Cobras went up 3.2, but then half, the Cobras went up 3-2, but then Ballistic scored to tie the game 3-3 on Nick Goldstein's header off a beautiful corner kick by Jeff Snyder. With a minute left to play, Ballistic scored its winning goal on a nice rolling shot by Connor Tait-Mole. Top Offensive Players: Nathan Howald, Christo-

Orleinsver layers. Natinal Howaid, Christo-pher Herz; Top Defensive Players: Adit Sinha, Kevin Vigallon

The Ballistic White Class 3 U15 came away with a solid 3-1 victory this weekend over the visiting Mustang Alliance. Play was very even the first 15 minutes. Ballistic turned up the heat when Cory Thomas took the ball all the way and scored on a perfect shot. Minutes later, action in the Ballistic back field saw defender Jean Luc Masri fire a long shot that sailed into the net. In the second half, the Alliance would make it interesting when they scored on a set piece interesting when they scored on a set piece. Ballistic would get some breathing room though, when Ryan Parsons made a charge to the net and with his height and tenacity overcame both a defender and the keeper to notch a third goal. Top Offensive Players: Cory Thomas, Ryan Parsons, Edris Bemanian; Top Defensive Players: Brian Johnston,

dy Hoster, Jean Luc Masri . **Ballistic United Premier U10** won both games over the weekend in league play. United defeated Ballistic Gold 4-0 in a very tough game. The offensive scoring was done by Matt Powell scoring two goals. Daniel Payne and Jared Siegel also scored for United, with nicely placed assist from Jeff Klei, Stephen Dougherty, Alex Krause and Jack-son Still Goalie Sahit Menon and Matt Powell along with the defense, also played well. On Sunday, United faced a very good San Ramon team and won 5-1. Jackson Still, Jared Siegel, Collin Richardson and Sahit Menon lead the offensive charge. These goals were set up by the unselfish play of Jeff Klei, vere set up by the unsentish play of Jeff Niel, Daniel Payne, Jackson Still, Jason Sarubin, and Alex Krause. The defense again of Stephen Dougherty, Jack Geasa, Jeff Klei, Daniel Payne and Daniel Rodriguez allowed only one goal the entire weekend.

The Ballistic Black under-16 boys Al

Caffodio soccer team improve its league record to 5-1-1 with a 5-0 win over the Ballistic White on Saturday. Strong team play let by Jered Liu, Eric Burnett, Austin Richwood, Julio Gomez, Edmund Hare, Brandon Lee, and Stephen LaCommard Mason Ridgeway started the scoring first for the Blacks. Nathan Roberts knock in the second goal with a fine feed by Chris Lee, Lee made it 3-0 by half time with an assist by Patrick Yee. Mike Chen scored from a series

of fine passes, Roberts cross to Justin Dorsey to Chen. Yee had his second assist feeding Phil Viebeck to round out the scoring.

The BUSC U17 Black put a strangle-hold on their division with a hard-fought 1-0 win over second place Newark. BUSC had two great chances in the first half but great two great chances in the first half but great plays by the Newark defenders backing up their keeper kept the Black off the board. Meanwhile, the BUSC defense held their ground, led by Bryant Dante, Tim Gaisor, Kurt Lenamon, Trevor Dawson, Nick Bonham, and Kris Tayyeb. They clogged the middle effectively and forced Newark to take shots from far outside. In the second half, a great build-up netted the only score. Joey Halim took a pass in stride down the right and crossed a pass to Matt Carlucci at the top of the box. He went far post and the Black had the goal they needed. GK Nate Weberdidhave to make 3 nice plays on Newark shots as they pressed for the equalizer, but RUSC held on pressed for the equalizer, but BUSC held on for the 1-0 win.

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

Under-16: The Ballistic Heat remains undefeated and in first place in U16 recreational play, beating the other undefeated team in their group this weekend. The Heat battled back from being down 2-0, starting off with a goal by Brandon Butera and followed by goals from Alex Manaa (2). Town DeBocha by goals from Alex Manaa (2), Tony DeRocha and Andrew DeJesus. Joey Skipp supported and Andrew DeJesus. Joey Skipp supported his team playing the whole game as keeper, with great help from David Perez, recently recovered from an ankle injury. Patriots 2, Phantom 1; Ballistic Heat 5, Livermore Sting 2; Top Offensive Players: Stephen Ferrel, Joe Eicher - Patriots; Brandon Butera, Tony DeRocha, Andrew DeJesus -Ballistic Heat. Top Defensive Players: AJ Judge, Dan See - Patriots; David Perez, Elliot Norberg,

Brandon Buccola -Ballistic Heat. Under-14: Pack 3, Predators 2; Wellmatched teams fought equally as hard for each point. Taylor Brossaro scored 2 for the Pack and Aleks scored 1. Goalee Taylor LaPorte had 5 saves while Christian Medved and Tim Leong each had 2. The Predators certainly gave the Pack a run for their money! Patriots 2, Phantoms 1; Power 9, Panthers 1; Phoenix 2, Pumas 0; Phantoms 2, Panthers 1; Power

4, Pumas 0;
Top Offensive Players: Taylor Brossaro,
Aleks Marjanovic - Pack; Luis Castillo,
Grant Loud, Zachary Sill - Predators; Amatya
Taran, Iden Yekan, Naveed Ziari - Phantoms;
Titus Norton, Adam Johnstone, John Cardaris
- Power; Matt Jacobe, Jeremy Howald, Henri
Zanker - Phoenix; Tarek Mousali, Chris
Mowry, Hayden Buck - Pumas; Kyle Surber,
Titus Norton Michaell Luie - Power Michael 4. Pumas 0: Titus Norton, Michael Louie - Power; Michael Fontana, Blake Sell, Naveed Ziari - Phantoms; Chris Mowry, Evan Pendleton, Justus Kollet - Pumas; Top Defensive Players: Chris Jones, Andre Chan - Pack; Ian Kenny, Cory Persson, Kevin Vicencio - Predators; Jason Almeida, Russell Flock, Anthony Hu Jason Almeida, Russell Flock, Anthony Hu
-Phantoms; Kyle Surber, Brett Jantzen, Sam
Onojafe-Power; Andrew Black, Troy Stetson,
Paul Stiehr - Phoenix; Andrew Mondello,
Egan Bailey, Alec Grolegut - Pumas; Brett
Jantzen, Pranav Kumar, Sam Dissels-Power; Sam Akacsos, Jason Almeida, Alex Newman

Sam Akacsos, Jason Almeida, Alex Newman
- Phantoms; Andrew Mondello, Timothy
Henze, Alec Grolegut - Pumas.

**Under-12: Riccochet I, Rebels 1; The
Rebels and the Richochets played a competitive defensive game. The goalies for both
team played exceptionally well. The game
ended in a 1-1 tie. Revolution 3, Ravens 2;
Renagades 8, Raptors 0;

**Top Offensive Players: Aaron Brossard,
Travis Pinho, Kyle Batoy - Richochet; Thomas Kim, Reed Zimpfer, Tyler Miller Revolution; Greg Miller, AJ Curtis, Jon
Hurley - Ravens; Aaron Do, Matthew Malko
- Rebels; Daniel Reedy, Bryson Sherman,
Neil Lamons - Renegades; Top Defensive
Players: Andrew Natsch, Alex Jenezon,
Conner Greene - Richochet; Max Brown,
Bobby Henke, Jake Stettler - Revolution; Jin
Woo Bang, Jasper Edwards, Henry Person-Woo Bang, Jasper Edwards, Henry Person -Ravens; Jarrod Poston, Chris Ford, Jason

Sereda - Rebels; Bryson Sherman, Jamie Ebbs, Patrick Duffy - Renegades. **Under-10:** Jetstream 2, Jets 1; The evenly matched teams made many exciting plays on offense and defense. Luis Garcia and Jordan Ott scored goals for the Jetstream and Miles Santos had an assist. Ricky Muro and Misha Schmidt played great in goal for the Jetstream. Luis Garcia, Jordan Ott and Shantanu Deshmane led the Jetstream offensive attack. Jordan Ott, Miles Santos and Reed Marques were outstanding on defense, turning away countless attacks by the Jets. On one play midway through the 2nd half, Reed Marques stopped a sure goal when he blocked a shot to the left corner of the goal with a valiant leap in front of the ball at the last second. Top Offensive Players: Luis Garcia, Jordan Ott, Shantanu Deshmane - Jetstream Top Defensive Players: Jordan Ott, Miles Santos, Reed Marques - Jetstream.

Under-6: Top Offensive Players: Ian Crane, Brandon Villanueva, Kavin Suresh -Chargers; Top Defensive Players: Brandon Ricci, Liam Guensche, Trent Pozzi - Charg-

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Under-7: The Scorpions played a great game against the Stingrays. Their passing game was much improved over the first meeting. Mark Molz made some good passes, Vincent McMasters had a nicely-timed goal, and Quinn T. made a debut as goalie. Top Offensive Players: Cole Lukas, Sidharth Kher, Brandon Fung - Spartans; Alan Thomas, Austin Munro, Peter Oh - Snakes; Mark Molz, Quinn T., Vincent McMasters - Scorpions; Daniel Jorgenson, Brendan Tucker, Brandon Kinsey - Strikers: Top Defensive Brandon Kinsey - -Strikers; Top Defensive Players: William Rose, Nicholas Palange, Cameron Ghoddoucy - Spartans; Carson Quintana, Parker Verduzco, RJ Pennisi -Snakes; Joonsung Park, Matthew Maganin, NIck Arkin - Scorpions; Kian Gibson, Kushaan

Bahl, Luka Morgan - Strikers. **Under-8:** The Marlins played well yet again showing great effort and hustle. Patrick Herz, Alex Crepeau, and Brandon Lydick as well as the rest of Marlins held off the Marauders squad. The Marlins played great Marauders squaa. The Marinis played great defense getting goals and assists from a number of players. Top Offensive Players: Jonathon, Chandler, Jimmy - Cobras; Patrick Herz, Alex Crepeau, Brandon Lydick - Mar-lins; Bobby Fjerstad, Tom Sornsen, Brendan Englert - Mustangs; Marcus Toombs, Noah Gushurst, Nicholas Barnett - Mavericks; Quentin Conboy-Monroe, Gregory Arnold, Yash Chitgopekar - Colts; Top Defensive Players: Duncan, Stan, Nicholas - Cobras Jonah Ong, Garret Newman, Nikhil Sheth -Mustangs; Will Gushurst, Jadon Gonzaga, Andrew Cho - Mavericks; Nathan Caluya, Jonathan Chesnutt, Josiah Almendrala

Under-9: Tyrants played a great game against the tough defense of the Titans. Kane Millerstrom scored the first goal early in the first half. Right forward Christian Batoy scored from a corner kick from Kane.Great footwork from Brett Derham passed the Titans defense to score another goal for the Tyrants. Exellent team work and passing for

the Tyrants.
Top Offensive Players: Trent McComb,
Jarrett Indalecio, Jacob Rochon - Dynamos;
Christian Batoy, Kane Millerstrom, Brett Derham - Tyrants; Jimmy Lee, Ryan Dean, Sean Li - Tornadoes; Noah Wayne, Kevin Gubner, JJ Garcia - Thunder; Cole Morrell, Jake Leyman Dario Loriato - Daredevils: Jake Leyman, Dario Loriato - Daredevils; Top Defensive Players: Jackson Freese, Andrew Bailey, Michael Jurich - Dynamos; Ricky Bailey, Thomas Wake, Dino Navarini - Tyrants; Michael Howard, Matthew Dickinson, Easton Schwaegerle - Tornadoes; Noah Wayne, Kevin Gubner, JJ Garcia -Thunder; Kyle Genoni, Nick Tucker, Michael Schwanhausser - Daredevils.

Livermore Elite Soccer

The LYSL, U-12, Division 3 Livermore Elist., U-12, Division 3 Liver-more Elite Lightning and the Mustang Crew played a challenging game against each other, resulting in a I-1 tie. The Lightning posted the first score early in the first half. Daniel Toscano converted a PK after a blatant handball catch was called in the box. Towards the end of the first half, the Crew scored, tying the game. The second half was marked with repeated attacks and each team holding the other scoreless. The Lightning players played a variety of positions throughout the game. Rounding out the team were Gerald Cuyle, Tyler Ellis, Jeff Gellerman, Hugo Guerrero, Tristan Lewis, Cody Martinez, Ricky Martinez, Morgan Melendrez, Justin Moore, Jason Stearns, Christopher Sund, Lee Wood, and Jose Zavala. All kept their focus to the very end of the game. very end of the game.

The Livermore Elite Titans, U13, Class 1, hosted Danville's Mustang Reds on Saturday. Danville came out strong by dominating the first half and taking a 1-0 lead at the half but the Titans took charge in the second half and were able to tie it up on a goal by Jesse Morales. The goal was set up by Joey Martinez, who fed Morales a pass right

through the Danville defenders.

The Livermore Elite Explosion U-12 **Division 1** girls soccer team had 2 shut out wins this weekend in GSSL league play and improved their record to 5 wins, 2 ties and 1

Livermore Elite Explosion 1, Lamorinda United 0. Livermore worked as a unit in this match and their well-played efforts were rewarded with a victory. Explosion center halfbacks were on their game; Kylee Southwell had an outstanding game holding off the Lamorinda offense and Audrey Walke did a great job controlling the field to keep the Explosion offense in control. Sierra Cassels manned the goal in the game and manned it well with a couple of great saves and heads up play. Livermore's lone goal came in the first half as Holly Lamb crossed the ball over to left forward Carli Floris who drove it in for

Livermore Elite Explosion 2, Castro Valley Ravens 0. Livermore scored twice and kept the Ravens in check and scoreless again. Livermore's scoring efforts against Castro Valley became successful as Kassidy Peters drove a ball to the net drawing out the Ravens goalie who fumbled the ball and Kaley Olsen epped up and put it in the net. Goal number 2 for the Explosion came off a well set up cross by Olsen that found Peters who settled the ball and sent it in for the score. The entire Explosion team displayed strong teamwork on the field. Great hustle in both games from Alex Boucher, Cierra Comfort, Jessica Floyd, Jennie Harmison, Danielle Lacombe, Karley Luce, Gabi Macias, Kerry Stein and Rachel

Livermore Crew '97 U9 division 1 girls hosted the San Ramon Spirit at Robert Livermore Field on Saturday and came away with a 6-0 victory. Ashley Arnett scored four goals while Carleigh "Mag Dog" Thurman and Hanna "Banana" Beauchamp added one goal each for the high powered Crew '97 offense Precision passing from Clairs Soule offense. Precision passing from Claire Soule and Morgan "Mojo" Leonard gave them each assists for the game.

Livermore Rampage U14 girls division 3 hosted the much improved Newark Magic on Saturday at Robertson Park and escaped with a 1-0 win to hold onto first place in Al Caffodio league play. Early in the game Newark's physical brand of play kept the Rampage in check and preserved a scoreless te at the half. But the Rampage rallied 5 minutes into the second half when a corner minutes into the second half when a corner kick resulted in a mad scramble in front of Newark's goal. The ball squirted out to fullback Courtney "Corn Dog" Holsen who blasted a long shot to the back of the net for the only goal of the game. Becca Woll and Sissi Gonzalez played heads up defense and goal keeper Katelyn Krueger recorded her sixth shutout in eight league games to lead the Rampage defense.

The Livermore Roadrunners boys 112 socget team prevailed against the Fre-

U12 soccer team prevailed against the Fremont Heat on Saturday winning 1-0 in the mont Heat on Saturday winning I-0 in the final minutes of the game. Tanner Turner dribbled through the Fremont defense to score the Roadrunners only goal. JT Addington, goalkeeper for the Roadrunners, made several saves to shut out Fremont.

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AC1 Girls U-9 Livermore Elite Huskies FC lost 2 to 0 to Mustang Outlaws. Although unable to score in the first half, the Huskies played well and the offense con-

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trolled for most of the half. In the second half the Mustang Outlaws surged and scored the 2 goals needed to win the game. Top players for Livermore included Allyson Marty, Ryan Murphy, Charlotte Forgey-Jahn, Sara Graves, Gabriela Oliveira and Shasta Grant. AC3 Girls U-10 Livermore Elite Storm 0, Mustang Mavericks 3: Saturday the Livermore Storm fought a tough battle against

ermore Storm fought a tough battle against the Mustang Mavericks. Storm players Mary Ellam, Jennifer Chaidez, and Katrina Elmore worked hard trying to put the ball into the net. While on the other side of the field Ariana Mancieri, Rachel Esser, and Melissa Allen

played tough on defense. Livermore Elite Storm 1, Newark Mini-Celtic 0: Sunday the Storm brought home their second victory of the season. Sammie Sobers scored the only goal of the game. Grace Naylor and Britmey Turner applied pressure trying to keep the ball on the Celtic side of the field. A stingy defense lead by Breanna Hernandez, Gabrielle Parker and Lessica Casey offered faw scoring changes.

Jessica Casey offered few scoring chances. AC1 Girls U-11 Livermore Crew '950, Mustang Fury 4: Livermore Crew '95 played atough game against the top ranked Mustang Fury team in Danville on Saturday, October 14th. Sarah Franklin and Rachel Leonard led the Livermore defense, repelling numerous attacks from the Mustang forwards, while Madyson Souza and Jessica Hopkins energized the midfield by aggressively attacking the ball and sending in to Mustang territory. The Crew forwards made excellent runs, but were unable to score on the tough Mustang

Livermore Crew '95 2, San Ramon Illusion 4: Livermore Crew played rivals San Ramon Illusion in Norcal Cup play on Sunday, October 15th. The Crew and Illusion played to a 1 to 1 draw in regulation, before San Ramon won 4 to 2 on penalty kicks. Livermore's Brooke Rittmann scored the first goal of the match on a perfectly placed penalty kick before Illusion leveled the match with a PK of their own. Both teams played tough for the remainder of regulation play and through both 5 minute overtime periods before the match was settled with penalty kicks. Brielle Preece did a standout job protecting the goal, successfully blocking a tough Illusion shot, while the Crew '95 shooters went 2 for four on their kicks.

AC1 Boys U-10 Livermore Elite Ex-

press 3, Walnut Creek Diablos 2: Josh Revay scored the first goal for Livermore off of an assist from Dominic Foscalina. Scott Buskey scored the second goal to tie the game in the second half. Then with only seconds left to play, Tony Jimenez scored to win the game for Livermore Elite. Logan Gruidl had some great saves in the goal. Michael Rademann, and Cole Souza also played great defense for Livermore. Livermore.

Livermore Elite Express 12, Union City Diablos 0 - Livermore Elite Express came out strong against the tough Union City Diablos. Baylie Bartlett and Ryan Ruley both had hat Baylle Bartlett and Ryan Ruley bottn had hat tricks. Scott Buskey, Matthew Dremalas, Jake Foscalina, Tony Jiminez, Dominic Foscalina, and Logan Gruid all scored for Livermore as well. Curtis Wiggington, Josh Revay, Michael Rademann, and Cole Souza all played outstanding for Livermore Ex-

AC3 Boys U-11 Livermore Elite Gal**axy** 0, Mustang Red Devils 1 - The Galaxy team lost a well-played, close game to the Red Devils. Galaxyâ TMs defense held strong throughout the game allowing only one goal Galaxy also moved the ball well offensively threatening to score several times. Once again, it was a great team effort. Players contributing to the game included Juan Anaya, Jason Barrow, James Bateson, Michael

Carlson, Lane Foscalina and Kevin McKey, AC3 Boys U-15 FC Livermore United 6, Mustang United 0 - After another early morning match up, FC United remains at the top of their division and undefeated in league play. Top players for Livermore included Cole Martinez (2), Keyin Fread (1PK), Brandon Fread and Alejandro Sanchez. DJ Rashe got the scoring started with a remarkable header that soared across the box and bent into

the upper corner of the net.

The Livermore Elite U-10 Clash wor one game and tied another in weekend Al Caffodio D3 play. On Saturday, the Clash travelled to Newark and soundly beat the Galaxia 5-0. Tanner Sandy converted a poor goal kick by Newark for a 1-0 lead. Diego Plascenia headed in a Kent Greene cross for the second goal. Calvin Rasbold stole the ball in the box, juked a defender and made the score 3-0 at halftime. In the second half, Plascenia added his second goal of the day, and Erick Salgado fired a laser from outside the box for the 5-0 final.

Sunday brought the first place Mustang Galaxy to Livermore. Entering the game, Mustang was undefeated and untied in league play. Tanner Sandy gave the counter attacking Clash a 1-0 lead on a 22nd minute breakaway. Early in the second half, Livermore extended its lead to two when Diego Plascencia took a Nolan Parker throw in and looped it over the Galaxy keeper. Mustang scored to make it 2-1. Just minutes later Mustang evened the score at 2-2. Frantic action marked the last 15 minutes of the game as the teams traded attacks, but neither could find the net a third time. The 2-2 final score was a just result for the evenly matched teams. Special mention on the Clash goes to Mike Brooks, Ryan Ball, Alec Foster and Donnie Buchanan, each of whom responded to additional defensive responsibilities with distinction. The Galaxy displayed exceptional

sportsmanship before the game's start, choosing to wait patiently for a referee crew, when

they had the option of accepting a forfeit. **The Livermore Elite U-13 Inferno** beat San Ramon Rampage 5-1 last weekend. Jose Gudino scored early in the first half on a penalty kick. The Rampage followed up by scoring an equalizer. Jose scored two more goals for a hat trick. Cesar Soto and Dylan Graher contributed Fraber contributed a goal apiece for the final

The SAYSO Livermore Flame AC1 U12 girls defeated the San Juan Spirits 2-0 in the qualifying round of the Norcal Cup. The first goal was scored by Jacqueline Summerson an assist by Tressa Morgan. Yesica Morales scored the second goal assisted by Madisen Marples. The Flames solid defense of Amanda Nunes, Ashlyn Smith, Kaylee De Mayo and Melissa Summers held the Spirits from scoring. Goalkeeper Emily Slominski was awesome in goal. The Flame go on to play November 11.

The Livermore Fury girls U-11 D3 team lost a tough game to the Newark Evil Chetaahs 1-0. The Fury opened the game with solid passing and good pressure in the Newark end. Kaitlin Dadalt had a nice, long run and shot on goal. Newark responded with a run of their own but goalie Amanda Fairclough blocked a close shot. Defender Allison Lau made an outstanding play by hustling back to cover an open net and blocking a shot with her right shoulder. Newark continued the pressure the rest of the half but Nicole Kurian and Callie Crowe kept the match scoreless. Erin Winegarner, Brit-tany Ahrbeck, Skyler Kriz and Rebekah Johnson battled the physical Newark players for control. Goalie Alison Pierson challenged and her diving attempt to stop the breakaway was a second late as Newark scored with 12 minutes left in the match. The Fury rallied with a couple of good scoring chances as forward Beth McCall made some nice runs. In the final moments, Olivia Cabotage just missed wide on a shot and Alyssa Stevenson came within a foot of scoring on a deflected

The SAYSO Livermore Flame AC1 U 12 tied the OV Storm 0-0 in a tough, battled game. The Flames goalkeeper Emily Slominski had numerous saves, not allowing the Storm to score. Amanda Nunes, Jasmine MacDonald, Kaylee DeMayo and Yesica Morales all played well for the Flame. The Livermore Elite Tri-Valley United

U-17B played two thrilling down to the last second games over the past week. In the first match, against Newark, the strong defensive match, against Newark, the strong defensive unit of Nate Richardson, Sam Hoppes, Justin Mueller, and goalie Jarrod Belsick nearly kept Newark scoreless, allowing only one goal, but it was the forwards Matt Cornmesser, Carlos Arevalo, Sergio Velasquez, and Jesse Schlicker who shone; constantly striving for the elusive goal, peppering the Newark goalie with shots on goal, and playing some of their best soccer. But, they could never quite capture the goal that would have tied the game and Livermore ended up on the short end of an exciting 1-0 game.

The second game against the Ballastic Black repeated the Newark game: early goal by Ballistic, great defense, exciting game, and losing by a goal, but, it was the midfield section of the offensive unit that turned in an outstanding performance. Constantly on the attack, Sam Martin and Alex Arevalo went all the way in for shot on goals. Robert Hobson dominated the center. Cameron Everson and Jon Bonetti proved pivotal on key plays. Connor Callagan's headers gives defense breathers. Eric Woods and Alberto went back for defense and forward for offense. Two great games, looking for better luck next

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Division 3 U11 met up with 4th place San Ramon Solars, with the match ending in a 1 to 1 deadlock. San Ramon came out strong, dominating in the first half The Rage defense stepped up to the plate. In goal, Olivia Brown blocked all of the shots. Five minutes into the second half San Ramon made a surge and scored. But Rage answered right back when Kendall Moore made a break away from mid field and placed one right above the goalie's reach to tie it up. Rage defense, led by Danielle Leedeman, battled back hard and prevented any further scoring ending in a 1 to 1 tie.

On Sunday the Rage met up with the mighty Mustang Stampede. Rage took an early lead 10 min. into the half when Kendall Moore buried a shot into the corner of the net. Rage continued to battle hard and the score remained 1-0 at the half. The Stampede came back strong scoring on the first play of the second to tie the match. Both teams continued press forward in an evenly matched second half. It was the Mustang Stampede second fall. It was the Mustaing Stampour who slipped one in with just minutes to go resulting in a disappointing 1-2 defeat for the Rage. Top Offensive Players: Kayla Bautista, Molly Grozier and Bailey Downum. Top Defensive Players: Lauren Fan, Claire Hickel

Danielle Leedeman.

The U-16 Rage Premier dominated another opponent by defeating the Marin FC '91 Blue team, 4-0, to remain in first place in the Gold Division of the Golden State Soccer League. Chloe Langon had an outstanding game, scoring one goal and assisting on one scored by Marisa Fraticelli. Amanda Luxford scored off a free kick from 35 yards out. Megan Jurado assisted on a goal



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scored by Carlee Payne. Ahsha Smith kept pressure on the Marin FC defenders by pressure on the Marin FC defenders by constantly making runs at their goal. The Rage controlled the pace of play as Midfielders Olivia Klei, Sophie Metz, Raylene Larot, and Fraticelli distributed the ball well. The Rage defenders lead by Sam Cloutier, Rachael McGlinchy, Ashley Loughmiller, Esther Leon, Rachel Clark, Ashlyn Mazur, and Luxford limited the Marin FC attack to few offensive opportunities. Goalkeepers Maddie Fox and Alexa Douglas preserved the shut-

Rage Division 1 U11 dominated offen-Rage AC. Brianna Nicholas gave Rage Division 1 their first goal of the game within 5 minutes.

Rage AC showed fancy footwork and speed, but could not penetrate Rage Div 1 defense. Top Offensive Players: Brianna Nicholas, Nicole Fetsch, Kira Ewanich, Andie Boehm; Top Defensive Players: Lindsey Kail, Rebecca Dumanski, Cambi Cukar, Haley Lukas.

The Rage Division 2 U14 fought a hard battle with the physical and speedy Hayward All Stars, though the Rage came up short in a 3-2 loss. Brittney Guillory scored the first Rage goal on anifty pass from Allie Rodriguez. Rage battled numerous offsides calls but managed a late score when Amanda Kalbarczyk scored on a Casey Curtis assist. Defensively, Heidi Johns made a few key saves in the ne to keep it close while Caylee Heller, Andi Glaeser and Blair Stiers dished out a few bruises. Top Offensive Players: Amanda Kalbarczyk, Brittney Guillory, Allie Rodriguez; Top Defensive Players: Heidi Johns, Caylee Heller, Andi Glaeser

Pleasanton Rage Division 1 U14 fell to DVSC Black 2 to 1 on Saturday. Rage opened the game well and controlled play in the early minutes. However, DVSC scored the first goal of the game on a counter attack 15 minutes in. Payton Thomas was strong in goal, while Jessica Swinkels, Laura Byron, and Shannon Malindzak supported each other well and prevented the game from getting out of reach. DVSC took a 2 - 0 lead into intermission. Rage came alive during the second half and dominated play. Jessica Chen, Emmy Rodriguez, and Laura Klein were tenacious in the midfield and helped keep the ball in Rage's offensive end throughout the second half. After just missing on scoring chances early in the half, Rage finally scored off a Haley Jackson free kick. Laura Klein settled the free kick and passed to Julia Rogers who beat the DVSC goalie to make the score 2 to 1. Rage applied pressure throughout the rest of the game, but could not score the equalizer.

Rage's second game of the weekend was against nemesis San Ramon Azzure. The two evenly matched teams battled each other throughout the afternoon until Danielle Roe scored on a great individual effort late in the game to give the Rage a 1to 0 win. Summer Shelton and Lauryn Hayashi were tenacious in the midfield. Nicole Heller and Alysse Ketner were solid up front and provided several scoring chances. The win was preserved with solid defense from Nicole Swinkels, Laura Byron and Shannon Malindzak. Goalie Payton Thomas deflected several potential game tying shots and was outstanding under the late game pressure of San Ramon. The Rage is now 3-4-1 in league play. Top Offensive Players: Danielle Roe, Nicole Heller, Julia Rogers; Top Defensive Players: Summer Shelton, Lauryn Hayashi,

The Rage Division 2 U14 outshot the Mt. Diablo Shock, but came up short losing 3-0 in league play. Samantha Beiler and Vanessa Medina showed off some great footwork and ball handling skills while Celia Ochoa, Sara Court and Ari Gordon put out a great effort on defense. Top Offensive Play-ers: Samantha Beiler, Vanessa Medina, Allie Rodriguez; Top Defensive Players: Celia Ochoa, Sara Court, Ari Gordon. The Pleasanton Rage U13 Division 3

girls continued their winning streak this weekend with a convincing 3-1 victory over Dublin. Rage was aggressive from the whistle with several great runs to the net by Danielle Homan and Stephanie Little. Little was first to score with a great run and cross to the far post. Jessie Hopson received a great cross from Danielle LaMarche and put one in for a 2-0 lead at the half. In second half action, a hand ball in the box, led to a direct kick for the Rage and this time it was Megan Ash who converted making it 3-0 Rage. Although Dublin would get a late goal, the Rage defense applied more pressure and kept Dublin shots to a minimum. Kudos to Rage keeper Aria Crawford who played another outstanding game in the net. Final score 3-1 Rage. Top Offensive Players: Stephanie Little, Jessie Hopson, Danielle LaMarche; Top Defensive Players: Aria Crawford, Megan Ash, Megan

Clark
The U19Rage Orange played their TriValley rivals, the Mustang XPlosion, coming away with a 2 to 9 shutout. The first half of this very physical game was scoreless. Rage offensive players Megan Gomez, Jamie Thurman, and Heidi Larsen combined for 7 shots on goal versus 4 for Mustang. The first goal came in the 6th minute of play in the 2nd half, when defender Alex Martin booted the ball upfield, in perfect position for Megan Gomez to drive to goal. Heidi Larsen drew the Mustang goalkeeper out in the 35th minute of the half and kicked the ball over her head to score the RAage's 2nd goal of the game. Sara Skinner had a beautiful solo run upfield in this half; her shot was saved by Mustang's goalie. Sweeper Lindsey Ellison called a smart and skillful defense. Melissa Sheehan, Alex Martin, and Robyn Clark played well, winning balls and providing shooting opportunities. Defenders Margie Blidy, Hannah Roberts, and Kerry McCulloch made key clears to prevent Mustang from scoring. Goalkeeper LeeAnn Meyer had a total of 7 causes in the game giving her the shutout

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Rage White lost 5 to 1 to the Mustang Tornadoes. Top Offensive Players: Briana Marquez, Jordan Niermeyer, Lauren Bedard; Top Defensive Players: Whitney Carter, Kaiya Sandoval, Renee Concha.

Rage Division 2 U13 lost 1 to 0 to Walnut Creek. Top Offensive Players: Gabriella Perko, Jessica Klahr, Tori Hausman; Top Defensive Players: Nicole Torquato.

Top Defensive Players: Nicole Torquato, Jillian Beck, Carly Boehmer. In a second game, the score was Union City 3, Rage 0. Top Offensive Players: Haley Boehmer, Jessica Morosoli, Ashley Jenezon; Top Defensive Players: Elisa Verita, Malia Ryan, Olivia Zho.

Rage Division 1 U14 defeated Lamorinda 3 to 0: Pleasanton's first strike came on a free kick by Darby Broeker in to Ally White. She had a flicking header over the charging keeper, and then followed the ball for an unchallenged touch into the net. Jen Horton took a shot that the keeper gloved but could not control; Cheyenne Kisthardt pounced on the loose Cheyenne Kısthardt pounced on the loose ball inside of six for the score. White finished off the scoring with cross from Horton, shooting from far post and inside 10. Forwards Horton, White, Kisthardt, Pippa Whitehand, Presley Strother, Broeker, and Brooke Mayo kept up pressure on the Lamorinda net throughout the game. Mids Annie Amos, Elsa Brown, Vivian Climent, Alana D'Onofrio, and Emmie Ruhland provided service throughout. vided service throughout.

Rage Division 1 U14 defeated the Mustang Earthquakes 1 to 0. In the first half Mustang had the better chances, but Lindsay Smith turned back all challenges. The game was won 10 minutes from time on a blown Mustang clear from left back, with Darby Broeker streaking in on the follow from 35

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vds. She held her shot, pulled the keeper out and buried it in the back of the net. The clean sheet was well earned by Smith and Ally White in net; the back line of Jenna Sparks, Jill Nunes, and Jalissa Freeman, and holding mid of Kaitlyn Taylor and Cheyenne

The Rage Division 3 U12 came out quick and scored two goals. The first goal was shot by Jenny Orbell, then with a great assist by Jenel Fimeno, Kayla Hanscom shot the winning goal. The defense held the Earthquakes to one goal for the win. Top Offensive Players: Kayla Hanscomb, Jenny Orbell; Top Defensive Players: Abigail Mcdowell,

Lindsey Allen.

The Rage Rampage U19 Travelling
Div IV scored early and often in a 7 to 1 win
over the Dublin Doubletake. A hat trick by Katie Voss and a pair of goals from Marissa Klei led the way. Only two and a half minutes Klei led the way. Only two and a half minutes into the game, Klei took a long pass from Lindsey Bly and went to the left post to open the scoring. The Klei-Bly combo worked again 12 minutes later, this time to the right post and Pleasanton had a 2-0 lead. Klei was also involved in the third goal, this time on the passing end, working a give and go with Voss. Voss' initial shot was stopped, but she took the rebound out of the keeper's hands and dribbled it into the net. A few minutes later Voss scored again, this time alone, 40 yards out Voss lofted a perfect shot over the goalie's head to give the Rampage a 4-0 lead going into halftime. Pleasanton got goals in the second half from Brittany Leal, Lindsey Schnurr and Voss to cap the scoring RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

Under-16: Rascals 1, Rockers 0; The Rascals edged past the Rockers on the strength of Sam Sam Saberi's first half goal. The Rascals came close with several more shots on goal but they were denied. Strong defense led by Sydney Hollingshead gave the Rascals their third shutout of the season. TOP OF-FENSIVE PLAYERS: Sam Sam Saberi, Kirsten Junghans, Cathy Cohen, Rascals; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Sydney Hollingshead, Ashley Moreno, Kristie Rascals

Under-14: Heat 4, Greased Lightening 2; Pulse 3, Earthquakes 1; After a long dry spell, the Heat "turned on the Heat" and beat Greased Lightening on Sunday by a score of 4 to 2. Both teams fought hard, but Jessica Newby used her fancy footwork to charge down the field, not twice, but three times to result in a "Hat Trick" for the Heat, Allison result in a "Hat Irick" for the Heat. Allison Lindbloom got the team "heated up" by scoring the team's first goal. Outstanding defensive plays were made by Sarah Machado, Elise Savoy, and Laney Turay, the goalie. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Alyse Terschuren, Laura Zollars, Holly Fehrmann, PULSE; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Vicky Binder, Kelly Morgan, Rebecca Silva,

Under-12: Bandits 1, Black Widows 0; Blasters 2, Barracudas 0; Bobcats 3, Broncos 0; Big Dawgs 0, Buccaneers 3; Thunder 1, Earthquakes 3; Wild Cats 4, Hot Shots 0; Natasha Coelho scored with only minutes remaining to lead the Bandits to a 1-0 win over the Black Widows. Goalies Anna Wishnowsky and Madison Eacret combined for the shutout, with great defensive help from Andy Bright, Karissa Souza, and Sara Spencer. The Bandits offense, led by Vivian Hare and Mallory Masaljlo, kept the pressure

on the Black Widow defense.

TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Natasha Coelho, Mallory Masajlo, Vivian Hare, Bandits; Kyra Costa, Caitlin Newman, Nikki Van Wagner, Black Widows; Sunyoung Kye, McKenna Pryin, Sara Gieringer, Blasters; Lauren Copenhaver, Shreya Arora, Kelly Shotwell, Bobcats; Ashley Lotoszynski, Shotwell, Bobcats; Ashley Lotoszynski, Kate Goldstein, Emma Sage, Buccaneers; Maggie Moellering, Emma Wicks, Haley Bradley, Earthquakes; Sydney Hitesman, Lauren Antilla, Kennedy Poplawski, Hot Shots; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Andy Bright, Sara Spencer, Kara Carlstrom, Bandits; Rachel Lanning, Meher Pahwa, Haley Scott, Black Widows; Priya Thaper, Megan Goodman, Jessica D'Addabbo, Blasters; Annaliese Miller, Mallory Manzano, Miranda Annaliese Miller, Mallory Manzano, Miranda Boyden, Bobcats; Katie Jones, Jenna Coop, Marie Morley, Buccaneers; Claire Lorentz, Tyler Crane, Katie Beliles, Earthquakes; Katie Oross, Anne Staker, Liz Broughton,

Hot Shots; Under-10: Jokers 0, Jammers 3; Jitterbugs 0, Jewels 5; Dolls 3, Dolphins 0; The Jammers all worked together in defeating the Jokers 3-0. Cassidy Hager scored all three

goals for the Jammers.

TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Cassidy Hager, Jennifer Ng, Jammers; Julienne Pin, Jokers; Leila Shafi, Lily Manos, Dolls; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Kylie Berlogor, Barbara Hanafee, Jammers; Megan Shevelson, Jokers; Sarah Adamson, Nicole Skalski, Molly Hamilton, Jitterbugs; Kira Broacha, DeLanev Soble, Grace Skinner, Dolls:

Under-8: Brianna Sobrero and Amy Schoendienst each scored two goals for the Munchkins. They were helped out by the strong offense of Belle Henry and Nicole Subaba. Defensive saves were made by Tori Field, Hannah Schwartz, and Natalie McMacken, and strong defense was played by Daniela Block, Allie Powers, and Lauren

TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Brianna TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Branna Sobrero, Amy Schoendienst, Belle Henry, Munchkins; Ariana Nino, Madison Soble, Maci Manos, Mavericks; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Natalie McMacken, Hannah Schwartz, Tori Field, Munchkins; Isabel Skinner, Haley Beltrain, Maya Duggal, Mayericks:

Mavericks;

Under-6: Goals were scored by Sarah,
Sophie, Kate, Carly and Samantha. They
couldn't have done it without the support of
astrong offense by Lauren, Paula, and Laura.
TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Carly Field,
Samantha Agnew, Kate Battaglia, Dynamites; Hope Alley, Hannah Thoe, Dazzlers;
Molly Griston, Sarah Baxter, Dolphins;
TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Sophie
Clinton, Laura Fasman, Lauren Melvin,
Dynamites; Hailey Christian, Stephanie
Dunlop, Dazzlers; Mary Tincher, Lacey Hicks,
Dolphins;

Youth Soccer

Dublin United Class I Soccer U12, after falling 1-2 to the Benicia Arsenal on Saturday, bounced back with a 3-0 victory over the Hayward Aftershock on Sunday. over the Hayward Aftershock on Sunday Scoring in the win were Veronica Highsmith with 2 goals, and Amanda Garcia with one goal off an assist by Megan Zummo. The Fighters kept the offensive pressure up with Rebecca Beasley, Adrianna Nugen and Megan Zummo all making multiple shots on goal. In Saturdays loss the lone fighter goal was scored by Zummo off an assist by Garcia. Top Defensive Players: Goalie Heather Seeley recorded her 5th shut-out of the season assisted by the strong defensive play of Annie Jones, Hailey Zummo and Christine Laymon.

The San Ramon Santos remained un-

The San Ramon Santos remained undefeated in U14 GSSL Gold League Play by defeating Bay Oaks 3-0 on Saturday. Santos dominated the field of play throughout the game. By the end of the first half, the Santos were winning 1-0 after Nico Portugal rocketed a shot that hit the cross-bar and Justin Scott second on the robound. The Sentos eted a shot that hit the cross-bar and Justin Scott scored on the rebound. The Santos netted two goals in the second half; Lawrence McDonald ripped a shot past the goalie and Justin Scott recorded his second goal of the game with a great assist from Brandon Willhite. Matt Sarmiento, Stevie Rector and Kevin Ho all played well on defense.

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Gene Bruihl continued his attack on the 700 plateau leading 4 others over the 700 plateau again this week at the Granada Bowl. Gene, rolling in the Re/Max Cheyenne Men's League, used games of 258, 248 and 246 to complete a 752 series. Also competing in the same loop was Bob Hicks who used a 267, 246 and 223 to record his 736 set.

In the Strikes and Spares League Derek Lewis Sr. recorded the 2nd highest score with a 744 series which included games of 257, 256 and a 221. In the Eagles Renovations Match Point 2 bowlers topped 700; Jim Sisco had a 716 led by a 256 game and Randy Apoian captured his first ever with scores of 268, 226 and a 213 for a 707 series.

Other High Scores included Nick Williams who just missed with a 699 series including games of 248 and 244. Dan Crisp improved his average with a 679 series including a 256 game. Matt Hart had a 278 game on his way to a 691 set. Dave Thompson also rolled a 279 game.

Jeff Cote had the top score of the week with a 298 game on his way to a 665 series. Mariann Bertelsen had a 214 followed by a 213 on her way to a 607 Series. However, it was Corrina Coon (130 Norm) who had heads turning when she bowled her first ever 200 game with a 201. Another first was recorded in the Donna Mixers league when Mel Helbacka had a 245 high Game enroute to a 625 Series. This was Mel's first time into the 600 plateau.

In the Primetimers Leagues, Phil Neimi had a 635 series hich included a 233 game. Don Tunison rolled a 232 on his way to a 604 series and Rich Baguio' 238 game helped him

CYO Basketball

The CCOP (Catholic Community of Pleasanton) 8th grade American team advanced to the semi-finals of the consolation round of the Bishop O'Dowd tournament with a 54-34 victory over Our Lady of Guadalupe from Fremont on Saturday, October 14 in CYO basketball action. The Bishop O'Dowd tournament features 32 of the top 8th grade CYO teams in the East Bay. CCOP lost its opening round game to St. Leo the Great and then beat St. Isidore in the first round consolation game to advance to its quarter-final game with Our Lady of Guadalupe. CCOP has a balanced scoring attack against Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Trevor Guerrieri score 14 points and had 4 rebounds, Carson Ewanich had 11 points and 6 rebounds, and Stephan Mohajer contributed 10 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists. CCOP will play St Raymond's this weekend in the semi-final game.

Top Offensive Players: Trevor Guerrieri. Caron Ewanich, Stephan Mohajer; Top Defensive Players: Stephen Ferrel, David Elison, Cameron Seams.

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football League re-

Livermore Gladiators played the San Leandro Crusaders.Playing hard for Liver-more were Chandler Davis, Vincent Medeiros and Sam Guasch. Logan Potter, Basim Almanshi and Sean Haggerty also gave good

Jr. Midget: The Norsemen football team had a big win over the San Leandro Crusaders (4-1) on Saturday to stay undefeated in the Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference. On offense Diquan Madison and Walik Gilmore carried the load. Madison would have a huge day with 189 yards rushing, two touchdowns and 35 all purpose yards. His final touchdown of the day would be a 98 yard run. Gilmore had a equally impressive game with 114 yards rushing, 3 touchdowns and 79 all purpose yards. The defense was lead Damiary Drew who had 6 solo tackles and a sack. Luc Hamilton, Madison, and Jordan Moss all had tackles for a loss. Blaine Call had an outstanding game, and Kevin Kutchera had an interception. The Norsemen will next face Antioch at Granada High School.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy com-pleted in the Teddy Bear Classic hosted by San Maeto Gymnastics in Belmont over the weekend. The Level 5 team finished in second place, the Level 4 team placed fifth and the Level 6 team was 4th.

RESULTS (by event): LEVEL4: Age Group: Younger VAULT - Kelly Hebert - 6th place (9.05); Riley Kuderca-9th place (8.9); Kirstin Hewitt (8.7) BARS - Kelly Hebert - 10th place (7.85); Kirstin Hewitt (7.55); Riley Kuderca (7.3) BEAM - Kelly Hebert - 1st place (8.975); Kirstin Hewitt - 9th place (8.2); Riley Kuderca (7.375) FLOOR - Kelly Hebert - 8th place (8.35); Riley Kuderca (7.2); Kirstin Hewitt (8.35); Riley Kuderca (7.2); Kirstin Hewitt (6.5) ALL AROUND - Kelly Hebert - 5th place (34.225); Kirstin Hewitt (30.95); Riley Kuderca (30.775); Age Group: Older: VAULT - Peri Ouyang (8.9); Kate Scheibner (8.7) BARS - Peri Ouyang (8.575); Kate Scheibner (8.475) BEAM - Peri Ouyang - 6th place (9.075); Kate Scheibner (8.525) FLOOR - Peri Ouyang (8.2); Kate Scheibner (7.65) ALL AROUND - Peri Ouyang (35.75); Kate Scheibner (33.35)

Scheibner (33.35)
LEVEL 5 Age Group: Younger VAULT
- Melissa Graber - 5th place (8.15); Isabella
Orecchia (7.85); Hannah Skinner (7.8);
Morgan Fiske and Alyssa Oki (7.7); Kelly
Overstreet (6.75); Haley Chambers (6.45)
BARS - Haley Chambers - 6th place (7.7); Hannah Skinner - 8th place (7.5); Melissa Graber and Isabella Orecchia - T9th place (7.425); Morgan Fiske (7.2) BEAM - Melissa Graber - 2nd place (9.125); Hannah Skinner-7th place (8.7); Morgan Fiske - 10th place (8.25); Haley Chambers (8.225); Alyssa Oki (8.2); Isabella Orecchia (8.025); Kelly Overstreet (6.725) FLOOR - Melissa Graber - 9th place (8.5); Hannah Skinner (7.75); Morgan Fiske(7.05); Kelly Overstreet (6.75); Isabella Orecchia and Haley Chambers and Alyssa Oki (6.5) ALL AROUND - Melissa Graber - 7th place (33.2); Hannah Skinner - 10th place (31.75); Morgan Fiske (30.2); Isabella Orecchia (29.8); Haley Chambers (28.875); Alyssa Oki (28.05); Age Group: Older VAULT - Jessica Fineran and Dori Lucero - T9th place (8.0); Rachel Yang (7.45) BARS - Dori Lucero - 8th place (7.9); Jessica Fineran - 10th place (7.625); Rachel Yang (6.85) BEAM - Jessica Fineran - 6th place (8.625); Rachel Yang - 7th place (8.525); Dori Lucero - 10th place (8.2) FLOOR - Jessica Fineran - 10th place (7.8); Rachel Yang (7.25); Dori Lucero (7.15) ALI Yang (7.25); Dori Lucero (7.15) ALL AROUND - Jessica Fineran - 9th place (32.05); Dori Lucero - 10th place (31.25); Rachel Yang (30.075)

LEVEL 6: Age Group: Younger VAULT Kaitlyn Pahler - (8.65); Tiana Hodzic (8.15); Melissa Chambers (7.7); Shannon Gray (7.55) BARS - Kaitlyn Pahler (7.775); Shannon Gray (6.5): Melissa Chambers (6.15): Tiana Hodzic (6.05) BEAM - Tiana Hodzic - 10th place (8.45); Kaitlyn Pahler (8.175); Melissa Chambers (8.125); Shannon Gray (7.7) FLOOR - Tiana Hodzic (7.8); Kaitlyn Pahler (7.65); Melissa Chambers (6.95); Shannon Gray (6.25) ALL AROUND -Kaitlyn Pahler (32.25); Tiana Hodzic (30.45); Melissa Chambers (28.925); Shannon Gray (28.0); Age Group: Older VAULT Rasnick (8.0); Jaime Gray (8.05) BARS -Jaime Gray (6.6); Jacy Rasnick (6.4) FLOOR - Jaime Gray (6.95); Jacy Rasnick (6.4)

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 4, 5 & 6 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in the Sock Hop Invitational held this past weekend at Diablo Gymnastics in San Ramon. Highlights included Rebecca Meister winning a vault title and Angelica Leporati placing second on vault in level 5 competition. Sophie Libkind placed second on vault and third on beam and Morgan Allen placed second on floor and third all-around in level 6 competition.

Level 4, age 6-8: VAULT - Alyson Gilkerson, 8.475; Julia Garrison, 8.45; Mariel Chiong, 8.075. BARS - Garrison, 8th, 8.5; Gilkerson, 8.075; Chiong, 7.9. BEAM -Garrison, 7th, 8.675; Chiong, 8.475; Gilkerson, 8.0, FLOOR - Gilkerson, 8.475; Chiong, 8.4; Garrison, 8.125. ALL-AROUND - Garrison, 33.75; Gilkerson, 33.025; Chiong, 32.85. Age 12+: VAULT - Chelsea Werner, 7.45. BARS - Werner, 7.625. BEAM - Werner, 6.25. FLOOR - Werner, 6.7. ALL-AROUND - Werner, 8.025

Level 5, age 7-9: VAULT - Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.55; Amy Morrison, 2nd, 8.25; Isla Andrews, 4th, 7.9; Victoria Enos, 7.725; Ashley Person, 7.5. BARS - Andrews, 5th, 8.15; Person, 6th, 7.95; Meister, 7.925; 5th, 8.15; Person, 6th, 7.95; Meister, 7.925; Morrison, 7.4; Enos, 6.9. BEAM - Enos, 4th, 8.65; Morrison, 6th, 8.25; Meister, 8.0; Andrews, 7.725; Person, 7.475. FLOOR - Morrison, 4th, 8.875; Meister, 6th, 8.375; Person, 8.175; Andrews, 8.0; Enos, 7.9. ALL-AROUND - Meister, 5th, 32.85; Morrison, 6th, 32.775; Andrews, 7th, 31.775; Enos, 9th, 31.175; Person, 10th, 31.1. Age 10: VAULT - Angelica Leporati, 2nd, 8.5; Kaitlin Hausmann, 6th, 8.0; Celina Moufarrej, 7.7. BARS - Leporati, 8th, 8.55: Hausmann 7.7. BARS - Leporati, 8th, 8.55; Hausmann, 7.65; Moufarrej, 7.25. BEAM - Moufarrej, 5th, 8.625; Leporati, 7th, 8.575; Hausmann Sth, 8.425. FLOOR - Leporati, 5th, 8.65; Moufarrej, 9th, 8.475; Hausmann, 8.275. ALL-AROUND - Leporati, 4th, 34.275; Hausmann, 9th, 32.35; Moufarrej, 11th,

Level 6, age 8-10A: VAULT-Valentina Barbalinardo, 7th, 8.625; Gabriella Lemoine, 9th, 8.5. BARS - Barbalinardo, 7.65; Lemoine, 6.5. BEAM - Barbalinardo, 8th, 8.9; Lemoine, 8.425. FLOOR - Barbalinardo 8.475; Lemoine, 8.1. ALL-AROUND Barbalinardo, 11th, 33.65; Lemoine, 31.525. Age 10B-11A: VAULT - Gabriella Schulz, Age 105-11A: VAUL1 - Gabrieria Schulz, 4th, 8.5; Haley Brott, 9th, 8.3; Moira Andrews, 7.85. BARS - Brott, 7th, 7.7; Andrews, 7.35; Schulz, 7.2. BEAM - Brott, 5th, 8.65; Schulz, 7th, 8.55; Andrews, 8.0. FLOOR - Schulz, 8th, 8.35; Brott, 8.25; Andrews, 6.05. ALL-AROUND - Brott, 8th, 22.0; Schulz, 10th, 32.6; Andrews, 20.25 32.9; Schulz, 10th, 32.6; Andrews, 29.25. Age 11B-12: VAULT - Morgan Allen, 6th, 8.6; Lyndsay Albiani, 9th, 8.525. BARS - Allen, 8th, 7.85; Albiani, 7.75. BEAM -Allen, 7th, 8.375; Albiani, 9th, 7.875. FLOOR - Allen, 2nd, 8.575; Albiani, 4th, RLOOR - Alien, 2nd, 6.373; Aloiani, 4th, 8.325. ALL-AROUND - Allen, 3rd, 33.4; Albiani, 7th, 32.475. Age 13+: VAULT - Sophie Libkind, 2nd, 9.0. BARS - Libkind, 7.55. BEAM - Libkind, 3rd, 9.0. FLOOR -Hyatt, 8th, 8.4. ALL-AROUND - Libkind,

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League re-

sults:
Senior Contact: The Bucs and Dolphins
Gracing fireworks display showcased an offensive fireworks display that saw the Dolphins end up on top, 28-26. Quarterback Stuart Cooper and tailback Carson Ewanich led the Bucs in an effort to upset the Dolphins. Cooper was 8-13 passing for 150 yards and one TD, and he ran for 28 yards on 5 carries with one TD. Ewanich had 261 yards of total offense as he ran for 156 yards on 15 carries with 2 TD's, and he added 105 yards on 4 receptions and one TD. Bucs receiver E.J. Hand had 3 catches for 55 yards. Nico Tornaghi had one catch for 15 yards. Bucs fullback Codey Heidebrecht added 16 yards rushing. The Bucs defense was led by defensive back Bradley Buenz who broke up several passes and he had one interception with two tackles.

The Bucs offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage the entire game as they opened huge holes for the backs. The Bucs O-Line consisted of center Steve Duarte, guards Tory Ziemer and Sean Vanlandingham, tackles Drake Rivenes and Conner Perry. The Bucs defensive line played exceptionally well and they consisted of; Jeremy Arkin (1 tackle), Drake Kissinger (3 tackles), Hunter Capilla (1 tackle), and Evan Gum (1 tackle).
David Camarena and Alex Osterholt led

an aerial attack, as the Dolphins edged the Bucs, 28-26. Camarena was 17 of 24 on the day for 326 yards in the air. Osterholt caught eight passes for 214 yards, including four TD passes, the last one the winner from 50 yards out with 56 seconds left to go in the game. Point after attempts also made a critical difference, as Jake Isabel and Rees Curtis each picked up two point conversions to make the difference in the final score. The Dolphins offensive line of Angel Irizarry, AJ Garcia, Dean Tan, Parker Wood and Alex Hebert had an outstanding day, providing plenty of time for their quarterback to find his receivers. The defense was led by Austin Haire, Michael Flores, and Tanner Clark, who caused or recovered fumbles for the Dolphins, and Brian Hill and Patrick Gibbons who made key interceptions to thwart Buccaneer drives. The Senior 49ers used big plays on offense and defense to defeat the Broncos 13-

0. After a short pass to Zach Probert gained a first down, the Niners went to a play action pass and Sam Ludden hit a wide open Andrew Villar for a 31 yard scoring strike. The Broncos got the ball back and drove to the eight yard line, but Paulo Freitas stopped them short on fourth down. Freitas got the call on offense on the next play and broke a counter to the right for 36 yards. A couple more plays set up a fourth and three from the Bronco's 23. Nakeesa Mirzadeh took a short pass from Ludden and broke up the middle eluding all defenders and went in for the score. Ludden ran in the conversion to give the Niners a 13-0 lead. Showing no quit, the Broncos got a first down and on the last play of the half, launched a pass that was deflected by Kyle Schnicker, but caught by a Bronco receiver. It looked like a sure touchdown, but Zach Probert made a desperation flag pull to keep the Broncos out of the end zone. After the Niners were forced to punt on their first possession of the second half, the Broncos got down to the 49er one yard line on second down. From there, the Niners turned in three consecutive big plays to keep the Broncos from scoring. On the first play, Joey Silva broke through and stopped an attempted quarterback sneak for a small loss. On the next play Schnicker knocked down a pass in the end zone. Finally, on fourth down, Sam Ludden came up from safety to keep the Broncos from scoring and sealed the win for

Cross Country

The Las Positas College men's cross country team captured the Mills College Invitational with an average time of 29:13. Runners finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th with Juan Gomez leading the way with a time of 27:50; Joey Nunes was right behind in 27:55 followed by Ivan Medina in 28:10. Ross

Jorgensen 24th, and Manny Perez 31st. The women's team and a top five finisher with Paris Hodges finishing in fourth place; Paige Hodges was 22nd.

Mollenkopf came home in ninth place, Jag Kaliral in 21st, Greg Prokosch 23rd, Alex

Diablo Gymnastics

Katherine Marotto of Pleasanton com-

peted for the Diablo Gymnastic team at the Diablo Sock Hop 2006 in San Ramon.

She competed in the Level 4, age 6 to 7 group, finishing fifth. Her scores were vault 9.05 (4T), bars 8.3 8th, beam 8.625 6th, floor 91.0 3rd, over all 35.075.

Phantom Girls Softball

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. Registration can be made online or mail-in. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

All Skills Clinic

Livermore High School head baseball coach David Perotti, his coaching staff and current LHS Baseball players are hosting a youth baseball clinic for kids of all ages on Saturday October 28. The cost is \$25 and it includes a t-shirt, prizes, snack and individual instruction. It is from 10:00-1:00 at Livermore High Varsity Field. Please call Coach Perotti at (925) 606-4812 x2438 for info on how to sign up, or go to www.eteamz.com/LHSCowboysBaseball for

Free Stroke Clinic

The Livermore Blue Dolphins is offering a stroke technique and turn clinc for free to all high school swimmers and water polo players from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. The clinic will run for approximately one month (November 6th - 24th) from 7 - 8 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. Space in the free clinic is extremly limited. Additional clinics will be offered in December, and January for \$150 per swimmer. To enroll please contact the Blue Dolphins at (925)-447-SWIM, or email: info@swimclub.com

Little League Registration

Livermore Little Leagues 2007 Season Baseball Registration Saturday, October 21

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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 residency. For more information visit: Granada www.eteamz.com/granadall, American www.eteamz.com/LALL, or National www.llnl.us.

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 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 information go to 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 Hats Off America (HOA) nonprofit organiza-tion. 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 volunteer, 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.

Roller Hockup Signup

Valley Roller Hockey will be having Winter League Signups at the rink behind Junction Avenue Middle School on Saturday Nov 4th from 10am-2pm.

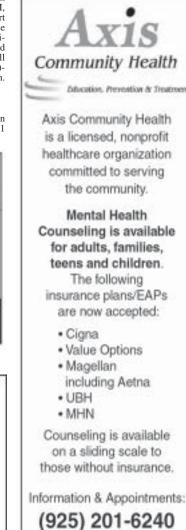
The league consists of the following age groups: Mites ages 4-6, Squirts ages 7-9, PeeWees ages 10-12, Bantams ages 12-14, Midgets 15-17 18 and other play in the adult league. Each age group has 1 game and 1 practice a week except the Mites is once a week. All teams make the playoffs. All games and practices are held at our rink. For more details checkout our website at www.valleyrollerhockey.com.

Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association/ Livermore Smoke Spring 2007 Registration will be held Oct. 24, 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 @ 925-550-8986 or email jbsport20@aol.com. Funds will benefit the Granada Lady Matador Basketball team.



www.axishealth.org



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

Pasta Feed, Exceptional Needs Network, a non-profit agency dedicated to providing special needs children summer camping experiences at Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo, is holding a special pasta feed fundraiser that is open to the public. The Pasta Feed will be held on Friday November 10th, from 6-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Raffle prizes and live music will also be featured. All proceeds will benefit the ENN camp fund. To purchase tickets or obtain more information. call ENN at 215-2281 or mail a check to: P.O. Box 3149, Livermore, CA 94551. For more information about ENN, visit our website at www.ennetwork.org.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 21, 45 miles from San Ramon to Wente Vineyards tasting room in Livermore, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park. Susan Gibbs, 389-7279. Sun., Oct. 22, 55 miles Mt. Veeder area, meet 8:30 a.m. at Napa College, Don Carpenter, 228-1096. Wed., Oct. 25, 24 miles the Three Bears, meet 10 a.m. at El Toyonal, Sandra Steinbeck, 254-8563. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where

to meet and what to bring.

Flu immunizations, Fri., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by Alameda County Public Health Department and Public Heath Nursing. Those who should receive flu shots are people with diabetes, asthma, heart or lung condition, suppressed immune system and others who may have compromised respiratory function; also households with infants below 6 months

of age.

Daughters of the British Empire, British to tea and chat with ish women invited to tea and chat with members of the John McLaren Chapter. Meetings are held third Tues. of month in Pleasanton, For information contact Jenny 484-1273 or Veronica, 846-4579, or go to

www.dbenca.org or www.dbesociety.org/ **Flu Shots,** San Ramon Regional Medical Center will provide flu shots free of charge to older adults in the community Friday, Oct. 27 (while supplies last). The schedule: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., only adults age 65 years and older can receive flu vaccines. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., any adult age 50 years and older can receive flu vaccines. The vaccines will be given in the South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon. Parking is available near the South Conference Room No reservations are needed. For special services for disabled adults, and driving directions, call 275-8230

Livermore Lions Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, at Emil Villas BBQ Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Av, Livermore, at 7pm. Guest speaker will be Dave Peters who will be addressing the topic of "Lions International SightFirst II Campaign," which has the goal of raising \$150 million to fund the elimination of preventable causes of blindness worldwide. Visitors are invited and encouraged to

www.LivermoreLions.org Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meeting Tues., Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Sandy Schall, Livermore resident and physical therapist, will provide information on peripheral neuropathy as well as how physical therapy helps. Symptoms: feet and/or fingers tingle, feel numb, painful, burning hot, freezing cold, and/or like you are wearing a stocking or glove. For information

Livermore Valley Business and Pro-fessional Women, hosting a discussion of Propositions 1A-1E on Oct. 26 at Nordstrom Cafe in the Stoneridge Mall starting at 6 p.m. Chris Kinzel, transportation engineer and consultant, will lead the discussion. Cost \$18. RSVPs must be in by Oct. 23. Call Mona at 839-3505 for menu choices and

Sycamore Grove walk: Sun., October 29, SF Bay Chapter Sierra Club Hiking Section and Greenbelt Alliance co-sponsor this approximately 7-mile walk in Livermore's Sycamore Grove Park. Sycamore Grove Park contains one of the largest remaining groves of native sycamores in California. Walk through the grove, learn about how they have been impacted by changes in the area. Cost: \$3 parking fee. Meet: 10:45 am at Wetmore Road entrance. Leader: Bob Solotar, (510)

Parent Project, 12-week parent training ard winning model for parents with strongwilled or out-of-control adolescents will be held from Oct. 25,to Jan. 31, 2007 at 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore, 6 to 9 p.m. Scholarships are available. Call Horizons Family Counseling for more information,

Tri-Valley Writers (www.trivalleywriters.com), Saturday, October 21 from 9 to 11:15 a.m. for an interactive writing workshop: Lesson in Punctuation by the Comma Queen, Robyn Orsini of Editcetera followed by monthly luncheon from 11:30-2 p.m; bring work for critiquing

after lunch. Both events held at Girasole Workshop \$25 members/\$30 nonmembers: luncheon \$18 member/\$25 nonmember. Reservations necessary. For more information contact Cathe or Fred Norman Fnorman300@aol.com

Livermore Adult Education is in need of a QuickBooks 2006 instructor. Please call 925-606-4722 if interested. Register for Phlebotomy (10/28), Exploring the Internet (11/15), Intro to PC with Windows XP (10/23), Senior Surfing (10/30), E-mail (11/13), Mixed Media Art (10/24), Watercolor Basics (11/1), Portrait Drawing (10/26), Painting with Pastels (10/26), Beginning Crocheting (10/24), CPR (11/14), First Aid (10/25), and oga classes. Register at 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore online

www.livermoreadulted.org
Pure Girls Halloween Costume Extravaganza, Oct. 29. Wear funniest, scariest or prettiest Halloween costume ever, make personalized Treat Bags and dance in a crazy Monster Mash, Event is from 4 to 7 p.m. and includes dinner. Parents make sure to be back in time to see their new moves, costumes and fancy bags in the Costume Runway Show at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 or \$30 with the BFF discount. Call 925-485-4380 to reserve a spot or for more information. Pure Girls is located

in downtown Pleasanton.

Child and Adolescent Issues, will be explored by Madeline Levine, who 25 years experience as a psychologist and parent exploring child and adolescent issues. . She will be speaking Friday, October 20 at 7:30 at Lynnewood Methodist Church at 4444 Black Avenue. This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Risedorph, a pastor at Lynnewood Church, and Judy Wheeler, owner of Towne Center Books have joined forces to bring Madeline Levine to Pleasanton. Claire Chow, MST, will facilitate follow up discussions on Sunday, Nov. 12 and Sunday Nov. 19 at Lynnewood UMC, 4444 Black Ave. For futher information, call 846-0221, ext. 3.

Website http://townecenterbooks.com Service news: Air Force Airman Cameron J. Charley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Charley is the son of Linda Charley of Livermore

Sunol Regional Wilderness Hike, through East Bay Regional Park District, Flag Hill/Indian Joe Loop. Included are 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 1:30 p.m. Fee \$21. Contact Sue at (925) 484-0239

Pin event, Where the Magic Begins will hold a pin event on Oct. 30 from noon to 5

p.m. The event will be limited to sale and trade of Disney pins. Come and meet other pin enthusiasts. Where The Magic Begins, 2177 Las Positas Ct., Ste. A, Livermore

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 product, 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.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment, learn what to eat, when your appetite has been affected by cancer treatment, learn ways to hydrate, how to establish nutritional goals and how foods play a role in maintaining/ regaining health. Facilitated by Tinrin Chew, oncology dietician, Thurs., Nov. 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240 A and B. Pleasanton. For cancer patients, families and friends. Free. Reservations required. Information 933-0107.

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.

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 Avenue, Pleasanton, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on every other Tuesday evenings, October 24, vember 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 426-4280 or visit them www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted. **RELIGION**

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30

a.m. Topic for Oct. 22 is "One Nation, Under God?", with Rev. Eric Meter speaking Information 447-8747.

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. Meetrings 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.

Empowering Woman's Conference 2006, "Position Yourself," Ruth 2:16 at St. Matthews Baptist Church, October 27-28, at the Doubletree Club Hotel in Livermore Registration \$45. Please call 925-449-3824 or email smbcwomen@yahoo.com

African Missionary To Share Story The public is invited to hear Catharine Coon a missionary, tell of her work with Ugandar and Sudanese children affected by the civil wars in these countries. Catharine the founder and Director of Children of Hope, directs a program providing educational support along with food and medicine to the children of these regions. The meeting will be Tuesday November 7, 11a.m. at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive The presentation will be followed with a lunch. There will be a brief business meeting

Family Sabbath Pizza Dinner, Friday evening, October 27, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TVCJ) will hold a family sabbath pizza dinner in Castro Valley. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. It will include a short Secular Humanistic ceremony of singing, candle-lighting and sharing challah and wine or grape juice. The cost is \$6 per adult; there is no charge for children. Reservations are required and can be made by e-mail to CulturalJews@aol.com or by phone to (510) 888-1404. Intermarried and non-traditional families are particularly welcome

Commonality of World Religions & Fruitfulness of Dissimilarities. Tuesday, November 14th from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore in Borromeo Hall. Author, co-founder of a Jesuit college, specialist in interreligious dialogue, Associate Professor of Inter-Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue at GTU in Berkeley, Fr. James Redington, S.J. will talk about world religions. This is the part of a year long adult education series presented by L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experience) A \$5 free-will donation will be accepted. For more information contact Julie 925-447-4549 or e-mail a upcatholic@aol.com.

Got Science? Offers Day of Hands-On Science Fun

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's science extravaganza, "Got Science? Discover Science Saturday," returns for a third year on Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. It will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. in Livermore.

This free event, geared for science enthusiasts of all ages, will be a packed day of science-related activities for families, community members and visitors.

The event will feature a wide array of unique displays, demos and hands-on activities for all ages and scientific tastes. Experience "Fun with Science" demonstrations, ride an energy bike, enjoy the tunes of Scientific Jam, watch a robot at work and experience many interactive science displays. For baseball enthusiasts, there will be a special presentation of "Batting Physics - the Science of the Perfect Swing" at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Food will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (925) 422-4599 or visit the web at http:// www.llnl.gov/pao.

OBITUARIES -

William Mendez

William Mendez died October 10, 2006 in Walnut Creek. He was 73.

The native of San Jose, CA had lived in Livermore for 34 years. He was raised in Oakland. William worked in the Livermore School District maintenance department for 20 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. He loved spending time in his garage making things for family and friends; and collecting things - everything. His hobbies included fishing, gardening, landscaping, woodworking, and making bird houses.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Christine Mendez; daughters Barbara Shue of Carson City, NV, Sandra Rule of Livermore, and Antoinette Mendez of Grass Valley; sons, Jimmy Mendez of Hayward, John Mendez of Tracy, Tony Mendez of San Leandro and Joseph Inocencio of Alameda; sisters Elenor Rodriguez of Lorenzo and Dina Sacondina of Hayward, a brother, John Mendez of Placerville, twenty two grandchildren, many great grandchildren.

A memorial mass was celebrated Oct. 16 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial was pri-

Gifts in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Callaghan

Marjorie Shapiro

As a young girl, Marjorie Shapiro was always ready to dance or read. Her smile could light up a room, making it easy for her to reach out to people. It was this smile and her trademark red lipstick that first captured the heart of a young red haired lieutenant during World War II. Majorie loved Morris Shapiro's soft, polite manners. She especially appreciated the pages of directions he wrote so she wouldn't get lost when she traveled to meet him.

They were married on April 1, 1944. They shared a deep and fulfilling marriage and enjoyed raising two children, Art and Marsha.

Margie had a way of accepting everyone. She never judged and was always ready to listen. Her best advice was "You don't have to make excuses to anyone and if it doesn't feel right, don't do it.'

Music bought Margie alive. With the tap of her foot, she could

swing to her grandson's Erik's drumbeat as he played, "Sing, Sing, Sing" in her honor. She could dance with her grandsons Craig and Brett. Everyone who knew her knew about her passion for chocolate. Her grandson, Donny, who lived with her, kept her supplied with chocolate chip cookies and Rocky Road ice

Margie had flair. Even to her last days she was making jokes. She would often say to people, "I am very busy seeing so many different men these days. They are all doctors." Even to the end she kept her smile and her spirit. Everyone who ever had the luck to meet her loved Marjorie Shapiro.

Deborah Kathryn Lekse

Deborah Kathryn Lekse died October 1, 2006 at her home in Livermore. She was 56.

The native of Huntington, Virginia had lived in Livermore for 22 years. She was the former coowner of two Round Table Pizza restaurants located in Livermore until 2000. Her hobbies include cooking, decorating, watching USC football and NASCAR.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Lynn Lekse, a daughter Stephanie Lekse, and a sister Diana Turnbell.

Funeral services were held October 14 at the Valley Care Health System in Livermore.

Betty Jane Bell

Betty Jane Bell died October 15, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was

The native of Oakland, CA had lived in Livermore for three years. Previously, she had lived in San Lorenzo for 54 years. She graduated from Berkeley High School. She was a homemaker. Her hobby was gardening. She was a member of the Boy Scouts Women's Auxiliary.

She is survived by a son, Terry Bell of Livermore, a daughter, Pamela Apostolos of Stockton and grandchildren Stephen and Christina Apostolos and Jessica and Melissa Bell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Bell, in 1994.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 19 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7000 Village Parkway, Suite E, Dublin, CA 94566.

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Emiko Miyakawa died Octo-

ber 8, 2006 in Pleasanton. She

The native of Seattle, Washington, had lived in Pleasanton for 45 years. She was a domestic worker. Her hobbies included gardening, knitting, cooking, reading and traveling.

She is survived by sons Yasuho Mark of Cupertino and Yasuji Dan of San Jose; daughter Michiyo of Walnut Creek; brothers Akira Higaki and Shigeo Kawamura, both of Japan, and Tadashi Higaki of Brazil; a sister, Yaue Sugaoka, grandchildren Rachel, David, Laura, Tad, Kevin and Alan, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Tamotsu

Private services were held. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA

Arrangements by Graham-

Frank James Moiso

Frank James Moiso died October 14, 2006 at his home in Pleasanton. He was 75.

The native of Berkeley had lived in Granite Bay for 11 years and San Pablo for 27 years. He received his master's degree from St. Mary's College, then went on to serve his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was a parishioner at St. Rose Catholic Church and a member of Fratellanza Club. He was a vice president at Bank of America for 40 years and worked at Community First Bank for five years. He enjoyed gardening, golf and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Vida Moiso of Granite Bay, sons Michael Moiso and his wife Debbie Rinnie, daughters Laura Higgins and her husband Steve Higgins, and Nancy Ornelas and her husband Paul Ornelas. He is also survived by grandchildren, Ryan Higgins, Chelsea Higgins, Antonio Ornelas and Alyssa Ornelas.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated October 18 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Phyllis Carlene McAfee

Phyllis Carlene McAfee died peacefully at the age of 77 in her home on October 14, 2006 following a six month illness. She was surrounded by her family.

The Jacksonville, Illinois native had lived in Livermore for 37 years. She was an active member of Cedar Grove Community Church and enjoyed singing hymns and listening to gospel quartets. She also enjoyed traveling the world with her husband and visiting family and friends throughout the United States. A devoted wife and mother, her greatest joy was being with her family, and most especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Robert McAfee, daughters Debbie O'Neal and Vicki Ingram of Newberg, OR., Cindy DeRouchey and her husband Tom, of Livermore and Melanie Howland and her husband Craig of North Bend. WA; a brother Donald McDermith of Summersville, NO and half sister Doris Morton of Morton, IL. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Her parents, Jesse and Mabel McDermith and a brother, James McDermith, preceded her in death.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 23 at Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore. A reception will fol-

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568. Arrangements by Callaghan

Mortuary.

Axis Community Health Plans Grand Re-Opening

Axis Community Health will celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of its newly-expanded Livermore clinic on Friday, October 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The clinic is located in the Multi Service Center at 3311 Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

The ceremony will begin with a ribbon cutting followed by comments by Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Supervisor; David Kears, Director of Alameda County's Health Care Services Agency, and Marshall Kamena, Mayor of Livermore. Tours of the facility will be available and refreshments will be served.

The Livermore clinic serves patients in pediatrics, general medicine and family planning. The expanded clinic accommodates double its previous capacity of patients and includes nine examination rooms. It also accommodates additional staff, reducing previous crowding, particularly in pediatrics. The clinic is open for appointments Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

"We have Supervisor Haggerty, David Kears, and Mayor Kamena to thank for this facility," says Axis Chief Operating Officer Henry Uyehara.

"With their help, Measure A funds were allocated toward the project and additional funds were obtained from the City of Livermore.'

"It's with great pleasure that we celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of our new and improved Livermore clinic," adds Axis CEO Ronald Greenspane. "A majority of our patients are hardworking, employed adults and their children who are without adequate insurance. Our job is to keep them healthy so that they can work and go to school without worrying about their healthcare. We're now better able to serve them in Livermore."

Axis Community Health provides services to all residents of the Tri-Valley regardless of ability to pay. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 20,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. Axis operates facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information about Axis Community Health is available at www.axishealth.org.

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Revelry Triumphs at the Pops Concert ART & ENTERTAINMENT

By Nancy O'Connell

I saw that "something was afoot" as soon as I arrived at the Barn on Saturday night, October 14th. A pink panther carrying a 'cello case was the first clue that on this particular night the orchestra was not wearing concert black. Picnic baskets and members of the audience arriving in Halloween costumes provided other clues. Festive banners, created by Sandee Harvey, hanging on the wall transformed the familiar Livermore Barn into a night at the zoo. Instead of a curtain in the background, a painting of a trumpeting elephant proclaimed "Pops at the Zoo."

The Livermore-Amador Symphony entertained the audience with light classics and some silly musical numbers that featured singing along with the orchestra. Many of the arrangements had been created by Dr. Arthur Barnes, the "ringmaster" and conductor. Marion Stearns, violinist, dressed as a bumblebee, was the chairperson for the event, which was a repeat of the concert given on Friday night in the same

The opening drum roll sounded suspiciously as though it emanated from a man with a Mickey Mouse hat perched on the top of his head. Then the fun began with "The Pink Panther" by Mancini, the catchy theme song for the wildly successful Pink Panther films.

"Old Mac Donald Had a Farm" was the first sing-along with each table making different animal sounds. The children in the audience participated. They were well behaved throughout the concert, so perhaps this is a good way to introduce youngsters to the world of live music. The only drawback to the seating at long tables running almost the length

of the barn is that the children and those of us who are short, could not see the musicians at all. One eleven-year old, dressed as Davy Crockett, wisely stood on the side throughout the evening so that he could see. It would be much more effective if the orchestra were on a raised

platform or stage. Marion Stearns introduced the different instruments of the orchestra and more costumes bobbed up and down, including a very slender Captain Kangaroo. When Yale's "Wiffenpoof Song" was performed as a sing-along, the entire section of second violinists arose, dressed as sheep, while the audience sang, "Baa!

After the first intermission the musical highlight was Saint-Saens "Carnival of Animals," featuring Lisa Ennis and April Nissen as duo pianists. Both of these versatile women also play other instruments with the Symphony. Lisa as a bassoonist and April a percussionist. Their accuracy and a solid sense of rhythm kept the momentum of this familiar work going. The Elephant was depicted by two double basses who actually had a solo duet - a rarity in symphonic literature. They played well. To watch them made one smile as Seuss's Cat in the Hat bobbed up and down. It's difficult to play the bass and keep one's head still!

Another treat in the same work was the solo 'cellist playing "The Swan," one of the most famous 'cello solos in the repertoire. Despite its familiarity, it was played with expressive sensitivity by the first 'cellist, Nick Dargahi, who is now working on a Master's Degree in Engineering at Stanford University.

After the second intermission,

Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee" was the most musically challenging work. It requires a virtuoso violinist as the soloist. Sally Dalke, the current concertmaster of the Symphony, rose to the occasion. Every note was played with verve and accuracy and her technique is formidable. This reviewer is not certain that the mike was needed for her solo. Often modern mikes distort the upper registers for both sopranos and violinists. There was a certain harshness to the violin's tone which should be attributed solely to the mike. I would have preferred to hear this work without the augmentation of sound.

Bob Williams, who is also the conductor of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, directed some of the numbers performed during the evening, including Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk." For this rendition, Bob appeared wearing elephant ears. He whipped those ears off before conducting the next work, Harmati's "Bluebird of Happiness" in which the multi-talented Arthur Barnes was the soloist, singing the words with great feeling and musicality.

La Rocca's "Tiger Rag," as arranged by Arthur Barnes, brought the lighthearted concert to a rousing close. Thanks to the audience's enthusiastic clapping, one encore, "Bye, Bye Blackbird," a sing-along was rewarded, as doubtlessly planned. My clue? The words were inserted

in the program on the back page! To hear this talented Livermore-Amador Symphony in a far more traditional concert, reserve the night of December 2nd at 8 when works Shostakovich, Bach, and Mozart will be heard.

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

www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. **Ekphrasis**, Poets Responding to Art.

Poets have written responses to art on display at Big White House and el Sol Winery, 6800 Greenville Rd., Livermore. 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 English, Livermore Library Gallery, Oct. 1 to 29. Library at 1188 So.

Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Diablo Light Opera Company, presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie." 8 p.m. Oct. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 22, 28, 29, Nov. 4, \$26-\$38 Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469,

Diablo Symphony, Pianist Helene Wickett performs Piano Concerto in d minor in all Brahms concert conducted by Maestro Joyce Johnson Hamilton. Selections include Serenade No. 1 in D and Three Hungarian Dances. Sat., Oct. 21, 2 p.m. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$10, \$18, \$20 available at 943-7469. www.dlrca.org.

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.

The Livermore Teen Film Festival

Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, on Friday, Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Features films created by teens. For more information, call (925) 373-5700.

Members of the Tri-Valley Writers, 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.

Danville Fall Crafts Festival, October 21 & 22, 2006, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hartz Avenue, Downtown Danville Over 200 high quality arts and crafts Halloween parade, Kids' Activity Area, Scarecrow Alley, Street and stage entertainment, Great food and beverages. Free Admission. Hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce at (925) 837-4400 or visit

www.mlaproductions.com.

Art Selection Committee, Shannon Community Center project. City of Dublin is recruiting members of an art selection committee that will made recommendations to the city council on artwork designs for the new Shan-non Community Center. The committee will be comprised of community members and art professionals. Residents within close proximity to the center are encouraged to apply. Dublin residents and art professionals may request an application form by contacting John Hartnett, Heritage and Cultural Arts Supervisor, 833-6645 or

john.hartnett@ci.dublin.ca.us. Deadline to return applications to the Parks and Community Services Dept., 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, is 4 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 3.

Tommy T's (comedy) Pleasanton, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Oct. 19-22, "Stuttering" John Melendez, Thurs. 8 p.m. (\$20), Fri-Sat 8 and 10 p.m. (\$25), Sun. 8 p.m. (\$20). 227-1800 or www.tommyts.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

4th Annual US Bank Art Show, Oct 25-Nov. 11, Open during bank hours, US Bank, 2125 Second Street, Livermore, Judged show, Sponsored admission. Information, 449-9927

or www.livermoreartassociation.org California Independent Film Festival, October 25-29, presented by the California Independent Film Festival Association and Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Livermore Valley Wineries. Movie venues and seminars located at the Vine Cinema and participating Livermore wineries. For information call: (925) 552-7335 or visit the official Festival web

site: www.caindiefest.com.

Foothill Band Review, Sat., Oct. 28. Concert competition at Amador Theater starting at 7:30 a.m. Parade competition Main Street, Pleasanton. Field show and awards competition at Foothill High www.foothillband.org. hill

Entertainment at Pleasanton Hotel, Chris Bradley's Dixieland Jazz Band performing in the lounge 7:30-9:30 pm Playing New Orleans Jazz and other music of the 1920's, 30's and 40's, Tuesday, October 24., Friday, October 20 Dave Crimmen; Saturday, October 21 In-Phase; Friday, October 27 Major Link with Terry & Mary; Saturday, October 28 Major Link with Terry & Mary,. Halloween Costume Party. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton; 925-846-8106. All events are free and open to the public

WINERIES

Winemaker's Dinner, Zephyr Grill and Bar, 1736 First St., Livermore. October 27, Page Mill Winery featured. Cost includes 5 course dinner and wine pairing with each course. 961-1000.

Elliston Vineyards, Murder Mystery in the Mansion, Sat., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Reservations

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

Banners Raise Funds for Downtown

Livermore Dowtown Inc. will be hosting its 4th Annual Art Banner Auction on October 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. following ArtWalk. It is part of the "Art Lives Here" campaign in downtown Livermore.

The auction will be held at A&R Floor to Ceiling, 2106 First

Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI) began the Art Banner Project three years ago. Banners are produced by LDI. Individual local artists paint one side of the banner. The banners are then hung on light poles downtown where they remain July through

An Art Banner tour map is pro-

duced, providing the community and visitors an opportunity to stroll through downtown looking at the banners while at the same time discovering the shopping and dining opportunities.

The banners are taken down. The auction and a celebration of the arts are held. At the auction, attendees sip wines created by local vintner artists, nibble on treats prepared by our local culinary artists and bid to purchase works of art for their home, garden or office.

The proceeds, after expenses, raised at these auctions has been set aside for a downtown public art project. The project will be

designated after the 5th Art Banner Project. To date the banners have raised over \$4,000. The goal is \$10,000 at the end of the 5th Art Banner AUction.

Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor, executive director of LDI, says, "We encourage everyone to join us for this worthy cause and help support this effort to increase the presence of art in the downtown."

Tickets are \$25 pre-sale, \$20 for club card members; and \$30 at the door.

For more information, to view photos of the banners, or purtickets, go to chase www.livermoredowntown.com or call Lavezzo-Snedecor at 925-373-1795.

Hometown Boy Makes Good

By Sue Steinberg

Livermore is bursting with so much theatrical talent that we can export some to neighboring communities.

That's how John Sellen, well known locally for performances and production stints for the Pleasanton Playhouse, finally assumed the director's chair at Castro Valley's Chanticleers Theatre just over the hill.

And he has a smash hit in the little known comedy, "Any Wednesday." A surprise entry in New York by newcomer Muriel Resnik, it earned a 1964 Tony Award (Best Actress) for Sandy Dennis and introduced a new actor named Gene Hackman. The popular film version a few years later starred Jane Fonda, Jason Robards, and Dean Jones quite a stellar cast.

Sellen's casting for the intimate four-character show is also absolutely pitch perfect. Bill Jones is the rapacious top executive who knows the price of anything or anyone, and will pay it to get what he wants. He also knows the importance of tax deductibility keeping his naïve oung mistress Ellen, a sparkling Mosa Laren, in a love-nest written off as his corporation's 'executive suite.'

Strung along for years by the usual professions of love and promises of marriage, Ellen is a childlike and capricious free spirit, just the tonic for a driven executive with a humdrum marriage. Ellen is completely trusting until a young man from Akron, Ohio (a winningly sincere Irakli Tabidze) mistakenly enters the picture – and the "executive suite." He begins to open her unwilling eyes to the truth of the situation, falling in love with her

in the process. Enter the executive's faithful "corporate spouse" in search of her husband. Assuming that the young couple in the company's "executive suite" are married business visitors, she impulsively invites them to a posh dinner foursome, blissfully unaware that they are actually her husband's young mistress and the angry victim of his brutal corporate takeover.

Of course, the comic possibilities of such a delicate combination are endless, and used to hilarious advantage by the playwright. Just watching the facial expressions of each char-

acter, especially the growing understanding beautifully nuanced by Katherine Jestice as the unsuspecting wife, is a delicious

theatrical treat. Little theater

rarely gets better.

Opening night attendees responded enthusiastically to the individual actors, as well as their superb ensemble achievement. "A comic romp with a lot of heart and human truth" was one person's apt summary. Many also complimented Director Gary Write and Stage/Design Manager Keith Lewis for such a seam-

for its sets and costumes. "Any Wednesday" continues

less production, and especially

until October 28. The box office takes phone reservations at 510-733-5483. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. General seating is open. However, the small venue has no really poor seats. Prices are a bargain at \$13, with students and seniors over 55 \$11.

Directions from Highway 580 west, take the Strobridge exit to Castro Valley Blvd and turn right. At Lake Chabot Rd. turn left. At the Y-split, take the right hand fork (Quail Ave.) and turn right into the first driveway at the Hayward Area Rec. District theater parking lot.

Two Featured at Monthly Saturday Salon on Oct. 21 People Who Write and Tell He took a rocky road to freelance come to just come and listen as

ber 21st at 7:30 p.m. at 4th Street

Studio in Livermore. Featured this month will be Cara Mecozzi and a radio play by Frank Thornburgh.

Mecozzi is currently writing this upside-down while watching three friends attempt to juggle four stuffed animals, two bruised Granny Smith apples and an empty water bottle. She is sixteen, easily amused, and currently enrolled in school at Granada High. Wish her luck on her driving test.

Thornburgh is an active freelance magazine writer who writes about childhood rural life.

Stories presents its monthly Sat- writing; his background includes well. urday Salon on Saturday, Octo- (take a deep breath) — police officer, aerospace engineer, quality control Engineer in Greenland, volunteer fireman in New Jersey, Army Special Forces Reserves (and 5 other units over 44 years), parachutist and marksmanship instructor for the US Army, N.B.C. Instructor at Army Reserve School, public school substitute teacher, purchaser and re-builder of 15 residential homes in 4 states.

The public is welcome to attend. There is no admission charge. Open reading follows the featured writers (time allowed for each writer depends on the size of the crowd). People are wel-

The program is at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street in Livermore. For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 or by email at 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net.

Children's Theater Performance at LPC

The Las Positas College Theater Department will present two on campus performances of its touring Children's Theater show, "Blather, Blarney and Balderdash." The performances will be Fri., Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 28 at 2 p.m.

The 40-minute production will be held in Room 601. Admission is free. The campus address is 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Liver-

"Blather, Blarney and Balderdash" is set in Ireland. It tells the humorous story of a young man's quest to pull three feathers from a griffin's tail in order to win the girl of his dreams. The show was written by Patrick Rainville Dorn. It is produced and directed by LPC theater instructor, Ken Ross. It is appropriate for ages K to 6th grade, as well as for members of the entire family.

For more information, call 424-1166 or email Ken Ross at kross@laspositascollege.edu.

Trick or Treat in Downtown Livermore

The 20th Annual Downtown Trick or Treat will be held in Livermore on Thurs., Oct. 26 between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Merchants along First and Second Streets will be taking part in the festivities, handing out treats. In addition there will be games, puppet performances, photo opportunities a costume contest, and a scream contest. In addition the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department will have the fire safety trailer on hand to provide safety infor-

A haunted house will be open at Tommie's Deli and Sandwich Shop, 2152 Second Street. Dancing ghosts can be seen at It's All About Dancing, 2247 Second Street. Other special attractions include a Spooky Old Theater Mall at Second Street between Livermore Avenue and J Street. There will be a pumpkin walk at the Second Street Plaza between L and N Streets.

There is no admission charge for this event.





Contest Open to All Filmmakers

The California Independent Film Festival and the Livermore Film Commission present the "Iron Filmmaker" contest. This high energy zany competition is open to everyone from industry veterans to video prodigies. The entire contest is free.

complete three-minute short film. Filmmakers must include the secret ingredients that all participants will be given at the kick-off registration at 10:00 am on Thursday October 26th at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, 2157 First Street, in Livermore.

Contestants will have 24 hours from beginning to end to create a

Completed movie in DVD format must be turned in by 10 a.m. on Friday, October 27th at Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. The movies will be screened and judged by a panel of judges from the film industry.

For more information or to register visit www.caindiefest.com or call the Livermore Film Commission at (925) 447-1606.

Suzuki Strings to Perform in Concert

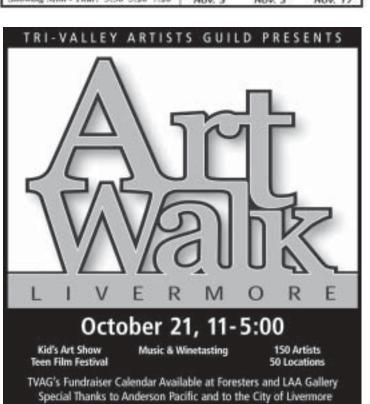
Suzuki Strings Academy of Livermore will present a special program on Sat., Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

This will be an advanced students recital and group performance. The program will include 16 violins performing Fandango by McLean and Double Concerto by Bach. Solos on violin and cello will feature music by Mozart, Rameau, Beriot, Bruch, Gretry, Kreisler, and Bach. The Academy Chamber Group performs the unique piece Quartet with a Hint of Beethoven by former student Noah Yaffe.

The concert will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, Livermore. There is no admission charge. additional information, For www.suzukistringsacademy.com/events.html.







GOOD NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

Fach bidder shall submit with

his bid, on the form furnished

with the contract documents,

a list of the designated sub-

contractors on this Project as

required by the Subletting and

Subcontracting Fair Practices

Act, California Public Contract

Code sections 4100 et. seq.

In accordance with California

Public Contract Code section

22300, the DISTRICT will per-

mit the substitution of

securities for any moneys

withheld by the DISTRICT to

ensure performance under

the contract. At the request and

expense of the Contractor.

securities equivalent to the

amount withheld shall be

deposited with the DISTRICT

or with a state or federally

chartered bank as the escrow

agent, who shall then pay such

moneys to the Contractor.

Upon satisfactory completion

of the contract, the securities

shall be returned to the Con-

Each bidder's bid must be ac-

companied by one of the fol-

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security: (1) cash; (2) a

to the DISTRICT: (3) a certified

check made payable to the

DISTRICT; or (4) a bidder's

bond executed by a California

admitted surety as defined in

Code of Civil Procedure

section 995.120, made

payable to the DISTRICT in the

form set forth in the contract

documents. Such bidder's se-

curity must be in an amount

not less than ten percent (10%)

of the maximum amount of bid

as a guarantee that the bidder

will enter into the proposed

contract, if the same is

awarded to such bidder, and

will provide the required

Performance and Payment

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ure to enter into said contract

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No bidder may withdraw any

bid for a period of sixty (60)

calendar days after the date

Separate payment and perfor-

amount equal to 100% of the

total contract amount, are re-

quired, and shall be provided

to the DISTRICT prior to execu-

tion of the contract and shall

be in the form set forth in the

Contractors bidding this

Project must require, pursuant

to Public Contract Code

subcontractors providing

labor and materials in excess

of \$50,000 to obtain separate

original signature and fully ex-

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mance bond, each in an

amount equal to 100% of the

total contract amount. All Contractors bidding this Project must specify this requirement for subcontractor bonds in their written or published request for subcontractor bids

Failure to comply with this preclude not preclude a contractor from complying with the subcontractor bonding

Bonds are required for each specification section or com-

bination of sections which

exceed(s) the limit listed

above. The practice of issuing

separate purchase orders

and/or subcontracts for the

purpose of circumventing the

subcontractor bonding requirements shall not serve

to exempt the contractor from these requirements.

No payment, except for a re-imbursement payment to the

Contractor for the costs of the

Contractor's own payment

and performance bonds, shall

as defined in California Code

of Civil Procedure section

requirements

4108,

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LEGAL NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 385379-385380 The following person (s doing business as (1) BarFarth Furniture Company (2) Rare Earth Furniture Company, 6010 Johnson Drive Ste C. Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Renoma Corporation, 3529 Ballantyne Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted

by:a corporation Registrant has not yet 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 September 15, 2006. Expires September 15,

The Independent Legal No. 2057. Publish October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FILE NO. 385281 - 385282 The following person (s) doing business as (1)Mr Sparkle Automotive Detailing Supplies (2)East Bay Zaino. 2921 Garden Creek Circle Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the

David Han Sheh, 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA Min Hwang Chang, 5715 W. Cog Hill Terrace, Dublin, CA

This business is conducted by:a general partnership

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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 2006. Éxpires September 26

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 385894-385895

The following person (s) do ng business as (1)Mr. Sparkle Automotive Detailing Supplies (2)East Bay Zaino, 2921 Gar den Creek Circle, Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): David Han Sheh, 2921 Garder Circle Circle, Pleasanton, CA

This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not vet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

Signature of Registrant: /s/:David Han Sheh This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 26 2006. Éxpires September 26

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FICTITOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 385622-385623 The following person (s) doing business as (1) Tesla Vineyards (2) Morning Dove Ranch . 8792 Tesla Rd. Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the fol lowing owner (s): Carol B. Mitchell. 44 Chaucer

Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583 Cecil A. Beebe, 1569 De Soto Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:co-partners Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Carol B. Mitchell This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 21

The Independent Legal No 2062. Publish October 5, 12,

2006. Expires September 21.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 385348 The following person (s) doing business as The HardWarehouse, 943 Hazel St., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): John D. McDonald, 943 Hazel St., Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted

by:an individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:John D. McDonald This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 15, 2006. Expires September 15, 2011 The Independent Legal No. 2063. Publish October 12, 19,

26, November 2, 2006. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 386028-386029 The following person (s) doing business as (1)The Home Source Company, Inc. (2)Bay Home & Window, 40 California Ave. Ste H. Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): The Home Source Company Inc., 40 California Ave. Ste H, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted

by:a corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 2.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Jeff A. Falcon This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 29. 2006. Éxpires September 29,

The Independent Legal No. 2065. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 386350

The following person (s) doing business as Green Griffon Games, 1640 Martin Luthur King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): oseph W. Řapoza 1408 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley, CA This business is conducted

by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2006 Signature of Registrant: /s/:Joseph W. Rapoza

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 6, 2006, Expires October 6, 2011. The Independent Legal No 2066. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 386126

The following person (s) doing business as Luminoso Education, 798 El Caminito Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the Auora Ann Ahsan, 798 El Caminito, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 21, 2006.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Auora Ann Ahsan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 2, 2006. Expires October 2, 2011. The Independent Legal No 2067. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 386286

The following person (s) doing business as Deco Home Design, 2730 Spinosa Ct., Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Yassodra A. Sudra 2730 Spinosa Ct., Pleasanton, CA This business is conducted

by:an individual Signature of Registrant: /s/:Yassodra A. Sudra This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 4. 2006. Expires October 4, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2068 Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Jefferson School District Bid Deadline: ____10:00

a.m. of the 26th day of October Place of Bid Receipt:

Jefferson School District 7500 West Linne Road Tracy, CA 95304

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the school district. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 10 a.m. on the 26th day of October 2006 at the above address. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

Project Identification Name District Office Interior Re-

model Place Plans are on file: Jefferson School District 7500 West Linne Road Tracy, CA 95304 (209) 836-3388 \$50 Refundable Deposit Re-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Jefferson School District hereinafter referred to as "DIS-TRICT", is calling for and will receive sealed bids for the award of contracts for the above Project up to, but not later than, the above-stated time. The project consists of the interior remodel of three 1,200 square foot modular buildings located at the Anthony Traina School in order to relocate the District administration facility.

Miscellaneous Information Bids shall be received in the place identified above, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

In accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Section 3300, the DISTRICT requires that the bidder possess the following classification(s) of contractor's license(s) at the time the bid is submitted: Class B. Any bidder not so licensed at the time of the bid opening will be rejected as non-responsive The Contractor's California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's

Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the work called for in the contract documents and as specified for the Bid Package specified above.

proposal.

Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the contract documents as defined in the General Conditions

The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated loca tion after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder un-

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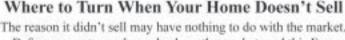
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year, the league registered over 650 girls on 53 teams. Approximately 75 girls had to be turned away, because of the lack of fields.

"This year we have been notified that we will possibly be losing the two fields at Sonoma School due to the Charter School. Now we have been notified that one of our fields at 7th and G Streets will be closed. This is going to have a devestating affect on our league."

Supporters of retaining the field have been sending emails to Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board members.

The emails led Director Steve Goodman to suggest that it is time for the district to hold a serious discussion about a bond

measure to finance a sports park. Goodman stated, "The need for fields is always there. The issue is not going to go away." He pointed out that the public was willing to finance the construction of the community center through bonds. He thought it likely they would support construction of a sports park.

LARPD, which owns the site, has received over \$800,000 in funding to redesign the park surrounding the Bothwell Center. In addition to the softball diamond, there are two tennis courts and a small playground.

Neighbors want a more traditional neighborhood park with grass, trees and a tot lot.

The ball field has been there for more than 50 years. For the last couple of decades, baseball has been banned. The park is being used by the girls for both practice and games for the young age group division.

The Livermore Area Recre-

ation and Park District has been holding hearings on what the neighbors would like to see in the park.

The representative of the LGSA proposed a compromise. The ball field would be included in the new design initially with a plan to phase it out in the event new fields are provided in another location.

The LARPD will be discussing the Bothwell Park plans at its November 8 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center. LGSA plans to have over 200 league members present.

Carol Leasau, LGSA president notes, "The girls in this town have been discriminated against time and time again. We have Pony league, Livermore National, Granada Little League, and the American League. All of these

'boy' leagues have secured the parks and the girls get the leftovers. We will now be down to 4 fields for 53 teams. Impossible!

'Our league has been trying to work with the city for years to

get these girls permanent fields, but our hard work is always met with resistance. I could go on and on about how our league is treated in this town."



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Pet Adoption Faire Planned for This Weekend

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and the East County Animal Shelter will host an adoption faire on Sat., October 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin.

This is the first adoption event to be held at the East County Animal Shelter (ECAS.) Adopt a cat or dog and re-

ceive free items. For dogs, those adopting one will receive dog training classes, a dog bed, leash and collar, a bag of Science Diet Dog Food, and a

coupon for Frontline Tick and Flea. Those adopting cats will receive a goodie bag filled with toys and more.

Sue James of TVAR explained, "We felt that some of the giveaways would provide incentive for people to adopt animals from the shelter and also help familiarize them with both TVAR and ECAS. We also thought that by giving away a series of free training classes for those adopting dogs that the

potential for a successful adop-

tion also increases."

The faire will provide a dog trainer to help evaluate and modify dog behavior. There will be low cost spay/neuter certificates available, as well as lots of information.

Expert advice will be available in selecting the right cat, dog or bunny.

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