

Agencies Partner on Emergency Communications

By Patricia Koning

Your cell phone may be your lifeline. However, in a catastrophe it probably won't be of much use. During events such as Hurricane Katrina, 9-11, and the Berkeley Hills Fire, cell phone bandwidth became overloaded almost immediately. The loss of communication between key emergency responders had devastating effects.

The Livermore School District thinks the Livermore Information Network Collaborative, or LINC, can answer this need to ensure such communication is not lost. LINC is a wireless emergency communication system being developed in partnership with the

Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department, Livermore Police Department, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

Trustee Bill Dunlop, a retired LLNL physicist, first brought up the idea of an interagency wireless communication system last spring. Last year, Dunlop worked with the Naval Postgraduate School on deploying a mobile wireless communications system to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"This would be a redundant system for other types of communication," he explains. "Wi-Fi can be effective in all types of emergencies, including earthquakes.

In addition to providing a robust communication method, LINC will enable first responders to evaluate a situation while en route. Cameras installed at school sites will enable responders to view real-time images of crisis areas, allowing them to direct students and staff out of harm's way.

A live shooter exercise at Sunset Elementary School last May revealed added complications of school sites multiple doors and places to hide. As a result, patrol cars now carry DVDs with blueprints of each school site. LINC would take this a step further, allowing first responders to download up-to-date maps and schematics on the fly.

"This is an incredible opportunity for us to participate in building a local emergency communications system," says Floyd Wilson, Director of Facilities for the Livermore School District. "The benefits include faster response times and reduced security cost.

LINC organizers plan to incorporate area hospitals, transit systems, the Livermore Area Recreation Park District, and the Zone 7 water agency into the system. This coordination would enable first responders to assess capacity and capabilities of emergency rooms and mobilize public transportation. Communication with Zone 7 would be crucial in a contamination event.

Dunlop anticipates LINC encompassing the entire Tri-Valley, including Dublin and Pleasanton schools and agencies, as well as private schools, the charter school, and other entities in Livermore. He notes that Silicon Valley is talking about a Wi-Fi "cloud" for its entire region.

"We do not intend for this to be a closed system," he says. "Once we get the system in place, adding participants is quite simple.

As part of a feasibility study, the District created a wireless network at Granada High School using equipment loaned from LLNL. In December further (See EMERGENCY, page 4)

Plan for Old Lucky Site Described As 'Unique'

A development proposal for the old Lucky site in downtown Livermore drew unanimous support from the city council at its meeting on Monday.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich made the motion to approve the plan.

"The city went through a fairly extensive process in talking about what people wanted to see. There was recognition that more efficient land use was going to be necessary. There is ongoing tension between what we have now and where we might want to be. I think this is a very high quality project. The architecture is reflective of what is here. The excitement around the potential for the arts community is absolutely cool.

The proposal drew mixed reviews from audience members.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen Vanden High School tuba players got a final touch up before taking part in competition during the annual Foothill High School Band Review in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton School Board Prefers Dispersed Growth, Affordable Units

By Ron McNicoll

There is no legal requirement to ask for the board's opinion about the update. The council made the request in the spirit of cooperation.

Spreading Pleasanton's future school board's meeting Oct. 24. Park would put 1271 units there Park students would attend Donas a transit-oriented development near the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. That would bring 410 more students than are now predicted for that area. By comparison, the dispersed growth plan the board prefers puts only 437 units in Hacienda Park. It would generate 198 more students than now planned.

city's general plan update at the highly concentrated in Hacienda About 85 percent of Hacienda lon elementary school, and 15 percent would go to Fairlands. Hart Middle School and Foothill High School are the upper grades that they would attend. The district can accommodate the total increase in the number of students, said a report by assistant superintendent Sandra

Brozosky Collects Record Number Of Campaign Donations

Pleasanton mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky continued to collect the most in campaign donations during the last reporting period, Oct. 1 to 21, 2006. During that period he received \$10,964 in cash and nonmonetary donations bringing his to-tal to date to \$63,363.27.

Incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman received \$6950 in cash between Oct. 1 and 21. Her total to date is \$22,415.

While Brozosky collected more money, Hosterman received funds from more donors during the three week period, 40 for Hosterman compared to 29 for Brozosky.

Brozosky stated in a press re-

lease that it is believed his campaign has collected a record number of individual donations for a Pleasanton mayoral campaign.

'It is significant that we've received donations from nearly 300 different individuals and business owners over the past several months. The support is broad-based from school teachers and retired individuals to local CEOs who want a change in leadership," stated Brozosky.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) collected \$5,750 with a total of \$26,228. BACPAC

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On November 7, The Independent recommends: (i indicates incumbent) Pleasanton Mayor: Jennifer Hosterman (i) Pleasanton City Council: Brian Arkin and Jerry Thorne (i) Pleasanton Measure P (Bernal Park): Yes Livermore Board of Education: William Dunlop (i) and Anne White (i) 11th Congressional District: Jerry McNerney 10th Congressional District: Ellen Tauscher (i)

East Bay Regional Park District, Ward 5: Ayn Wieskamp (i) State Proposition 90: No 15th Assembly District: Terry Coleman 18th Assembly District: Mary Hayashi

growth around instead of concentrating it in Hacienda Park near the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station would have a more equitable impact on schools, the district's board of trustees is telling the city council.

The school board discussed the three choices offered to them by the city council concerning the

The city has 1686 units left to build under the city's growth control cap, and plans to reserve 200 of them for a future general plan. The one alternative that is

(See DISPERSED, page 4)

10th State Senate District: Ellen Corbett Superior Court Judge: Dennis Hayashi

Residents Can Have Park; Softball League a Field

"I fully expect to be able to provide both a replacement softball field and the kind of neighborhood park amenities voiced by many residents," according to Livermore Area Recreation and Park District General Manager Tim Barry

He made that remark in a letter to the editor in response to concerns about future uses of land around the Bothwell Arts Center.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), which owns the site, has received over \$800,000 in funding to redesign the park surrounding the Bothwell Center. Currently there is a softball diamond, two tennis courts and a small playground.

The LARPD will be discussing the Bothwell Park plans at its November 8 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Residents living near the Bothwell Arts Center want a more traditional neighborhood park with grass, trees and a tot lot.

Members of the Livermore Girls Softball Association are fearful of losing one of the fields the league uses for its season.

"It will be staff recommendation that LARPD only remove the softball if and when a substitute field has been provided. This issues does not affect this coming season, since LARPD plans to do the park renovation beginning in the spring of 2008, not 2007," according to Barry.

Barry goes on to say that LARPD is discussing options for additional softball fields with the school district and is also exploring current park areas and the acquisition of parkland that would provide additional fields. "We are optimistic that one of theses options will produce a replacement youth softball field, possibly even by the spring 2008 time frame.'

Resident Carrie Buczeke declares, "We do not have a park in our area. There is no park to serve the entire downtown area."

Buczeke said that the neighbors aren't opposed to girls softball. "None of them live down here," she stated. She adds that other areas where there are sports facilities have neighborhood parks. She mentions the area around Max Baer Park, where she says there are 6 neighborhood parks. "We pay a whole lot of taxes and get very little," she declared.

Another resident, Lynn Glover, says that the "rebirth" of Downtown Livermore should include a new neighborhood park

She suggests converting the current 2-acre site around the Bothwell Arts Center to a neighborhood green space with a tot lot, bike paths, picnic tables, an informal field and bocce court. "This is the only available space to provide a park for the increasing residential population living in new, higher density housing and older homes in the down-town area," according to Glover.

The baseball diamond was originally placed at Bothwell Center in 1939. "The complexion and population density of the area is significantly different (See PARK, page 14)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Three young trick-or-treaters took time out to sample their candy during Livermore's annual trick or treat night. For the results of the costume contest, see page 2.

County Planning Panel To Look At Cemetery Proposal

Vineyard Memorial Cemetery on North Livermore Avenue is on the agenda of the Alameda County Planning Commission Nov. 6.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the county building at 224 W. Winton Ave., Hayward.

The commission looked at the proposal in July and is scheduled to hear a presentation on the project and a negative declaration for it. The cemetery would be on 40 acres of a 110-acre parcel on the west side of North Livermore Avenue, approximately one mile north of Interstate 580. It would have a mortuary and crematorium and a residence for staff.

There would also be several acres of grapes at the front of the property.

Neighbors have objected that the use amounts to a commercial enterprise. They said that keeping the cemetery green would draw too much wa-

A public hearing on the proposed creation of neyard Memorial Cemetery on North Livermore fect the water level in their wells.

Bob Baltzer, chair of Friends of Livermore, said that the applicant's proposal shows consumption of 125 acre feet annually to water the grassy areas. That's the amount of water that 250 homes use each year. In other terms, approximately 60 acres of vine-yards could be irrigated with that amount of water.

It's not illegal to build a cemetery in an agricultural district, said Baltzer. However, the design has the mortuary outside the 2-acre envelope that Measure D requires for structures, he said.

Baltzer also contended that a third residence on the property as part of the mortuary violates Measure D.

County planning staff official Steve Buckley said that the applicants estimate using 1 acre foot per year. That's the amount of water typically used by two families per year. It will be up to the county department of health services to decide whether to grant permission afor water use, he said.

Saturday Edition To Be Published

The Independent will be publishing a special edition on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Letters not appearing in the Nov. 2 edition, will be published on Saturday.

Three Bids for Lab Contract

Three bids have been submitted to manage the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The deadline was October 27. It appeared there would be only two. However, at the last minute Northrop Grumman officials announced plans to compete for the contract. The bidding team known as National Security Technologies LLC includesNorthrop Grumman, Nuclear Fuel Services, a nuclear materials handling firm; CH2M Hill, an engineering and environmental firm; and AECOM, an infrastructure and environmental conglomerate. Earlier this year, the same team was given a fiveyear management contract for the Nevada Test Site .

Unlike the main competition for the Los Alamos management contract, the Northrop team has no university affiliation.

The other two bidders are a team led by the University of California/Bechtel that includes BWX Technologies Inc., Battelle and Washington Group International. Battelle also man-



Livermore's Most Colorful Family

Two landmarks missing from this year's rodeo celebration were Gardella's Liquors and Club Rodeo, two early businesses at the southeast corner of L and Second Streets on the must list of many Livermore rodeo participants.

Antonio Ĝardella immigrated from Genoa, Italy, to Livermore in 1879. He worked in local vineyards and rented land north of Livermore where he raised hay and grain. In 1880, he sent for his wife Maria and their little daughter.

By November 1905 he had saved enough money to buy farmland from the Ladd estate. In 1908 he had a two-story stucco house built for his family at the northeast corner of First Street and Junction Avenue.

Later, the house was moved a little west of that site on what is now Old First Street. Today, the proud bearing of the house remains, although an add-on in the front has made it the home of little shops and offices. The numerals 1908 can still be seen up near the eaves on the east side, above the decorative iron window balcony. The Gardellas had eight more children.

John "Jack" Gardella was the sixth child, born in 1892. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1909. Musically talented, he played the clarinet and saxophone and organized his own eightpiece band, which was frequently in demand for local celebrations.

After World War I service in the Navy as a chief petty officer in charge of a 22-man band, he took over the operation of Gardella's Liquors. Unfortunately, not long after that, Prohibition became the law in 1919. Jack married Elsie Bonetti and took his band to Oakland, where they played at dime-a-dance joints seven nights a week, trying to make enough money to preserve his empty liquor store.

Meanwhile, the Gardella's youngest child, Frank, was operating the Yosemite Bar next door to Jack's liquor store. When Prohibition came along, the bar was supposedly converted to a soft drink parlor.

However, in a local newspaper interview in 1978, Gabby Garbini, long time patron of Frank's establishment, recalled a 20-foot deep hole under the bar floor with rocks below. If a visit from a federal officer seemed imminent, any whiskey bottles were dropped down the hole and smashed on the rocks, "so that they never had anything for evidence. ... They'd (the Feds) break windows and chop down the door. The next day Frank would call me, and I'd have to go down and hang a new door and fix the windows. It kept the carpenters in work."

Önce Prohibition was over in 1938, Jack again ran the liquor store. He also served on the Alameda County Planning Commission for 25 years, playing a major role in creating zoning laws and the county's first general plan after World War II. According to his obituary in the Oakland Tribune, Jack loved to tell "raucous tales of Livermore's wild and wooly past, of drunken cowboys and drunken horses.'

After Prohibition, Frank had the bar interior redecorated and changed its name from the Yosemite Bar to Club Rodeo. Frank married Isabel D. Nunes. His major interest was in local baseball-he played on, coached, or managed teams from 1919 to 1955. His last position was as manager of the Veterans of Foreign Wars team, which won trophy after trophy. He and Jack became co-owners of the two side-by-side establishments.

The Gardella's eighth child, Louis "Lou" Gardella, graduated from Livermore High and attended the University of Santa Clara, where he played both football and baseball. He served in the Navy during World War I. After returning home, he married Grace Stanley at St. Michael's in 1921.

Lou Gardella owned and operated the Del Valle Mercantile store in the Foresters Building from 1924 to 1956. The store dealt in groceries, hardware, farming implements, housing utensils, and "almost any commodity we could sell."

Lou served on the Livermore city council for 16 years—four terms as a council member and then as mayor from 1950 to 1954, during the time when the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory first came to the city. In an interview by Joan Boer in 1983, he defended his policy of openness to changes in the city by explaining the reason for his long marriage: "He objected to change for the last time when his wife bobbed her long hair in the 1920s. That provoked the only serious spat of their happy 59-year marriage." Livermore flew its flags at half-mast to honor him when news came of his death in June 1984



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A witch, an alien, and the Statue of Liberty were among the costumes worn by Hearst Elementary School students during a Halloween Parade on Tuesday.

UDENT

As part of the Character Counts character education program, students at Christensen Middle School in Livermore are collecting new or gently used blankets and coats. Items will be donated locally through area organi-zations. Drop off donations at Christensen Middle School, 5757 Haggin Oaks Avenue. For more infor-mation, call 606-4702 x 405 or email rbrinker@livermore.k12.ca.us/

Amador Band Marches to Sweep-stakes Award: The Amador Valley High School Marching Band and Colorguard won the Class 4A/5A Sweepstakes Award at the Modesto Invitational on Saturday, October 7 held at Johansen High School. The band turned in a strong performance, scoring a season-opening high of 78.90 and earning additional awards in best music, best marching and best general effect.

The Marching Dons field 205 members under the direction of Jon Grantham, Director of Bands at Amador Valley High School. Drum Majors are Devin Maguire, Anthony Sanchez and Allison Gehl. The colorguard is led by captains Kate Dowdy and Taylor Terhune. Their field show is entitled Alcatraz, with original music by John M. Meehan. In four interpretive move-ments - The Yard, Riot, Confinement, and Escape- the musicians and guard evoke the moods and drama of the legendary prison in the bay, complete with a hand-cranked police siren and prison bars. The audience at Modesto cheered enthusiastically for the energetic and highly-detailed performance. The Marching Band and Colorguard posted a new season-high score of 80.00 at Gilroy High School on October 14th in a highly competi-tive Class 5A field. The Marching Dons score earned them a 2nd Place trophy, and placed them just 1.65 points behind sweepstakes winner James Logan High School.

On Friday, October 20, the March-ing Dons will perform the half-time show at the AVHS Homecoming Football game. The band will compete the following weekend - October 28 - at the Los Angeles Coliseum in the 2006 Los Angeles Regional Championship of the Bands of America. The remainder of the schedule for the Marching Dons includes Western Band Association (WBA) competitions on October 14 at Gilroy High School; November 11 at Logan High School in Union City; and the WBA Championships, 11/18-19, in Clovis at Buchanan High School. In addition, the band and guard will present Alcatraz on October 28 in the LA Coliseum, as participants in the Bands of America Regional Championships. For more informa-tion please visit www.amadorband.org.

would kiss a pig if the students at Altamont Creek Elementary school could read enough books to obtain 15,000 Accelerated Reader points. The students exceeded the 15,000 points and Ms. Flint happily(?) kissed a very dirty pig in front of the whole school last June. This year, she has challenged the students to obtain 17,500 AR points. If they do, she will sit as the target in a dunking tank. Looks like the readers are well on their way to reaching their goal with over 2100 points achieved already

First Grade Apple Fest Fun:_On Friday, September 22, Mrs. Unger's first grade class held an Apple Fest celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birth-day and love of apples. They read books and wrote about Johnny Appleseed, tasted a variety of apple products, and completed activities related to math, social studies and lan-

guage arts. Third Grade Class Celebrates **Grandparent's Day:** The class taught by Mrs. Borjon and Mrs. Dugger's has been studying their heritage and Grandparent's Day. They have been reading different grandparent books from around the world. Students interviewed a grandparent. They wrote up the interview and shared it during a Grandparent's Brunch held on Friday, September 15th. Students cooked a brunch casserole and a dessert to share with their Grandparents.

Livermore High School: Katie McCorkle reports that even though Livermore High School lost its homecoming game to the Foothill Falcons 31 to 6, there was lots of LHS spirit all week long. Each day students dressed up according the themes of the floats. On Friday October 20, a Homecoming Rally was held between first and second class. At the rally, all of the nominees for royalty played. There was the tra-ditional "Kings Dance," where all of the king nominees join the senior cheerleaders in presenting a half-time like

Also at the rally the freshman, sophomore, and junior prince and princesses were crowned. The freshman prince is

Carter Allen and Allysa Vianow as princess. Sophomores voted Shawn

Hoehne as prince and Rachel Aldrich as princess. John Nagel was selected as prince of the junior class and Danielle

During halftime at the football game, Lishea Wilkerson was crowned Home-

coming Queen. The following night, at

the dance, Matt Roads was crowned King. Floats were presented on Friday. After the parade at half-time the winner

was announced. The Sophomores (2009) were disqualified, so Freshman (2010) took third place, the Seniors

(2007) took second place and the Jun-ior class (2008) won first place for their West Side Story themed float. The was

brought to a end at the Everlasting Love Homecoming Dance on Satur-

Cowgill as princess.

day October 21.

Amador Teacher Selected As **County's Teacher of the Year**

Brian Ladd, a social science teacher in Pleasanton and Charles Reynes, a science teacher in Castro Valley, have been selected as the 2006-2007 Alameda County Teachers of the Year. The pair will represent Alameda County in the statewide teacher of the year competition later this year.

"Brian and Charles are each excellent teachers in their own right," Alameda County Schools Superintendent Sheila Jordan. "They bring energy and creativity to their classroom. They engage students with activities that are not only fun but educational, and they are encouraging a new generation of life-long learners.

The selection of Ladd and Reynes was announced Wednesday (Oct. 25) during the 17th Annual Alameda County Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony at Chabot College, a celebration honoring 15 teachers from throughout the county who were selected as their school district's Teacher of the Year.

Ladd, a teacher at Amador

Valley High School, has been teaching for 16 years, and currently teaches AP government, AP microeconomics and AP macroeconomics. He also teaches AVID courses, which prepare average-achieving students for col-

"I strongly believe that the noblest of all professions is teaching," Ladd wrote in his application for the Teacher of the Year Award. "There is no better way for a person to take the knowledge that they have accumulated over a lifetime than to share it with future generations. "No one day in the classroom will be like any other day. You, the teacher, have the opportunity to help students discover academic and personal potential that has not yet been tapped."

Other teachers honored were Diana Cameron, Dublin Unified School District; Jim Nash, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Sarah Palmer, Tri-Valley ROP; and Karen Jeffries, Sunol Glen Elementary School District.

Heritage Guild to Host Book Signings

The Livermore Heritage Guild will host book two book signing events at the Carnegie Building Museum, 3rd Street between J and K streets.

The signings will take place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on

the following dates: On Sat., Nov. 11, three authors will be on hand. Anne Homan will sign her book, "The Morning Side of Mount Diablo;" Gary Drummond and Anna Siig will sign their book, "The Klondike News;" and Drummond will sign his books, "The Chinese Experience," and "The Vintner's Tale."

On Sat., Nov. 18, Jim Concannon will be on hand to sign his book, "Concannon.' John Shirley will sign his book, "I Remember.'

The Heritage Guild's newest book, "Early Livermore," will be available for purchase.

For additional information, call the Heritage Guild at 449-9927.



and later for his brother, Jack, in 1987.

When Jack Gardella died at age 95, he was the last of the Gardella brothers. Of his sisters, only Victoria Bonzani of San Francisco survived him. Jack had sold the liquor store sometime in the 1960s. The Club Rodeo and Gardella's Liquors signs came down when a new owner took over in 2004. Horseshoe imprints and brand marks remain in the sidewalk at the corner, but the city will miss the lively days of what Walt Hecox fondly called "Livermore's most colorful family."

(Readers can reach me via e-mail at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

Livermore Trick or Treat Costume Contest Winners Announced

Livermore's annual trick or treat event was declared a "huge success," by Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor, executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI).

LDI sponsors the annual event. A costume contest is held as part of the festivities. Winners are: Scariest: Toddler to 4: Carter Bailey of Livermore as Dracula; 5 to 8 years: Faith Vandegriff of Livermore as Dead Bride; 8 to 12 years: Sara Bandali of Livermore as Prom Queen; Most Original: Toddler to 4: Zander Pittsal of Livermore as Black Widow; 5 to 8 years: Kendall Pareja of Livermore as Custom Car; 8 to 12 years: John Stuart of Livermore as Mr. Six of Six Flags;

Funniest/Cutest: Todder to 4: Maxwell Ghilieri of Livermore as Elvis; 5 to 8 years: Luskrenz Azaula of Livermore as Astronaut; 8 to 12 years: Josh Snyder

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of Livermore as Rainbow Clown; adult: Cain Cabrera of Livermore as Toilet; and family: Brian and Brandon Babb of Livermore as Wizard and Apprentice.

The evening also included the AT&T Hometown Tour. Tour activities included interactive internet safety programs for elementary had middle school students and high tech technology demonstrations showcasing the very latest broadband enabled consumer electronics such as digital music players and cameras. Residents were able to test drive electronics and to learn about new trends and technologies.

The program incorporates safety lessons into popular online activities, including social networking, music downloading, on-line gaming and photo sharing.

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Altamont Creek Elementary School reported in with the following activi-

Accelerated Reader Contest: Last year, Principal Candice Flint said she

Holiday Tea Planned at Museum

The 2nd Annual Museum On Main Holiday Tea and Fashion Show will be held at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton on Sunday, December 3. There will be seatings at 12 noon and 3 p.m. This afternoon holiday event will include music by keyboardist Bonnie Green, a parade of fashions provided by downtown Pleasanton merchants, and a formal high tea.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and \$30 for Museum On Main members and children under age 16. Reservations are requested. Tickets are now available at the museum and the event is open to all ages.

Proceeds benefit the museum's programs. For more information call the museum at (925) 462-2766 go to www.museumonmain.org.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Veterans Day Parade

Pleasanton will honor its veterans with a Veterans Day Parade on Sun., Nov. 5. The parade begins at 1 p.m. at the corner of Spring and Main streets in downtown. It will continue south down Main Street to Old Bernal Avenue.

A public ceremony will take place at Veterans Plaza Park on Peters Street immediately following the parade. Everyone is invited to attend the parade and ceremony.

Tassano Selected

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho announced the appointment of Mike Tassano as the City of Pleasanton's new Deputy Director of Public Works/Transportation. The appointment, which took effect on October 21, 2006, resulted from an extensive search to identify a replacement for Jeff Knowles, who resigned from the position earlier this year.

Throughout the selection process, Tassano was noted as the top candidate.

Tassano has been employed with the City of Pleasanton since 1998 when he began as an intern in the Traffic Division. Since, he has steadily been promoted through the organization. Tassano earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University.

In addition to managing the day to day operations of the Traffic Division, Tassano has been responsible for overseeing the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and facilitating the I-580 Smart Corridor Project. He has also been Pleasanton's representative on a number of **Regional Transportation Advisory committees** including the Alameda County Transportation Agency, the Congestion Management Agency, and the Tri-Valley Transportation Committee.

Mike lives in Tracy with his wife and two kids, ages 9 and 6, where he enjoys spending his free time playing sports and coaching his kids in soccer, softball and baseball. Mike is considering relocating to Pleasanton in the future.

LARPD Board Meets

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 8 and Wed., Nov. 29 at the Robert

Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. For information, call 373-5700. The meeting agenda will be available at www.larpd.dst.ca.us by the Saturday prior to the meetings.

Stellar Evolution

Using 3D models run on some of the fastest computers in the world, Lawerence Livermore National Laboratory physicists have created a mathematical code that cracks a mystery surrounding stellar evolution.

For years, physicists have theorized that lowmass stars (about one to two times the size of our sun) produce great amounts of helium 3. When they exhaust the hydrogen in their cores to become red giants, most of their makeup is ejected, substantially enriching the universe in this light isotope of helium. This enrichment conflicts with the Big Bang predictions. Scientists theorized that stars destroy the helium by assuming that nearly all stars were rapidly rotating. However, this theory failed to bring the evolution results into agreement with the Big Bang.

Now, by modeling a red giant with a fully 3D hydrodynamic code, LLNL researchers identified the mechanism of how and where low-mass stars destroy the helium that they produce during evolution. They found that helium burning in a region just outside of the helium core, previously thought to be stable, creates conditions that drive this newly discovered mixing mechanism. Bubbles of material, slightly enriched in hydrogen and substantially depleted in the helium, float to the surface of the star and are replaced by helium-rich material for additional burning. In this way the stars destroy their excess helium, without assuming any additional conditions (like rapid rotation).

'This confirms how elements evolved in the universe and makes it consistent with the Big Bang," said David Dearborn, a Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory physicist. "The previous one-dimensional model did not recognize the instability created by burning ³He."

The same process applies to low-mass metal poor suns.

The research appears in the Oct. 26 edition of Science Express.

PLAN

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Livermore Village is a mixed use development to be built on a five acre plus site. The mix includes 281 residential units, commercial space and artist facilities. The site is divided into four blocks. A linear park would provide a gathering place for residents. There will be public open space, new roads, and paths connecting to other parts of the downtown. The area has been designated a catalyst site in the Downtown Specific Plan.

According to Director of Community Development Marc Roberts, "The site is vital to the revitalization of downtown. It will be one of the most intensely developed sites." Roberts told the council that redevelopment in the downtown is already showing very positive results with increased investment and increased pedestrian activity.

Buildings will be as high as four stories, with a maximum height of 55 feet. A variety of housing types is proposed including flex loft-style units that could be used for live/work or office spaces. In addition there are live/work units with commercial use on the first floor; stacked flats, and standard townhomes.

One of the concerns of the public has been the future of the historic train depot on the site. The land is owned by Livermore Village developers; the structure by another entity. The city is proposing to purchase the building, move it and restore it. A site under consideration is the transit station on Railroad Avenue.

Still to come back to the council for consideration is the owner participation agreement that includes requirements for both the developer and the city. This includes a \$9 million infrastructure loan from the city to be repaid by the development within 10 years; \$250,000 from the developer towards the purchase and move of the depot; ten percent affordable housing that would focus on artists, a community art center to be offered by the developer to a nonprofit for purchase; rear access to businesses on First Street; and a 330 space parking garage to be built by the city on

Kevin Roberts, Director of Economic Development and Redevelopment, commented, "One of the ingredients that helps to create a successful downtown is providing a built-in customer base. I believe this project will be a tremendous asset to the city,

the redevelopment agency and existing businesses,'

Jim Anderson of Anderson Pacific, the developers, described five urban principles used as a road map to create the project. They are the following: creating activity in the downtown core, creating continuous public spaces, referencing historic buildings in designing the architecture, providing a diversity of housing, and fostering arts and culture.

"Courtyards and paseos permeate the site. The linear park will be one of the largest contiguous open spaces in the downtown," said Anderson.

The affordable housing for artists will concentrated in one area. Parking will be concealed, he told the council.

"It has been a tremendous challenge to design the site. Five architectural firms have worked on it. This is not an inexpensive project. It's unique. We are hoping it will draw people to it,' Anderson added.

Asked about the timeline, Anderson said he would like to see it completed in under five years, or less, if possible. "The market isn't so great. We are hoping the location, and style of the project will create interest. There is nothing like it in the Tri-Valley."

Loretta Kaskey, who lives in the downtown area, objected to the height of the buildings. She pointed out that will obstruct the views. "I do believe in infill. I look forward to new shopping and dining opportunities. However, the view of monoliths is similar to development in Dublin." She felt that the new buildings would dwarf existing development, such as Blacksmith Square.

Jeff Kaskey suggested the number of units be reduced to 165. He said that, in reality, the units are 5-stories tall. He asked the council to consider infill that is on a scale appropriate to Livermore.

Kathy Chase called the project, "obscene. It has nothing of Livermore in it; not its heart, history or soul. It has four and five story buildings that look like Dublin. This is too big, too high.' She suggested mixed use with commercial on the bottom and apartments or lofts above.

Also on a negative note, John Stein questioned the proposed agreement, noting that almost all costs are deferred to phase two. Most of the usable space is sidewalks with planter boxes. He suggested that the redevelopment agency did not have the funds to support the project.

Bob Baltzer offered a different perspective. He said at first he didn't like the proposal, but has come to favor it. "It's not Livermore of 1962 when Livermore was a dusty, little cowtown. I don't want to go back to that. Livermore has transformed itself in the last few years. I don't like the height. However, if it makes downtown work, this is what is necessary.

Artist Linda Ryan was totally enthusiastic. "I am so excited by this proposal. It is a really cool thing. It can ignite and enrich people who live here. Livermore can become more than it is," she declared.

Rachael Snedecor, executive director of Livermore Downtown, Inc. was also supportive of the project. She reported to the council that her board expressed an overwhelmingly positive response to a presentation. The big concern was loss of parking and rear access to existing buildings. Those issues have been addressed.

"Housing in the downtown has been an incredible addition to the area," Snedecor stated. "Those living here have become great supporters of the downtown.'

The current parking is on private property. The new garage will be city owned.

Marc Řoberts responded to the desire for a smaller project and cost issue. The development needs some agency assistance. A smaller project would require more assistance than the agency would be able to provide, he stated. The most expensive piece is downtown parking. The agency will build it independent of this project. There is about \$8 to \$9 million available. Future tax increments will help provide the remaining funds.

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CAMPAIGN (continued from page one) currently has \$12,845 available

for the campaign. Most of the money spent was for a campaign consultant \$10,000 and to support council candidates Jerry Thorne (\$750) and Cheryl Cook-Kallio (\$6050), both endorsed by the committee.

In the council race, incumbent Jerry Thorne has received the most money to date with \$18,482.54 collected. However, during the most recent reporting period, Brian Arkin led the way in donations with \$7700 given to his campaign. He received \$5000 from one contributor. Thorne received \$4366 during the same period. Arkin's total to date is \$13,790.

Close behind is Cheryl Cook-Kaillo with a total of \$13,672.99; \$4661 this period. Dan Faustina has received \$9053 in donations, \$1685 between Oct. 1 and 21. Top donation to the Brozosky campaign was \$3000 from Randy Brown, an Elk Grove resident who lists himself as a self-

employed consultant. Pedro Rodriquez and John Smith each gave \$1000 to Brozosky. Rodriquez is an engineer at Agilent Technology and Smith a self-employed attorney. Giving \$500 each to Brozosky were Margaret Merritt, Steven Klei, Barbara Berlogar, Mardel LLC, Denise Silva, and Goble Proper-

Hosterman's top donation was \$1000 from Louise Harvey Clark of Lafayette. Giving \$500 to her campaign were Roy Goble, Goble Properties; Daniel Kendrick; Pete Stark Re-election Committee, Safeway, Inc., and the League of Conservation Voters of the East Bay.

Donating to the Chamber vere James Tong, owner of Charter Properties, \$5000; Ken Mercer, \$50; and Jan Batcheller, \$200.

received \$200 each from Gary Brooks, Northbrooks Homes LLC; and John Sensiba, an accountant.

The largest donor to Arkin's campaign was Michael Aminian, owner of Fairland Investments, Inc. who gave \$5000. Bernal Partners LLC donated \$1000, Mark Emerson, psychologist, \$400; Phil Blanks, Pro Business, \$750; and Mary Roberts, \$200.

James Tong, Charter Properties, donated \$1000 to Cheryl Cook-Kallio. She received \$250 from Pleasanton gateway LLC, \$200 from the Pete Stark Re-election Committee, \$500 from Pleasanton Garbage Service president Bob Molinaro, and \$250 from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee (CE

the site.

Jerry Thorne received \$2000 from the Bay East Association of Realtors/BORPAC and \$500 from Bob Molinaro, president of Pleasanton Garbage Service. He

The Association of Builders and Contractors, Golden Gate were the top donors to Dan Faustina's campaign with \$500. He received \$200 from Dan and Mary Johnson, \$200 from John Clatworthy, and \$250 from Margaret Starnes.

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EDITORIALS

Affordable Housing Lawsuit

Urban Habitat and Sandra De Gregorio have hit the City of Pleasanton with a lawsuit challenging city policies that the plaintiffs claim work against affordable housing responsibilities.

Among the policies cited is the Pleasanton housing cap of 29,000 units. "These policies have created a highly restrictive planning environment that has artificially suppressed new housing construction in Pleasanton," stated the plaintiffs in a press release.

We share the plaintiffs' belief that the Pleasanton City Council should zone more land for housing that would be affordable to very-low-income and low-income residents.

However, we support the 29,000-unit housing cap. The cap stands in the way of never-ending growth. It will serve over the coming decades to give Pleasanton control over its destiny and keep the city to a liveable size.

The suit signals that affordable housing advocates are serious. They are not going to let Pleasanton evade its responsibility on this matter. As long as the city continues to evade it, the housing cap and other growth limits will remain vulnerable to action, such as this lawsuit.

Of course, growth limits like these are not really the culprit. One can't help but notice that even in the cities where such controls don't exist, very little affordable housing is actually built. The non-existence of a housing cap simply gives developers license to continue building more of the homes that only the well-to-do can afford.

In our opinion, Pleasanton's affordable housing goals can be met under the growth cap. That means that a large percentage of the remaining units in Pleasanton must be designated for such housing. The Pleasanton City Council simply needs to make a real commitment to do that.

LARPD'S Feral Cats

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is developing a policy to deal with the feral cats who make the parks their home.

Among other problems, the cats feed on birds, lizards and other small creatures. The cats could affect the balance of nature in the parks.

A staff draft discussed recently would prohibit the public from feeding the cats (as well as deer, squirrels and other wildlife). This drew criticism from board members, who observed that some people feed the cats as part of efforts to rescue them.

Trapping was also discussed. There was little enthusiasm for that alternative by both board and staff.

Board member Maryalice Faltings - who identified herself as "a cat person" — agreed that it wouldn't be good if a lot of cats lived in the parks. However, she urged staff, "Don't come down too hard on this issue."

These cats aren't like other wildlife. Many of them once had comfortable homes, but were abandoned by their owners. They are more akin to homeless people who've been forced into the streets because of factors beyond their control.

We second Maryalice Faltings' advice. Some control is obviously in order, but let's not starve these poor cats.

A Great Trade

DISPERSED (continued from page one)

Lepley. The three alternatives come within 21 students in the total number of students that they generate for the entire district, a range from 455 to 476.

A silver lining is that much of the growth would occur while the schools would be going into an otherwise contracting time in enrollment, said assistant superintendent Sandra Lepley. The key issue, though, is how those students are distributed geographically.

Board president Steve Pulido said that the widest possible dispersion would have the least impact on total numbers in each school. That is especially important to help preserve the neighborhood atmosphere of the school, he said.

Dispersing growth would also help spread around the impact of affordable housing. "Affordable housing could produce different student generation (numbers). There may be more (students) for us. So dispersing makes sense for that reason," he said.

Another aspect of affordable housing is that there could be "a challenge to a marked degree that comes about by having acute socio-economic differences between schools. There's a need to distribute it around," said superintendent John Casey.

LOWER FEES WOULD **IMPACT SCHOOLS**

The total amount of affordable housing could also cause concern about the school district's budget, said Pulido. Developers pay the district \$2.63 per square foot for affordable housing units. That's the school impact fee ceiling allowed by state law.

However, the district receives much more revenue than that on other units, because of the "gift free" agreement. That's a voluntary pact signed by developers in 2001 with the city and school district. Under the agreement, developers pay \$7.75 per square

foot. The district's gift fee agreement allows it to go beyond state law and use the funds to buy equipment for schools. So getting close to \$5 per square foot less with a significant number of remaining units can have a big impact on that, said Pulido.

The district falls short of that \$7.75 fee by close to \$3 per square foot from the separate "cooperative fee" agreement that it signed with Signature Properties and Standard Pacific, a pact that was mentioned at the meeting by Lepley. The two developers each pay \$5.05 per square foot.

Theoretically the district receives something back for that "discounted" voluntary fee. The promise is that Signature would use its cost-saving abilities as a developer to build the Neal elementary school on Vineyard Avenue. Then the district would pay the developer the estimated \$8.5 million cost incurred after it takes over the school.

However, a later cost estimate came in at more than \$12 million for Neal. The district says that developer Jim Ghielmetti of Signature promised at a school board meeting to pay the cost difference. Ghielmetti maintains he did not. The issue has been in court for two years.

Another lawsuit could affect the district's budget and school construction, too. Pulido noted that Urban Habitat, an affordable housing group, sued the city two weeks ago. If the group wins, that could greatly increase the city's affordable housing goals, said Pulido.

TARGET FOR CAMPUS ENROLLMENT

As part of the discussion, trustees sent the council a short statement about having targets for school sizes. The size of the schools helps to "maintain neighborhood character, provide facilities for specialized programs, and promotes more personalized education."

The numbers would be 600 for elementary schools, 1000 for middle schools and 2000 for high schools, with an additional 10 percent contingency for each site. Those numbers reflect working board policy for the past few years. However, a key phrase was added that said, "subject to board discretion and financial consideration." The language was suggested by trustee Kris Weaver.

Pulido and trustee Pat Kernan said they didn't want to see a repeat of some past criticism by a previous city council that the district was overstepping the general plan by going past the campus-limit goals that had been spelled out earlier. They emphasized flexibility is needed to have campuses like Walnut Grove with more than 800 students, because that campus accommodates the Discovery Program.

EMPLOYEESGET OVER 5 PERCENT RAISE

The board also approved a 5.73 percent raise for teachers, support staff, and and administrators, as promised if enrollment rose far enough above predictions for the average daily attendance for the district. The raise will cost the district \$1 million dollars, with \$721,000 of it in salaries, the remainder in benefits.

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Idaho and Tennessee.

Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC is comprised of two nuclear watchdog" organizations, the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs and Nuclear Watch of New Mexico, partnered with an academic institution, New College of California, and a green energy company, WindMiller Energy. The Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC management promises to transition the Livermore

ages the DOE laboratories in Lab from nuclear weapons development to an unclassified "World Class Center for Civilian Science" within 5 years.

Trustees also voted to accept

the final priority list set by the

district's excellence committee. As

reported earlier, improved counselor ratios at all school levels is

still at the top. Technology sup-

port is tied for second place with

class size reduction for more

munity input, is providing physi-

cal education specialist services

at each K-5 school. It is ranked in

15th place, at the bottom of the

prove a counseling action plan.

The district hired more counse-

lors before the school year be-

gan, as enabled by state budget

changes early in the summer. A

staff report cited some comments

from counselors about what a dif-

ference the new hires already

time and going into greater depth

with individual students," said

one. Another said, "I know more

of my students by name, and have

established relationships with

Yet another counselor wrote,

"Having an extra counselor in the

middle school is making an amaz-

ing difference in the quality of the

work we are able to do.'

"I find myself spending more

The board also voted to ap-

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Livermore Lab has been managed since its inception in 1952 by the University of California. DOE decided in April 2003 to open competition for the Livermore contract. Selection of the contractor is slated to occur in the winter of 2006. The current LLNL contract expires on September 30, 2007.

Controlled Burn Planned at Sycamore Grove Park

A controlled burn is planned in Sycamore Grove Park.

The burn will occur after the first rains of the season and the non-native grassland plants have germinated, probably in late November or early December.

The burn is part of the resource management plan approved by the Livermore Area **Recreation and Park District** board of directors. The burn is expected to help with grassland restoration by getting rid of exotic weeds and to enhance growing conditions for the Sycamore trees.

The area to be burned is flat, so no erosion is expected to oc-

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This morning brought the dis-

turbing reality of Pleasanton traf-

child was hit by a car, this time

by Harvest Park Middle School.

Although I don't know the de-

tails, as a parent this scene was

extremely upsetting. This was

the second child-auto related ac-

cident in Pleasanton in three day

and highlights the increased risk

our families face as the cities traf-

requires a commitment from resi-

dents and a unified approach to

solve the problem. Over the past

year, we have seen the number of

pedestrian-auto injuries and

close calls increase dramatically.

Residents close to Alisal school

have come to the city council

highlighting the issue of safety

for the children going to school.

As a father of two, I share their

concern and frustration as traffic

has only increased in and around

Pleasanton as communities re-

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Oppose Cook-Kallio

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cur. Following the burn, 400 Sycamore seedlings, grown for the district using seeds collected at the park, will be planted.

The LARPD board heard a description of the plans from consultant Carol Rice during last week's meeting.

Existing roads and the gravel streambed will serve as fire lines, making it unnecessary to create any. Four fire departments will take part in the 40-acre burn: the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department, the East Bay Regional Park District Fire Department, Alameda County Fire Department, and the California Department of Forestry.

"Existing trees will be protected," explained Rice. They will be sprayed with a foam that is essentially dish soap. Areas will be scraped to remove burn materials. In addition, water would be placed where no burning is desired.

Rice noted that the Livermore Rotary had helped the district with pretreatment around areas that are to be protected. They spent the day scraping around trees and removing large material that could burn.

The actual burn is accomplished by lighting a fire not far from one of the natural features acting as a fire line. The fire

would burn to the line. Then another strip would be lit a little further back. It would burn to the already burned area, and so on. The process would be completed in one day.

The district must have approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the burn.

Both Veterans Park and Sycamore Grove Park will be closed on the day the burn is conducted.

The District will notify the public before the prescribed burn occurs, and will communicate with nearby property owners regarding the details of this project.

The Pleasanton City Council has granted a proposed Foothill Road development higher density in exchange for a 22-acre addition to Alviso Adobe Park.

Charles and Scott Austin, the landowners, will be permitted to build eight homes instead of the six previously allowed. The total size of the property is 30 acres.

The property is rich in history. Meadowlark Dairy was located there. The 150-year-old Alviso Adobe, Pleasanton's oldest building, still stands, and will be the centerpiece of the park. Charles Austin related that when his great grandfather purchased the property 70 years ago, he was aware of the historical significance and took care to preserve the adobe. The family hopes the gift of the 22 acres will add a feeling of spaciousness to the park, Austin said.

Hearings will be held to determine the specific use of the 22 acres. Remarks by neighbors and others indicated that the site is likely to remain as is — "unspoiled," in the word of Christine Ellis, president of the Laguna Oaks Homeowners Association.

"The Austins have done a good thing for the city," said Councilmember Matt Sullivan.

A good thing, indeed. The spaciousness envisioned by the Austins will be wonderfully enhanced. This is a great trade.

EMERGENCY

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testing of a city-wide network will take place.

To ensure adequate bandwidth to run the LINC program, LLNL has agreed to allow the School District to use one-half of gigabyte of bandwidth on its network. At a Livermore School Board meeting last week, Livermore Superintendent Brenda Miller, Greg Park of the Livermore Police Department, and Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Chief William Cody signed a formal request to LLNL Director George Miller.

LINC has several added benefits for the School District, including distance learning capabilities and the ability to respond to off-hours issues at school sites,

such as vandalism.

will be \$120,000, with \$60,000 coming from the School District and \$60,000 from a matching grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The District will apply for the grant early next year.

At the Nov. 21 Board Meeting, Wilson will present a detailed cost and benefit analysis of the LINC expenditures.

"I know that for every parent their number one concern is keeping their children safe," says Board President Julie Orvis. "On the distance learning front, we have to keep moving forward or we are going to get left behind."

The total cost of the program

lentlessly develop open space and commuters look for more direct and less congested routes to get to Pleasanton and other bay area destinations. It is hard for me to believe that we actually have one candidate

for City Council, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who's focused on creating additional traffic by opening up Stoneridge Drive east of Santa Rita and connecting it to El Charro Road. Unfortunately, this approach fails to address our current traffic patterns and creates

yet another area for traffic con-**Editor's note: Election let**gestion, opening two other ters not appearing in the Nov. 2 schools in Pleasanton to child edition of The Independent, will be printed in the special Sat., safety issues. Unless one believes that more streets equal less traffic, this is not a solution for Pleas-(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those anton.

Solving the traffic issue should be our top priority as a community. By pitting one neighborhood against another we squander our energy away from the issue and tear at the very fabric that makes Pleasanton a desirable community to live in. Let's fix the problem, not create additional problems for the benefit of other communities outside of Pleasanton.

Oppose Prop. 87 Susan Steinberg fic to light once again. Another Livermore

Thanks to a newspaper's recent graphic chart, the true facts about Prop. 87 are finally clear. Just as clear are the reasons why Californians should approve Prop. 87.

I hadn't realized that our state, America's third largest oil producer, taxes oil companies at a pitiful fraction of other states' levels.

Texas, the biggest producer, charges oil firms a hefty 4.6%. while second-place Arizona levels a whopping 12.5% to 15%. Even Wyoming, smallest of the Big Seven, gets a healthy 6%.

I couldn't believe that thirdplace California, pumping over 200,000 barrels of oil a year, gets less than a measly 1% in taxes. Obviously we are the only state missing out on an enormous source of badly-needed revenue. Why? Because our legislature,

which receives such substantial campaign contributions from this powerful industry, has never mustered the nerve to impose appropriate tax rates on their corporate "friends."

These are the same corporate heavies who have thrown over \$100 million into a huge advertising campaign to derail a Prop. 87 victory. We've all been deluged by their slick and expensive propaganda for months now. They can well afford it;

they've been earning phenom-

enal record profits from us, the gas-buying public. (Top anti-87 contributor Chevron even posted an obscene 150% profit in refining and marketing, from \$573 million to \$1.44 billion.)

As usual, the good guys try-ing to publicize the truth about Prop. 87 are being overwhelmingly outspent by the big ad agencies. After all, they're a small public-service coalition, not a private-profit mega-power.

But that one factual chart clears away all the PR fog and shows how shamefully low our oil tax has been all these years, and how Prop. 87 would finally give California the oil revenue that every other state already receives

It's obviously long overdue. Vote "yes" on Prop. 87.

Brozosky for Mayor Betsy Everett Pleasanton

Vote Steve Brozosky for Mayor. He will work as hard as his fellow councilmembers and not just delegate. He is not concerned about how things play out for him politically and personally when making decisions. Steve is not afraid to bring to Pleasanton citizens the truth of what is and is not happening for our city.

His main focus is on local issues not national and international ones. Steve's main goal is to do what is right for Pleasanton and all of its citizens. He will make decisions based on research not based on popularity. Tired of some public officials acting only as figure heads and bonding with special interest groups to help get them elected, then vote Steve Brozosky for Mayor.

League and Propositions Mary Beth Acuff, **Board Member**

Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters

Newspapers give the reasoned, well thought out and informed suggestions of their editors about supporting or rejecting measures presented on the ballot. Let me offer another source of reasoned, well thought

out and informed suggestions, those of the League of Women

On the infrastructure measures, 1B through 1E, the League recommends passage. The potholes, chronic housing shortage, crumbling levees and schools and the delicate balance of securing adequate water without damaging the environment have suffered our inattention for too

long. Proposition 84 is another dedicated to water quality, flood control and resource protection. Given the enormous extent of the problems facing us, the League recommends passage.

The League strongly supports Proposition 89, the Clean Money and Fair Elections Act. Our current system is inherently unfair and exposes both candidates and office holders to so many special interests, they have little time to do the job we pay them for.

While the League generally does not support constitutionally earmarking a tax, the organization finds that the benefits of Proposition 86, increasing tax on tobacco to fund emergency services, children's health coverage and nursing education outweigh its flaws.

The League recommends that voters reject Proposition 85, requiring a waiting period and parental notification before terminating a minor's pregnancy. The state cannot mandate good parental communication. The potential danger to a young girl reluctant or unable or afraid to tell her parents is too real.

Proposition 88, education funding through a real property parcel tax, violates the League's State and Local Finance positions and is neither fair nor real reform. The League suggests a no vote.

Again, the League recommends rejection of Proposition 90, government acquisition and regulation of private property. While eminent domain laws can be abused, this measure is vague and restricts this necessary tool of government. It would increase



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the cost to enforce exiting laws that protect the environment and invite crippling litigation in doing so.

On Proposition 83 the League has no relevant policy so it takes no position and on Propositions 1A and 87 the League finds some wording in conflict with its established positions so it remains neutral.

Traffic and Agriculture Thom Reinstein Reinstein Ranch Unincorpo-

rated

Contra Costa County

Measure L seeks to extend the "urban limit line to curb sprawl, ease traffic congestion and safeguard open space and farmland." As a local fourth generation rancher, the idea of preserving our way of life is commendable, yet Contra Costa County fails to support the real-life agricultural use they seek to preserve.

Between North Livermore Avenue and Camino Tassajara, thousands of commuters speed past our ranch daily in a free-forall; with scant traffic controls and zero traffic enforcement.

I've seen three fatal accidents in the last 18 months - on Highland Road alone. In the last three weeks over 200 feet of livestock fencing has been destroyed on our property by out-of-control commuters

How can we preserve our way of life if the roads we must use to conduct our ranching operation are dangerously unsafe?

Area residents who wish to truly protect the open space and agricultural use of these lands, beyond just the vote, are welcome to join land owners, residents, bicycle enthusiasts and even commuters in a task force to address this growing problem.

We welcome Contra Costa County Supervisors and personnel also. Those interested should send a request to saferoads@earthlink.net for more information and upcoming meeting times.

Yes on Prop. 84 Julice Winter League of Women Voters of Livermore, Amador Valley

Proposition 84 on the November ballot is a bond measure that will help protect California's drinking water, natural landscapes, coast and ocean. These vital natural resources are essential to our health, our economy and our quality of life.

Every region of the state will benefit from this measure, and there will be local control over specific projects to improve local water supply and quality. Proposition 84 will also provide for safe neighborhood parks, conserve forests and wildlife, and protect the rivers and lakes in to the Supreme Court decision), Prop. 90 will thwart any attempt to protect farmland or open space from development. Indeed, it may end zoning altogether. Any action by any level of government that any property owner thinks may adversely affect the value of his land can lead to a claim for damages. Governments in Oregon already face over five billion dollars in claims that must be paid or settled in court.

We all know who pays when a school district, a city, a county, or the state has to pay claims. Don't let yourself be taxed because of a deceitful initiative. Vote "no" on Proposition 90.

Haven Food Pantry Sally Leonard Livermore

I recently received and responded to a letter requesting a donation to the Tri-Valley Haven. While I have always supported the Haven and its contribution to the community, I am distressed that the work on the Haven Food Pantry is not featured more prominently in your solicitations. I realize the food pantry is a component of homeless services. However, I think the public should know just how significant the pantry is to the lives of so many families in the Valley.

The Haven Food Pantry is one of the most successful and publicly visible aspects of the Haven's services. I would like to see it and its coordinator, Clare Gomes, get the attention they deserve. The pantry could have at least been mentioned in the solicitation letter.

Buck for Assembly Steve Pulido Pleasanton

Once in a while an election takes place which provides the opportunity for the voters to elect a candidate who will make a real difference in our lives. The race in the 18th Assembly District will provide this opportunity to us on November 7th.

I have known Jill Buck for many years, and as a member of the Pleasanton School Board, I have worked with Jill on vital education issues affecting all of our students. I have seen Jill in action as the founder of the Go Green Initiative which has been adopted throughout the nation. Jill is a hard working mother, volunteer and public servant who is a true believer in bipartisanship. Jill is a persistent and effective advocate for all the citizens of our district and will work tirelessly to represent all of us as we so richly deserve.

Jill will provide focused, ethical and quality leadership for everyone that she represents. We could not ask for a better representative. I am a lifetime resident of Alameda County and ask you to join me in voting for Jill Buck for Assembly on November 7th, a candidate that will make a real difference. tices of Pombo and our administration which have made most Americans poorer, sorer and more divided than ever. We need to replace Pombo and his kind with people like Jerry McNerney, a uniter and independent thinker who will look beyond the next election, party line, special interests and Big Money.

For those who feel we can effect change through fighting this never-ending holy war please put yourselves in the line of fire. The rest of us need to find a way to peacefully coexist with the entire world. We must honor other cultures and live in harmony with our environment. What makes the Bushies think they can change thousands of years of beliefs and traditions with our weapons of mass destruction?

Stop allowing Big Money to buy our elections and run our country. Vote for McNerney.

Arkin and Brozosky Julie Testa Pleasanton

I am adding my endorsement to the long list of community and regional leaders supporting Steve Brozosky for mayor. Steve has earned the trust of the vast majority of the Tri-Valley community and Pleasanton elected leaders during his four years as our City Councilman.

City Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, nearly all past and current Pleasanton school trustees, Livermore Mayor Kamena, San Ramon Mayor Wilson, Danville Mayor Stepper, and Alameda County Supervisor Haggerty have made it clear, through their endorsements of Steve, that he is the mayoral candidate they can trust to best represent Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley on regional issues like traffic congestion and public safety. These are our local elected leaders - women and men - Democrat and Republican.

It is unheard of for the challenger to receive the sweep of local elected official endorsements. It speaks volumes as to our current mayor's performance along with her interaction with the PUSD and our neighbors in the Tri-Valley over the past two years. I recently heard a Tri-Valley mayor say, "Pleasanton has lost their voice in regional decision making because it has not been well represented or respected at the table in the past two years."

I have worked with Steve on many community issues. He is hard working and dependable. He doesn't talk about problems, he gets things done. Whether it's adding Wheels bus lines for school transportation, the Donlon sports fields or the BMX Park, Steve has delivered for the community.

Please vote Brozosky for mayor, and Brian Arkin for city council. They have earned your vote.

since 1982 and we have 2 daughters, Robin in college at U.C. Santa Barbara and Richelle, a freshman at Amador Valley High School.

Steve is passionate about his service to the community. He has volunteered in 4-H, Vintage Hills Elementary School, Pleasanton Middle School, Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton Senior Center and as soccer coach. While serving on the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan Committee he designed our youths' Ptown411.com website. Our family is always out there helping our community in different organizations. Our kids have both participated in the leadership program at Amador High School.

We belong to the Filipino Americans of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton/ Tulancingo Sister City Association. Steve embraces the diversity of our community.

The endorsements of the mayors of Livermore, San Ramon and Danville show that Steve can be a great addition to the leaders of the Tri-Valley. Four current Pleasanton School board members (Steve Pulido, Juanita Haugen, Kris Weaver & Pat Kernan) also believe in what Steve can deliver and contribute to our kids.

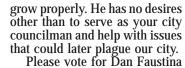
Steve's running for mayor is a family decision. Steve's focus is Pleasanton and not national or global issues. He has no aspiration for any other higher political office. Our family is behind him all the way in his effort to get Pleasanton back on the right track.

Support Faustina Garrett Marshall Pleasanton

As a junior at Foothill High School, I may not be able to vote this year, but Dan Faustina still has my support for City Council. I ask you to vote for him and support what he's trying to do for Pleasanton. You will not find a more committed candidate.

Wouldn't you agree that the youth is the future of Pleasanton? Dan brings his dedication to our level and coaches us in awesome ways. He explains that the traffic problems are potentially our problem if not resolved now. If our foothills are not preserved, over-crowding is eminent, something none of us want. Our senior citizens would not be able to live here, if there is not appropriate housing for them. Our downtown would lose its appeal if not preserved. These potential problems could be ours. I support Dan because I believe in what he stands for.

There is only one candidate who wants to see Pleasanton



on November 7.

It's About Pleasanton Rick Price Pleasanton

Representation without authorization: Sadly, this is a major issue which faces every voter in this years mayoral election in Pleasanton. Are you aware that Jennifer Hosterman is using her title as mayor to represent you, and all of Pleasanton, on controversial national issues in newspaper ads and rallies? Specifically, she is expressing her strident anti-war views as the opinion of our town. As an example, Mayor Hosterman spoke along with Cindy Sheehan at an ani-war rally as recently as June 2006 in Vancouver . She's reported to have said "the responsibility of mayors around the world is to take action on national and international issues.'

When did Pleasanton have a referendum on having a mayor speak for us on national issues? Was it part of her campaign when she ran for mayor? To my knowledge neither of these items has taken place. Yet, Mayor Hosterman insists that it is her right to use the title of "Mayor of Pleasanton" to promote her personal agenda on national issues. This is representation without authorization! If she wants to attend rallies and place ads as a private citizen, more power to her. But, if she wants to represent the town as endorsing her private views by using her title as mayor in these events, then she is running for the wrong office.

That's why I will join Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and many others to vote for Steve Brozosky. He understands, "it's all about Pleasanton."

> Charming home nestled in an established South Livermore area. Almost 1,300 sq ft . 3 BD/2 BA, family room, living room w/ fireplace, plantation shutters, dual pane windows beautiful yards, 2 patios, & poss. side yard access.

Only \$575,000



Re-electThorne John O'Neill Pleasanton

Jerry Thorne is the ideal candidate for the Pleasanton City Council. As a member of the Council, he is an effective, responsible and decisive thinker. His vast public service record in Pleasanton qualifies him to be reelected. In addition, his strong and experienced voice has helped bring more consensus and cooperation to the City Council.

Please join me in voting for Jerry Thorne for Pleasanton City Council on November 7.

Support Arkin Debi and Jim Frost Pleasanton

I am writing in support of Brian Arkin for Pleasanton city council. I am very impressed in him and what he stands for. It is my belief that Brian is the candidate most suited for the job.

Brian is a successful business man. He has been active in city government for years, six of those years as a planning commissioner. He has a family with children attending all levels of the Pleasanton public school system. This makes him the perfect candidate to address Pleasanton's needs today!

He understands how important commerce is to the city, yet he has the ability and skills to balance that with what is best for Pleasanton, not developer special interests.

Having children in all three levels (elementary, middle and high school) of education gives him a well rounded view of our public schools and what they need in order to maintain their high level of excellence. His children are involved in sports so Brian understands the value that parks and other recreation facilities bring to Pleasanton.

Brian is committed to making Pleasanton a better place to live

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Prudential



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which we swim and fish.

Proposition 84 removes dangerous contaminants from drinking water, cleans up toxic chemicals that contaminate the fish we eat, and keeps dangerous polluted runoff from flowing into our coastal waters and onto our beaches.

Join the League of Women Voters in voting Yes on November 7 to protect our land, water and public health for our families and for future generations.

No On Prop. 90 Tom Reitter Livermore

Wealthy New York developer Howard Rich is cynically misusing California's initiative process for his personal ideological agenda. After using his money to get it onto our ballot, he hopes Prop. 90 can wreak havoc on California as a similar measure has done in Oregon since 2004.

Under the misleading guise of "reforming" California's eminent domain law (which is not the same as the Connecticut law that led

Replace Pombo Leo M. Mara Livermore

Warmongers, profiteers and anti-environmentalists: get behind Pombo. He's your champion. He'll support your interests, dreams and aspirations while pretending to have the well being of America and its people at heart. The rest of us should understand his (and the Bushies') control techniques.

They hide behind lies, war, fear, flag, moral values, taxes, political affiliation and religion to detract attention from their real agenda ("don't pay attention to the man behind the curtain"). They fatten themselves and their associates at the expense (blood and resources) of the rest of us. They keep us busy fighting amongst ourselves over these distractions while they steer the ship of state to their advantage. It's the corruption, policies and prac-

DCCC Adds More Support For McNerney

As the fall political campaigning comes down to the wire, the most hotly contested partisan political race in the Valley continues to heat up.

Democrat Jerry McNerney, running to unseat Republican Rep. Richard Pombo in the 11th Congressional District, has been added to the Red to Blue program's list, run by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

McNerney's campaign was recognized for generating grassroots interest and exceeding fundraising expectations, said a press release from his campaign. The new focus will provide the campaign more financial, communication and strategic support, it said.

McNerney credited his supporters for attracting the DCCC's increased attention. He said that "every day, my campaign welcomes new volunteers."

The McNerney campaign also said that more contributions came to their candidate in the first 18 days of October than the Pombo campaign received. McNerney collected more than \$416,000, boosting his election cycle total to nearly \$1.6 million. The release said that Pombo raised about \$350,000. Pombo's total, according to his campaign, is more than \$3.5 million since the beginning of the year.

McNerney also received an endorsement from Nadia McCaffrey of Tracy, who has been mentioned prominently in news media recently. She lost her son, Patrick, in the Iraq war. The endorsement was annouced during a ceremony Oct. 30 at the Pleasanton Veterans Plaza.

Pombo picked up endorsements from The Tri-Valley Herald, the Contra Costa Times, and the Stockton Record.

McNerney added the Pleasanton Weekly to his endorsement list.

Brozosky for Mayor Laura Danielson Pleasanton

I have known and worked with Steve Brozosky for nine years. I first met him at Vintage Hills Elementary where he managed to create a much-needed computer lab from used computers and empty space. I also served with him on the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee, where he helped to create PTown 411, our city's youth information websiteagain as a volunteer. He has served this community well.

I have also seen Steve, as a council member save this city a great deal of money. Remember the illuminated city center signs proposed a few years ago? Steve's investigation and com-ments saved \$92,000! Another vivid example was Steve's challenge to Wheels Bus execs to explain their request for a double digit raise on the same planned agenda where they claimed they lacked funds to support additional high school bus service. Wheels managed to see reason and hundreds of cars were taken off our roads.

Call that "nitpicking?" I call it good fiscal and environmental policy.

Also, complaining that Steve's customer interaction software is somehow a detriment to this city seems ludicrous. Is a program (or the smart person who develops it) that improves customer service in city government a bad thing? I think not. In fact, Steve's company donated software to the Livermore Airport so noise complaints, many of them from Pleasanton residents, can be tracked and properly addressed.

You can do the right thing too, Vote for Brozosky for Pleasanton Mayor on November 7th.

The Right Track Annie Brozosky Pleasanton

I hope you will all consider my husband, Steve Brozosky for mayor of Pleasanton. He has demonstrated good leadership during his four-year term as a city councilman. Steve has lived here



AYN WIESKAMP East Bay Regional Park District Director November 7, 2006

Re-Elect

Working to acquire more open space, to protect wildlife, and provide quality recreation to the public is simply the <u>best</u> job in the world. I am asking for the opportunity to continue to be your EBRPD director. Please call me at 925-447-8426 or email me at taynt@comcast.net if you have any questions. Check me out at http://www.smartvoter.org.

"Ayn is a great EBRPD director. We are working to establish a public trail through Niles Canyon and to find funds to add more open space for the public."

--Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda Co. Bd. Of Supervisors

"A former Livermore Council Member, Wieskamp has served two 4-year terms on the EBRPD board and now seeks her third. She herself is an avid park user and has been a mover in making parklands all they can be. Ayn Wieskamp deserves a third term."

-- The Independent Editorial October 12th.

Partial List of Endorsements

Livermore City Council: Lorraine Dietrich, Marge Leider, Tom Reitter; Former Mayors: Cathie Brown, John Shirley, Dale Turner; Former Council Members: John Stein, Tom Vargas

Pleasanton City Council: Former Mayors: Bob Butler, Ken Mercer, Tom Pico; Former Council Members: Becky Dennis, Sherril Michelotti, Karen Mohr

EBRPD Board Members: All current board members & former board member Jocelyn Combs

Livermore Area Recreation & Park District: President Scott Kamena; Directors: David Furst, Steve Goodman, Dale Turner

> East Bay Park AFSCME Local 2428 EBRPD Police Officers Association National Women's Political Caucus Central Labor Council of Alameda Co. AFL-CIO

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not just for his family but for all of us. He wants to address the hard issues such as traffic. affordable housing, and building in the hills. He is not afraid to speak out and fight for what he believes in.

Brian has our support.

Vote for Coleman Ellen Schaefer

Livermore

My husband and I proudly displayed a large "Terry Coleman for State Assembly" sign on prop-erty we own in Livermore. Unfortunately, the sign was torn down, and we understand that a great many other Terry Coleman signs have been vandalized throughout the 15th Assembly District, no doubt by Guy Houston supporters.

The extremists in office are so desperate to hang onto power that they break laws to do so. They might be able to tear down a sign; they will not be able to tear down Terry Coleman's growing support. Like the Livermore Independent that endorsed Mr. Coleman, we believe he will give our district "a more responsive and wiser level of representation." Please vote for Terry Coleman

Taxpayers'Trap Thomas Jefferson Livermore

Your most important vote in November is a vote against **Proposition 90.**

Proposition 90 has rightly been called a taxpayers' trap, not just because of its draconian changes to eminent domain regulations, but because of its even more devastating provisions that would require compensation if any future government action significantly "damages" (lowers value of) private property. Health/safety actions are exempted.

Private property means any property, including, for example, a business, intellectual property, or real estate.

Prop 90 is a lawyer's dream because of the thousands upon thousands of lawsuits demanding compensation that will arise against all levels of governments in California.

A gravel company applies for a new (noisy, dusty) pit near a residential neighborhood. The application is denied; the company sues for the millions it would have made. The application is approved; nearby residents sue.

Any future environmental or consumer protection measures will give rise to lawsuits for compensation. For example, further restricting those junk telemarketer calls would bring junk lawsuits from the forth telemarketers.

The opportunities for such prop 90 lawsuits are endless, limonly by the lawyers' imagi nations. Amazingly, even if the government prevails in such lawsuits, proposition 90 expressly prohibits the government from recovering attorney fees or costs from a property owner who sues. No matter which side prevails, our governments and you pay. Naturally, proposition 90 has no provision requiring property owners to compensate the gov-ernment for government actions (new roads, parks, etc.) that increase property values.

the General Plan revisions, and spearheading affordable housing, traffic mitigation and a future transit village in Hacienda Business Park.

To this on-the-job training can be added hundreds of additional hours Brian spent meeting with Pleasanton residents in campaigns to referend unpopular housing projects (Pumpkin Patch, Merritt/DeSilva) and preserve the Bernal Park lands from housing (Measure V, which Brian co-authored). Other council candidates are seeking your vote without having served on any City commissions, promising they will do their best, but needing their own years of on-the-job training to be ready to deliver. Experience counts.

Trap-Neuter-Release **Kimberley Hagen** Livermore

I read with interest the article regarding the feral cat situation being addressed by the LARPD. The staff seems to be overlooking what has long been consid-ered the most effective way to deal with feral cat colonies, which is the trap-neuter-release method. To quote quote www.feralcat.com, "Studies have shown that trap-neuter-release is the single most successful method of stabilizing and maintaining healthy feral cat colonies with the least possible cost to local governments and residents, while providing the best life for the animals themselves.'

If there are people who are already trapping the cats in our local parks, I would imagine local veterinarians would be willing to step up and donate free (or severely discounted) spay/neuter services. There may already be a local animal service group that has a program in place. I truly hope the LARPD looks into all of their options, besides reprimanding well-meaning citizens or turning trapped cats over to an already overburdened and under-funded humane society or county run animal control.

Runyon for School Board Kathy Coyle Livermore

These are better times for the Livermore School District. Five years ago the District was faced with a severe budget crisis and for three consecutive years the school budget was whittled away with painful, difficult cuts. Most of us who lived through these times are well aware that, if not for the Livermore Valley Education Foundation, under the leadership of Kate Runyon, things would have been much worse. Kate led a team of volunteers, spending countless hours and days, tenaciously and relentlessly pursuing financial contributions to offset the losses to the district budget. Every time I see a "Dollar-a-Day" license plate holder, I think of Kate. The results of these efforts, more than \$1 million, kept class size reduction intact in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade, saved music and science programs and kept school libraries open. I was Chairperson of the Budget Advisory Committee during those vears. I know we were spared some very tough decisions because of the efforts of Kate and her team. Kate Runyon has demonstrated a commitment to this community that is truly amazing. She is honest, direct and articulate, which are qualities that we need in our elected leaders. She will be an outstanding School Board member. I can't think of anybody better for this job than Kate.

ter informed, willing to see both sides of any issue and ready to effect resolution than Jerry Thorne.

With the issues facing Pleasanton today and in the future, I am confident a vote to re-elect Councilmember Jerry Thorne is a positive vote for Pleasanton. It's rare that we have a candidate that has such a diverse range of support, which is clearly indicative of his ability to serve the City of Pleasanton, fully and completely. Your vote for Jerry Thorne is a vote for the Pleasanton we all love.

Vote to Re-Elect Jerry Thorne to the Pleasanton City Council this November.

Democrat for Buck Antonia Hume **Pleasanton Mom-Resident**

As a long time Democrat I was very disappointed how easily The Independent, which circulates throughout Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, and Livermore, has just endorsed Mary Hayashi for the 18th Assembly race (Thursday 19th edition). The Independent has given their support to a candidate who has barely lived in this district for a full year and hardly knows what the Tri-Valley area looks like; let alone understands the issues facing our community and fellow neighbors.

As a long-time resident of the Tri-Valley, mother of two daughters and a Democrat, I wholeheartedly support Jill Buck as the candidate to vote for as our 18th District Assembly Representative. Our community supports Jill and there are many like her who really care about our area, whether they or Democrat or Republican. I am stressing to you and your readers that we do not support people who move to our community for the sole purpose of using our district to excel politically and gain power. Like so many of us, Jill Buck has been there for the Tri-Valley and to completely ignore that fact when considering an endorsement is appalling.

Vote for the "right" candidate instead of voting for a particular party ticket. Consider your children, our community and the future. Jill Buck is the "right" candidate and this long time Democrat will be voting for Jill Buck on November 7th

As I See It **Roanne Hobizal** Pleasanton

As I see it, Pleasanton will find herself at a crossroad on Election Day this November.. If we chose to stay with the status quo, electing a city council that talks rather than does, we will find ourselves with many problems and few solutions. I say it is time to elect a leader that will make things happen. I say it is time to elect Dan or city cound

under "case studies" in promoting his business to cities for his own personal gain. Check his websites.

It certainly is cause for all of us to be concerned about his ethics, motives and methodology. Brozosky should resign.

Brozosky has supported Richard Pombo (number 13 of the most corrupt congressmen remaining out of prison) and Pombo has supported Brozosky. If you are in the 11th district, you must have seen Karl Rove's NRCC mailers attacking Pombo's challenger, Jerry McNerney. This is Pleasanton, Pombo's corruption and Karl Rove's lies should "never: be allowed to infiltrate and corrupt our mayor's office.

On the other hand, Mayor Hosterman is one of the most ethical and enlightened political figures that I know of. She deserves your respect and your vote for a second term.

Vote for Cook-Kallio **Dave Howell** Pleasanton

Fellow Pleasanton Residents: I have known Cheryl Cook-Kallio for over 20 years, during the last seven of which we have worked at the same Fremont high school. Speaking as her colleague and as a 15-year Pleasanton resident myself, I wholeheartedly support her City Council candidacy

Cheryl has lived in Pleasanton for 20 years. Her children went to school in Pleasanton. She has taught American history and American government classes for 29 years. She helped to coach Amador Valley High's "We the People" civics team. She is passionate in her belief in and her support of a free and productive society.

I believe that Cheryl will take the positive qualities developed during her life as a classroom teacher into Pleasanton's City Council chambers. I believe that she will research issues thoroughly and fairly, that she will use her considerable critical thinking abilities to problem solve, and that she will work hard to reach a consensus that will allow the city to continue its forward momentum.

I believe that she will bring a much-needed breath of fresh air into city government. I urge you to support her.

Ballot Measures Dale Kaye, President and CEO

Livermore Chamber of Commerce After careful consideration of how November ballot propositions will impact business and the community in general, the Livermore Chamber of Commerce has made the following recommendation: • Proposition 1A – Transportation Funding Protection, Leg-islative Constitutional Amendment - Support 1. Closes the loophole in voter-approved Proposition 42. 2. Ensures gas taxes already being paid are spent only on transportation projects benefit-ing California's 20 million drivers.

ments for disabled Californians. 2. Creates 87,000 jobs and helps improve the state's economy.

3. Contains funds to enable households to become or remain homeowners.

4. Contains strict accountability provisions and no new taxes.

• Proposition 1D – Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 Support

1. Modernizing and repairing school infrastructure will help ensure delivery of quality education.

2. Invests in construction of approximately 6,500 new K-12 classrooms and 3,000 community college classrooms. Repairs 31,000 classrooms.

3. Builds and modernizes science and engineering labs and classrooms.

4. Builds on administration and legislative commitment to career technical education with funding for 3,000 vocational education facilities.

5. Contains strict accountability provisions and uses existing taxes on a long-term plan to rebuild California.

• Proposition 1E – Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 - Support

1. Expedites urgent repairs and essential improvements to levees and flood control facilities

2. Increases flood protection for urban areas.

3. Expedites evaluation and repair of the current flood control system.

4. Provides funds to protect drinking water by rebuilding and safeguarding out-of-date pollution-prevention systems.

5. Contains strict accountability provisions and uses taxes already being paid to make important infrastructure improvements that can limit the impact of disasters when they do hit as part of a long-term plan to rebuild California.

 Proposition 90 – Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property, Initiative Constitutional Amendment - Oppose. We oppose this measure for

the following reasons: 1. Increases taxpayer costs by allowing anyone to sue, claiming a new law or regulation has affected the value of the property or business, thereby encouraging frivolous and time-consuming lawsuits that will tie up needed land-use planning in litigation delays.

2. Increases the cost of public infrastructure projects, such as schools, traffic relief and flood control.

3. Threatens affordability/reliability of state energy supplies by making it more difficult for utilities to site and add increased transmission capabilities.

the tops of the ravines were beginning to turn brown and fall over. It was springtime. Creatures were building their nests and raising families in and under the trees. Soon all the oaks were lying grotesquely in tall, dusty piles of trunks and branches. I began to see giant, yellow earthmovers lined up on the ridge tops. They were resculpting the bare, high hills. Newly scraped dirt roads curled around the hills and tumbled through the empty ravines. New houses and an extended Dublin Boulevard were planned for these hills, I was told.

Whoever thought that new houses and roads in west Dublin could in any way enhance the natural pools, ravines holding live oaks and small creatures, and the elegant, high land that cradled them?

Donlon Point now indicates where one can see a new low in city planning.

There once was a city named Dublin,/ Whose penchant for building was troublin'. We'll carve up the hills,' Native oaks give no thrills,' Keep hundreds of earthmovers rumblin'.

Supporting Pombo G. Roger Gathers Pleasanton

Having Richard Pombo as their representative must really give the local Democrats a pain. It seems they will do or say almost anything, no matter how ridiculous to get rid of him. First, in the primary, we had Pete McCloskey, who is really a closet Democrat running against Pombo using phony charges of corruption. He used the scam of pretending to live in the district by staying with a farmer in the Central Valley. Almost all of his campaign money came from outside the district. His literature called him a congressman when he is really a former congressman, who was given the gate.

When the ploy failed, he cast off the disguise and supported McNerney. The McNerney campaign has offered nothing positive. It's a campaign of smear tac-tics using the big lie machine. It worked for Ellen Tauscher and they hope it will work for McNerney. They accused Pombo of taking an expensive vacation in an RV with his family at taxpayer expense. The truth is that he saved the taxpayers a lot of money by using the RV instead of planes for business travel and he paid for his family's expenses out of his own pocket. It allowed him to avoid being an absentee parent.

The Democrats have only one solution for every problem: tax people out of their skulls and use the money to buy votes. I have personally monitored Pombo's votes in the Congress using the internet. I like what I see. He will 4. Undermines the authority definitely get my vote.

Vote "no" on proposition 90, truly a taxpayers' trap.

Arkin Experienced **Chris Schlies** Pleasanton

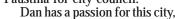
Pleasanton voters have the opportunity to elect a new councilmember who will bring years of experience to the job. Brian Arkin has served on the Planning Commission since 1999. As a commissioner, Brian has heard hundreds of hours of public testimony from city staff, residents, developers and consultants about land use and traffic issues. Brian has read thousands of pages of reports and proposals over hundreds of additional hours. Brian has made countless project site visits and talked with neighbors and project proponents alike. Brian has weighed the information and been decisive on hundreds of issues when voting on matters before the Planning Commission.

No other City Council candidate has this type of experience, which includes the approval of 200+ senior housing units, guiding the planning process by which Pleasanton received the land for Bernal Park, advocating green building and energy efficiency requirements, debating

Vote for Thorne **Jerry Pentin** Pleasanton

Pleasanton has four candidates running for seats on the Pleasanton City Council. Only one of these four candidates really understands the scope of work, the responsibility involved and the impact on our community that our council has because he's already on the Council. This candidate is Incumbent City Council Member Jerry Thorne. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Jerry on the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission for over two years (of the ten years he served on the Park & Rec Commission) and had the opporobserve tunity to Councilmember Thorne up-close and personal.

With all due respect to my fellow commissioners, no one came to a meeting more prepared, bet-



the city he was born, raised and educated in, the city he lives, works and worships in. Dan Faustina appreciates the future of Pleasanton because he has seen its past. As a proven leader at the local and county level, he has an understanding and vision for our housing and traffic issues, the needs of our seniors and youth, and the importance of preserving the beautiful landscape that surrounds us.

Please get to know Dan. His energy and enthusiasm is contagious. His sincerity is refreshing. I encourage you to visit Dan's website at www.danfaustina.com, call or email him and see for yourself just how qualified and capable Dan is.

Please remember to vote. Please Vote for Dan Faustina for City Council.

Conflict of Interest Charles Clark Pleasanton

Pleasanton City Councilman and candidate for mayor Steve Brozosky has criticized Mayor Hosterman for using her title to speak about global issues such as solutions for global warming. Yet Brozosky uses the title "Pleasanton council member" on his "Government Outreach" website to promote his business making software for cities and other public agencies. Brozosky claims that the Livermore Airport installation was free of charge, yet this elected official cites this

3. Ensures a stable source of long-term funding to get urgently needed transportation improvement projects off the drawing board.

 Proposition 1B - Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond

Act of 2006 - Support 1. Puts backlogged transpor-tation projects on the fast track, reducing congestion and improving highway safety to en-hance mobility and protect the state's economic future.

2. Provides funding to jumpstart repairs of the state's aging highways and to start building the transportation projects needed in the future.

3. Contains strict accountability provisions and no new taxes. 4. Provides matching funds for communities that have approved

local transportation measures. 5. Part of a long-term plan to rebuild California.

Proposition 1C – Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 - Support

1. Helps working families afford homes and provides accessibility improvements to apart-

of local communities to decide what types of projects get built in their jurisdictions.

If you have any questions regarding the position taken by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, please call (925) 447-1606.

New Low in Planning Tania Seldon Livermore

For forty years, I enjoyed seeing Dublin's handsome landform called Donlon Point from a distance as I drove highway 580 west. It slopes south to the lowest point in the western hills. As I drove through the pass, I'd count the ravines, about seven in all, full of verdant California live oaks. Which animals lived in the trees and burrowed in the soil underneath? Were there vernal pools hidden in the waves of green hills beyond my view? Early this year I saw what I thought was the beginning of Sudden Oak Death; the trees at

Pelosi Fan **Donald King** Livermore

As a lifelong Democrat, I am elated at the prospects of my party gaining the 15 seats in the House of Representatives to put us back into power. And I am especially elated to realize that Nancy Pelosi, current leader of the House Democrats, will be chosen for the very important position of Speaker of the House. She will be the first woman to hold that post.

I have become a real fan of Nancy Pelosi. A knowledgeable Washington commentator described her as "elegant and pol-ished." I would certainly agree. She was also described as an expert on policy. Watching her on TV, I see her as sharp as a whip, articulate to a fine point, and steely in her willingness to call a spade a spade. She seems to have no end of physical energy. And,

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MAILBOX

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she has achieved the reputation as having done an excellent job as disciplinarian for the House Democrats.

I have, in the past, criticized her for her pro-choice stance on the abortion issue, but the abortion rights people captured the Democratic Party some years ago. To its detriment, the issue has come to be regarded as a "core value." Pelosi has steered clear of becoming embroiled in the argument. I do believe that she sincerely believes, as I do, a fellow Catholic, that there are instances when it should be left up to the woman, whether to abort or not. Rape, and a diseased or deformed fetus come to mind. I am proud of her as a conscientious Catholic mother of five.

Vote for Arkin **Carl W. Pretzel** Pleasanton

The one clear candidate for preserving Pleasanton's wonderful life-style is Brian Arkin. I have watched his career these many years on the Planning Commission and his conception and implementation of Measure V to stop turning the City's Bernal Land into a developer's give away. Brian has consistently voted and championed efforts to protect the living standards of Pleasanton.

Beware of candidates who are wolves in teacher's clothing. This has been attempted before with disastrous results for the city. Platitudes like "doing what good for all of Pleasanton" should be interpreted as, "I will decimate neighborhoods and ignore residents rights." Extending Stoneridge Drive will be just the open-ing move to open up all of North Pleasanton to cut through traffic from I 580. Brian understands that I-580 traffic must stay on I-580 Don't be fooled by the rhetoric of others. Vote for Brian Arkin for Pleasanton City Council.

Support Brozosky Barbara Langworthy San Jose

The people of Pleasanton have an opportunity to elect a uniquely effective leader as Mayor – Steve Brozosky. I've known Steve since 1981 when we worked together at a computer company where he was the young "wunderkind" - the software engineer who everyone relied on to solve the toughest problems. The qualities that drove Steve to passionately work on a problem, through the night if necessary, still characterize his approach to everything: precisely define the problem, work hard, be creative, don't stop until the problem is solved, and give generously of yourself. I can honestly say that I haven't known anyone who combines Steve's re-

happy to re-elect Mr. Brozosky to the City Council. His past political philosophy has been close to Mrs. Hosterman. His candidacy against her smacks of hair-splitting and nitpicking. How can he back up his claim of uniting the City Council when he has the endorsement of only one of the 3 other council members? More disturbing is his advertisement touting the endorsements of 15 past presidents of the Chamber of Commerce. These people opposed Measure V that swept Mr. Brozosky into office in the first place! Apparently Mr. Brozosky's ambition takes priority over his past principles.

I am confident Mrs. Hosterman will not be so easily "turned." Do not listen to what people say she will do. Look at what she has done in her past term. It is about Pleasanton. Mrs. Hosterman deserves to be rewarded for doing a good job for Pleasanton. Vote to re-elect Jennifer Hosterman for mayor.

Re-elect Jerry Thorne Dave and Roz Wright Pleasanton

Having volunteered much in the Pleasanton Community for many years, we have come to appreciate Jerry Thorne because he knows how to get things done. We have watched him at Council Meetings say that the concerned sides have been heard, so let's move forward.

We have watched Jerry Thorne work quietly behind the scenes to get diverse interest groups to speak with one another and watched him assist them in achieving consensus. Jerry Thorne, as a concerned community member, helped bring about consensus through emails, phone calls, and meetings— when the discussion of uses for the Bernal Property were under consideration.

He is a thoughtful, mannered man who seeks viewpoint exchanges and consensus. We call him civilized in the best sense of the word—civil, weighing thoughtfully those viewpoints which have been thoroughly presented and are based in fact, and decisive in moving to action.

Jerry Thorne, "thank you" for vour level-headed approachand for being fiscally wise, supporting a vitally enriched Pleasanton community and a high quality of life in Pleasanton. We are fortunate to have your steady vision and your desire to see the job done.

After the Election Juanita Knicker Pleasanton

Wow! An assemblyman seeking re-election is accused of defrauding elderly investors out of millions, but wants a gag order keeping his deposition testisecret until after the elec mony tion? Here's a quid pro quo: I will vote against Guy Houston, but I won't tell anyone I did so until after the election.

Thorne - Right for Pleasanton **Dick Quigley** Pleasanton

Jerry Thorne has my vote, and I hope you review his outstanding service record, with the Park and Recreation Commission and City Council. He studies issues, asks great questions and displays a passion for making our com-munity a better place to live. He has the knowledge, experience, professionalism, character, and deep dedication that we need for Pleasanton's leadership now and for the future. Please join me in voting for Jerry Thorne for Pleasanton City Council.

Dirty Politics in Pleasanton Marjorie Muentz Pleasanton

Dan Carl, Brozosky's campaign treasurer, goes through 2 years of Jennifer Hosterman's emails looking for dirt. Brozosky's supporters have publicly smeared her with unsupported accusations and hate mail for months. Jennifer is a popular and successful mayor. She has balanced the needs of the neighborhoods with those of business. She listens respectfully and kindly, and yet they fault her for responding in an e-mail, not for public consumption, to the dirty campaign tactics being used against her. She was ahead of her time regarding the peace initiatives and concern for saving the environment. Her critics accused her of neglecting her job to have opinions about the peace and the environment. Most people I know can have strong opinions and still perform their jobs well.

Steve Brozosky has said that he has just started a new company selling software to government entities. Is this not a conflict of interest? How convenient in performing his duties to be able to promote his product. He also has \$50,000 in donations when historically, campaigns cost closer to \$10,000. Whose interests does he represent? What will he spend that on? His publicly supports campaign reform which is an issue I feel strongly about it, and yet he proves that in the future anyone who wants to run for local office will have to seek corporate donors more than convince constituents.

Brian Arkin is the only candidate taking a strong stand about campaign finance reform by rejecting corporate donations. He also is a strong defender of neighborhood interests and has served years on the Planning Commission and knows the issues well. He has not been bought and paid for by corporate interests. Vote for him and Vote for Hosterman if you care about preserving a strong democracy.

Commitment Unsurpassed James Van Dyke Pleasanton

Our gift of democracy will be lost if we abandon it to those who practice it this way. Tragically, this type of democracy has come to Pleasanton.

In her fours years on the City Council and as Mayor, Jennifer Hosterman has proven herself to be a leader locally, regionally and on a global scale. She has not been afraid to speak her mind on the issues that have a profound effect on our Quality of Life. Under her leadership, Pleasanton has flourished, and is truly a great city! But we are also faced with challenges, and we will need leaders with courage, vision, and a commitment to good government if we are to successfully chart the waters of our future.

As your Vice-Mayor, I am alarmed at what is happening to our local government. As voters and citizens of Pleasanton, you should be outraged. I trust you will reject this assault on our democracy, examine the issues and candidates carefully, and as a result you will join me in voting to re-elect Mayor Jennifer Hoster-

Softball Fields Timmy Barry General Manager, LARPD

I want to correct a couple of inaccuracies printed in recent articles in the local newspapers concerning youth softball fields provided by LARPD and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. First, there is the notion that the school district or the charter school has taken away a youth softball field at the charter school site on Sonoma Ave. The Livermore Valley Charter School did indeed place portable buildings onto a youth softball field on their campus. However, it was done with the promise by the school district's maintenance department to the girls softball league and LARPD, of replacing that field in another location on that campus. In a recent phone conversation I had with the school district's maintenance supervisor, he confirmed that they are taking steps now on a schedule to build a replacement field at that site, to be finished in February for use this coming season by the girls' softball league.

Second, there is the notion that LARPD will take away a youth softball field currently located at the Bothwell Rec. Center Park. Discussions have taken place at three public workshops to plan the renovation of this twoacre park, and there were arguments by attendees on both sides of whether or not to keep the field there or use the space for additional neighborhood park amenities. The LARPD Board will review both types of designs at its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 8 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. It will be my staff recommendation that LARPD only remove the softball field if and when a substitute field has been provided. This issue does not affect this coming season, since LARPD plans to do the park renovation beginning in the spring of 2008, not 2007. LARPD is currently discussing options for additional softball fields with the school district, and is also exploring current park areas and the acquisition of park land that would provide additional fields. We are optimistic that one of these options will produce a replacement youth softball field, possibly even by the spring 2008 time frame. I fully expect to be able to provide both a replacement softball field and the kind of neighborhood park amenities voiced by many residents at these meetings. Lastly, I'd like to thank the Livermore Valley Charter School, Lon Goldstein, and in advance, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Brenda Miller (who still need to approve an extension of time), for responding to our request to extend our lease of space at the charter school for the continuation of our Friendship Center Adult Day Care Program for another year and maybe two. The school district has been very good to the Friendship Center over the past 13 years at the Sonoma School site. LARPD has worked diligently to explore a number of options for relocating this program to another facility by the June, 2007 deadline, but have still not secured a site as of this date. However, a number of possibilities are being developed and studied at this time, and I am confident one of them will be the right one for the center and the park district. Even though LARPD will have to pay quite a bit more per month to remain at this location and provide a loan

to the charter school for portable building site expenses, the ability to keep the program where it is during the interim period, until we secure a future program site, was a key to the success of the program's relocation. This is a job well done by these community service agencies to the benefit of the Friendship Center's elderly clients who deserve all these efforts and more.

Information **Chuck Wiedel** Pleasanton

The level of my disappointment about the Friday, October 20th article in the Valley Times is difficult to express. The subject matter does not mesh with what most Pleasanton residents feel about our great City. It appears to be a documented fact that Mayor Hosterman did in fact use the City of Pleasanton e-mail to solicit endorsements and donations for her reelection campaign. Of course she denies it. That's what lawyers do. She then stated that her actions did not "rise to the level of a serious violation," according to the Times. More lawyer/politico-speak.

What she really meant was that it "did not fall to the level of ... Whether she did or not, it should be a fairly simple job for the City Attorney and City Manager to determine what occurred, and if the evidence supports the allegations, to refer the matter to the Alameda County D.A.'s office for appropriate action. I know for a fact that in our elementary school elections for class president, etc., "name-calling" is considered grounds for immediate disqualification for running for office. Should we apply any lesser standard for our mayoral elections? If we do, what message does that send to our young people? Not one I would have hoped for! We have laws on the books about these subjects, and we have them for a reason.

According to the interviews in the Independent a few weeks back, Mayor Hosterman's opponent characterized our City Council as "dysfunctional," and the Mayor acknowledged that it was one full of a lot of "tension." Who is responsible for that? I believe that the Mayor is the Chairperson of that body, and that the buck has to stop with her. What do you think?

The voters of Pleasanton deserve some answers to these questions, and they deserve to have them before November 7th! I made up my mind today on this race, and voted accordingly.

Weiskamp For Park Board **Dick Quigley** Pleasanton

We need to reelect Ayn Weiskamp to serve another term for our community. Ayn has been instrumental in getting new parks opened in Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, and Fremont and exciting opportunities are on the way that she has helped pioneer. Her goals of improving our area regional parks with more trails, access and egress to land bank areas and strategic acquisitions to complete regional connectivity indicates to me we need to make sure we give her our vote.

Jennifer is improving the qual-ity of life for all - by protecting our neighborhoods, encouraging new business, defending our unique Downtown, preserving waterways, creating parks, solving traffic issues, promoting green building, and yes, thinking outside of Pleasanton. Thank goodness she adds her voice to those of other mayors in a collective message about issues facing all Americans. How could we respect any elected leader who avoids even a small opportunity to speak out about the dangers of greenhouse gases and unnecessary war?

Packaging Elections Paulette Kenyon Pleasanton

As I walk my doggie around our neighborhood, I wince at the signs for Faustina and Brozosky. Brozosky, with his "Because it's all about Pleasanton" slogan, sounds like he's selling insurance. Yet, it also begs the question, "are you sure it isn't all about you?

Often sitting on the same lawns, we find Faustina signs, which, with his slogan, "Pleasanton's own," sounds like he's selling baby food or olive oil. Then, the question for his sign becomes "Pleasanton's own what?" I'm guessing that he's proud of being birthed here, hasn't been recently insourced from another county, state, or "gasp!" another country.

As I walk by my house with my McNerney, Cook-Kallio and Jennifer signs, I think of a fun slogan for McNerney - "Floats the dirt right down the drain."

Speaking of dirt. Steve or-dered city workers to fritter away their time sifting through Jennifer's emails in hopes of finding something, anything that would make her look bad. It's too bad he's sunk to that level. Seeing Faustina and Brozosky on the street corner together waving, it looks to me like it's pretty much the same crowd who turned out after the 2000 election with big American flags demanding and screaming on the corner for us to crown Bush king.

Anyway, my votes go to Jen-nifer, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, and oddly enough, Jerry Thorne. They say he has a mind of his own but is good at building consensus. Sounds good to me. I'm happy with those choices, after giving it much thought.

Vote for Brozosky Julie and Don Lewis Pleasanton

Steve Brozosky is a visionary who thinks outside the box and the winner is Pleasanton. While special interest groups were carving the Bernal property into tiny disjointed parcels (us included), Steve called for a deartistic rendering of a park that would reflect community needs while preserving the open park feeling for all of us to enjoy. In response to an immediate need for sports fields, Steve and Cindy McGovern formed a partnership with the school district that improved and created more fields benefiting both extracur-ricular sports and the school district. In addition to working well with Steve, this may account for the school board members supporting him in his bid for mayor. Steve's dedication to finding solutions for traffic and bringing \$18 million to Pleasanton have been well documented. What really impresses us most about Steve is that he understands the "art" of living. As a supporter of the arts, he understands that quality of life adds up to harmony, perspective, balance, and character. Please join us in voting Steve Brozosky to be our mayor.

markable native intelligence, commitment, tenacity, and generosity of service.

Since moving to Pleasanton 24 years ago, Steve has demonstrated in myriad ways that he is dedicated to improving his community - from volunteering at 4-H, Pleasanton schools, and senior facilities, to founding Government Outreach, a provider of software that helps connect local governments to its citizens.

As a businessman, volunteer, city council member, and father, Steve always solves problems with practicality and creativity.

Steve's priorities for Pleasanton are the right ones: focusing on Pleasanton issues, restoring Council teamwork, traffic, fiscal responsibility, and preparing the community for disasters.

One thing you can be sure of: Steve always delivers what he says he will. Some leaders are well-intentioned but impractical. Steve is well-intentioned and effective.

Retain Hosterman as Mayor **Carl W. Pretzel** Pleasanton

I served on the Bernal Task Force Committee that Mrs. Hosterman co-chaired and found her to be equitable and efficient. Her performance as our mayor has been no less exemplary. She has consistently preserved the high standard of living that we enjoy in Pleasanton. The two conferences she attended were on her own time and her own money. To claim Mrs. Hosterman's activities detract from her service to Pleasanton is as ludicrous as claiming Mr. Brozosky's past service to 4-H proves he will place farm animals before residents.

Frankly, I would have been

Re-elect Hosterman Fred Norman Pleasanton

In September, to celebrate my 70th birthday, I climbed to the top of Pleasanton Ridge. It is so beautiful up here. Pleasanton glows down below me, throbbing like a heart giving life to its surroundings. I turn to my wife and say, "I love this place." And I realize that this feeling of love is not just an automatic response to the beauty of my surroundings; no, certain people have worked hard to create this feeling in me and others.

I immediately think of the most recent local leadership of our city, that of Mayor Hosterman's. Without her energetic and successful efforts, I doubt that I would feel as I do now. Thank you Mayor Hosterman for this city that I call my home and brag about to others. She's up for reelection. Her leadership helped make Pleasanton the city that I love. Of course I'll vote for Her.

Her opponent wants to isolate Pleasanton from the rest of the world, as if the Global air we breathe does not come from far away, as if Peace is something we should despise, as if traffic is a little local problem that does not originate in places to the north and south and east. As I stand here looking down at this city that I love, I can't help but think that if he has his way, I will no longer feel the love for Pleasanton that I feel now. Please, for Pleasanton, reelect Mayor Hosterman.

Over a year ago, I sent a letter of concern about Pleasanton's traffic issues to Pleasanton's Mayor and Councilpersons, and only one of two mayoral candidates took the time to reply: Jennifer Hosterman. Jennifer's response was so helpful that we became friends, built around her remarkable willingness to cooperate with citizens on all manner of important Pleasanton issues. For example, rather than exclusively focusing on "band-aid" remedies, Jennifer has also supported improved access to alternative transportation (school buses and bicycles) to also innovatively address citizen's safety and health issues.

When Steve Brozosky's chose the slogan "it's all about Pleasanton," the hidden message was clear: his campaign is "all about Hosterman," and we could be in for four years of rancor. Despite anyone else's attempt to avoid core issues in this mayoral campaign, Jennifer's unsurpassed commitment and record effectively speaks for itself in Pleasanton.

Democracy At Stake Matt Sullivan Vice- Mayor, **City of Pleasanton**

According to some estimates, only 20% of eligible voters will cast ballots on November 7th. With all the important issues before us, why the voter apathy? I would submit that in large part it's a reaction of cynicism and disgust to an election system that is controlled by money and is more interested in character assassination and spewing disinformation than it is in encouraging reasonable debate.

Please Vote for Ayn Weiskamp for Board Director-East Bay Regional Park District.

Vote for Hosterman **Brian and Christine Bourg** Pleasanton

We worked to elect former mayors Ben Tarver and Tom Pico, because we believed in their visions for Pleasanton. We now proudly support Jennifer Hosterman because she shares those visions and adds her own effective leadership style during times when such is more important than ever.





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SPORTS NOTES

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results from last week:

Girls Under- 5 Soccer Chickies vs Mighty Ladybugs-Soccer Chickies: Jessica Warren, Gracey Walke, Alyssa Swinkle, Catherine Linney, Delaney Richards, Isabella Mayo-Mighty Ladybugs: Alexa Clatt, Kaleigh Garcia, Madison Silva, Allison Jamison, Ally Christensen, Niede Benjamin Cheetahs vs Pixie Kicks- Cheetahs: Camille Best, Amanda Deutschmann, Alexah Nava-Pixie Kicks: Peyton Fields, Sydney Herwig Taylor Crutchley; Pink Panthers vs Pink Ladies- Pink Panthers: Laura Marshall, Danielle Groth, Justynne Thomas, Isabella Moya, Lilly Ackerman, Jillian Devin- Pink Ladies: Olivia Kohndrow, Olivia Tabaracci, Caitlyn McCool, Katrina Makarewicz, Searsha Dwyer, Aspen Stoffel; Goal Getters vs Butterflies- Goal Getters: Nicole Geary, Jessica Gresho, Sabrina Pertica, Naomi Smith Rachelle Stone, Claire Wiedenfeld- Butter flies: Carlie Spruiell, Samantha Thompson, Hanna Kurian, Kayla Steinhorst, Vivica Young, Brisa Roach; Superstars vs Lil Kick-ers- Superstars: Rachael Rockwell, Lillian Domondon, Jane Abele, Makenna Diaz, Gracie Dupuis, Claire March- Lil Kickers: Lauren Phillips, Peyton Young, Hannah Kavanaugh,Shelby Williams, Bella Schenone, Mia Mendoza; Fierce competition fueled by thoughts of Halloween next week

Girls Under- 6 Cheetah Girls vs USA Girls-Cheetah Girls: Jenifer Gibson, Tara Collier, Allyson Badger, Emma Zika, Madi-son Stewart, Julia Cable- USA Girls: Regan Weidenfeld, Missy Carpenter, Emily Hewitt, Christina Saunders, Raegan Demo, Marisssa Hernandez; Strawberry Shortkicks vs Eagles-Strawberry Shortkicks: Mary Griffin, Courtney Hayes, Miranda Heckman-Eagles: Kate Hottinger, Alex Christensen, Shelby Clark

Girls Under-7 Green Lightning vs Mermaids-Green Lightning: Kylie Martinez, Lauryn Souza, Katelyn Johnson, Caroline Pehrson- Mermaids: Lindsay Gill, Katie Dabney, Luciano Romero, Samantha Martel; Fireballs vs Goal Getters- Fireballs: Mariah Ortiz, Juliana VanFossen, Emily Harrison, Olivia Volponi, Jenna Jorgenson, Andrea Sommer- Goal Getters: Amanda Czapkay, Ashley Geary, Madelyn Krueger, Kate Marcel, Mackenzie Riddle, Samantha Anderson;

Girls Under-10 Dynamites 0,s Xtreme Team 4: Dynamites: Nicole King, Nicole Ott, Adriana Rocha, Kelly Borden, Alex Jenkins, Miranda Lima-Xhreme Team: Lauren Miller (1), Kayla Shepodd (1), Hayley War-ren (1), Danielle Dufek (1), Jocelyn Hart, Keely Harvey; Tomcats 2, Mustangs 4: Tomcats: Alex Corbitt, Madison McCoy, Kirsten Floyd, Maya Barnum, Molly Farro-Mustangs: Taylor Lange, Courtney Offill, Natalie Palomo, Makala Mangrum, Kasey Clendenen; Hurricanes 0, Fireballs 0: Hurricanes: Skye Stewart, Gissel Manzano, Adilene Ruiz, Marley Aumua, Madison Gerton, Cirin Cassarino- Fireballs: Stephanie Cromwell, Jordan Griffin, Megan Kalantar, Jami Gellerman, Jazmynn King, Kayla Cromwell; Cool Cleat Kickers 1, Pink Panthers 3: Cool Cleat Kickers: Nicole Paulazzo, Hayley Rundle, Samantha Rundle, Haley Segundo, Tavlor Enderlein. Melanie Henshaw- Pink Panthers: Caitlin Rokov, Paige Schorno, Veronica Martinez, Ellen Kiser, Sara Novell, Isabella Macchioni; Action-packed game, keeping both teams' goalies busy. Boys Under-5 Spongebob Soccerpants

vs The Sharks- Spongebob Soccerpants: Mason Smith, Evan Nystrom, Dylan Silva, Jake Carmichael, Collin Eads, Colby Smith-Sharks: Trent Crisp, Nathan Jones, Joshua Martin, Patrick Connolly, Shawn Pasqual, Mateo Moncada; Lightning Bolts vs Sharks-Lightning Bolts: Jacob Peterson, Donovan Mancera, Ethan Montesinos- Sharks: Chad Madrid, Spencer Williams, Jacob Moen; Boys Under- 6 The Force vs Thunder

bolts- Force: Dylan Greenly, Peyton Gibbs, Casey Wilcox, Jay Pearson, Max Bauer, Brennen Rotar- Thunderbolts: Colby Brocklesby, Dillan Martinez, Nicholas Puso, Aidan Ackerman, Matthew Hall, Gregory Short; Hot Lava Dragons vs Dragons-Lava Dragons: Hayden Glasco, Brodie Wolf, Dylan Graham, Brandon Yocham, Ethan Weisbrod, McClain Minton-Dragons: Christopher Barron, Todd Neizman, Antonio LaManna, Joshua White, Grant Ikeda, An thony Aguirre;

Boys Under- 7 Italy vs Goalminers-Italy: Julian Tan, Codey Colagross, Dillon Pedro, Jack Cairel. Luke Bella. Donovan Wright-Goalminers: Mark Silverthorn, Troy Wentworth, Tyler Rodgers, Connor Sweeney, Anthony Barrow, Zach Stewart; Cheetahs vs Raptor Cobras- Cheetahs: Colton Casey Nate Wilson, Joseph Murphy, Kyle Correia, Brandon Liu, Alex Northrop-Raptor Cobras: Nick Bouillerce, Ryan Escover, Zachary Bell, Weston Everett, Jack Kath, Hayden Freiras; Tigers vs Lightning- Tigers: Chris-tian Johansson, Austin Evernham, Ben Schasker, Javier Guerra, Juan Fernandez, Nicholas Bertolucci- Lightning: Sean Con-stable, Andrew Alreeda, Wesley Williams, Ian Goland, Tanner Higgins, Charlie Ridings; What an exciting game to end the season! Both teams played hard and had fun. **Boys Under- 8** TNT vs Devils- TNT: Connor Glasco, Grant Riddiough, Grayson Pringle, Bo Cole, Trey Cortez, Morgan Kelly-Devils: Jason Campbell, Wesley Katz, Christopher Machi, Diego Camacho, Trenton Weidner, Pierce Kadlec; Stingrays vs Tiger Sharks- Stingrays: Kavan Bagatelos, Jack Boucher, Noah Green, Andrew Preece, Adam Turner, Peter Vance- Tiger Sharks: Brandon Ramos, Omar Maklaf, Holden Tanner, Joshua Forshaw, Kevin Mains, Colin Schoehe; Red Knights vs Fire Scorpions-Red Knights: Kevin Ginn, Tanner Souza, Jack Walker, Nathaniel Sproul, Conner Young, Zachariah Eme- Fire Scorpions: Jake Ledbetter, Adam Jorgenson, Jack Ellsworth, Jose Mariscal, John Pierce, Tyler Felgenhauer; Lightning vs Fireballs- Lightning: Benny Sanchez, Kyle Parsons, Aaron Canafe, Dillion Eng, Luis Angel Ortez, Tyler Meadous-Fireballs: Nicholas Brown, Anthony Schultz, Darrell Staley, Robbie Hoff, Dominic Rivera, Anthony Lopez; Dragons vs Ghostbusters-Dragons: Ryan Myers (1), Danny Alvarez, Marco Ramirez-Buckles 1), Joel Gauch, Joey Lestochi, Anthony Garcia- Ghostbusters: Benjamin Rocha (1), Ethan Aboumrad, Kevin Emerson, Dominic Carrano, Colten Soforio Troy Forward; Boys Under- 9 Dynamite 0, Sharks 4: Boys Under- 9 Dynamite 0, Snarks 4: Dynamite: Sean Dreger, Omar Naisan, Jacob Wortham, Logan Brist, Cameron Nagy, Nipun Singh-Sharks: Edgar Alvarez, Jesse Barriga, Jose Lopez, Troy Simpkins, Dominic Stewart, Alex Tellez; Twisters 0, Blazers 2: Twisters: Wiel Schwang, Campan Dieksen Twisters: Nick Sobrepena, Cameron Dickson, Erik Mork, Hayden Olsen, Tim Gibson,

Roland Zabrisky- Blazers: Joseph Villegas Kyle Emrick Jason Flores, Reed Berg, Cole Escover, Benjamin Smith;

Boys Under- 10 American Eagles 2, Dragons 1: American Eagles: Joel Iniguez, Christopher Moussa, Christopher Hinds, Hayden Goldstein, Ryan Shepodd, Jacob Adams- Dragons: Salvador Alatorre, Zach Kline, Anthony Perryman, Makena Harmon, Jacob Carnes, Daniel Lopez.

Pleasanton Ballistic Soccer

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U-16 took 3rd place in the Kings County Halloween Cup. With a 3-1 record, the guys were 2-0 in pool play defeating the Cup Champion Madera 4-1. Ballistic beat the local Hanford team 5-0. Sunday morning the team fought hard but lost to Tracy 3-1 before bouncing back in the consolation game where they defeated Roosevelt from Fresno 4-0. The scoring came from many but Kasey Uwakwe, Mike Gonzales, and Matt Donner scored multiple times. Joe Clark, KJ Newbery, and Aaron Lek, added scores, as well. Top defensive players were Scott Sweetnam and Kenny

Ballistic Unified U10 had all cylinders Ballistic Jamboree over the past weekend. Ballistic Jamboree over the past weekend. Ballistic had wins over Walnut Creek, Boca Jr. Blue, DeAnza Force and Boca Jr. 96. The title game was a 2 to 1 victory over Boca Jr. 96. The offensive power in the first game came from Alex Krause, Sahit, Menon, Matt Powell and Collin Richardson. Jack Geasa had some great saves as keeper. In the second game Stephen Dougherty had two assist one to Alex Krause and another to Sahit Menon. Jared Siegel also scored for Ballistic. Jeff Klei scored the only goal in a tough game against DeAnza Force. In the final game Ballistic played Boca Jr. 96. Alex Krause scored the first goal on a great assist from Sahit Menon. Jackson Still scored the next goal on a great cross from Alex Krause. The defensive wall of Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez, Stephen Dougherty and Jeff Klei only gave of two goals the entire weekend.

goals the entire weekend. Top Offensive Players: Alex Krause, Sahit Menon Collin Richardson; Top Defen-sive Players: Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez, Jeff Klei, Stephen Dougherty.

The U15 Ballistic White came away with the third place trophy in this weekend's soccer action at the Alamaden Halloween Classic in Morgan Hill. Ballistic went 2 and 1 in preliminary pool play with their only defeat coming from the eventual tournament champions. In the first game of the tournament, Ballistic met up with the El Cerrito Galaxy and breezed to a 3-0 victory. Philip Viebeck was first to score for Ballistic with Cory Thomas finding the back of the net next off a pass from Evan Zolfarelli. It was then Tiago Abreu netting the third goal off a huge throw in from Zolfarelli.

In their showdown on Sunday morning against local favorites, DeAnza Hawks, Ballistic needed to post a win to advance and that's just what they did. It was a hard fought battle right up until the end with the only score coming off a handball in the box with Cody Hoster converting the penalty to give Ballistic the 1-0 victory. Kudos to keeper Brian Johnston who saved shot after shot in the waning minutes of the game. Knowing a tie would just not cut it, Johnston and the Ballistic defense held tight until the game whistle blew.

In the consolation match, Ballistic defeated San Bruno International, 4 to 0. Cory Thomas took the ball from midfield and fired a nice shot from the right side. A few minutes later, it was Patrick Yee crossing into Brian Johnston who was perfectly positioned as he headed it in for a 2-0 lead. Before the halftime whistle Nik Thompson would make it 3-0 after Tiago Abreu sent a corner kick in. Second half action slowed down and bit and although San Bruno would help out the Ballistic cause with an own goal, the score remained 4-0. Several runs to the net were made in the closing minutes by Christian Schlachte but the persistent San Bruno keeper denied them all. Ballistic came away with the win and 3rd place, continuing their streak of placing in every tournament they have entered.

Top Offensive Players: Cory Thomas, Tiago Abreu, Cory Beck; Top Defensive Players: Brian Johnston, Patrick Yee, Krishna Prasad, David Meyer.

The U17 BUSC Black finished their year with a satisfying 3rd place finish in the Rohnert Park Halloween Classic. Playing up in the U19 bracket, the Black had their hands

against the Patriots, winning 6-1. Goals were scored by Matt Jacobe, Andrew Black, Gage Sperry, Trevor Newton and Henri Zanker. The team never wavered throughout the game In team never wavered inrolighout integame and retained its standings among the other U14 teams. Top Offensive Players: Andrew Black, Simon Kim, Gage Sperry - Phoenix; Top Defensive Players: Paul Stiehr, Andrew Junghans, Troy Stetson - Phoenix. **Under-12:** Rebels 6, Revolution 4; Renegades 3, Roadrunners 1; Rockets 2, Picesbet 1; Einst gene generad by Bichecket 12

Ricochet 1; First goal scored by Richochet 12 minutes into the first half. Rockets, however, score two goals before half time to take the lead. Some excellent kicks and passes by both team force the players to cover a lot of ground, visibly wearing them out by the middle of the second half, especially for Richochet, who has no back-up players today. The second half ends with no goals by either team, despite

several very good tries. Top Offensive Players: Matthew Malko, Jarrod Poston, Aaron Do - Rebels; Grayson Meurrens, Steven Kinnard, Barrett Fitzgerald Renegades: Alex Jenezon, Jassac Virk, Travis Pinho - Ricochet; Top Defensive Players: Jason Sereda, Anthony Sabatini, Nate Kenny Jason Sereda, Antrony Sabadali, Vale Kenny, Rebels; Amir Sahabi, Bryson Sherman, Brett Lewis - Renegades; Bailey Roberts, Adam Baxter, Daiki Minaki - Richochet. Under-10: Jetstream 8, Jaguars 1; The

Jetstream took a 2 - 0 lead into halftime by two goals from Reed Marques. Patrick Pipitone assisted on the first goal with a perfect centering pass that Reed booted into the corner of the goal. In the second half the Jetstream expanded their lead by two goals each from Luis Garcia and Jordan Ott, and one goal from Patrick Pipitone and another goal from Reed Marques, for his first hat trick of the season. Reed Marques, Jordan Ott and Luis Garcia also had assists, so the Jetstream offense was a full team effort. Jordan Ott and Shantanu Deshmane played outstanding goalie for the Jetstream stopping many difficult shots by the Jaguars. Brennon Morris, Shantanu Deshmane, Ricky Muro, Miles Santos and Vincent Chang played excellent defonce for the Jetstream and turned away defense for the Jetstream and turned away many offensive charges by the Jaguars. Top Offensive Players: Reed Marques, Luis Garcia, Jordan Ott - Jetstream; Top Defensive Play-ers: Brennon Morris, Shantanu Deshmane,

Ricky Muro -Jetstream. Under-7: Alex Glenn started the Scorpions out right with his first goal of the season and the game. The boys showcased their passing skills against a well-coached Storm. Top Offensive Players: Alex Glenn, Nicholas Caldwell, Mark Molz - Scorpions; Tanner Dantzig, Kian Gibson, Brandon Kinsey -Strikers; Jacob Simons, Dylan Pottgieser, Ian Barnes - Stingrays; Top Defensive Players: Matthew Magagnini, Maxwell Lander, Brent Gibson - Scorpions; Luka Morgan, Brendan Tucker, Kushaan Bahl - Strikers Brendan; Connolly, Andrew Helmers, Nicho-

las Torre - Stingrays. Under-8: The Mavericks played the tenacious Marlins. Marcus Toombs and Koedy Baxter were on fire each scoring multiple goals and each passing the ball as well. Andrew Cho and David Natsch turned the ball around several times on defense. The Mavericks have improved over the season and

hung tough with the Marlins. Top Offensive Players: Marcus Toombs, Koedy Baxter, Daniel Newman - Mavericks; Jared Wilson, Matt Burns, Nick Teitell -Musketeers; Joshua Ott, Bobby Fjerstad, Tom Sornsen - Mustangs; Will Leininger, Ben Spears, Kaushal Kambagoidana - Ma-rauders; Jacob Perlman, Jareod Moyers, Blake Staniford - Mongoose. Top Defensive Play-ers: Andrew Cho, David Natsch - Mavericks; Noah Woolsey, Joey Cassetti, Trevor Bergman - Musketeers; Jonah Ong, Brendan Englert, Nikhil Sheth - Mustangs; Bradley Green, Jacob Lum, Brian Park - Marauders.

Under-9: Dawgs 7, Dynamos 2; Titans 4, Tigers 2. Dons went into Saturdays game against the Daredevils 2 players down, but rose to the task with outstanding defense by Zachary Sonnenschein and amazing goalkeeping by Luca Disbrow. On the attack were Justin Watts who scored 2 goals with excellent support from Daniel Choi, Jose Alvarado and Sean Tomonari. Sean Vincent made crucial defensive plays to keep the ball far from the Dons goal. Top Offensive Players: Ayush Sangri,

Miguel Sadler - Titans; Noah Wayne, Daniel Gurevich - Thunder; Jarrett Indalecio, Andrew Bailey, Noah Thomas - Dynamos; Justin Watts, Zachary Sonnenschein, Daniel Choi - Dons; Cole Morrell, Kyle Genoni, Adit Shretsha - Daredevils; Kane Millerstrom, Guenho Kye, Jonathan Dourneau - Tyrants; Dev Naik, James Cowick, Christopher Bayley - Dawgs; CJ Cassidy, Timmy Wu, Tyler Wineger - Dragons; Top Defensive Players: Kevin Gubner, JJ Garcia, Richie Sahoo - Thunder; Jackson Freese, Michael Jurich, Jacob Rochon - Dynamos; Justin Watts, Zachary Sonnenschein, Daniel Choi - Dons; Jake Leyman, Nick Tucker, Dario Loriato - Daredevils; Bryce Fan, Cade Lau, Dino Navarini - Tyrants; Scott Knell, Scott Lee, Taylor Caldwell - Dawgs; Sammy Gee, Augie Chen, Innes McEntee - Dragons.

Trujillo, Oscar Garcia, Chase Martinez, Danny McNeill, and Aaron Grewal. The Titans midfield was led by Steven Dubberly, Greg Crusco, Michael Kronenberg, and Tsuyoshi Kohlgruber. Strikers Victor Reyes and Tyler Amick kept the Lighting defenders off track with runs down the line and passes up the middle up the middle. Game Summary (Preliminary Games):

Titans vs. Lamorinda FC 93 (7-0); Titans vs. Manteca Rangers (11-0); Titans vs. VUSC Fusion FC (5-0)

Livermore Rampage U14 Girls Divi-sion 3 team traveled north last weekend to Orangevale where they took third place at the Randy Langan Fright Night Soccer Shootout with 2 wins and 2 ties. The Rampage beat the Rancho Cordova Kicks 3-0 in the Saturday morning opening game. Audrey Christian started the scoring of a nice three pass combination that included Breanna Diaz and Sissi Gonzalez. Gonzalez scored the second goal of the game. Olivia Mowry capped the coring off a break-away pass from Janae Turpin

The Fair Oaks Fire and Rampage battled to a 0-0 tie in the Saturday afternoon contest. Fullbacks Kelsy Carzoli, Courtney Holsen, Becca Wakefield and Breanna Diaz along with goalie Katelyn Krueger kept the Fire offense in check the entire game. With placement in the championship round at placement in the championship round at stake, the Rampage jumped out to an early 2-0 lead against the Rocklin Thundergirls Sunday morning. Courtney Holsen directed a penalty kick to Sarah Slabaugh who buried a shot into the net for a 1-0 Rampage lead. Sissi Gonzalez beat the Thundergirl goalie with a penalty kick to the right corner for the Dompards accord acal. But the Thundergirly Rampage second goal. But the Thundergirls stormed back for two unanswered goals and a 2-2 tie to put the Rampage in the consolation game. Rampage avenged an early season tie against the Walnut Creek Velocity with a 2-0 victory Sunday afternoon to secure third place in the tournament. Sissi Gonzalez had two assists when she fed Serena Claudio and Audrey Christian for goals in the first half. Livermore Elite Explosion U12 Divi-

sion 1 girls soccer team played some of their best soccer this weekend while competing in the Walnut Creek Soccer Club Octoberfest Tournament. The Explosion faced some

tournament. The Explosion faced some tough pool play competition and came home with third place trophies. Livermore Explosion 1, San Jose United 1. San Jose scored first early in the match but Livermore came right back as left half Danielle Lacombe saw an opening and placed a push pass in the net for a goal. Explosion goalie Holly Lamb came out fired up in the second half making 3 great saves. Explosions de-fense was led by Kylee Southwell who made a great save in the goal in the final minutes of the game to prevent the United from going ahead. Midfielder Audrey Walke controlled the Explosion offensive drive.

Livermore Explosion 1, MDSL Arsenal 0. Sierra Cassels seized the moment as she toed in a ball for a goal in the final minutes of the game to insure the shut out victory for Livermore. Explosion played well, executing a consistent level of pass play and strong defensive pursuit. Livermore keeper Holly Lamb was again on fire in the goal for the Explosion while the defense led by Jessica Floyd and Jennie Harmison kept the Arsenal at bay and scoreless. Kerry Stein, Alex Boucher and Cierra Comfort helped to pro-

vide offensive spark for the Explosion. Livermore Explosion 0, De Anza Force Blue 1. Outstanding play by the Explosion kept the Force in check the whole game. The tie breaking goal came seconds before regu-lation as the Force scored off an indirect kick. Livermore kept their offensive drive alive with persistent play from Carli Floris. Once again Explosion keeper Holly Lamb was outstanding in the net throughout the game. Rachel Tabaracci stood out on defense for Livermore.

Consolation Game: Livermore Explo-sion 2, Lamorinda United 0. The second half started tied at zero and the Explosion put their wheels in motion to win the game. Sierra Cassels was dominant on offense. Livermore finally put one in the net when Kaley Olsen captured a loose ball in front of the net and pushed it in for a goal. Livermore's defense stayed determined to hold the lead and Kylee Southwell and Karley Luce led the way. The Explosion sealed the shut out with an additional goal by Gabi Macias who drove in a ball fed to her by Kassidy Peters

The Livermore Elite U-10 Clash won one game and tied two others last weekend in Pleasanton at the Ballistic United Fall Harvest Jamboree. Livermore lost their opener against San

defense by Cole Martinez. Rvan Thomas Kevin Fread, and Richie Howard. Mid field consists of D.I. Rashe, Jesus Moreno, Christian Murillo, Brandon Fread, Peter Cabeceiras, and Enrique Gonzalez. Offense consists of Pancho Sanchez, C. J. Salazar, Eric Smythe, and Scott Trummer. Goal keepers are Jason Trumpp and Ian Coolbear. C. J. Salazar

scored a hat trick against the Annadel Rovers. The Livermore Elite Tri-Valley United U-17 B 3 played four great games in the Fresco Metro Halloween Tournament to capture third place. United shut out CV Bandits, 3-0, in the first game. Stealing the ball from the defender, Alberto Valdez scored the icebreaker. Valdez assisted first, Alex Arevalo in goal two, then Jon Bonetti in goal three.

Valdez continued his roll in game two against NV Milpitas Strikers with a corner kick straight to A Arevalo who turned it into goal one. Sergio Valasquez turned a midfield ass from Robert Hobson into goal two. Carlos Arevalo turned a Sam Martin pass into goal three. Wing defender Justin Mueller turned a back and forth pass to Velasquez into goal four.

Game three against Hanford KC Avenal started out sluggish allowing Hanford two goals in the first half and a third goal in the first ten minutes of the second. After that, it was all United as they hammered the Hanford goalie with shots on goal. From a Velasquez throw-in straight to the net, Matt Cornmesser gently tipped the loose ball in front of the defender/forward covered goal into the net to put United on the scoreboard. Valdez's pass from the left to Velasquez in the center bounced off the defender and allowed Velasquez to bullet the ball in for goal two. United almost pulled off a tie in the most exciting second half of the whole season.

United won the Consolation Match against the Arsenal on three PKs; and not in overtime. Once again the defensive wall of sweeper Nate Richardson, keeper Jarrod Belsick, stopper Sam Martin and wing defenders Justin Mueller, Chris Martin, and Sam Hoppes kept Arsenal goalless. C Arevalo was fouled in the box, and scored on the PK. Valdez was fouled in the box, and Velasquez scored the PK. Cornmesser was fouled in the box, and scored on the PK

The Livermore Elite Lightning U12 Boys team beat the eventual tournament winner in action in Sonoma over the weekend, finishing in a tie for 2nd. Starting with a bang, the Lightning struck with a early goal against the San Carlos Stealth as Tyler Ellis opened the scoring. Teammate Jason Stearns free kick sailed over the keepers hands for the second goal. Daniel Toscano added 2 more goals as the Lightning won the game 4:2. The second game saw the Lightning unable score as they finished on the losing side of a 1 to 0 game against the Sacramento Tsunami.

In their final match against the first place Tiburon Dynamite, the entire team played with poise and heart. With their defense anchored by stellar play from keeper Tristan Lewis, whose leaping saves clearly frustrated the Dynamite's forwards, Ricky Martinez, Cody Martinez, Gerald Cuyle, and Justin Moore allowed just 3 shots during the game. Jeff Gellermen, Christopher Sund, Morgan Melendez, Jose Zavala, and Hugo Guerrero, controlled the ball, passing into clear lanes against the stubborn Dynamite defense. The winning goal resulted from a free kick where Daniel Toscano kicked the ball into the box from 35 yards out. Teammate Lee Wood pounced on the opportunity, drilling the ball just past the keeper's outstretched hands for the 1 to 0 win.

Livermore Shock U13 Girls, Div. 1 earned another 1st place tournament victory this past weekend - bringing their tournament record to five 1st place finishes out of seven tournaments. Shock hosted the Livermore Halloween Classic Division 1 Tournament held at Kellman Fields which brought teams from as far as San Carlos and Santa Cruz.

The Shock girls played outstanding soc-cer in each game, utilizing the skills and team play they have learned from their coach/ trainer, Jesse Hamblen.

The Shock defense shutout all four oppo nents with zero goals against. Outstanding efforts by goalie Catherine "Neddy" Pruneda, and defenders Katie Keller, Alison Burklund, Haley Londry, Rachelle Hamblin, Brianna "Bob" Hylton and Jenna Lillie. The Shock defense was the key factor in the 1st place finish -keeping the ball in the opponents' half of the field for most of the games.

Shock's offensive attack was successful because of continuous support from the defense. The offense was able to put in 15 goals in four games led by forwards Kiersten "Kiki" Simmons, Molly Ratermann, and

Mustang Tycoons 3-1, before winning the championship game over the Castro Valley Thunderbolts 4-1. Only the game with Liv ermore was tightly contested.

With Pleasanton dominating the play from the start, the championship game was really never in doubt. Elaine Brogna broke the ice making a tackle in the box on the left and launching a perfect shot into the net on the far side. Three minutes later, Brooke Silva took a direct from 35 yards to give Pleasanton a 2ollead. Katie Voss vent coast-to-coast on goal number three. Voss capped the scoring with a little over a minute left in the game. After Brogna blasted a shot from the right side, Voss, hustling after the rebound, took con-trol, dribbled a little to her right and then spun and drilled a shot home to the right post. In the tournament opener, the Rage

played a short-handed Fremont squad and coasted to a 6-0 win. Marissa Klei scored a pair of goals while Voss, Brittany Leal, Brogna and Lindsey Bly all found the net once. They faced a much tougher battle against Livermore in game two. For the first time this season the Rampage was out shot and out chanced, but they used counter attacks effectively and pocketed a pair of goals in the first half for the win. Bly converted a pass to the near post for a 1-0 Pleasanton lead. Eight minutes later, Silva delivered a direct kick from 45 yards out to Klei at the top of the box Klei, spun between two defenders and went to the lower right corner for the score. Goalie Katie Graham and the back line led by Amanda Reed and Ashley Miller made the scores stand-up for a 2-0 win.

Playing for a shot to advance to the championship game against Mustang on Sunday morning, Klei got the Rampage out to a quick start when she scored on a breakaway five minutes into the game. A few minutes later Klei was at it again, taking a deflection of a corner from Silva, and hitting a high, soft shot that hit a defender's head and went into the net. Pleasanton went up 3-0 after Voss carried the ball from her own box, 20 vards across midfield and then delivered a through pass to Leal streaking down the right middle. Leal carried it to about five yards inside the box and then nailed a high hard shot over the keeper for the score.

Pony Baseball Registration

Pony Baseball 2007 Spring Registration will be held Monday, November 6, 2006 from 6-8pm at the Pleasanton Library located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Registration is also available online at www.pleasantonpony.com or download from website and mail to PO Box 1043 Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Youth Soccer

The San Ramon Santos U14 played three tough games over the weekend at the prestigious Mustang Headless Horseman Tournament. The Santos tied their first game 0-0 against the SSJ Lobitos. In a midfield battle that saw few scoring opportunities for either team, midfielders Ryan Fagenson, Matt Sarmiento & Nico Portugal battled hard all game long to gain the edge. Defenders Kevin Ho, Michael Bernardi, Stevie Rector, Matt Robbins & Ben Danielson turned back any serious threat.

In game two, the Santos Fell 3-0 to Burlingame, which quickly tested the Santos Defense. After Burlingame scored two goals in the first minutes of the game, the Santos held the opponent scoreless until the last moment of the game. Goalkeeper Jake Boyd had an incredible night making several amazing saves, as the Burlingame offense was relentless.

Game three was a great match up to with eventual Finalists Marin FC. The Santos offense featuring Brandon Willhite, Justin Scott, Jarrett Walkerand mid-fielder Guillermo Rivas pressured Marin all afternoon. The Santos scored on a cross from Danielson, which Walker headed into the box where Rivas headed the ball into the net to put the Santos on the board. In the end, Marin was able to secure the win 2-1.

The Mustang Strikers Under 16 Boys competed this weekend in the Mustang Headless Horsemen Tournament in Danville coming away with the championship. Mus tang Played Central Valley United in the Championship game. Nadav Kariv scored the lone goal of the game off a corner kick from Juan Lopez early in the lst half. That goal held on throughout the tough and fast moving action at both ends of the field. Final score was 1-0.

Ryan Rivera recorded 4 Shutout victories in the nets for Mustang having made several big saves in the championship game. He was ssisted by some awesome defensive play of Michael Jangigian, Jay Jafarpour, Torey Jorgensen, Juan Tapia, Daniel Mariani & John Wainscott. Providing solid play in the midfield for Mustang was George Mayer , Shaun Daut, Jose Garcia, Michael Guillen, & Nadav Kariv. Chris Bernardi, Franco Cruz, Jesse Rosdahl, Ashwin Subramanian. & Juan Lopez provided constant pressure on the defense of Central Valley United. All players gave a superb effort in the victory. In Pool Play Game 1 versus USA 17 90 Mustang came away with 1-0 victory. Michel Guillen scored the game winner assisted by Franco Cruz. In Game 2 of Pool Play.— Mustang came away with a 1-0 victory again. Nadav Kariv scored the lone goal of t the game Adda Van's Solecule Unit goal of the game 3 Adda Van's Solecule Unit goal of the game 3 Mustang knew they needed a shutout win to advance to the finals. The Mustang Strikers came away with a 2-0 shutout. Franco Cruz got on the board with the lst goal assisted by Shaun Daut and Ashwin Subramanian sealed the game with an unassisted goal that helped put the Mustang into the final game. **The Dublin United Class I Soccer U12** Girls team, Fighters, battled to a first place finish in the Silver bracket of the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup International Soccer Tourna-ment 2006. The Fighters handily defeated The first two Nevada Teams: Nighthawks and Vegas Vengance. The Fighters shut out both teams: 7 to 0 and 6 to 0, respectively. The semifinal round presented much more challenging competition for the Fight-ers. The Fighters faced off with the Neusport FC 95 White of Nevada. The Fighters won this exercised with a 2 to 1 a state of the second this round with a 2 to 1 victory. The final round presented the Fighters with a surprisingly familiar rival: the Castro Valley Ravens. The Fighters poured it on during the second half to defeat the Ravens in a 2 to 1 victory. auring the second nar to dereat the Ravens in a 2 to 1 victory. Top Offensive Players: The offense was led by three high scoring attackers: Rebecca Beasley, Meagan Zummo, and Amanda Garcia. Goals were also scored by Joanna Ciron Advience Nuego, and Mikbelie Con Giron, Adrianna Nugen, and Mikhalia Con-stable. Top Defensive Players: The entire

City 4-0. The Black could not get on track, despite heroic efforts by Joey Halim and GK Nate Weber.

Game two was a great rebound game, tying eventual tournament winner Rohnert Park 2-2. The Black had to twice answer one goal deficits, and that they did. Tim Gaisor and Aaron Scott crashed the box on a scramble in front, and Gaisor tipped it to Scott, who scored. After RP scored with 8 minutes left to take the lead, BUSC responded 3 minutes later for the tie. Bryant Dante floated a free kick into the box that Matt Çarlucci hammered. The RP keeper made the save but couldn't control the rebound, and Kurt Lenamon alertly cleaned it up. Defense by Nick Bonham, Trevor Dawson, Brent Cambra,

and Dante played a big part in the win. Game 3 was a revenge game against Fair Oaks, who had beaten the Black in an earlier tournament. BUSC totally dominated the game, led by inspired up-front play by Kieren McEntee and midfield intensity by Jason Ash and Kris Tayyeb, but the Black could only manage a 0-0 tie. However, this knocked out Fair Oaks and put BUSC in the consolation against River City. The Black rebounded with a vengeance, taking the 3rd place game 4-1. BUSC scored early when Gaisor crossed a ball to Jay Guilmart, who perfectly fed Lenamon for the first goal early. Off a Cambra free kick, Lenamon continued his offensive heroics by sending Kamron Behzadi on net for the 2-0 lead. Meanwhile, Dawson, Willie Berger, and Halim were completely shutting down River City. In the second minute, Dante floated one to Carlucci, who beat his mark and rocked one from outside the box into the net for the backbreaking goal. The Black completed their scoring off a Tayyeb corner to Halim, who slid a pass to an onrushing Gaisor for a 4-0 lead. GK Weber got to enjoy some field time while Guilmart filled in the net, and stopped everything but a meaningless goal in the last 5 minutes for the 4-1 final the 4-1 final.

RECREATION LEAGUE

Under-14: Phoenix 6, Patriots 1; The Phoenix glided through their mid-day game

Livermore Elite Soccer

Livermore Crew '97 U9 Girls Division 1 team won all three of their games over the weekend at the Halloween Kick or Treat Soccer Jamboree in Walnut Creek. Claire Soule and Amelia Mowry each scored a goal against the San Ramon Courage on Saturday afternoon to secure a 2-0 Crew '97 victory. Sunday's schedule pitted the Walnut Creek Wildcats against Crew '97. Megan Amick, Kamryn Lipman, Cameryn Long, Roopjote Atwal and Carleigh Thurman all had goals along with Ashley Arnett who scored twice in the 7-0 victory for Crew '97. Lamorinda United White 96 surrendered goals to Bridget Rittmann, Morgan Leonard, Ashley Arnett and Carleigh Thurman, while Kamryn Lipman scored twice off of corner kicks in a 6-1 Crew '97 victory Sunday afternoon. The Livermore Elite Titans, U13 Divi-

sion 1, hosted the Livermore Halloween Classic tournament this past weekend. The Titans took first place in their own tourna-ment by defeating EDYSL Lightning 93 3-0 in the championship game. Joey Martinez got the scoring started by threading the needle with a pass between two Lightning defenders to Jesse Morales. Morales fired the ball past the goal keeper for a 1-0 lead. In the second half, the Titans were able to score two more goals, one on a penalty kick that Morales converted and the other was on a chip shot by Juan Guerrero.

The Titans out scored their opponents 26-0. Goal keeper Douglas McNeill registered four shutouts with help from a solid defensive line which was anchored by Yan Carlos Jose's Almaden Stealth by a score of 4-1. Jake Hall scored the lone goal for the Clash on a ng outside shot. The Clash bounced back in Saturday's second game with a 2-2 draw against the Central Valley Strikers. Diego Plascencia scored on a break-away as he worked a perfect give-and-go with Calvin Rasbold. An Alex Foster corner kick deflected off a defender for a the second Livermore goal.

Sunday morning, the Clash kicked into high gear as they faced the host Ballistic White team. Tanner Sandy converted a Calvin Rasbold pass to open the scoring eight minutes into the game. Just before halftime, Diego Plascencia buried a long ball from Jake Hall to make it 2-0. Livermore closed out the scoring at 3-0 as Donnie Buchanan drilled a left foot shot on a Kent Greene cross to with a minute to go in the game.

Sunday afternoon brought one of Livermore's best games of the season. Play-ing against first-place league rival Mustang Galaxy, the Clash dominated possession Galaxy, the Clash dominated possession with precision passing and pressure defense. Ryan Ball scored just seconds after halftime to open a 1-0 lead for the Clash. Livermore continued to take it to Mustang but their repeated shots never found the net a second time. Late in the game, the Galaxy managed ume. Late in the game, the Galaxy managed to even the final score at 1-1. Lifted by their performance, but disappointed with the tie, the Clash hope to meet the Galaxy yet again in next month's District Cup tournament. Throughout the weekend, Nolan Parker and Jake Hall were defensive standouts with tipelose pay for the Clash

tireless play for the Clash. **AC3 Boys Under-15 F.C. Livermore United U15** Boys soccer team won the Fremont Kick-or-Treat Tournament for their fourth championship of the season. In pool play, F.C. United defeated the DeAnza Strikers 2-0, the Annadel Rovers 8-2 and they tied the Delgado Sledgehammers 1-1. Reaching their sixth consecutive tournament final, United faced a tough ACCYSL Ajax team that took an early 2-0 lead. Within the first 10 minutes of the second half, United scored 3 goals to go ahead 3-2. Each team added a goal and F.C. Livermore won the final 4-3. The F.C. Livermore team is anchored on

Marguerite Swearingen - and midfielders Kylie Hill, Tatyana Martinez, Lauren Kershner, Angel Gosse, Breanna "Banana" Rittmann, and Racquel "Bam-Bam" Hamblen

Saturday game results: Livermore Shock 5, NV Milpitas Cyber Rays 0. Livermore Shock 3, San Mateo SC Fury 0. Sunday game results: Livermore Shock 4, DeAnza Force 0 Sunday Championship game: Livermore Shock 3, Santa Cruz Breakers 0.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U15 - Division 1 AC: In their final tournament competition of the year the Rage traveled to the Walnut Creek Octoberfest and walked away with the second blace trophies. In Saturday's two qualifying games, the Rage played the West Valley Impact to a 1-1 tie in the morning and defeated a very tough SSJ Tornado team 1-0 in the afternoon. In the Sunday morning qualifier they met the Danville Mustang Rapids and defeated them 1-0, which gained them the top point position in their group. Paige Robertson scored all three of the Rage goals, with assists from Morgan Dorsey and two from Ailsa Smith

In Sunday afternoon's Championship Game the Rage played the Fremont Fury to a 0-0 tie through regulation time. In the first "golden goal" overtime period it appeared that the Rage had the game won when Robertson put the ball into the net from close range. The goal was nullified by an off sides call. The overtime period ended with no score. The ensuing penalty kicks went

score. The ensuing penalty kicks went Fremont's way 4-2. **Pleasanton Rage Rampage U19:** Put-ting together a stretch of dominating perfor-mances, the Pleasanton Rage Rampage took the Newark Orange and Black Classic U-19 championship beating their opponents by a combined 15-2 margin. Pleasanton took two games on Satur-day, overwhelming the Fromont Evalosion

day, overwhelming the Fremont Explosion 6-0 before taking down the Livermore Explosion 2-0 in the afternoon. On Sunday the Rampage continued to play well, beating the

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defensive line worked hard to neutralize attacks rather efficiently. With only 2 goals being scored against them over 4 games.

Blue Dolphins

Twenty swimmers from the Livermore Blue Dolphins traveled to Oakland in a dual venue meet held by the Oakland Barracudas.

Several new Dolphins swimmers made an impact with many top eight finishes. Three of the youngest new swimmers were Kali Mesarchik (5) who placed 3rd C division for her 25 breast, Amaaber Mills (10) placed 1st in the 200 free (B), 2nd in the 100 IM (B), and 3rd in the 500 fly (C). Robert Huntington (8) placed 5th C division for his 25 back. Several new high school team mem-bers take home top eight finishes at this their first USA meet. They were Ashley Mills (17) 1st (C) in the 100 free, and 200 back, Sid Lee (14) placed 7th (C) in the 100 free, and 8th (14) placed 7th (C) in the 100 free, and 8th (C) in the 50 free. Hayley Sa (14) finished 1st in the 100 free (B), and 2nd in the 100 breast (B). Brianne Radliff (5), Rebecca Blasco (8), and Matt Esser (12) dropped times in all of their events. Max DeSantis (7) placed in the top three in every event and captured two new A medals in the 25 back and 50 breast.

Other top finishers for Livermore in-clude: Michelle Ansari (7) 2nd (C) in the 25 back 26.80 for a new B, Marisa Ansari (9) 8th (C) in both the 100 IM (1:53.99), and the 100 free (1:37.81). Natalie Dimits (12) 5th in the 200 free (C), Hannah Folmar (9) 8th in the 100 breast with a new BB time of 1:41.59

Bowling News

Steve Ohlson was almost perfect in leading the bowling action at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Ohlson, Eagles Renovation league, starting with the first eleven strikes with the 12th ball resulting with a 296 game and his career first 700 with a 723. Mark McCreary, Modified Guys and Dolls, blasted a big 792 series with a eleven strike game of 290 to go with 267-235; Gene Bruihl, Gene's Pro Shop, put games together of 258-237-265 for a 775 total. The Lab League saw Scott Lowe, 171

norm, roll his career firsts 700 set with 233-225-242; Ron Bowman, Jr., Match Point, came in with 246-236-267-749 set. John Rangle, Friday Family Affair, upped his 156 par with his first 600 set made possible with a 236 game for a 617 set; Kimi Lima, Wednesday Wonders bowled her career first 200 game with a 202. Youth bowler Brandon Klinefelter, Generation Gap, tallied his high series with 235-222-187-644. The 4 Seasons Heating and Air Strollers watched two keg-lers go over the 700 plateau-Ryan Macri, 185, posted 234-257-242-733 set and Jeff Williams highs of 258-231 for his 716.

The ReMax Cheyenne loop saw Mark Shiraki the leader with highs of 261-257 - 723 set; Jeff Lyons 269 game placed him at the 709 level with the same total for Ricky Chin via his big 289 game. Ron Abreu, 187 norm, used a pair of 246 games for his 711 total. The Classic league had Gabe Donahue the top game getter with his 278. Just over the 700 mark were Glen Thompson, Modified Guys and Dolls, 257 high for a 703 and Glen Cloleto, ReMax Cheyenne, with highs of 262-246-701.

Livermore Football

Livermore Youth Football League re-

sults: Livermore Gladiators battled the Walnut Creek Marauders. Malik Pruitt, Max Moore and Nick Arnold played hard on offense. Livermore's entire offensive line also de-serves mention. Defensive standouts were serves mention. Detensive standouts were Logan Potter, Nick Stanley and Garrett Hart. Sean Haggerty and Basim Almanshi also played well for the Gladiators defense. Junior Midget: The Livermore Norseman remain undefeated in the Junior Midget division of the Diablo Valley Youth Ecotbell Conference by hosting the Welnut

Football Conference by beating the Walnut Creek Marauders 37-14. The Norseman sent five different players to the end zone. Quar-terback Jeremy Mata scored on a 75-yard bootleg, then kicked the PAT. Diquan Madi-son scored on a 45 yard run, and Damiary Drew would score on a 5 yard run before the half sending the Norseman into half time leading 22-8. In the second half Walik Gilmore added six points on a 45 yard run, and Kevin Kutchera caught a 45 yard pass from Mata for another score. Jacob Kearney ran in the final PAT. Standing out on defense were Luc Hamilton (sack), Blaine Call, Tyler Leasau (sack), Cameron Sawyer, Zach Robbins, Madison and Kearney. Damariay Drew, Jordan Moss and Kevin Kutchera all had tackles for loss. The Norseman will next Dori Lucero (8.6); Logan Reynolds (8.4); Rachel Yang (8.325) ALL AROUND -Melissa Graber - 5th place (33.575); Dori Lucero - 6th place (32.575); Rachel Yang -9th place (31.925); Kelly Overstreet (31.55); Logan Reynolds (31.5) Age Group: Older VAULT - Jessica Fineran (7.825) BARS -Jessica Fineran (7.825) BEAM - Jessica Fineran - 3rd place (8.85) FLOOR - Jessica Fineran - 4th place (8.8) ALL AROUND -Jessica Fineran - 5th place (33.3)

Jessica Fineran - 5th place (3.3) LEVEL6: Age Group: Younger VAULT - Tiana Hodzic (8.15); Melissa Chambers (8.025); Shannon Gray (7.15) BARS - Tiana (8.025); Shannon Gray (7.15) BARS- Tiana Hodzic - 4th place (7.9); Melissa Chambers - 6th place (7.875); Shannon Gray (6.975) BEAM - Melissa Chambers (8.325); Tiana Hodzic (8.175); Shannon Gray (7.85) FLOOR - Tiana Hodzic - T3rd place (8.85); Melissa Chambers (8.0); Shannon Gray (7.65) ALL AROUND - Tiana Hodzic - 7th place (33.075); Melissa Chambers - 8th place (32.255): Shannon Caray. 10th place (20.855); (1.05) ALL AROUND - Hain Mole (2010) place (33.075); Melissa Chambers - 8th place (32.225); Shannon Gray - 10th place (29.625); Age Group: Middle VAULT - Kaitlyn Pahler - 4th place (8.6); Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 5th place (8.575) BARS - Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 5th place (8.5); Kaitlyn Pahler - 7th place (8.0) BEAM - Amy Tilson-Lumetta (8.475); Kaitlyn Pahler (7.8) FLOOR - Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 6th place (8.8); Kaitlyn Pahler (8.625) ALL AROUND - Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 6th place (3.435); Kaitlyn Pahler (8.625) ALL AROUND - Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 6th place (3.435); Kaitlyn Pahler - 8th place (32.725); Age Group: Older VAULT - Jaime Gray (8.0) BARS - Jaime Gray - 7th place (8.0) BEAM - Jaime Gray (7.75) FLOOR - Jaime Gray (7.275) ALL AROUND - Jaime Gray (31.025); Age Group: Senior VAULT - Melissa Parker - 1st place (8.55) BARS - Melissa Parker - 2nd place (8.55) BARS - Melissa Parker - 2nd place (8.525) BEAM - Melissa Parker (8.0) FLOOR - Melissa Parker (8.55) ALL AROUND Melissa Parker - 5th place (33.625).

Phantom Champs

The Pleasanton Phantom 14U Fall Ball team took first place going undefeated at The Halloween Bash "B" Tournament at Twin Creeks softball complex in Milpitas. In the five game tournament Pleasanton outscored its opponents 32-8, in winning five games. In the Championship game on Sunday afternoon, Pleasanton defeated Los Gatos/Saratoga Magic 4-3. Haley Douglas pitched a superb game, allowing just four hits through six innings. Maggi Horn drove in the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning with a drive to left center scoring inning with a drive to left center, scoring Jenica Holt. Holt had led off the inning with a single, stole second and third putting her in position to score the winning run on Horn's base hit.

In the first game, Pleasanton beat Vic-tory of Santa Rosa 10-0. Haley Douglas pitched the entire game striking out eight of the fourteen batters she faced. Macy Massajilo led Pleasanton getting on base three times and scoring three runs, while driving in two. Kim Grano scored twice. In game two, Pleasanton defeated California Crossfire, an 'A" classified team, 7-3. Zoe Price had great control on the mound, allowing just four hits. Price also had a first inning double

hits. Price also had a first inning double driving in two runs. In game three, Pleasanton defeated Magic 6-2 as Sydnee Schaffer drove in three runs. Price also pitched another suburb game, allowing two runs. Kim Grano came in in relief striking out five batters in two innings. In the semi-final game on Sunday, for the second time, Pleasanton defeated California Crossfire this time by a score of 3-0 Price second time, Pleasanton defeated California Crossfire, this time by a score of 3-0. Price pitched a complete game, allowing just four hits. Scoreless through four and a half innings, the bottom of the fifth inning proved pivotal. Crossfire's leadoff batter hit the ball sharply to right center. Lizzy Fromson quickly relayed the ball to shortstop, Maggi Horn, who fired to Kelsey Martin at third to barley tag out the advancing runner Price horn, who here to Kersey Marth at third to barley tag out the advancing runner. Price then retired the next two in order. In the top of the sixth inning, Pleasanton started off with four consecutive singles; Haley Dou-glas, Macy Massajilo, Jenica Holt and Maggi Horn all reached base safely. Three of those runners subsequently scored which proved runners subsequently scored, which proved to be enough runs to carry the team into the

Championship Game. The Pleasanton Phantom 14U softball team, playing in the Halloween II Tourna-ment at Rainbow Fields in Modesto, won its second championship in as many weeks. The Phantom beat the Tracy Titans 10-4 in the Championship Game, a team they had lost to twice during the tournament by identical scores of 8-2.

In the Championship Game, after allow-ing three runs in the first inning, Phantom held the Titans to only one run for the remainder of the game. In the second inning, Phantom scored four runs to take the lead. Phantom scored four runs to take the lead. Haley Douglas, Kiera Melton and Macy Massialljo provided timely hitting. In the top of the fifth, Pleasanton scored five runs to take a commanding 10-3 lead. Lizzy Fromson, Maggi Horn, Zoe Price, Sydnee Schaffer, Beth Aselage, and Kelsey Martin provided the offense for the five runs. In the bottom of the fifth, the Titans had three hits, but the seavon run lead was too much for them to seven run lead was too much for them to overcome. Zoe Price pitched the complete

overcome. Zoe Price pitched the complete game, allowing six hits while striking out six batters in the 10-4 victory. In pool play, Pleasanton went 2-2. In the semifinals, against Liberty Fastpitch of Modesto, Pleasanton beat Liberty both times, by scores of 2-1 and 5-4. In the first meeting Maggi Horn singled, proceeded to steal second and third, and then scored on a single by Zoe Price. In the second inning, Kiera Melton drove in Janine Kaleep, scoring Pleasanton's second run of the game. Pleas-anton played solid defense, committing just one error in the first inning. In the second meeting between the two teams, Pleasanton was lead by great defensive plays. Jenica Holt made a spectacular running shoestring catch in left field and in the bottom of the fifth inning. In the bottom of the sixth, with the tying and winning runs on base and two outs, Shannon Easley fielded a well hit ball to deep right centerfield to end the game, sending Pleasanton onto the Championship game.

Pleasanton Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results:

sults: Senior Contact: Bucs 42, Dolphins 35: David Camarena threw three fourth quarter touchdown passes to Max Kurth of 42, 41 and 50 yards, but it wasn't enough, as the Bucs edged the Dolphins, 42-35. Kurth ran for a fourth TD from 64 yards out, had a fifth TD nullified after a 70 yard kickoff return was called back on a penalty, and totaled 353 all purpose vards. Camarena added a fourth purpose yards. Camarena added a fourth touchdown on a six yard scramble and threw for a total of 236 yards. Alex Osterholt kicked a 30 yard field goal and Rees Curtis caught a PAT to round out the scoring for the Dolphins. The Dolphins defense was led by Austin Haire, who bagged high tackle honors with 7.5, including two sacks. Interceptions were snagged by Patrick Gibbons, Brian Hill and Tamer Clark. and Mitch Flores forced and Tanner Clark, and Mitch Flores forced and recovered a fumble for the Dolphins. Other defensive standouts included Nate Vincent, Kevin Lois, and Kurt Koziol. The Bucs had previously lost four games by a total of seven points during the regular season; however, the PJFL playoffs would be different. The Bucs were led by quarterback Stuart Cooper and tailback Carson Ewanich. Coo-2 TDs. Cooper also gained 20 yards and 2 TDs. Cooper also gained 20 yards on four rushing attempts. Ewanich had 7 carries for 131 yards and 2 TDs and one TD reception of 40 yards. Ewanich added four kick-off and punt returns for 134 yards and one TD. The Bucs defense was led by linebackers R.J. Anderson and Ben Krebs who each had five tackles. Defensive backs David Ellison and Bradley Buenz also added five tackles. With the victory, the Bucs gained a playoff date with the undefeated Steelers next Saturday.

Youth Ice Hockey

Despite an outstanding performance by goaltender Colby Paxton, the Tri Valley Blue Devils Pee Wee A's fell 3-1 to Capital Thunder in NORCAL preseason action at

Skatetown in Roseville Paxton was excellent between the pipes

opping 22 shots. The Thunder opened scoring late in the first period when Josh Will scored on a setup from his brother Zach Will and Andrew Johnson. That threesome combined again in the second period to make it 2-0 as Josh Will

In the third period to make it 2-0 as Josh Will netted his second goal of the game. In the third period, behind Paxton's steady netminding, the Blue Devils closed the gap to one as Alec Christoff made it 2-1 on a goal set up by Andreas Dereschuk and Graham Dickenson.

But that is as close as Tri Valley would come as Josh Will closed out his hat-trick with a goal with 3 minutes left. Capital Thunder outshot the Bluedevils 25-14. The Thunder was whistled for 12 minor penalties. Tri Valley had 8.

Tri Valley nad 8. Tri Valley also received strong perfor-mances from Ryan Vonderach, Matthew-Donald Toombs, Theo Somers, Jordan Smith, Chase Piombo, Patrick Melville, Nathan Lundberg, Michael Liamos, PJ Kruse, Michael Hahn and Jeremy Che.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks were well represented this past weekend at the Oakland Barracuda C/B/A+ meet held this past weekend

Results: Jake Bahls, 15, 2nd in the 200 IM, 3rd in the 100 Free. Adam Bayley, 17, 1st in the 100 Free, 100 Fly, and 100 Back. Adam also took 2nd in the 200 Breast and 3rd in the 200 IM and 100 Breast. Marissa Bergh, 12, 1st with a new AA time in the 50 Back. Alicia Brown, 13, 2nd in the 100 Back. Brandon Chandler, 13, 2nd in the 100 Back. Heather Chandler, 10, 2nd place with a new best time in the 50 Fly. Iris Chang, 12, 2nd in the 50 Back. Analese Chinn, 8, 2nd in the 50 Free (new A time) and 3rd in the 100 IM.

Christopher Clark, 13, 1st in the 100 Free and 50 Free (new A times), as well as 200 IM (new Junior Olympic time). He also placed 3rd in the 200 Back and 100 Fly. Casey Coughlin, 15, 1st with a new JO time in the 200 Back, 1st in the 50 Free and 200 IM, and 2nd in the 100 Free with a new NRT. Haley Coughlin, 15, 1st in the 200 Back, 2nd in the 200 IM, and 3rd in the 100 Breast, Caitlin Dourov, 15, 1st in the 100 Fly, 2nd in the 100 Free and 200 Back, and 3rd in the 50 Free and 100 Back. Christopher Dourov, 11, to 1st in the 200 IM, 100 Breast, and 50 Breast: 2nd in the 50 Back, and 3rd in the 200 Free and 200 Back.

Lily Gribbel, 8, 1st with new A times in the 50 Free and 50 Back, 2nd in the 100 IM (new A time) Brittany Grider, 15, 2nd or H 50 Free and 100 Back, and 3rd in the 100 Free and 200 Back. Rachel Knowles, 9, 1st with new Far Westerns times in the 200 Free and 100 Free, 2nd in the 50 Fly (new PRT), 100 100 Free, 2nd in the 50 Fiy (new FrF), 100 IM (new Far Westerns time), and 100 FLY (new PRT). Kayla Lindsay, 8, 1st and 2nd in all her events: 1st in the 50 Fly (new PRT), 25 Free, 50 Free, 25 Breast, and 100 IM; 2nd in the 25 Back, 50 Breast, and 50 Back. Kyle Lindsay, 13, 1st in the 100 Breast, 2nd in the 100 Fly and 200 Breast (new JO time), and 3rd in the 200 Back.

Nisha Malhotra, 10, 2nd in the 100 Free and 3rd in the 100 IM (both new best times). Hanna McGillivray, 9, 3rd in the 100 Breast (new best time). Tim McLaughlin, 13, 1st in the 200 Back with a new best time. Rishab Nair, 7, took 3rd in the 50 Fly with a new best time. Roshni Nair, 11, 2nd in the 50 Breast, and 3rd in the 100 Free (new JO time), 200 Back and 100 Breast. Brianna Neumayr, 15 1st in the 100 Free (new JO time), 200 Back (new Far Westerns time), 200 IM (new best time). Jonathan Ong, 9, 3rd in the 100 IM with a new best time. Lexi Orozco, 10, 1st in the 100 Back. Annalisa Parker, 8, 1st in the 50 Free and 50 Back, and 2nd in the 25 Breast and 100 IM Breast and 100 IM.

Krishnan Rajagopalan, 15, 1st in the 50 Free, 2nd in the 100 Free (new best time), and 3rd in the 200 IM and 200 Breast. Tyler Rhoads, 7, 2nd in the 50 Fly. Joe Roberts, 9. took 3rd in the 200 Free with a new best time. Katie Roberts, 15, 1st in the 200 Breast

and 100 Breast, 2nd in the 200 IM, and 3rd in the 50 Free and 100 Back (all new best times) Adrien Rooney, 7, 1st in the 25 Back, 100 IM, and 3rd in the 25 Breast. Maxime Rooney, 8, all new PRTs and to 1st in the 50 Fly and 50 Free, and 2nd in the 50 Back. RJ Scott, 9, 1st in the 50 Back with a new best time. Robert Shi, 10, 1st in the 100 Breast and 3rd in the 100 Back. Nick Silverthorn, 10, 1st place in 5 events: 200 Free, 100 IM, 100 Back, 100 Breast, and 100 Fly. He also took 2nd in the 50 Fly. Danielle Stickler, 13, 2nd in the 100 Back, Krissy Stroud, 13, 1st in the 200 Breast

with a new best time. Elle Surber, 12, 1st in the 50 Back. Anca Todor, 14, placed 2nd in the 100 Free and 3rd in the 200 IM (both new best times). Kennedy Truex, 8, three 1st place finishes: 25 Breast, 50 Back, and 100 IM; 3rd in the 50 Free, Blake Tucker, 7, 2nd in the 25 Breast and 50 Back. Alex Wang, 11, 3rd with a new best time in the 50 Back. Jessica Xu, 13, 1st in the 100 Back and 3rd in the 100 Fly. Ryan Zhang, 9, 2nd in the 100 Back with a new best time.

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 even 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 pos-session 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 was 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 schools. 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 programs. There will be "special entertainment" a

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

men 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.

Phantom Girls Softball Registration

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

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Final Week to Sign UP

Space is filling up for the Livermore Blue Dolphin's free stroke clinic. The technique camp will be help from November 6th to November 24th MWF from 6 to 7 PM. Featured will be an underwater video analysis of swimming strokes and technique instruction from a coach. Participants typically see at least an 11% improvement in both speed and efficiency after this camp. Sign up by calling (925)-447-SWIM or visit the team website at www.dolphinswimming.org. A few spaces will be reserved for walk ons at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool on November 6th at 6:00 PM.

Little League Registration

Livermore Little Leagues 2007 Season Baseball Registration is Saturday November 4, from 9 am to 2 pm Granada High School udent 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.

Pleasanton Lacrosse

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring 2007 season registration is now open. Pro-grams are available for girls and boys entering grades 3 thru 8. The season runs from February thru mid May. Full equipment required for all players. Additional fees for late registration will apply after October 31st. To register and/or obtain more information on to unwu plaesarton acrosse com ac call 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 organization. HOA raises money for families of soldiers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The run is another way that Hats Off America lets the families know that they and their loved ones will not be forgotten. For information or to register or volum

teer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 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.

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head to West Pittsburg. **Pee Wee:** The Livermore Warriors

throttled the Walnut Creek Marauders 22-0. The Warriors scored on a 8-yard touchdown run from Zach Johnson, with great lead blocking by Kevin Coburn, Casey Soltis, Jordan Brooking, and Jacob Kirby. Next came a 25-yard touchdown run by Coburn led by blocking from Bryan Brinkley, Mikey Walls, Johnson, and Soltis. Rio Castillo took a hand-off from Salvatore Glaviano and scored a touchdown on a 1-yard plunge behind Joshua Johnson and Josh Williams. David Moffitt added the PAT for the last two buchdowns and punted well throughout the game. The Warriors defense recorded their fifth shutout behind six solo tackles from Jordan Thornton, interceptions by Castillo and Ben Sawyer, sacks by Tyler Rardon and Kyle Campiotti, and tackles for loss by Fritz Eibel, Marshall Peters, Joey Gonzales, and Rardon. There was great secondary play by Brooking and Daniel Troutman. Special teams was led by Justin Thornton's blocked punt and Zach Johnson's numerous open field tackles during kickoffs. Soltis had an all-around great game at fullback and punt return. The Warriors improved to 5-3 on the

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy com-peted in the Halloween Jamboree Meet hosted by Oroville Gymnastics in Oroville over the ekend

RESULTS (by event):

LEVEL4 Age Group: Younger VAULT - Kelly Hebert - 1st place (9.15); Kirstin Hewitt - 5th place (8.7); Riley Kuderca - 6th place (8.6) BARS - Kelly Hebert - 6th place (8.4) Black Korley Objection (9.6). Viewtier (8.4); Riley Kuderca - 9th place (8.0); Kirstin Hewitt (7.7) BEAM - Kelly Hebert - 1st place (9.05); Riley Kuderca - 3rd place (8.8); Kirstin Hewitt - 6th place (8.55) FLOOR -Kirstín Hewitt - 6th place (8.55) FLOOR -Kelly Hebert - 1st place (9.15); Riley Kuderca - 8th place (8.7); Kirstin Hewitt - 9th place (8.5) ALL AROUND - Kelly Hebert - 1st place (35.75); Riley Kuderca - 7th place (34.1); Kirstin Hewitt - 9th place (33.45); Age Group: Senior VAULT - Peri Ouyang -1st place (9.4); Kate Scheibner (8.65) BARS - Peri Ouyang - 7th place (8.75); Kate Scheibner - 8th place (8.7) BEAM - Peri Ouyang - 5th place (8.65); Kate Scheibner (7.6) FLOOR - Peri Ouyang - 1st place (8.9); Kate Scheibner (8.4) ALL AROUND - Peri Ouyang - 3rd place (35.7); Kate Scheibner (33.35) LEVEL 5 Age Group: Younger VAULT

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SHORT NOTES

Two Nature Programs

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will offer two nature programs this weekend.

grams this weekend. The first, "Snakes," will be pre-sented Sat., Nov. 4 starting at 2 p.m. Meet Ranger Vickie Eggert at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. The program will discuss snakes and their kin, what makes a snake a snake, and what types live in the park. A live specimen may be available for viewing as well.

On Sun., Nov. 5 the theme will be "Fall Fresh Air." Meet Ranger Patti Cole at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. During our hike participants take special note of the gifts nature has waiting for us... fresh air, wildlife sightings, a clear blue sky, or whatever else the day has to offer. The walk will include some of the narrow, single track dirt trails in the park. Canceled if raining. 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.

Trail Adventure

Save Mount Diablo (SMD), a San Francisco East Bay land trust formed in 1971 will hold its sixth annual: Mount Diablo Trail Adventure "Get Dirty on Diablo" Sunday November 5, 2006 at Castle Rock Recreation Area, Walnut Creek.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Races and hikes begin at 9 am and follow scenic trails in Pine Canyon and along Pine Ridge into Mt. Diablo State This year's Trail Adventure Park event, features a summit run, half marathon, 10K run, 10K speed hike and interpretive hike. Race registration starts at \$35 (includes lunch and Tshirt) and benefits SMD programs. Kids under 12 hike for free. Live entertainment from local bluegrass band Grab Bag, raffles, Jamba Juice smoothies, lunch by The Dog, and vendor displays from local businesses and community organizations will be set up a the start/finish area. The day's events will conclude by 1pm. More information about the event

and online registration go to www.active.com, for printable forms go to www.savemountdiablo.org.

Health Through Art

Health Through Art, a community project promoting health and creativity to counteract substance abuse, rac-ism, violence and socially destructive media imagery, is sponsoring its 7th community-wide Call for Art, with a

November 10th, 2006 deadline for submissions. The Call for Art 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, and each winner will be awarded a \$500 gift certificate to the store of his or her choice. The winning pieces will be used in Multi-Media Campaigns over a period of two years, on billboards, BART, busses or the Internet, and all submitted artwork will be a part of our Roving Art Show.

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 art.

Ebay Drop-Off and Gifts

Etcetera3, a new business, has

opened in Livermore. The store is an Ebay drop-off loca-tion. The full service store will list items

on Ebay. The business is also a unique gift shop featuring items from all over the world. Prices range from \$5 to \$500. Visitors will find handknitted scarves, pearl and silver jewelry, purses and many other gifts and accessories. Owners are Iris, Tina and Martha -

two sisters and their mother. They decided to open the store, because they wanted to spend more time together doing what they enjoy.

Etcetera3 is open Tues through Saturday from 11-6 at 2982 Pacific Avenue in Livermore at the Emil Villa Shopping Center. For additional infor-mation, call 925-443-3156 or go to website www.etcetera3.com

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. Fall clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, November 4, and December 2, 2006. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care pro-grams are also eligible. Parents are

required to bring their children's immunization records and any informa-tion they may have about family income and médical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations.

Immunizations for children are also provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment at (925) 462-1755.

Meaning of Home

Home. This simple, four-letter word means so much to so many. But what does a home mean to children? To find out, Coldwell Banker Resi-

dential Brokerage is asking Bay Area students in grades K-through-8 to enter the second annual Coldwell Banker My Home: The American Dream Contest and describe what makes their houses homes

Developed by Scholastic and Coldwell Banker®, the "My Home: The American Dream" contest asks students in grades K-8 to explain, through images or words, how they make where they live - houses, apartments, condominiums or other living spaces - homes.

Kids who enter may choose to Kuts who enter may choose to focus on one of the following subject cues: "How does your home fit into your version of the American Dream?" "What is your family's heritage, and how do you celebrate it?" "What have your parents, grandparents and other Camily members turght you about the family members taught you about the meaning of home?" Entries may be submitted in the form of a short film on DVD or VHS; a storyboard, comic book or series of photographs with text; or an essay accompanied by illustrations.

This fall 20,000 teachers nation-wide will receive a Scholastic "InSchool" program that includes a poster teaching guide with classroom activities and information about the contest. In addition, the contest will be promoted through advertisements in Instructor® and Scholastic New Teacher T magazines. Home schooled children and children in after school programs are also encouraged to participate.

Three grand prize-winning students each will receive \$2,000 cash prizes awarded for excellence in creativity and innovation. Fifty finalists each will be awarded \$100 prizes. Teachers of the grand prize-winning students each will receive a new digital video camera for their classrooms. All entries must be postmarked by Dec. 1, 2006.

There is no purchase necessary. Full contest details are available on http://www.scholastic.com/instructor and http://www.coldwellbanker.com/

War and Remembrance

Unified School District.

Kenneth Foster, a storyteller of personal and traditional tales, will present "Stories of War and Remem-brance for Veterans Day," on Nov. 5 at the Pleasanton Library.

The program begins at 2 p.m. Foster has performed with Stagebridge, the oldest senior's performing arts company in the country, since Fall of 2005. He was featured on

Holiday Craft Fair, Livermore Laboratory Employee Services Asso-ciation (LLESA) presents the annual Holiday Craft Fair, Thursday, November 2, from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Livermore Barn on Pacific Avenue. Handmade crafts by local artisans. Live music begins at 5:30 p.m. courtesy of Vintage Brass. Food will also be avail-able for purchase at the event by Amelia's Deli of Pleasanton. For more informa-tion contact the LLESA office at 422-9402. Free admission.

Holiday Boutiques: ValleyCare Medical Center Auxiliary. Thurs., Nov. 2 and Fri., Nov. 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in

KPFA's Radio chronicles in March 2006, where he shared one of his Vietnam stories. He has presented his stories in schools, libraries and storytelling events throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny

Johnson, 931-3405.

Wine & Dine

AmericanDream. The contest is open

to residents of the United States who currently attend grades kindergarten

through eight, as well as children in

those age ranges who are home schooled.

Pleasanton Partnerships In Educa-tion (PPIE) Foundation hosted "Bon Appetit – A Star Studded Culinary Affaire" on September 30, 2006 at CarrAmerica in Pleasanton. The event raised nearly \$80,000 for Pleasanton schools

schools. This festive cocktail party featured sixteen culinary teams, each "starring" a Corporate / Community sponsor, a Pleasanton School District School Prin-cinal and a local Bay Area Chef. Each

Pleasanton School District School Prin-cipal, and a local Bay Area Chef. Each team offered a culinary sample with a paired wine. A \$500 cash prize was awarded to chef Neil Marquis from The Pleasanton Hotel. Neil's Chocolate Decadence was voted the best culinary entry by the evening's judges: Chef Paul Bernhardt of Diablo Valley Col-bage. Carol Newman Ecod Writige Tri

mont Bank, Gatan Incorporated, Greenbriar Homes, KKIQ, Oracle, Pleasanton North Rotary, Ponderosa Homes, Robert Half International,

Summerhill Homes, Vulcan Materials, and Washington Mutual.

and Washington Mutual. In addition to food and wine, this star studded event also included live jazz, a martini bar, live and silent auc-tion, and was hosted by Carolyn McArdle and Jim Hampton of KKIQ Padio

Close to 400 guests attended and created an opportunity for our business

community to partner with school representatives. Via sponsorships and auction activities, this event was PPIE's major fundraising effort and raised nearly \$80,000 for Pleasanton schools.

Proceeds will assist in funding pro-grams PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton

For more information on how you can become a sponsor and donate to PPIE, please contact the PPIE office (925) 846-5620 or mail@ppie.org. Or

visit the website at www.ppie.org.

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\$80,000 for Schools

The San Ramon Chamber of Commerce will host its 18th annual Wine & Dine Experience, Thursday, November 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel.

This Tri-Valley lifestyle event includes several dozen East Bay wineries, restaurants and micro-breweries showcasing their culi-nary specialties. A silent auction featuring movie and sports memorabilia will be held as well. Tickets are \$40 for individuals, \$70 per couple, in advance and \$50 and \$80 respectively at the door.

The Wine & Dine Experience kicks off the holiday party season and provides food, drink and a convivial networking environ-ment to San Ramon Chamber members and friends.

Tickets are available from the San Ramon Chamber website at www.sanramon.org or by calling 925-242-0600. The San Ramon Marriott is located at 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Sponsors for Wine & Dine Experience include PayChex, Wells Fargo and AT&T.

Paul Bernhardt of Diablo Valley Col-lege; Carol Newman, Food Writier, Tri Valley Magazine; and Carolyn McArdle and Jim Hampton, both on air hosts at KKIQ Radio. The People's Choice award went to the team consist-ing of Skip Hinsley of Girasole, Esther Becker of Pleasanton North Rotary, and Mike Kuhfal, Principal of Hearst Elementary School. They served a Butternut Squash and Sage Ravioli with Gorgonzola Cream Sauce. Corporate Sponsors included: ADP / ProAction Foundation, Black Tie Transportation, The Clorox Company, ClubSport Pleasanton, Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Dublin Hills Realty, Fre-mont Bank, Gatan Incorporated, Dental Hygiene Program

The Chabot College Department of Dental Hygiene is hosting a public Information Day to introduce its Den-tal Hygiene program. The information day will be held on Saturday, Novem-ber 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Chabot College Little Theater, Room 1250. 1250.

1250. This free event will feature a pre-sentation by Chabot faculty and stu-dents. It will include program informa-tion, enrollment requirements, and in-formation about the dental hygiene profession. In addition, a panel com-prised of students currently enrolled in the program will address issues such as coping with the workload, family life, financial aid, and housing. The pro-gram will conclude with a Q&A session and a tour of the Chabot College dental hygiene clinic.

gram will conclude with a Q&A session and a tour of the Chabot College dental hygiene clinic. The two-year dental hygiene pro-gram at Chabot College is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accredita-tion of the American Dental Associa-tion, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the council on Post-secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Educa-tion. Through this special admission program, students are exposed to pri-mary health care, clinical practice, re-search, educational theory, adult learn-ing concepts and communication. Students work in a fully operative dental clinic where they treat patients. The program regularly invites mem-bers of the surrounding community to visit the clinic for cleanings and other procedures offered for a nominal fee. For more information, please call (510) 723-6900.

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Students for October Students-of-the-Month were hon-

Holiday Boutiques, Bazaars, Etc.

(Chai) Contra Costa Jewish Book Fes-tival Nov. 4-19. On Thurs., Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton, author Ayelet Waldman will be presenting a program. She is the author of "Love and Other Impossible Pursuits." Admission is \$10. For more information or to RSVP, call Sharon Cohen, 931-1055 ext. 11. For a book festival bro-

chure email jenny@jfed.org. Annual Bazaar, Golden Circle Seniors Annual Bazaar will be Tuesday and Wednesday November 7th and 8th from 9am to 3pm.at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East

ored by Livermore Rotary at last week's

meeting. They are: Del Valle/Phoenix Continuation School, Principal Fred Quarterman brought Jeff Weatherton; Vineyard High School, Principal Nancy Steele introduced Brendan Hanan; and from Livermore High, Principal David Chamberlain introduced Melissa Gutierrez and Aaron Kiefer.

Along with a recognition plaque, students each received gift certificates from Granada Bowl, Coldstone Creamery, Carl's Jr., and Richard's Creative Marketplace.

Livermore Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesdays at Doubletree Club Hotel.

Stories and Crafts

Family storytime will be held a week early at the Springtown Branch Library. At 11 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 4, Gary Myer will bring together the past and present with stories about "Land-ing in America." The library is located

ing in America." 'The library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive. Evening family storytime at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Liver-more Ave., will be held on Mon., Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. The evening will feature stories about dragons, knights and prin-cesses. Storyteller John Weaver will swashbuckle his way through stories guaranteed to tickle your family's funny bones. bones

Family storytime will be presented in Spanish and English at the Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Ave., on Sat., Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. "Fish Tales" are on the menu.

All ages are welcome to participate in these programs. There is no charge. Contact youth services at 373-5504 for more information or pick up a fall-winter storytime schedule at any of the libraries.

Chinese Dig Display

The Livermore Heritage Guild is featuring two exhibits of the Chinese experience in the Livermore Valley open to the public at the Carnegie

Building. The first is a display of the artifacts found in 2004 during the historical dig at the former site of the Chinese worker compound south of the Old Fuse Works Coast Mfg. and Supply. From 1913 until 1926 as many as 22 Chinese men, recruited in China, worked for Coast

Mfg. Livermore Heritage Guild member Anna Siig put this exhibit together. It will end Nov. 18.

The second exhibit is a genealogy roadmap of Kay Speaks's Chinese-American family and her search to American family and her search to learn about her heritage. She traces her Chinese father's journey from China to Angel Island, then to Tulare County farming communities of Farmersville and Visalia. Speaks is a member of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical So-ciety. This exhibit will end Nov. 26. The exhibits are on display at the Carnegie Building, 3rd Street between J and K Streets in Livermore. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Carnegie Building at 449-9927.

items. There is no admission fee. Snacks and refreshments available for pur-chase. For information, call 447-1246 ext. 252.

Arts and Crafts and White Elephant Sale, Thurs., Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. in the arts and crafts room. Featuring handmade creations and terrific treasures at this annual fund-raising. Holiday Tea and Fashion Show,

Dec. 3. Museum On Main, Pleasanton. Sittings at noon and 3 p.m. Tickets for members \$30.00/person and nonmembers \$35.00/person. 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Presented by

Amador Livermore Valley Historical

Society. Information and reservations: 462-2766 or

www.museumonmain.org/

lectures.htm

Patterson, a brother Stanley Roemich of Chico, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Howard Barnhill.

Private family services will be held with internment at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward.

Dec. 28, 1919 in Boston, Mass. He graduated from Greensburg High School in 1938

and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard an aircraft carrier. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 22, 1945 as an Airman 1st Class. Carl then

into the German Air Force, captured in Normandy June 1944, taken to Virginia as a POW 2 yrs, and after WWII sent back to Germany.



Gerhard Schwaegerle ing the

g o o d treatment and food in the U.S., they immigrated to America aboard the Andalusia in 1954. They resided in Washington

OBITUARIES

Marie Bailey

Marie Bailey died October 23, 2006 in Livermore. She was 70.

The native of Anaheim had lived in Livermore for 28 years. She was raised in Reedly. Marie was a beloved wife. mother and grandmother who enjoyed her grandchildren, baseball, fishing, sewing and homemaking. She

will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband Henry Bailey, daughters, Donna Siano of Saugus and Karrell Eckardt of Livermore, sons Steven Bailey of Tracy and Allan Bailey of Livermore and nine grandchildren.

A graveside service was held October 30 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan

ton and Nancy Barnhill of

Carl F. Lundbom. Jr.

Carl F. Lundbom, Jr. was 86 at the time of his death. He was born

went on to graduate from Penn State with a degree in engineer-

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Brian Michael Nigro

Brian Michael Nigro died October 25, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 20.

The native of San Leandro had lived in Pleasanton for ten years. Prior to that he had lived in Hayward. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2003 and was attending Las Positas College. Brian was an avid Raiders and A's fan. His hobbies included video games, movies, RV camp-

ing and his dog, Jordan. He is survived by his parents Michael Anthony and Theresa Marie Nigro of Pleasanton, numerous cousins, extended family and friends.

Mass was celebrated October 31 at St. Felicitas Catholic Church in San Leandro.

Donations may be made in his name to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, 1375 Sutter St., #300, San Francisco, CA 94109. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Gladine Barnhill

Gladine Barnhill died October 28, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was 92.

Mrs. Barnhill was born on Nov. 13, 1913 in Chillcothe, Missouri. She had lived in Pleasanton for the past fourteen years. Previously, she resided in Hay-ward for almost fifty years. She was employed by Penneys in Havward for 20 years prior to her retirement. During retirement, she and her husband Howard enjoyed extensive travel throughout the United Sates and Europe with many trips to Lincoln, Ne-braska, Mr. Barnhill's family home.

She is survived by her children, Delores Berck of Pleasan-

ing. He retired from Sandia National Laboratories in 1985 after 29 years of service. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and was involved with Toastmasters International, the Boy Scouts of America as a committee chairman and Scoutmaster of Troop 903 from 1960 through 1968, and was a member of the Livermore Chapter of SIRS.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 27 years, Rosemary, his parents Carl F. Lundbom, Sr. and Grace Lundbom, and two infant sons.

He is survived by his wife of 36 tears, Patricia, seven children and their spouses: Carl S. Lundbom and Margie of Richmond; Susanne Flanagan and Jon of Tracy; Larry Lundbom and Dolly of Union City; Dennis Lundbom and Maureen of Verdi, NV: Robert Lundbom and Michelle of Manteca; Paul Lundbom and Diana of Berry Creek; and Roseanne Kamerdula and Jim of Patterson; sixteen grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren, as well as sisters Ruth Long of Greensburg, PA, and Gertrude Richey of Arlington Heights, ILL.

Visitation will be Thurs., Nov. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. with rosary at 7 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 3 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Gerhard Schwaegerle

Gerhard Schwaegerle died October 20, 2006. He was 80.

He was born August 24, 1926 in Czechoslovakia and orphaned State, Marin County and San Bruno before settling in Pleasanton in 1968.

He worked meticulously in the Automotive business for Reynolds C. Johnson VW distributor 20 yrs, BMW, Nohr Imports & Real Estate. He was named Volunteer of the year by the So. Alameda County Board of Realtors. A 69 year Scouter Gerhard was involved in the Boy Scouts of America as Twin Valley District Commissioner 12 yrs and was proudest of overseeing nearly 500 Eagle Scout Board of Reviews. He received numerous awards including: Silver Beaver, Bronze Burro, Vigil Honor in Order of the Arrow, a Paul Harris in Rotary and many others. He camped, taught the boys life skills, crafts, cooking, and many merit badges. In 1972, he attended the International Scout Friendship Tour of Europe. He believed in giving back to the Community through Scouting. He raised 2 Eagle Scouts and spent much time with his 4 grandsons. He died 2 weeks after collapsing in church with breathing problems and 1 day before his 56th wedding anniversary, ex-actly 6 months after his wife's passing.

He is survived by his sons Marcus Schwaegerle, Gary Schwaegerle and his wife Phoebe and their 4 sons, Anton, Owen, Easton and Evan all of Pleasanton, a sister Gertha Lepsch, nephew Walter Lepsch and family of Austria.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at 10am Friday Nov. 3. 2006 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton. Interment will be at Pleasanton Memorial Gardens following the service.

the Lobby of ValleyCare, 5555 Las Lomitas Blvd., Pleasanton. and Mon., Nov. 6 and Tues., Nov. 7, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. LifeStyleRX lobby, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Auxiliary is always looking for volunteers for the gift shops, information 734-3368.

34th Annual Holiday Bazaar held Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore. Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, from 9am to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Many beautiful handmade gifts, ornaments, and holiday decorations. Homemade jams and jellies, baked goods and candies. Free admission.

Christmas Boutique, The Liver-more Lions Club is sponsoring a Christ-mas Boutique on November 4, 2006. This annual boutique will be held at The Bothwell Arts Center (the old rec center) at 2466 8th street, Livermore. Quality handmade items will be avail-able. Lunch features homemade soup, sold by the Livermore Lioness Club This event is open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact Foni at 449-2268 or Joan at 373-1131.

Christmas Boutique and Craft Fair, 4th annual MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers), Sat., Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore. Admission is free. Featur ing products such as handmade jew-elry, purses, tote bags, glassware, baby gifts, cards, lotions, soaps, clothing, children's items, home decorations, Christmas decorations, frames, as well as many direct sales companies. Raffle, prizes from vendors. Information, con-tact Sheree or Sara at 447-3465 ext. 3008

shereeb@cornerstoneweb.org. Book Festival, The 18th annual

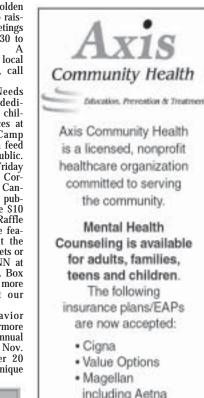
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Avenue, Livermore, California. On sale will be hand-made baby items, kitchen items, scarves, hats, slippers, lap robes, doilies and more all at rea-sonable prices. New this year will be the grand opening of "Grandma's Closet" featuring some older treasures. Golden Circle Seniors is a non-profit club rais-ing money for local charities. Meetings are held every Monday from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Community Center. A portion of the proceeds goes to local charities. For more information, call (925) 373-5760.

Pasta Feed, Exceptional Needs Network, a non-profit agency dedi-cated to providing special needs chil-dren 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 Cor-nerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. The pub-lic is invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Raffle prizes and live music will also be fea-tured. 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. **Craft Boutique**, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, will host its annual Holiday Craft Boutique on Sat., Nov. 21 from 9 a m Covar 20 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 20 artisans and crafters will offer unique









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Robert Silverman featured at concert.

Canadian Pianist Opens Del Valle Concert Season

Del Valle Fine Arts will open Times calls him "a pianist of imits 2006-07 six concert schedule with distinguished Canadian pianist Robert Silverman.

The concert will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday November 11.

As one of the standouts of the DVFA 2005-2006 series, Silverman will appear as part of his North American tour, performing an all-Mozart concert honoring the composer's 250th birthday.

The first recipient of the Ontario Art Council's Paul de Hueck and Norman Walford Career Achievement Award for Keyboard Artistry, he has performed with major symphony orchestras in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia and has recorded 25 CD's.

Just last week, US music critic Wes Phillips reviewed his recent Beethoven Diabelli Variations recording by saying "How good is it? Well, if you really want the two richest hours of piano music ever recorded, I'd suggest you buy Glenn Gould's Goldberg and Robert Variations Silverman's Diabelli Variations."

Silverman was on the faculty of the University of British Columbia for many years and served as Director of the School of Music for five years. The New York

portance and high-minded purpose;" and the Seattle Post Intelligencer considers him "a pianists pianist, unquestionably in the league of his generation."

For his Livermore concert, Silverman will perform *Sonata* #2 in F Major, K280; Sonata #6 in D major, K284 D; Sonata #12 *in B Flat Major, K570, and So-nata #17 in F Major, K332.*

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$16 for full-time college students and seniors over 62, and free for students through high school. Individual tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance from the Book Oasis in Livermore, the Towne Center Books in Pleasanton or by writing to DVFA, P.O. Box 2335, Livermore CA 94551.

Season tickets are available at the door also for \$90 and \$80 for the full series of six concerts, a saving of nearly 20%. The remaining concerts are Paul Jacobs, organist on Nov. 25; Red Priest, baroque ensemble on January 27, Fry Street Quartet on March 3; Denise Djokic & David Jalbert, cello and piano duo on March 31 and finally Chu-Fang Huang, piano on May 5.

For information, call 447-2752 or go to www.delvallefinearts.org.

'Macbeth' Next Production for Las Positas Theater Department

Shakespeare's "Macbeth," will be staged by the Las Positas College Theater Department in November.

Performances will be Nov. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater.

Director Wendy M. Wisely has set this production of the classic psychological thriller in the world of 1960s organized crime. Though set in modern locale, Shakespeare's language is left intact.

In addition to Wisely, the staff includes producer Ken Ross. Set and lighting designer is Jeremy Hamm, while costumes have been created by Wesley Morgan. The central roles of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are played by Drew Raboy and Allison Blackwell. Peter Barrett appears as Macduff and Danielle Sanders as Lady Macduff. Tom Darter portrays Duncan, John Bourke is Banquo; Gui Fonseca, Ross; and Thomas Ignatius, Lennox. The infamous three witches are played by Swetha Dixit, Laurel Drummond, and Jasmin Toutouchi. Rounding out the cast are Rachel Attarian, Ted Bressler, Kyle Burgess, Brian Fernando, Nikki Grieci, Tristan Haller, Rachel Herrington, James Mickle, Linda Rhodes, Brandon Robinson, and Sam Tille. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased on campus at the Las Positas Bookstore, or at Fine Fretted Friends in downtown Livermore. Advance reservations may be made by calling 424-1812. For information, contact Ken Ross at 424-1166 or kross@laspositascollege.edu. The campus is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore.

Memoirs of a Diva Theme of Show

Harmony Crossroads Chorus annual show, "Memoirs of a Diva," is an evening filled with music, fun and harmony. The show will feature familiar songs, old and new.

The show is on Saturday, November 4 at Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple Street. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

The chorus will be joined by special guests Cantabella Children's Chorus, a Livermore based choral group and Uncalled Four, a men's a capella quartet.

Harmony Crossroads Chorus is a Pleasanton-based chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an independent, nonprofit music education association whose mission is to advance the musical art form of barbershop harmony.

'We have an exciting night in store for our audience" said Barb Vander Putten, the Harmony Crossroads Chorus Director. "As well as beautiful music, we think there will be plenty of laughs too"

Tickets purchased in advance

are \$15 adults, \$13 for seniors age 62 and over and \$10 for children under age 18. Tickets at the door are \$18 for everyone.

For ticket information contact Carrie Shaeffer 925-846-1857

Harmony Crossroads Chorus rehearses most Monday nights at 7.30 p.m. at the Fountain Community Church (Intersection of Stoneridge and Santa Rita Roads). Guests and prospective members are always welcome. For more information contact Kate at 925 249 0856, or visit www.harmonycrossroads.org



Pleasanton Playhouse presents 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" at the Studio Theatre as a special fund-raiser for the Pleasanton Playhouse Orchestra! Performances are November 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday matinees November 12 and 19 at 2:00 p.m. Call 925-462-2121 to reserve seats. A minimum donation of \$10 per admission will benefit the Pleasanton Playhouse Orchestra.

`& ENTERTAINMEN

Livermore Wine Country Literary **Harvest**, release party on Sat., Nov. 25, noon to 5 p.m at Tenuta Vine-yards, 633 Kalthoff Commons, Livermore. Anthology of stories, po-ems and creative nonfiction written and told by People Who Write and Tell Stories. Information 456-3100 or 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net. Livermore Art Association and Pleas-

anton Art League meeting Mon., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Archpriest Leo Arrosmith, a "writer of sacred icons," will be the guest artist. Almond Av-enue School, Almond Avenue, in Livermore. The meeting is free. It is

Diablo Light Opera Company, pre-sents "Thoroughly Modern Millie." 8 p.m. Nov. 2, 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Nov. 4. \$26-\$38 Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469, www.dlrca.org. Wine, chocolate and appetizers, Aloha

Island Trading Company, Gourmet Works and Studio 7 provide compli-mentary appetizers, Livermore wines and chocolates every Friday through December 22nd from 6-9 PM. This is for the enjoyment of adult shoppers. Music is also offered on most Fridays. Aloha Island Trading Com-pany, Gourmet Works and Studio 7 are looated at 400, 410 and 420 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton (cor-ner of West Angela and Main). Check www.AlohaIslandTradingCompany.com

for the Livermore featured each week. Auditions, The Odd Couple, by Neil Simon. November 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Scripts will be diffion Roles are provided at the audition. Roles are available for 6 men ages 35 - 55 and for 2 women ages 25 to 40. Production runs February 2 - 18, 2007. For information about auditions visit us on the web at www.dmtonline.org. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre 22311 North Third Street Hayward; (510) 881-6777.

Auditions, The Fantasticks, Pleasan ton Playhouse production. Directed by Jennifer Schwartz. Auditions Nov. 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m. Callbacks by invitation. Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Performance dates Feb. 16-March 11, 2007. Prepare 16 bars of a Broadway song (not from The Fantasticks). Bring sheet music in your key. No tapes, trans-posed music, or a cappella. Accom-panist provided. Be prepared to move/dance and dress accordingly (e.g. dance shoes are recommended) Please bring headshot and list of conflict dates. Open Auditions. No appointments. Non-equity/No Pay.

All Roles Open. 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. Pacific Chamber Symphony concert,

Pleasanton on Wed., Nov. 8 for a 7:30 p.m. Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway.

Three of the Symphony's principal musicians, Christina Mok, Violin,

Marcel Gemperli, Viola, and Nina

Flyer, Cello, will perform in an en-semble solo with the orchestra. The

program features German Dances,

Sinfonia Concertant for Violin, Viola and Cello and Orchestra, Eine kleine

Nachtmusik, and Symphony #41

Jupiter. Tickets for a single concert are \$15 adult, \$13 senior, \$9 stu-

dent, S6 children under 15; buy 3 get 4: 4 tickets for \$45, call 484-9783. And Then There Were None, Contra

Costa Civic Theatre production of a

mystery. Nov. 10 through Dec. 9, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. 951 Ponoma Ave., El Cerrito. \$18, \$11 age 16 and under. 510-524-9132,

Www.ccct.org.
 Pleasanton Art League Public (PAL)
 Art Circuit has made its Fall rotation. New pieces by local artists can

be seen and purchased at the follow-

ing locations: In Pleasanton, on Main

Street: Bank of America, Keller Wil-

liams Realty, and Towne Center Books. Other Pleasanton locations are the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce on Peters Street and R.E. Re-alty Experts on Hopyard. The circuit also includes Bank of the West on Dublin Blvd. in Dublin and Vogue Hair Studio on Sunol Blvd. in Pleasanton. The Vogue exhibit currently features abstracts by Mahesh Baishya. The Public Art Circuit loans art work for public access. A portion of subsequent sales supports PAL's com-munity art education programs. To participate as a site partner or as an artist, contact Lisa Davis at 925-518-4436.

Concerto Competition, Prometheus Symphony Orchestra for Bay Area string, wind and percussion players age 18 or younger. Competition is Tues., Jan. 30, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church, Piedmont. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sun., March 25, 2007 and will receive a \$150 award. Application deadline is Jan. 20, 2007. Applications are available by calling 447-3659 or on-line at www.prometheussymphony.org. sian Fusion Cooking Class, Monday November 13, Pleasanton Hotel, 5-9 p.m.. Executive Chef Neil Marquis

and Sous Chef Jake Witener. Assist in preparing these foods, then sit down to enjoy the results, paired with a local wine. Class includes recipes, loner Chef's Coat and Toque. Fee \$85 per cook; \$35 for dinner guests of the Cooks arrive at 7:00 p.m.. Limit 12 Cooks and 12 Guests. Res-ervations 925-846-8106

Angels in America, winner of two Tony Awards and the 1991 Pulitzer Prize, will launch the 2006-07 theatre season on the Hayward campus of California State University, East Bay on Friday, Nov. 3. All perfor-mances will take place in the Studio Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for general admission, \$7 for youths and seniors, and \$5 for Cal State East Bay students. Tickets may be reserved online at http:// class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/ Summer_Theatre_Calendar.php or by telephone at (510) 885-3261. Joody Guthrie's American Song,

Woody The Willows Theatre Company pre-sents Songs and Writings by Woody Guthrie, Conceived and Adapted by Peter Glazer, October 9 – November 12. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. with matinees Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. \$30-\$35; discounts for seniors (65+), students (6-18), and groups (10+). The Willows Theatre is located at 1975 Diamond freshments. Information at www.lithophile.com or contact Bill

 Beiriger at 443-5769.
 Jazz at the Ridge, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, <u>4</u>280 Greenville Road, Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz from Two Guys. Information, 456-8215 or

Poetry Open Mike Night, 3rd Thurs-days, All poets, young and old, raw, simmering or stewed are welcomed every third Thursday of the month 7pm-9pm at The Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, off Valley. Bring up to ten minutes of poetry to share. The evenings are free, light refreshments will be served. Call Cynthia Bryant at 925-398-8846 or email her at PoetsLane@comcast.net for more information.

Tommy T's (comedy) Pleasanton, 5104 Hopyard Rd. 227-1800 or www.tommyts.com.

South Pacific, Pleasanton Playhouse, Oct. 20-Nov. 5. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Satur-days is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, call 462-2121

or go www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. 4th Annual US Bank Art Show, Oct. 25-Nov. 11, Open during bank hours, US Bank, 2125 Second Street, Livermore. Judged show. Sponsored by Livermore Art Association. Free admission. Information, 449-9927 or www.livermoreartassociation.org Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film Series, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., 7 p.m. Nov. 2: All about Eve. Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College, will give an entertaining talk before each film is shown. Free admission. No registration required. For more information, please contact Penny Johnson at 925/ 931-3405.

Valley Concert Chorale Benefit concert, Saturday November 4, 7:30 pm-10:00 pm, Featuring An Evening of Piano Music with Dan Glover First Presbyterian Church, Livermore. Tickets are \$25 per person. To purchase tickets, call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message, or send email to tickets@valleyconcertchorale.org.

Wine and Words, Sunday, Nov 5, 2-4 p.m. Martinelli Conference and Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road Livermore. \$5 admission For more information contact Livermore's 1st Poet Laureate, Connie Post; connie@poetrypost.com. Featured Poets: Chad Sweeny and Lucille Lang Day. Featured Poets will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a Short Break. Open Mic is from 3-4 p.m.

And Them There Were None, Amador Valley High School production of Agatha Christie's mystery. Nov. 9, 11, 16, 17, 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets and information khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. information

Winter Concerts at Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Sat., Nov. 11, 7 p.m. Rafael Manriquez and His "La Amaranto Duo." \$10 adults, \$5 for youth. Call 459 2100 for Unformation 452-2100 for Information.

WINERIES

Elliston Vineyards, A Holiday Evening at Elliston, Dec. 8 and 15, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Two cocktail parties for groups of 2-35; live music, cheese and chocolate pairings with our wines. \$65.00 per person includes live holiday music, hors d'oeuvres, chocolate fondue, champagne and wine! Reservations and payment required ahead of time. 862-2377. www.elliston.com

Winemaker Dinner, Tenuta Vineyards wine pairing dinner Wednesday, November 15, 7-10 pm, Pleasanton Hotel. Appetizers plus 4 course din-ner by Executive Chef Neil Marquis. Each course paired with wines of Nancy Tenuta's Livermore Valley Tenuta Vineyards. \$70 per person plus tax and gratuity. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St.. Pleasanton. Reservation 846-8106

Wine Flight, Trio at Stony Ridge Restaurant, located at the Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge Wineries, is hosting a Wine Flight Friday, November 10th. Enjoy three wine samples from guest Retzlafl Estate Winery paired with appetizers. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are required. Please call 925-449-0660.

Traditional Chinese Watercolors in Show

Artist Lian Quan Zhen, a master of traditional Chinese watercolor, brings his elegant works to Wente Vineyards this month.

Characterized by graceful and fluid lines, traditional Chinese watercolors capture the essence of natural objects with a deep and

Gallery Features Award Winning Artist

Alexander's Main Street Gallery presents "Surface Explorations," a show of new art work by award-winning artist, Denise Oyama Miller. The show runs from Saturday, November 4 through Sunday, November 19. The reception is Saturday, November 4 from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

This show will be a combination of works on textiles and paper using a variety of mediums. There will be watercolors, other watermedia, and collage on paper, as well as procion dyes and textile inks on fabric. The show will also include quilts made using a variety of techniques, including piecing, applique, and machine quilting. The textiles include quilts, sculptures, and wearable art clothing.

Denise is a local artist, who



has shown her work both locally and nationally and has won many awards for both her textiles and watercolors.

Alexander's Main Street Gallery is located at 610 Main Street in Pleasanton. The Gallery is open Monday-Friday 10 to 6, Wednesday to 9:00, Saturday 10 to 5. and Šunday noon to 4 p.m. For information contact the Gallery at (925) 846-6015.

One Ticket Price

Correction: Tickets for the Valley Concert Chorale's fundraiser, "An Evening of Piano Music with Daniel Glover," are \$25 per person, no reservation necessary. Tickets will be available at the door. See art notes for concert details.

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'Bronco Billy' Films To Be Shown as Part Of Lecture Series

A presentation of silent film classics starring George Anderson as "Bronco Billy" will be featured by the Livermore Heritage Guild as part of the History Lecture Series.

The showing will be Wed., Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.

The movies were filmed locally in Niles Canyon by Essanay Studios between 1903 and 1918. Anderson was a partner in the studios.

Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$2 is suggested. For more information, call 443-9740.

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Happy Feet Starts November 17

Blvd. next to CompUSA and REI in the Willows Shopping Center in Con-cord. Tickets: (925) 798-1300; www.willowstheatre.org Lithorama 2006, show and sale Nov.

18-19, The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Club. Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$3, under 12 free with adult. Dealers with gems, minerals, beads and findings, jewelry, equipment and much. Educational displays from several northern California clubs, including the special "glow room," with a rainbow of colors. Demonstrations, prizes, re-

Symphony Change And Correction

A picture in the most recent Independent Magazine was identified incorrectly. The photo is of Janet Holmes the resident organist of the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore and not that of Sally Dalke. Holmes is soloist for the Concert Piece for Organ and Orchestra by Sowerby also being presented at the Livermore-Amador Symohony's December 2 concert

In a late change to the program, Sally Dalke will not be playing with the Symphony in the December 2 concert due to conflicts. Taking her place as concertmaster and soloist supporting Mr. Tinsley in the Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 will be Kristina Anderson

beautiful simplicity. Enjoy Zhen's works while sipping tastes of Wente Vineyards' award-winning wines at the Estate Winery Tasting Room.

Lian Quan Zhen teaches his special watercolor techniques at U.C. Berkeley and at workshops around the world. A reception with the artist will be Sun., Nov. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The exhibit will be on display through November 30th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Estate Winery Tasting Room, open daily, 5565 Tesla Road. For information call, 925-456-2305.

Band Performs at Veterans Day Event

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing during the Veterans Day Ceremony on Sun., Nov. 5 at Veterans Plaza, Peters Avenue and Division Street, Pleasanton.

The program will begin at 1 p.m.

Prior to the Ceremony, The Band will be performing selections such as "American Veterans March," "Bunker Hill," "American Salute," "St. Julien March," "The Rifle Regiment March," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

For the Ceremony, Director Bob Williams has selected "The Star Spangled Banner," "Colonel Bogey," "Song from M.A.S.H.," and the traditional hymns of the military services to honor those in the audience from each military service. The Ceremony will end with "The Stars and Stripes Forever."





ETIN BOARD

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

Dangers of Internet Predators, Livermore Police Department will present infor-mation on how to protect children from online predators at a program on Wed., Nov. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Free preregistration is requested. Open to ages 18 and older. Learn how to talk to children about online dangers. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Call to register 373-5700 reg. #2719. Participants are asked to use the parking off of Loyola if possible. This is the sixth in a series of community service presentations sponsored by the City of Livermore Citizens' Police Academy Association and LARPD.

Film, On Saturday, November 18th, at r PIM, On Saturday, November 18th, at 7 PM, in honor of Native American Heritage Month, the stunning, award winning docu-mentary, "Homeland," will be shown at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Event is free (\$2.00 donation accepted), open to the public, snacks and beverages provided, wheae Chair accessible, tables for bandout wheelchair accessible, tables for handout literature available. Short announcements are welcome. Meet and greet starts at 6:30 PM. For more information, 925-462-3459.

Livermore Community Thanksgiv-ing Dinner, served Thanksgiving Day, 1 to 5 p.m. Over 1000 meals will be served in person or delivered to those unable to attend. Transportation is also available for those who need rides to and from the dinner. If you need a ride or a meal delivered, please call 455-9782. Anyone interested in helping out is invited to attend an information and planning meeting on Wed., Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Volunteers can sign up at this meeting.

Livermore Lions Club meets on the 1st Livermore Links Chapmeets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Next meeting will be on Thursday, Novem-ber 2, at Emil Villas BBQ Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Av, Livermore, at 7pm. Official visit from the Lion District 4C3 Governor, Gary C. Wong, and his staff. Visitors are invited and encouraged to attend. The Livermore

Lions Community Chuck Wagon will be at Robertson Park for the Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) Swap Meet, Sunday, Nov. 5 from 7-11am and will be serving \$5 pancake breakfasts and lunch. For further information go to our website at www.LivermoreLionsClub.org or email us

at LivermoreLions@comcast.net. Book Sale by Friends of the Livermore Library on Sun., Nov. 5, noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former library at 1000 So. Livermore Ave. Fiction and nonfiction books magazines and audiovisuals are sold at deeply discounted prices. There will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., shopping bag sale for \$2 for a bag of books. **California Retired Teachers Associa**-

tion Tri-Valley Division #85 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 14 , 11:15 a.m., at Sun Valley Mobile Estates, 835 East Airway Blvd., Livermore, California. After a buffet luncheon, professional storyteller, Joel Ben Izzy, will make an entertaining presentation. The cost is \$11. Guests are welcome. Information 373-8254.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Fed-erated, Brad Dacus, President of Pacific Justice Institute, will be the guest speaker at the dinner meeting on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Garlic di Pasta Restaurant, 3037 Hopyard Road, Hopyard Village Shop-ping Center, Pleasanton. New members and visitors are welcome. For reservations, contact Marilyn (925) 485-9869. Dacus will address legislative issues pertaining to paren-tal rights, schools and churches. He will discuss the Newdow case, property rights and will eights civil_rights.

Pleasanton/Dublin Soroptimist, To honor the birthday of 50 years serving the community, he Pleasanton/Dublin Soroptimist will be hosting a tea party. It will be held on November 4th from 2-4pm at the Highland Oaks Center in Pleasanton. The cost is \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Sophia Project. This is a home for women and children that helps prevent homelessness by education, child care and respite care in Oakland. To participate contact Gloria Bragg, President of Soroptimist, at (925) 462-8653.

Teachers, Interested in teaching, sharing special talent? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training which may qualify them to teach a class. Dance, Tai Chi, Floral Design, Fitness, or suggest a class. Please

NAME STATEMENT

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call 925-606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond

Ave. in Livermore. Technology Ventures Corporation presents: Operations Start-Up, Monitoring, and Human Resources (Pleasanton) on Wednesday, November 15 8:30am-12:30pm at CarrAmerica Conference Center 4400 Rosewood Drive Pleasanton. Free. This session describes the business organization development process and the essential legal, account-ing, taxation, and record keeping processes. Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technology start-ups. TVC's training ses-sions are free to attendees and will be held at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Please register online at: http://www.123signup.com/ calendar?org=techventures. For more information, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or tvc-

ca@techventures.org. Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 4, 58.5 miles Atlas Peak, Dry Creek and Mt. Veeder, meet 9 a.m. Napa Valley College, Mike DeMicco, 778-3000. Sat., Nov. 4, 40 miles, bike trial to Morgan Hill and back, meet 10 a.m. at the San Jose Velodrome, John Rodriguez, 680-0256. Wed., Nov. 8, 35 miles Central Park in San Ramon to Sunrise Bakery in Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

San Ramon Newcomers, luncheon Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m. social, noon lunch at Canyon Lakes County Club in San Ramon. Open to residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. Information 735-3508 or http://newcomers.home.comcast.net.

Computer training classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Introduction to the Internet, Sat., Nov. 4, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; e-mail basics, Sat., Nov. 4, 2 to 4 p.m. Stop by the Civic Center Library adult information services desk or call 373-5505 for further informatio.

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Thurs., Nov. 9, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jo Caporaso will present a sideshow of her travels, "Exploring Long Island's Twin Forks." Adults are invited to this free program. Information, call 373-5500

Event for seniors, Fri., Nov. 3, night out on the town in Pleasanton: dinner at

Sweet Tomatoes and then a visit to see Pleasanton Playhouse's version of South Pacific. Space is limited. Cost is \$32 for residents or \$35 for nonresidents. To register, stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. or call 931-5365. Pet First Aid Class, offered by City of

Dublin on Sat., Nov. 18 at the Dublin Civic Center, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 556-4500 or go to www.DublinRecGuide.com.

Auto Repair: Don't Get Taken for a **Ride.** Joaquin Murphy, a representative from the Bureau of Automotive Repair, will be the guest speaker at the Tues., Nov. 14 Coffee and Conversation With the Experts at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Form 10:20, to 12, many Like has headled from 10:30 to 12 noon. He has handled consumer complaints and been involved with community outreach. During his time on the Bureau, he conducted formal fraud investiga-tions that led to successful prosecutions by local District Attorney's offices and the Attorney General for fraudulent repair activities. Murphy will share consumer tips and discuss the Complaint Mediation Program and, how to file a complaint. Call 925 931-5365 for information about the program. \$1.25 residents/\$1.75 nonresidents. 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 Com-munity College of the Air Force. Charley is the son of Linda Charley of Livermore. Air Force Senior Airman Jillian L. De Neveu has deployed to an overseas forward-operating location to support the missions of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy. The airman is a KC-10 aircraft aerospace maintenance apprentice normally assigned to the 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, Calif., and has served in the military for two years. She is the daughter of Daniel and Sharon De Neveu of Livermore. De Neveu is a 2001 graduate of Livermore High School.

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, November 7. November 28. and December 12. Students are invited to join at any time. Ruth Gasten, class facilitator, is an experienced adult educator, who cared for her mother until her death at age 94. To register call Amador Valley Adult School at (925) 426-4280 or visit them at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/ adulted.

Student news: Ian Darlington, the son of David and Katheryn Darlington, Livermore, is spending the 2006 fall term partici-pating in a study-abroad program in Florence, Italy. A senior at Lawrence University, he is a 2003 graduate of Valley Christian High School, San Jose. The 15-week program emphasizes language instruction and Renaissance art and is supplemented with visits to Florence's many museums and art galleries, field trips to other cities throughout Italy and discussions with local scholars. Alice Li of Tracy was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Alice Li is the daughter of Ms. Xiuli Qi of Livermore. Li, who is majoring in biomedical engineering, is expected to graduate in May 2006. Free public tours of Ravenswood His-toric Site are offered on the second and fourth

Sundays of each month, except December. Tours are conducted by docents dressed in 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tearoom. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Ravenswood is oper-ated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Call (925) 443-0238 for tour information, or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

ValleyCare Auxiliary, Volunteers needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floor service, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, please call 734-3368.

RELIGION

Veterans Day Program, Sun., Nov. 12, 11:45 a.m. at The Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Tri-Valley Unity Church will present a program entitled "My Child The Soldier." It will feature guest speakers from the American Gold Star Moth-ers Association, the California Blue Star Mothers Association, and Operation: SAM (Supporting All Military). Also featured will be musical interludes by the Tri-Valley Unity Choir All are invited to attend

Choir. All are invited to attend. **Unitarian Universalist**, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. "Lovin" the USA," is the topic for Nov. 5 with Rev. Eric Meter speaking. 447-8747. **First Church of Christ, Scientist, Liv-ermore has services at 10.a mevery. Sunday.**

ermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. (925) 447-2946. **Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Derek Meekins. Nursery and children's church pro-vided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. 447-6282. **African Missionary To Share Story**-The public is invited to hear Catharine Coon, a missionary, tell of her work with Ugandan and Sudanese children affected by the civil ermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday

and Sudanese children affected by the civil wars in these countries. Catharine the founder and Director of Children of Hope, directs a

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, 11 a.m. at the Pleasanton Pres-byterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. The presentation will be followed with a lunch. There will be a brief business meeting. **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 inter-religious 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 S5 free-will donation will be accepted. For more information contact Julie at 925-447-4549 or e-mail at upcatholic@aol.com. **Tri-Valley Unity Church** meets at the Radisson Hotel 6680 Regional St. Dublin

upcatholic@aol.com. Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. Special Thanksgiving Day service, 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

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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 lowing owner (s): 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, 1994. 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, 2011 The Independent Legal No. 2065. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006.

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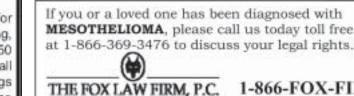
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Shoe Box Gifts Sought for Operation Christmas Child

Area residents can help to bring joy this Christmas by simply packing and collecting shoe box gifts for children through Operation Christmas Child.

Cross Winds Church, 6444 Si-



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Danny is long and lean, and built for speed. This long-legged, handsome boy is also very friendly and likes to have people around him. He is very social, and is eager to play with other dogs, and would be best with older children because of his size. He is a big and strong 2-year old Dobie/Hound Mix, and would do best in a home experienced with large dogs. For more information on Danny, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

erra Court, will receive gift-filled shoe boxes from the community during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, November 13-20. The church will be open Monday -Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday - Sunday 1 - 5 p.m., and Monday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, the international Christian relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Children, families, churches and groups fill empty shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, photos and personal letters. Operation Christmas Child delivers them around the world to girls and boys suffering from poverty, war, disease, disaster and terrorism.

Operation Christmas Child has handed out more than 46 million shoe box gifts since 1993 and last year reached over 7.6 million children in 95 countries.

This is Cross Winds Church's third year as a Collection Center. The church hopes to collect 15,000 shoe box gifts from Dub-lin residents and the surrounding area this year.

"Operation Christmas Child is one of the easiest and most fun ways to make a positive impact on another child's life," said Marilyn Fung, who is coordinat-ing the local collection. "I received two letters back from the Philippines for the shoe box gifts I gave last year. I received one from an 11-year-old boy who was so excited and so happy because

it was the first time he received gifts from a person like me. Joy is more than doubled when we share a little love through a shoe box gift.'

Abby Peterson, raised in an orphanage in Russia, will never forget her shoe box. It contained the first doll she had ever received. "A shoe box really can make a difference-I remember how great it made me feel to know someone I didn't even know cared about me.³

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. For more information about Cross Winds Church's participation in Operation Christmas Child, call 1-800-383-1459. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, or to receive free materials, call 1-800-353-5949 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org

LARPD, School Agree on Lease Extension

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors voted to accept the principles of the Livermore Valley Charter School's proposal to extend LARPD's lease at the Charter School site. The site houses the Friendship Center, LARPD's adult day care program. LARPD will begin negotiations with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District regarding the details of the lease extension. The site belongs to the School District, which must grant and approve the lease extension.

The Charter School, with the School District's approval, will extend LARPD's lease until June 2008, with the option of extending it to June 2009, provided LARPD "makes substantial progress in relocating the pro-

gram." The Friendship Center opened at the Charter School site (formerly the Sonoma School) in August of 1992. It is housed in 3 rooms at the site. The Friendship Center is a program designed to enhance the mental, spiritual, social and emotional well being of adults 50 years and over who cannot live alone due to physical or mental challenges. This type of program serves not only the clients, but provides muchneeded respite for the people who care for them. This is the only such program in the entire Tri-Valley.

The Livermore Valley Char-ter School also had its inception at this site, beginning classes at the start of the 2005/2006 school year. Currently a K-7th grade school, the Charter School plans to expand next year to K-8th grade, which will require more space for classrooms.

The School District notified LARPD in June of 2005 that it would not renew LARPD's lease, which expires in June of 2007.

Since receiving this news, LARPD staff has been scrambling to find a solution, exploring such possibilities as renovating its



former District office on Trevarno Road, looking at commercial properties to lease, inquiring about City-owned land near the Civic Center on which to build, and evaluating the possibility of acquiring a former private school site on Vasco Road.

The Friendship Center is a state-licensed adult day care center. As such, the licensing for the program is site-specific, which means the program cannot simply relocate and resume operations. It must establish a new site, make renovations required for the program, and then go through the licensing process all over again. This all requires more time than the remaining period of LARPD's existing lease at the Charter School.

Board President Scott Kamena stated, "LARPD staff and Directors are grateful for the Charter School's willingness to work with them to find a solution.

Charter School Executive Director Lon Goldstein spoke at the Board meeting, expressing his appreciation for the importance of the Friendship Center Program. Goldstein noted that the school had to add eleven portables at a cost of over \$1 million to accommodate growth this year. Only eight portables would have been required, if the three classrooms occupied by the Friendship Cen-ter were available. There are 737 students with 869 expected next year, Goldstein explained.

Goldstein said of the adult day care program, "I have learned this is a program that is greatly needed by those who utilize it.

LARPD will pay the installa-tion cost of the additional three portables, approximately \$60,000. LARPD will also pay the charter school the \$1311 per month for the lease of the portables. Once LARPD has vacated the site, the charter school would repay the original costs of installing the three portables. The monthly rental fee would be nonrefundable.

LARPD General Manger Tim Barry stated, "This is the break we've been looking for on this issue. I am confident the Park District will be able to find a new home for this program within this new time frame.³

Board member Dale Turner commented, "It is important that the charter school know we are pursuing another site. If we are serious about the Vasco Road site, I would suggest that the board send a letter of intent and a refundable deposit so we can investigate the site properly."

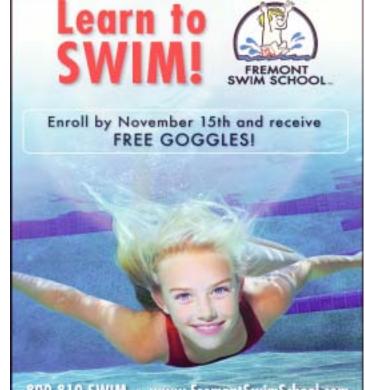
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in 2006," according to Glover.

Representatives of girls softball expect to have over 200 league members at the LARPD board meeting.

If fields are lost, the LGSA has said that it would have to turn girls away. Last year, the league registered over 650 girls on 53 teams. Approximately 75 girls had to be turned away, because of the lack of fields.

(The complete letter from Barry is in today's Mailbox.)



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