



Tickets are available for the gala opening of the Bankhead Theater. The performance will feature Bernadette Peters.

## Ticket Office Doing Brisk Business

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center reported that after the first week of sales for the inaugural season of performances at the new Bankhead Theater ticket demand has been strong.

More than 6,000 tickets – worth more than \$218,000 – have been sold to date. In addition, the opening of the ticket office on September 4, including both phone and internet-based sales, went according to plan. As expected, lower-priced tickets for the long-anticipated Bernadette Peters concert sold-out on the first day of sale. Seats for Peters' October 6th gala benefit performance are still available at the \$500 and \$750 levels. These prices include valet parking, a pre-show party on the new Livermore Valley Plaza, featuring food, fine wines and entertain-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Flags and flowers were left along Tom Burnett Drive in Pleasanton in remembrance of Tom. He was one of the heroes who took on the terrorists aboard United Flight 93. The plane went down in a field in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001.

## McNerney, Stark Join For Forum On Health Care

Reps. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and Pete Stark (D-Fremont) will team up on Sept. 15 for a joint town hall meeting with a focus on health care.

The session is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Pleasanton city council chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Most of Pleasanton is represented by McNerney. However, Stark represents a sliver of the city's south side and Sunol.

It's the first time the two have teamed up together for a town hall meeting. Stark, whose dis-

(See HEALTH CARE, page 5)

## The Friends Of Livermore to Host Campaign Kickoff

Friends of Livermore will kickoff the upcoming campaign season this Sun., Sept. 16 at Retzlaff Vineyards.

There will be an opportunity to meet and talk with candidates endorsed by Friends of Livermore in the November 6 election: Mayor Marshall Kamena, Councilmember Marj Leider, and Jeff Williams.

The afternoon will include food and music. Festivities take place from 4 to 7 p.m. with a program planned for 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 at the door. Retzlaff Vineyards is located at 1356 So. Livermore Ave. Please RSVP at 447-8901.

# Livermore Council Endorses Rail Policy

A proposed regional rail plan is "quite possibly one of the most important transit items we will see as a council."

That was the message Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena delivered prior to a presentation and vote on a recommended plan for the Tri-Valley portion of a regional rail plan and high speed rail proposal. The package is a blueprint for rail improvements for the next 50 years. It includes BART, the ACE train and high speed rail.

A consensus policy statement drew unanimous support from the council. The Pleasanton council will vote on the statement at its

Sept. 18 meeting.

The policy supports continued study of high speed rail through the Altamont Corridor on the Union Pacific corridor provided there are no significant right of way takes and there are no major aerial structures through Pleasanton. They support the regional rail plan recommendation for a BART extension to Isabel/Stanley provided alternatives including Greenville and beyond will continue to be studied in the environmental document and that the environmental document process can begin to be developed soon after the adoption of

the regional rail plan.

Bonnie Nelson, a consultant for the plan, noted that the high speed rail and regional rail plans are separate studies. The high speed rail could make it possible to travel from downtown San Francisco to downtown Los Angeles in the same time it takes to travel by plane if the time to and from the airport is included.

The regional rail plan looks at providing a better match between demand and service. Nelson noted that the majority of trips originating in the Tri-Valley terminate in the Tri-Valley. Other major destinations are to Contra Costa and Santa Clara

County. The same is true of trips originating in San Joaquin County. However, the heaviest demand has the worst transit service.

She described BART as expensive and unique, an idea that has run its course. Other technology is being considered for the future.

There are two draft recommendations for the Tri-Valley. One assumes there would be no high speed rail over the Altamont.

If there were no high speed rail, key recommendations would be for regional express bus service in the I-680 and Vasco Road corridors. There would be

substantial improvements to the ACE commuter rail service, including separate passenger rail tracks within the existing right of way and other improvements that would increase the speed of the trains.

A BART/regional rail connection would be established in Livermore. The recommended location would be at Isabel/Stanley. The BART extension would be completed with the regional rail improvements. e-BART would be extended to Tracy with an intermodal connection to ACE.

It is estimated that the Isabel/Stanley station would cost \$500

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A parade marks the official start of the soccer season in Pleasanton. This year's parade, held last Saturday in the downtown, included the "Tweety Birds" team marching behind their banner.

## Pleasanton Delays Oak Grove Vote

The Pleasanton City Council deferred a decision on the Oak Grove development until Oct. 2.

The hearing was an appeal of the Planning Commission's vote not to certify the EIR, which amounted to a denial of the project. The commission determined that the EIR was inadequate in its analysis of the visual impacts of the development.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern asked for the delay to allow more time to read all the documents related to the proposal.

McGovern also asked whether the council could send the planned unit development (PUD) and developer agreement to the

planning commission for analysis. The commission did not look at the PUD or the development agreement once it had rejected the EIR.

The proposed development would be built on 562 acres in east Pleasanton owned by the Lin family. The land has been the subject of controversy over the years. A project approved in 1993, which included a golf course, was successfully re-referenced.

For the past two years, the owners, city representatives and nearby homeowners have held talks to try to come to an agreement on how the Lin family could develop the site. Issues

included traffic, fire, visibility of homes, and the treatment of open space.

The plan the council will consider includes 51 custom home lots that would occupy 66 acres. The Lins would donate 496 acres of permanent open space to the city. A third party would hold an easement over the open space. Trails and a staging area are to be built by the developer at the time the fifth homesite is sold. Access to homes would be from Hearst Drive. There would be an emergency vehicle access from Grey Eagle.

The developer is required to prepare a rangeland fire manage-

(See OAK GROVE, page 4)

## Joe Michell Favored Location for K-8 School, Portola Likely to be Closed

By Patricia Koning

Last week trustees of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District again discussed the possibility of converting an elementary school into a K-8 school. While no action was taken, Joe Michell Elementary School appears to be the likely site.

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Kelly Bowers presented an overview of what the educational program at a K-8 school might look like. As Michell's capacity is about 600 students, there would be about 60 students per grade.

Both the K-5 and 6-8 programs would be very similar to what is offered in the District's current elementary and middle schools. Bowers noted that athletics, clubs, and the Associated Student Body would be smaller because of the size of the school.

"Often with a smaller campus, you get a higher rate of participation in extracurricular activities because there is less competition

in elections and tryouts," she said.

The biggest cost to the District in implementing a K-8 school at Michell would be renovating and adding facilities to accommodate the middle school physical education, science, computer laboratory, and elective programs. Additional parking, restrooms, and administrative office space might also be necessary.

"Staffing costs could be offset if another school is closed in tandem with the opening of a K-8 school," said Bowers.

The trustees and District administrators expect to close an elementary school within the next five years if enrollment continues to decline. They have indicated that Portola is the likely choice. However, a final decision has not been made yet.

The opening of the K-8 school could be phased in, with one grade added at a time over three years, or it could be accom-

(See K-8 SCHOOL, page 2)

## 2008 Harvest Wine Celebration Selected As One of Top 100 Destinations

The American Bus Association (ABA) announced the Annual Harvest Wine Celebration, to be held August 31-September 1, 2008, has been designated as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2008. As one of only

three events in California to receive this honor, the Annual Harvest Wine Celebration is in prestigious company sharing billing with Pasadena's Tournament of Roses and Sacramento's Jazz Jubilee.

The release of the American Bus Association's 2008 Top 100 list marks more than 25 years of the Top 100 Events. What began as a way for motorcoach operators to incorporate new product into their itineraries has

grown to one of the most sought-after lists by travel professionals, motorcoach operators and the general public. The Top 100 list is published as a supplement to the September/October issue of Destinations magazine.

ABA's 2008 Top 100 Events Selection Committee selected the Annual Harvest Wine Celebration from among hundreds of U.S. and Canadian events nominated by state and provin-

(See DESTINATIONS, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Bubbles drew a giggle from one youngster at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Children's Fair held over the weekend. There were two days of fun-filled activities for the entire family.

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### PET OF THE WEEK.

Bradley is a friendly fellow looking for a warm lap. Bradley and his sister Fiona, both 2-years old, came to Valley Humane when their family moved away. He likes other cats and is gentle with children, but has never been with dogs. He is de-clawed, so he needs to be an indoor-only kitty. For more information

about Bradley, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or visit him at our Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Smoke from fires burning in California created an orange glow at sunset.

## K-8 SCHOOL

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plished in a single year. Fifth grade students at Michell, if that site were chosen, would have priority enrollment.

Floyd Wilson, Executive Director of Facilities, said that to have the campus ready for the 2008/09 school year, he would need Board approval and direction by October. At last week's meeting, he estimated that about \$150,000 would be spent in the first few months on fees and permits.

Several of the trustees expressed disappointment that the educational program appeared no different than the other elementary and middle schools in the District.

"This looks like a K-5 school that happens to have a K-8 school on the same campus. We're just building eight walls instead of four," said trustee Anne White. "I'd like to see science and math programs designed for K-8. This school should be as integrated as possible."

Trustee Bill Morrison agreed with White's assessment, which he joked was a "miraculous event."

"It feels as if we are putting two boxes down in the same place," he said. "I'm also concerned if this is the best place to spend our capital dollars, or should they be put back into our existing schools, say in the form of zero periods at all the middle schools and more counselors?"

Tom McLaughlin was the only trustee who seemed ready to vote to move forward that night. "If we build it, they will come," he said.

## CEMEX Provides Water to Fill Shadow Cliffs' Lake

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton features an 80-acre lake. Due to the lake's location in an abandoned gravel quarry pit, the lake loses water through percolation and evaporation, especially in the summer, and requires additional water to maintain a constant operational lake level.

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) siphons local ground water from the Arroyo for use in the lake. Access to this water source cannot be guaranteed due to other needs in the area, so the EBRPD searched for a secondary water source.

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area neighbor CEMEX has come to the rescue. Through a recent agreement, the lake will receive fresh water from CEMEX water holding ponds. The water is available after use in the aggregate process. This water un-

dergoes a several stage settling process, is regularly tested by CEMEX to comply with state standards for discharge to streams and is of excellent quality. It will also be monitored on a routine basis by EBRPD. EBRPD will upgrade the existing out-flow pipe at the Lake, and pay for the cost of electricity during water transfer. This arrangement saves EBRPD and taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars annually in potential water usage fees and construction costs for alternatives such as drawing water from other quarries.

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Regional Airport System Workshop

A public workshop on the Regional Airport System Plan - Update 2007 will be held Wed., Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Oakland.

The location is the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

There will be information about the ongoing efforts to plan for future growth at the region's airports, and provide input and recommendations for future work. Topics discussed will include: aviation industry trends, emerging technologies to improve runway capacity, and potential airline and air cargo service at alternative airports.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. For more information, log onto [www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/workshops/rpac.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/workshops/rpac.htm) or call 510-816-5757.

### Safe Surrender Bill

By a 58 to 5 vote this morning, the California State Assembly overwhelmingly passed Assembly Member Alberto Torrico's (D-Newark) Safe Surrender Baby bill, expanding the time a parent has to safely surrender a child from 72 hours to seven days. The bill, AB 81, now heads to the governor.

AB 81 would also establish a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of providing education and assistance to the public.

The safe surrender law took effect in 2001 and the state Legislature made the law permanent in 2005. Since 2001, at least 200 babies have been safely surrendered and 150 have been abandoned. Under the law, a baby can be surrendered at a designated site, such as a hospital or fire station. The parent has a 14-day cooling off period before their parental rights expire. There is no criminal liability on a parent who safely surrenders a child. Under AB 81, as with current law, parents can still be prosecuted if a child were abused.

More than two dozen other states have safe surrender periods longer than 72 hours.

AB 81 is supported by a large number of public safety and health care organizations, including the California Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire District Association of California, the California Professional Firefighters, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, California Nurse Practitioners and the Peace Officers Research Association of California. Other supporters include the League of California Cities and the California Catholic Conference.

### Planning Director to Change Roles

City of Pleasanton Planning Director Jerry Iserson has announced his retirement from that position by the end of the year. Iserson will continue working for the City to assist the City's planning efforts in a new role, as Special Projects Manager.

Iserson, 55, had initially planned to retire in December 2007, in part due to health concerns. "We're delighted that Jerry has accepted this new position and will remain with the City for a while longer," said City Manager Nelson Fialho. "Jerry has been a tremendous asset to the organization with his knowledge of the development of the city."

As Special Projects Manager, Iserson will provide input and direction regarding the General Plan Update as well as participate in various short- and long-range planning efforts.

Pleasanton will begin the process of recruiting a new Director of Community Development. Fialho stated, "I am seeking someone who possesses a strong familiarity with downtowns and also recognizes the importance of community outreach and civic engagement, especially as it relates to land use. I am also looking for some-

one who is interested in residing in Pleasanton and who will embrace the opportunity to live and work in the community."

Iserson will continue as Planning Director until selection of the new director is made.

### Mayors Summit Luncheon

Tri-Valley Mayors will be featured speakers during a luncheon to be held Tues., Sept. 25 at the Hilton Pleasanton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton.

Mayors present will be Marshall Kamena, Livermore; Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton; Janet Lockhart, Dublin; H. Abram Wilson, San Ramon; and Mike Shimansky, Danville.

Chambers of Commerce from each of the cities along with the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau are hosting the luncheon. Advance reservations are required. Tickets are \$30 for chamber members and their guests. Information, call 447-1606.

### Livermore Receives Award

The League of California Cities has selected the City of Livermore as a 2007 Helen Putnam Award winner. The winners were honored during the League's annual conference.

Livermore received the Award for Excellence in the category of internal administration for its advance team meeting program. The program is a service that is used as a feasibility analysis tool, providing customers the opportunity to gather information during the preliminary stages of planning and design. Combining permit center staff resources, the advance team is a solutions oriented approach to determine land use entitlement and building permit requirements, outline review processes, identify fees, establish infrastructure interface requirements, and review economic benefits.

### No Sunset for HOT Lanes

A bill by Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) eliminating a sunset date on high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Diego counties to accelerate construction of new lanes and bring traffic relief to the regions, was approved by the state Senate on Monday 23-12. The bill now heads back to the Assembly for concurrence with Senate amendments.

By eliminating a four-year sunset on the toll lanes, AB 574 allows the counties to securitize future toll revenue to raise capital improvement funds. Funding has been identified to construct a southbound I-680 HOT lane along the Sunol Grade, which would make it the first operational HOT lane in Northern California. The bill would help finance and deliver the northbound HOT lane project.

HOT lanes are a form of variable pricing that allow carpoolers to travel free of charge in HOV lanes and solo drivers to pay a fee to use the lanes.

The HOT lanes in Alameda and Santa Clara counties were authorized by the passage of Assembly Bill 2032 in 2004. That bill permits the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Agency, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency to operate the toll lanes.

### Corrections

A story in last week's Independent stated, "According to a 2002 survey conducted by the Census Bureau, Reading at Risk . . ."

In 2002, the Census Bureau conducted the "Survey of Public Participation in the Arts" at the request of the NEA. In 2004, the NEA released "Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America," based on data collected in that survey.

The name of the designer of the new Youth Court logo was incorrect in last week's Independent. Her name is Rebecca Fortelka.

## Council OKs Tree Preservation Ordinance

The Livermore City Council approved a new tree preservation ordinance.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Lorraine Dietrich voting "no." She supported almost all of the provisions. Her objection was to applying the ordinance to non-native backyard trees.

Dietrich stated, "If we didn't have fenced backyards it would make more sense to talk about it. I'm really bothered about the intrusion into people's backyards."

There were two motions to remove some of the regulations regarding backyard trees. They both failed with Dietrich and Mayor Marshall Kamena voting in favor of the change.

Councilmember Marj Leider, who proposed the ordinance, noted that the city has an urban forest. Backyard trees are part of it. They provide shade and cool-

ing. As a result the average temperature in Livermore has come down.

Kamena supported the ordinance, noting, "It doesn't have everything I'd like to see. But, I'm willing to pass it."

The ordinance governs the preservation of trees on public and private lands based on size, location and species. There would be a permit required to remove a tree, mitigation requirements, and a penalty for violations of the ordinance.

Trees protected by the ordinance would be native trees with a 24-inch circumference, and non-native trees with a 60-inch circumference. Staff had suggested raising the circumference to 40 inches for native trees and 75 inches for non-native species.

If a tree were removed with-

out a permit, the property owner could face a fine of \$5000. The fine would only be imposed if there were no evidence remaining that would allow for determination of the value of the tree.

Mitigation requirements would be to plant a new tree to replace a non-native species, two trees for native species.

Mayor Marshall Kamena questioned the \$5000 fine, calling it a bit excessive.

City Manager Marc Roberts explained that the concept is that the ordinance would have more impact if there were a fine.

The ordinance does allow the removal of invasive species such as sumacs without replacement mitigation.

As part of the ordinance the city will conduct a new tree survey to inventory ancestral trees.

## TICKETS

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ment, preferred or premium concert seating and a post-show champagne and decadent dessert reception.

According to Jole Mendoza, LVPAC's Ticket Office Manager, "We were all ready and eager to open at noon on the 4th, having hired and trained our sales staff in the preceding two weeks." The Bankhead ticket office uses *Tessitura*, a complex and powerful data base and ticketing software program developed by The Metropolitan Opera in New York City and currently installed at major performing art centers around the world. *Tessitura* allows us to provide our customers with quick and efficient service, while allowing LVPAC to maintain an up-to-the minute understanding of our patrons' interests along with accurate financial reporting," said Mendoza.

In addition to offering single ticket sales for the more than 130 events currently slated for the Bankhead Theater's initial season, which begins on October 1 with a concert performance by The Four Freshmen, the ticket office was able to complete the processing of subscription tickets for several of the theater's resident companies including Del Valle Fine Arts, the Pleasanton Playhouse and Livermore Valley Opera.

"We're pleased that the initial reports from our resident companies indicate an increase in subscription sales over previous seasons, demonstrating a growing audience interest in our new theater" said Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director. "The addition of *Tessitura* has allowed our resident companies to introduce multiple pricing which allows each patron to select the price point and seating area that best serves their need. This flexibility will also help increase each group's ability to generate earned income to cover operating costs. LVPAC has invested over \$75,000 to acquire and in-

stall this sophisticated ticketing system as a benefit to both our performing organizations and our patrons."

The Bankhead Theater ticket office is open Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. On performance evenings the

ticket office remains open until 9 p.m. To order tickets for all performances at the Bankhead Theater, call 925-373-6800 or visit the calendar and ticketing section of the LVPAC website [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

## "Livermore Doctor Gets Radical!"

Dear Friends,

It was early one Monday. It just got to me. After seeing the seventh person that day that had been on heavy drugs for headaches and back pain, I said to myself, **This is absolutely crazy.** The crazy part is that few people know that chiropractic may help them.

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So, I guess I'm getting a little *radical* here. The problem is that we chiropractors don't have a massive marketing machine like the pharmaceutical companies. Did you know that the drug industry is one of the biggest industries in this country? Yet, when it comes to our nation's overall health, we fall way short. Why is that?

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### Backpacker, Author Speaks at Library

Bob Madgic, seasoned backpacker and author of "Shattered Air: A True Account of Catastrophe and Courage on Yosemite's Half Dome," will present a visual account of this calamitous episode, the dangers of lightning, and the glory of Yosemite - its art legacy, natural history and stunning features.

Madgic is an avid outdoorsman whose passion is fly fishing. He has also written two books on fishing and related ventures.

This free event will be presented on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us)

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# EDITORIALS

## Friendship Center

Friendship Center, the Livermore based adult day care program, has issued a call for new board members who can help with fund raising.

The program has operated out of classrooms at Sonoma School leased from the Livermore School District, but must move by June 2009.

Friendship Center is in its 15th year. It provides care for adults aged 50 and older Monday through Friday, with a license to serve 30 elders. The average age of those served is 80, most of whom suffer from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The center offers a broad range of activities supervised by a professional and caring staff.

The center is administered by a nonprofit organization, the Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Program (TVADCP), under the jurisdiction of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. One of TVADCP's main responsibilities is to raise funds to sustain the affordability of the senior care.

With the move pending, TVADCP has launched a search for new board members. Especially needed are volunteers with marketing/fund raising skills and someone who could serve as secretary of the TVADCP board.

Friendship Center enriches the concept of friendship. It is one of the gems among the Valley's social service programs. We wish them success in this effort to expand and revitalize their board.

## Youth Court

The recent announcement that a logo has been chosen for the newly formed Tri-Valley Youth Court calls attention to the court's upcoming opening.

Granada High student Rebecca Fortelka was awarded \$250 for the winning logo.

Youth Court is slated to start in January and convene one night a month at the county courthouse in Pleasanton. The court will hear misdemeanor cases not involving weapons or major violence.

Diane Jeronimo, the court's executive director, explains that the young people who come before the court will be given second chances, but will be made responsible for restitution. She says the court will operate on "restorative justice principles."

We look forward to the start of this unique and promising program. By exposing kids to a form of justice that is compassionate and at the same time demands accountability, Youth Court will promote a respect for law.

## STUDENTS

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The increase of 205 students this year is broken down into 57 students in K-5, 66 students in the middle schools, and 82 in the high schools. The board was scheduled for a discussion of the statistics after the Independent's deadline that night.

Pleasanton school trustee Steve Brozosky told the Independent that he put the statistics into his computer, and saw more implications than first met the eye. Brozosky believes there is a pattern that points to breaking the long-held belief in the district that there is a bubble of high population moving through the school system. The assumption by the board and staff has been that the district won't be pushed hard to house future school populations, once that bubble moves through, provided that Pleasanton does not grow more than its current general plan estimates, said Brozosky.

However, Brozosky's look at the statistics showed him that "there is no bubble." All of the classes, as they go through Pleasanton schools, have been gaining population. If one reads the sheet included with the board agenda Tuesday night in a diagonal direction, one can see the pattern for each class as it goes through the grades. For example, the kindergarten class in 2004-05 started at 862 children, rose to 941 when it reached first grade the next year, then to 955 in second grade, and finally to 1005 in third grade this year. Every class showed the same history, although their numbers varied from each other.

Brozosky said that looking at the enrollment of classes as they advance through the system has implications. If growth is increasing in every grade and stays that way for a long time, the district might have to think about building permanent classrooms, instead of renting portables. It's only fair that all students have equal facilities, Brozosky said.

Also, if the trend is upward, the planned construction of the 10th elementary school for the district, Neal elementary school, becomes even more important than in the past, said Brozosky.

Brozosky is not surprised that the enrollment keeps rising.

People who live in other cities, such as San Jose or Tracy, and who can afford to send their children to private schools, realize that they can find good schools in Pleasanton, and put "the \$15,000 a year (in private tuition) into their home mortgage instead. They earn their money back, and show appreciation on their investment," said Brozosky.

### BUBBLE THEORY DEFENDED

However, Lepley said she thinks there is a bubble going through the district. It is merely hidden in the statistics that Brozosky talked about. Lepley said, "Yes, you do grow through the grades. The community is growing right now (build-out is projected in 2015). My belief is that housing (in Pleasanton, with its high prices) brings in older students. We'll see if that can be debunked. If you look at the middle school, and then high school, it remains to be seen. Will middle school classes grow in high school?"

Lepley said that she and the district's consulting demographer believe the high school enrollment is the bubble. However, it's not clear how many current middle school students will move onto high school to keep up the bubble.

Lepley read another board agenda statistics sheet across horizontally, which shows how many students started each year in each of the three school levels. She said that there has not been that much growth of students starting the K-5 and middle school levels.

K-5 was at 985 four years ago, and today it is at 6099. Middle schools were at 3452 four years ago, and now are at 3541. However, the high schools started at 4770 four years ago and are now up to 5161, which Lepley called significant growth. It may be that some new data will change the bubble theory, said Lepley.

One thing to look at is the increase in kindergarten students this year, she said. There are 957 in kindergarten, a boost of 29 above last year's 928. That was up from 920 in 2005-06, and 862 in 2004-05.

## DOE to Remove 700 Plutonium Containers from Lab

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) plans to consolidate surplus, non-pit plutonium at its Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina. Among the sites to be affected is the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The goal is to reduce storage costs and enhance security across the nation's weapons complex. DOE will begin shipping the surplus, non-pit plutonium no sooner than 30 days from last Wednesday and under the plan this surplus plutonium is expected to be shipped to SRS by 2010.

Non-pit plutonium is plutonium that comes from sources other than nuclear weapons triggers, or pits.

The surplus plutonium to be consolidated at SRS will come

from the following DOE facilities: the Hanford Site in Washington; the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California; and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

Some 2,300 plutonium storage containers from Hanford and close to 700 from Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos Labs will be moved by secure transport to SRS.

"Consolidation is a key part of the Department's efforts to properly manage surplus plutonium and follows our dedication to non-proliferation, environmental management and national security," Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management James Rispoli said. "Today's decision continues the momentum for the safe disposi-

tion of surplus materials."

DOE's decision will reduce the number of sites with special nuclear material.

Once the material is at the Savannah River Site, the department plans to make mixed oxide, MOX, fuel by mixing plutonium and uranium oxides to use in specially equipped nuclear power reactors.

The first U.S. MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility is currently under construction.

Another option would be to recycle the uranium into commercial nuclear power plant fuel in lieu of planned disposal at a federal geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, which is stalled in budgetary and political conflict.

A third plan is to immobilize

some of the surplus plutonium in a proposed new, small-scale plutonium vitrification plant that would encase it in glass.

DOE will evaluate reducing and possibly eliminating the need for the vitrification capability, and instead dispose of all the surplus plutonium through the MOX facility and reuse.

Reportedly, the citizens group Nuclear Watch says it "acknowledges the urgent need to provide security for plutonium" but opposes MOX manufacturing.

The group notes, "Transporting highly toxic plutonium - one-millionth of a gram can induce lung cancer in a human - risks the health of millions of citizens along transportation routes. No analysis of risk of terrorism for shipping plutonium has been done."

## OAK GROVE

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ment plan and to donate a 4-wheel drive fire fighting vehicle to the city.

The size of homes was an issue, with the potential for 12,500 square foot houses. Staff recommended reducing the size of homes on the most visible lots to a maximum of 9175 square feet. Staff also noted that each lot would be required to provide a visual simulation of the proposed development on the lot. In addition, development and landscape guidelines would be tailored to individual lots. Homes could not exceed 30 feet in height.

The developer would either build affordable housing off-site or pay a fee to the city in lieu of building it.

McGovern was concerned about building on 25 percent slopes. She pointed out that 80 percent of some lots fell within the 25 percent or greater slope category.

She also questioned whether the developer is entitled to 98 units and what happens to the 47 units that would not be built in Oak Grove under the proposed development.

City attorney Michael Roush said that the 98 units are shown in the housing element. The council is not free to ignore them. Part of the proposal allows the developer an opportunity to build them elsewhere in the city. Twenty percent of them must be affordable.

Several councilmembers asked why a development agreement is proposed.

Roush explained that such agreements are part of a development if the city determines there is something it is interested in obtaining that it could not otherwise acquire through the regular approval process. In this case it is the open space. "There is something for the city. There are good things for the developer. It vests the property early."

By state law, the project could be referred within 30 days after the PUD and development agreement are approved.

The public hearing drew comments in favor of the project and opposed to it. Most of the opposition was based on the size of the homes and their visibility. Everyone liked the idea of public open space accessible by a system of trails.

Marty Inderbitzen, a representative of the Lin family, declared, "This is a spectacular project by any measure. The city will receive a fabulous asset in the form of open space." Inderbitzen felt there had been extensive outreach to the public in an effort to identify and mitigate issues. "The challenge was to deliver to the community what was wanted - few homes and a large open space."

Residents of the adjacent Kottinger Hills were the most involved in the talks with the city and developer.

Bing Hadley, president of the Kottinger Hills Homeowners Association, said there is support for the development if all of the conditions could be successfully met. He called the proposal a compromise that included eight "must haves."

These included no more than 51 homes, permanent easement to prevent further development, the easement held by a third

party, no homes in the most sensitive areas, traffic mitigation funded by Lin family, a staging area for a trailhead, crossing guard at Hearst and Concord, and a functional emergency vehicle access.

"Out of this has come a larger vision. Adjacent landowners would work to achieve the same balance of development and open space thereby creating a natural barrier to future development in the southeast hills and providing the public access. The plan is not perfect. It represents true compromise. It meets the needs of the city and the Lin family," said Hadley.

Michelle LaMarche identified herself as a Kottinger Hills resident who was disappointed with the compromise. "We didn't all go for this development," she declared. "Traffic is an issue. The size of homes is an issue. I hope the view of this development is not being clouded because of the open space."

Martha Evans, who lives in Grey Eagle, felt that the location of the lots and size of the homes would have a negative impact on residents in Grey Eagle. "There is an unacceptable distribution of these gargantuan homes." She said further discussions were needed before the council approved any plan.

Another Grey Eagle resident, Pam Grove, said no one from their area had been involved in the negotiations. "There has been no compromise with us." She called the emergency vehicle access inadequate. Grove also objected to the location of homes.

Former councilmember Steve Brozosky raised the issue of process, as did former planning commissioner Mary Roberts. They both noted that the planning commission had not reviewed either the PUD or the development agreement. Brozosky said that the council would be well served to have the planning commission vet the issues.

Jan Batchellor said, "For far too long the city council has succumbed to the demands of neighbors to the detriment of property owners. The Lin family has been excessively generous with the proposal. The land is within the urban growth boundary and is zoned for homes."

Kurt Kummer called the views from Oak Grove "spectacular. This is a good compromise. It will save the southeast hills. There will be a wonderful addition to our trails and open space system."

Another former councilmember and a resident of Grey Eagle, Becky Dennis, urged the council to support the project. She pointed out that it preserves oak woodland and makes habitat areas accessible to the public. It would be an incredible addition to our quality of life, Dennis declared.

Trail advocate Dolores Bengston stated, "Some residents object because of the large homes on ridgelines. They are sincere in their criticism. However, I believe the siting has been planned to minimize impacts on views." She then noted that her view has been impacted by homes built in Kottinger Hills.

The council received a tongue lashing from another former councilmember Kay Ayala. She declared, "I am abso-

lutely shocked that this plan is before the city council. Any time development was proposed for this pristine land it was squashed by the council. I was told by staff that the development of Kottinger Hills gave the developer his money. It's not true that he has the right to build 98 units."

Ayala added, "If there ever was an example of follow the money this is the one to follow. There have been donations to campaigns of assembly and council races from the landowners. Our elected officials have tried to influence planning commissions going so far as attempting to remove the chairman because she opposed this project. I'm really disappointed the de-

## RAIL

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## MAILBOX

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### Important Election Tom Reitter Former Livermore City Councilmember

Since there are only three candidates running for two Livermore city council seats, this November's election might not seem important. This is not the case.

Consider the following. Council member Lorraine Dietrich was appointed in 1999 by a council majority that wanted to develop North Livermore. In 2000 she opposed the successful county initiative that prevents Alameda County from approving urban development outside of existing cities without a county-wide vote. This measure removed the longstanding threat of the county creating a new town in North Livermore. In 2002 Council member Dietrich opposed a citizen initiative to establish the last piece of Livermore's urban growth boundary in North Livermore. In 2004 she voted against Livermore's new general plan because she opposed the removal of North Livermore housing development from the plan. Then, just two years ago,

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Council member Dietrich supported the attempt by Pardee Homes to put 2,450 houses in a leapfrog development in North Livermore. She even went so far as appearing in TV ads for the Pardee Homes' initiative. How out of step is she with Livermore voters? The Pardee Homes initiative was rejected by 72% of the voters in 2005.

Contrast this with the position of the other two Council candidates. Candidate Jeff Williams and Council member Marj Leider have steadfastly opposed development of North Livermore. They recognize that such sprawl development would waste city resources and aggravate our already serious traffic and water supply problems.

On November 6th, vote for the two City Council candidates who have your interests at heart: Marj Leider and Jeff Williams.

### Community Thanked Jackie Barnett Volunteer, Valley Humane Society/Just Like New Fund

The volunteers at Valley Humane Society want to thank the community for the support of our garage and garden sale on August 25th to raise money for the Just Like New Fund which helps pay for medical expenses of sick or injured animals in the Tri Valley. Thanks to those who donated items to sell, the media for sending the message out and the hundreds of folks who came to make purchases knowing that they are helping sick or injured

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Joesville

The lead in a *Livermore News* article in 1955 said, "Joesville is named after a man whose name isn't Joe. But most people call him Joe." Today's Rock House Sports Pub and Grill and the Castle Rock Restaurant on Portola Avenue are on the old site of Joesville, the legacy of a stonemason born in Lugano, Switzerland, near the Italian border in 1887. Aquilino Paul "Joe" Caratti, a "little man with a rapid-fire way of talking," came to this country when he was 17. In 1906 he traveled to California, where he "expected to find gold in the streets. So he spent his only \$100 during the trip and arrived in San Francisco broke." He found work cleaning brick to help rebuild the earthquake ruins of the Palace Hotel. He and his brother eventually came to Livermore in 1914 and opened the Darrow Bakery on First Street, where patrons could buy a cup of coffee and three doughnuts for 10¢.

In 1917 they bought an old dance hall, once part of a red light district nicknamed "Mexico" on Livermore's northern outskirts. Caratti showed a reporter the remains of the dance floor in 1955. The Caratti brothers renamed the building Arrow Highway Inn because at that time it was on Highway 50 near the Highway Garage. When the brothers were drafted into World War I service in 1918, they had to close both businesses temporarily. Joe spent most of his nine-month military career as a cook at Camp Kearny near San Diego.

After the war, the Carattis did not reopen the bakery, but Joe Caratti continued with his property development along Highway 50. The Arrow Highway Inn segued into Club Joesville, a restaurant and bar, where during Prohibition "we did a little bootlegging," he once told a reporter. "But you don't have to put that in; everybody knows it." In 1930 he and his wife were fined \$400 for serving liquor.

About 1925 Joe Caratti built the Joesville Hotel across the street from Club Joesville at the southwest corner of what is now North L Street and Portola Avenue; the hotel had a grocery and bar downstairs and 12 rooms upstairs. Housing was scarce at the time, so Caratti bought lumber and supplies. The construction workers brought here for the Veterans Administration Hospital expansion built some cabins in back of the hotel. Later, Hetch Hetchy Project workers lived there in what was called the Auto Camp.

Caratti brought his childhood sweetheart, Josephine Gilardi, from Switzerland in 1922; they married and had three children—Albert, Richard, and Anita. The family home was at North L and Pine Streets. Richard and Anita helped in the grocery store. She remembered, "It was more of a general store where anyone could buy groceries, ammunition, liquor, magazines, etc. We even had a bar where we sold beer. The Santa Fe Trailways Bus Line had a stop in front of the store." Albert ran Club Joesville, where lively country-western bands attracted servicemen during World War II and the rodeo crowd in the summer.

The Joesville hotel burned down in a spectacular night fire in 1965. The nine residents escaped from upstairs and, despite the danger from exploding ammunition, no firefighters were seriously hurt. Hundreds of spectators stood in the rain to watch the efforts of almost 50 firefighters.

Younger son Richard Caratti started a Livermore jewelry store in 1950. He worked at Caratti Jewelers with his wife, Lavern, until she died in 1997. He continued to run the business until his death. His obituary in 2002 named compassion as his primary legacy. "He often provided a loan, a job or just a kind word to help others get back on their feet."

About 1950 Joe Caratti began a hobby of collecting rocks that interested him. He did not know their scientific names; he just chose rocks that appealed to him. He especially searched for specimens that "looked like pictures." He started building a castle on his property near Club Joesville in order to display some of the more than 200 tons of rock he amassed on scavenging trips in his wood-paneled station wagon, ranging from the Mother Lode country down to the Mojave Desert and Death Valley. He built a series of arches in front of Club Joesville as well as a fireplace and bar inside. An interviewer once asked if he had any other hobbies. He replied, "Rocks. No fishing or hunting. You eat all the fish. I still got the rocks." In 1977, the original building was torn down, but daughter Anita Caratti Gandolfo retained her father's graceful arches and the interior rock and brick fireplace for the new Rock House Deli and Saloon. Joe died in 1980 and is buried at St. Michael's Cemetery.

In 1998 the city approved development of the Portola Village shopping center at the northwest corner of North Livermore and Portola Avenues. Albertson's and the accompanying retail stores were designed with Caratti's decorative brick and stonework in mind. Caratti's "castle" has been transformed into the Castle Rock Restaurant. The Rock House, after modifications, opened in 1999 as the Sports Pub and Grill, with a separate gift shop on one corner.

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

## Talking the Ghost Talk and Walking the Ghost Walk

Many people move to Pleasanton, but apparently some of them never move out, or at least a part of them does not, not even after they've died. That's the contention of Rebecca Bruner, who helps to conduct walking tours of what are said to be haunted buildings in downtown Pleasanton.

Bruner is on the board of directors of Museum on Main, which sponsors the tour and a related talk.

Gloria Young, a San Jose "ghost tracker," has investigated several Pleasanton sites. She describes herself as basically skeptical about ghosts, but with an interest in documenting things to see what might be there. Young took her crew from the Center for Parapsychical Research to the Gay '90s Restaurant in Pleasanton. It's a place that doesn't mind a little publicity about its "ghost."

One of the many newspaper clippings it has on the wall is a

story about ghostly activity there. Employees from time to time have reported hearing voices in the basement, in an area where a passageway apparently had been walled off years ago.

Young's crew used its infrared cameras and a special tape recorder that can pick up ultralow sounds that can be brought up to human hearing level by using a special program. They didn't detect any voices. However, Young said that she does have a photo that shows all of her little group reflected in a mirror, plus one more person, a woman whom no one seems to be able to identify. She was not there in the group when the picture was taken, said Young.

Carlson, the Pleasanton shop owner who says she is clairvoyant, will present a talk about her experiences at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

Carlson doesn't use the word "ghost," instead calling them spirits. She said that in addition to having clairvoyance, which is the ability to see spirits, she is also clairaudient (hearing spirits) and clairsentient (sensing spirits.) "I can sense things. I can walk into a room and know that it's going on. There is activity all the time. There are a whole bunch of people behind people — ancestors, angels and guides," she said.

Carlson said she isn't interested in the "dog and pony show" or entertainment value of her skills. She wants to help people. She conducted one remote viewing job for a police department on the Peninsula a few years ago. She described the scene where two children were lost, and talked about the design of a man's belt buckle. Police then told her he was an officer who belonged to the search party. The children were found in a land-shelf area that she had pictured.

However, if Carlson took on police work, she said she would have to work long hours and neglect her family, so she has not opted for it.

Skeptic or believer, one can become acquainted with a little more of Pleasanton history by taking one of the Ghost Walks Oct. 12 and 13, or attending the Ghost Walk Talk on Oct. 14. The walks leave the Museum on Main, every one-half hour between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. A walk's duration is one and one-half hours.

Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 5 to 12. Museum members receive \$2 off adult tickets and \$1 off children's tickets. They sell out, so advance purchases may be made at 462-2766. The Ghost Walk Talk will begin at 2 p.m. Oct. 14 in the fireplace room at the museum. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 12, and are also available by calling the museum.

## MAILBOX

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animals become "just like new." With the purchases and donations we will add close to \$10,000 to the Just Like New Fund.

With the negative press recently about animal abuse, it is reassuring that there are hundreds of people in our community who love animals and care passionately about their well being.

### Staples Ranch Petitioning Becky Dennis Pleasanton

I just spent the evening at First Wednesday a few yards away from people gathering signatures for the Staples initiative. I was shocked to learn that they were falsely, but apparently eagerly, reassuring voters that Alameda County would never try to develop Staples Ranch on its own. Why? They mistakenly believe that Staples Ranch is located outside the County's voter enacted Urban Growth Boundary and that development by the County would therefore require countywide voter approval.

This is flat out wrong, as anyone can see from the Association of Bay Area Governments' Urban Growth Boundary map for Alameda County. Check it out at: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/planning/images/alameda%20UGB.pdf>. Staples Ranch is clearly INSIDE the County (Measure D) UGB.

Interestingly, the map shows also that Livermore's UGB is open at the Staples Ranch property. If the map is correct, Livermore would not need voter approval to annex and develop the property either. The same open boundary exists between Dublin and Staples as well. Oops...

Please don't follow people who can't read a map. Staples Ranch will get lost.

### Springtown Dialog Alexander McKernan Life Scout, Troop 939

I had the pleasure of attending the "Town Hall Meeting" with Linda Barton, Livermore

City Manager regarding the Springtown Golf Course and Services facilities. It was an open forum to discuss the future of the Springtown Golf course.

Linda Barton facilitated the discussion with some help from the Public Works, Dan McIntyre. There were over 300 people in attendance at the Elks Lodge. A lot of the people were agitated

at the idea of the golf course being sold off and used for low income, high density housing or for any use other than open space.

There was speculation amongst the crowd that the meeting itself was questionable in its planning. It happened to land on "Back to School Night." It was very last minute to catch people off guard and unprepared. Additionally out of the 505

houses in the Springtown Association only the homes that back-up to the golf course received an invitation to the meeting.

Fortunately there were people who came from all over town because they are golfers. There was much enthusiasm and opposing points of view. I think this meeting will make a difference. It has opened the dialog.

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## HEALTH CARE

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district included Pleasanton and Livermore when he was elected in 1972, has focused on health care during his career.

McNerney's public information officer, Andy Stone, said that the public may address any issue to the representatives. However, the focus is on health because the congressman "thinks we need a way to make health care affordable, successful and available. He wants to hear from constituents about what's going on in health care, what they've experienced, and what they expect at the federal level."

McNerney has a health care advisory committee of district

residents. It includes Sue Compton of Axis Community Health in the Valley.

Stark is chairman of the health subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. He told the Independent, "I'm excited about the opportunity to join Congressman McNerney in Pleasanton, a community we both represent in Congress. Congressman McNerney recognizes the importance of fixing our broken health care system. I'm flattered he invited me to speak about health care, and to join him in addressing the questions and concerns of Pleasanton residents."

Both congressmen voted for a recent health care bill co-authored by Stark that would continue funding for 5 million California children under state legislation that requires federal funding. The bill is in conference committee with a Senate version of the bill, which guaranteed insurance for only 4 million children.

The House bill also changed Medicare by reducing the co-payment for mental health from 50 percent to 20 percent, which is commensurate with other health care co-payments for Medicare.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Amador Frosh Roll

Part of being a good football team is taking advantage of mistakes and so it seems that the Amador Valley High School freshmen are on their way to becoming a good team. They took advantage of three Liberty High fumbles, numerous Liberty penalties, and three very short punts to roll to a 35-0 win. Although many Dons made big plays, three of the scoring drives were capped with passes from Patrick Gibbons to Carson Ewanich.

"The turnovers and penalties helped," said Amador coach Chris Murphy, "but we played well as a team to win this game."

The Dons took the opening kickoff and before they could even snap the ball they had a first down when Liberty jumped offside twice in a row. The Lions would jump offside another time before the Dons scored on a 12 yard strike. Gibbons to Ewanich.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Dons recovered a fumble and were back in business at the Liberty 40. On the first play, Gibbons hit Osterholt for an apparent touchdown, but Osterholt was called for a facemask and ball was put back to the 17. Amador got down the seven, but could not score, turning the ball over to Liberty at the 20.

Liberty made the game interesting at this point, moving the ball, mostly through the air, down to the Dons' 33. There, the Amador defense stiffened and got the ball back on downs. From there, David Ellison ran for 10, then Ewanich ran for 11 and Camaron Ashtanti went for four yards and the Dons were in Liberty territory at the 47. Ewanich then ripped off a 24 yard and, four plays later, he scored from eight yards out on a pass in the left flat from Gibbons.

Trailing 14-0, Liberty tried to get back into the game, but on their third play from scrimmage, the Dons caused a fumble that, after a wild scramble, was recovered by Jason Haycock in the end zone and a game that had seemed competitive had been turned into a rout.

With the clock running down in the first half, and under a minute to play, the Lions got off a 13 yard punt and the Dons were in business at their own 45. On the first play from scrimmage, Gibbons hit Osterholt on a fade down the left side while moving Amador to the Liberty 15. After a timeout and another Liberty offense, Gibbons hit Ewanich on a swing route up the left side and the Dons were up 27-0. David Camerena turned a bad snap on the PAT into a nice run for the two point conversion and Amador took a 29-0 lead into the half.

The score remained 29-0, as both teams cleared their benches, into the fourth quarter when a two yard Liberty punt set up Amador at the Liberty 40. On the third play, Bronson Eggart carried around left end for 37 yards down the four yard line. After Jake Isabel went up the middle for three yards, Eggart did the honors carrying the ball in for the final score and the Dons, after a missed extra point, came away with a 35-0 opening night victory.

## Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Blast launched their season with a pair of games this past weekend. Game one was a 4-0 loss to the Patterson Palmiras. The Blast started out well, but were unable to put one in the net. Patterson gradually wore them down. Kris Tayeb had the best chance when his leaping header knocked off the left post. Jason Ash and Tim Gaisor had strong performances.

Game two was an exciting 1-1 tie against the Walnut Creek Rovers. The Blast had their game going and put together several outstanding buildups. However, the Rover GK was outstanding and robbed the Blast several times, including Garrett Clark and Tayebb from in close. They finally broke through when Rodolfo Gonzalez ran on a ball from 30 yards and launched a rocket straight on. The Rover keeper made the stop but the shot knocked him over, and Eric Lobao was right on the spot to put away the rebound in the 37th minute. WC pressed right away and almost equalized it if not for a diving, one handed save by GK Jacob Buchenauer. The Rovers finally equalized in the 70th minute on a goalmouth scramble. Buchenauer again came up huge on two semi-breakaways in the latter part of the game to preserve the tie. The back line of Gaisor, Willie Berger, Nate Weber, and Bryant Dante were stellar, working together as an effective unit against the WC attack.

**BUSC Class 3 U16:** In the 2007 league opener, the BUSC U16 Blast team came away victorious against Fremont 3 to 2. Play was even in the opening minutes but Ballistic settled in and became more aggressive at the net. David Meyer netted 2 goals on the day and Edris Bemanian put the third goal in on a PK in the box. Although Fremont would make it interesting in the final few minutes, Ballistic held tight in defense to preserve the win. Top Offensive Players: David Meyer, Edris Bemanian; Top Defensive Players: Cory Beck, Drew Hall.

**BUSC Black Class 3 U14** defeated the FC Fremont Machine 3 to 1. The Ballistic Black dominated ball possession in the first half of the match with their first goal coming in the 22nd minute by Yashar Behnam. The Ballistic Black scored again in the 24th minute with Jeff Dyer taking the ball from midfield field and finishing with a shot in the back of the net. Fremont scored in the 52nd minute making it a 1 goal differential. Ballistic Black's Cade Debedenetti scored the final goal in the 63rd minute with an assist by Jake Lorentz. The Ballistic Black had a total of 14 shots on goal in the match with shots coming from Ryan Baker, Chandler Bullock, Christian Stiller, and Justin Medina. The win would not have been achieved without outstanding support by Hunter Meurens, Jack Richardson, Eric Brooks, Randy Copeman, Jack Lyons, Tyler Mende, Nick Bayley, and Vik Aulakh. Goalkeeper Lukas Moses proved critical in the win with 11 saves in the match. Top Offensive Players: Yashar Behnam, Jeff Dyer, Cade Debedenetti; Top Defensive Players: Vik Aulakh, Eric Brooks, Lukas Moses.

**BUSC Class 1 U15** tied the Mustang Fire 1 to 1. Fresh from their 4th place medals at Breaker's Cup in Santa Cruz, BUSC U-15 United played to a 1-1 tie against Mustang Fire. Ballistic's outstanding defense, led by Parker Quisenberry, Ryan Clark, Lucas Crawshaw, and Evan Larsen, held Mustang to zero shots on goal in the first half. Ballistic's goal was scored on a hard shot by forward Zack Savoy. James Metz also demonstrated his exceptional offensive skills throughout the game. Top Offensive Players: Zack Savoy, James Metz; Top Defensive Players: Parker Quisenberry, Ryan Clark, Evan Larsen, Lucas Crawshaw.

The BUSC U18 United got their regular season off to a good start with a solid 3-0 victory over the Mt. Diablo Blast. United came out strong and basically possessed the ball for the first four minutes of the game, and kept continued pressure throughout the half. BUSC cashed in for a goal in the 26th minute. Trevor Danielsen sent a ball from the right side into the mix, and Stefan Rabrenovich headed it in for the 1-0 lead. Four minutes later, Danielsen got another helper when he sent a corner kick far post. Matt Carucci was waiting and deposited the header for the 2-0 lead. Danielsen completed his first half when Min-Joon Oh sent a corner kick through the box in the 40th minute. Carucci dummied it to an onrushing Danielsen and the Mt.

Diablo keeper had no chance. Danielsen almost added another in the second half when Trevor Morrissey did a 180 spin and lost his mark and sent a cross into the box. Danielsen's shot was only saved by a great one-handed diving save. Ballistic GK Brett Webber was only tested a couple of times. One shot hit the crossbar, and one he had to come up big on a semi-break down the right side. He challenged hard and made the block, but the ricochet came out to the eighteen. Jay Jafaroun stepped into the path of the shot and cleared it away. Michael Florian was the defensive stalwart of the midfield, consistently delaying any Mt. Diablo buildups and blowing up attempts at centering through balls.

**Ballistic Class 1 U14** lost 1 to 0 as they came out flat and East Diablo Lightning established early control by allowing the home team little time to settle on the ball. Ballistic conceded a goal within ten minutes following a poor clearance which was immediately fired back into their net. East Diablo were worth their 1-0 lead at halftime. The second half was a much different story. Ballistic, playing down the slope, exerted almost non-stop pressure. They had numerous good chances to equalize but failed to convert any of them. As time went by their efforts became increasingly desperate but the East Diablo defense held firm and the Lightning walked away with a hard-earned victory which they probably deserved on the balance of play. Top Offensive Players: Edgar Henriquez, David Gray, Jason Chow; Top Defensive Players: Suhau Kuo, Justin Lui, Michael Viebeck.

**The Ballistic Black under-17 boys** Al Caffodio soccer team finished the 1st week of league play with a record of 1-1. Ballistic lost 3-0 to the Danville Mustang on Saturday. Ballistic then bounced back on Sunday, defeating the Ballistic U17 White, 3-0. Ballistic played well over the weekend. Goalie Stephen LaCommare made several key saves. Strong team play led by Justin Dorsey, Nathan Roberts, Sven Hermann, Phil Vieback, Jered Lui, and Eric Burnett. Lui converted a penalty kick. Hermann knocked in two goals with his head.

## Youth Soccer

**Livermore Elite Soccer U16 Boys** Div III shutout the Mustang Alliance, 2 to 0. Mustang's beautiful new soccer complex was the venue for the Force's first game of the Al Caffodio season. The boys played well, dominating early and for much of the game. Defense was solid, not allowing the Alliance to penetrate or to shoot from close range. Keeper Peter Morrow cleaned up any balls that did come his way. Livermore's first goal was scored by Cody Lutz. The Force went up by two when Alex Gaspar received a header assist from Brandon Bauer and landed his kick. Zach Addition, Peter Cabelceiras and Jeff Felker all had exceptional games, repeatedly advancing the ball into Mustang territory and providing scoring opportunities for their team.

**The Livermore Crew '95 U12** tied the Castro Valley Green Machine 1-1 in their opening GSSL league game on Saturday. Early pressure by Danica Egelston, Beth McCall, and Rachel Leonard was met by a tough Green Machine defensive line. After being tied 0-0 at the half, Jessica Hopkins scored the Crew's only goal on a corner kick that was deflected in front of the Green Machine's net several times before finally crossing the goal line. Defensive standouts for the Crew were Baylie Hernandez, Sarah Franklin, and Haylie Grant. Hernandez also stood out in goal, making a series of repeated saves in short succession late in the game to keep the score tied.

**The Livermore Elite Explosion U13** Girls division 1 soccer team won and tied this past weekend as they began Golden State Soccer League play.

Livermore Elite Explosion 1, Fremont Flash 0. This match was a defensive battle and outstanding pressure by fullback Jennie Harmon and key saves by keeper Victoria Case kept the Flash from scoring. With the score tied at 0-0 and only 5 minutes left in regulation, Explosion player Jessica Floyd finished & scored off an indirect kick by Taylor Raouf.

Livermore Elite Explosion 1, Walnut Creek Twister 1. Once again the Explosion could not take charge on offense and the game stood at 0-0 until the middle of the second half when the Twister scored and took the lead 1-0. The Explosion were not going to be defeated and not long after the Twister took the lead, they tied the game when Carl Floris scored off a beautiful cross from Cierra Comfort.

**Livermore Elite Fuego U15** played to a hard fought 2 to 1 loss against the Lamorinda FC 92 in their opening season game. Veterans Jean Carlo Padilla and Mitchell Lowrey displayed strong ball control in the center field, sending the Fuego's forward with solid field position. Goalkeeper, Alex Barto utilized the entire back field for aggressively cut off the Lamorinda attacks and delivered huge kicks for forward pressure. Team Captain Garrett Foster displayed spectacular dribbling and ball control, connecting with Austin Viles who controlled the right side of the field. Chris Freitas in the mid fielder position fought for every ball as center mid fielder, switching the play and punching the ball through for strikers Christian Torres and Christian Gonzalez. Livermore's goal saw Theadora (Ted) Rudish utilizing his dominating speed to attack the Lamorinda net, taking a hard shot and following through on his own rebound. With the ball deflecting away Alex Milnikovich followed the play and drove the ball into the back of the net.

**The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12D3** team opened the league season with a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to the Mustang Tigers. Both teams worked hard in the midfield to create scoring chances early in the contest. The Fury then dominated in the Tigers end as Kaitlin DaDalt, Amanda Fairclough and Rebekah Johnson all had shots on goal. The Tigers responded with a strong offensive push at the close of the half but the Fury defense, led by Morgan Brandt, Erin Winegarner and Mikayla Mollen, cleared every opportunity. The defensive battle continued in the second half. Fairclough stopped a rush down the right side and Winegarner did not allow the Tigers left forward much space. The Fury had a nice offensive push when Katie Lortie worked herself free down the middle before the Tigers defense converged and forced the ball away. DaDalt also made a strong move down the right wing to set up a cross which was eventually cleared. The Tigers stepped up their offensive pressure the final fifteen minutes of the match. Brittany Ahrbek made a great defensive stop to thwart an excellent Tiger scoring chance. Rylee Landreth also applied good pressure in the midfield. Finally, with four minutes remaining the Tigers scored on a rebound shot in front of the goal. Livermore had one last offensive rush but could not get a shot on net.

**The Livermore Elite Venom U11** Girls team lost a hard-fought season opener 2-1 to a strong Fremont Tops squad. After falling behind in the first 20 seconds of the game, the girls rallied, scoring the tying goal midway through the first half. The second half stayed even until the Tops scored midway through the period on a beautiful corner kick, and Venom was unable to answer. The girls received great efforts on defense from Taylor Huston and solid midfield play from Grace

Lara, who capitalized on one of their few opportunities and scored the team's only goal. Kylie Long frustrated numerous attacks on defense, and Shannon Rosemark was solid in goal. Overall, a great team effort from the girls fell just short against a good team.

**The Livermore United boys U13** soccer team won their season opener against Bay Oaks 4-2 on Saturday. Livermore attacked the ball right from the start, getting a goal early on when Cody Martinez drove the ball into the net off a shot made by Juan-Carlos Alfaro that rebounded off the post. The Bay Oaks team made a run on the Livermore goal and was able to tie the game 1-1 right at the half. About ten minutes into the second half, Evan Enzmann scored Livermore's second goal off of a cross from Brandon Marantant. Marantant then scored Livermore's third goal unassisted, dribbling the ball all the way from Livermore's side of the field and sliding into the goal for the finish. Bay Oaks retaliated and scored their second goal on Livermore, bringing the game score to 3-2. Alfaro scored Livermore's final goal with aid from Daniel Toscano to win the game for Livermore.

**The Livermore Elite Blast U9** Division 3 Girl's soccer team played their first league game on Saturday against Alliance FC Crush in Union City winning 2 to 1. Despite falling behind 0-1 in the first half the Livermore girls played a great game and Jenna Hagan scored the tying goal right before halftime. In the second half Livermore kept pressing and Amanda Silveira scored the winning goal for the Blast. Carly Bond played a great defensive game for Livermore.

**The Livermore Elite Thunder Division 3 Boys U12** soccer team won their first league game of the season against the Mustang Red Devils, 2-0. Thunder came on strong with goals being scored by Pierre Sjogreen and Colton Paynter. Their defense, being led by Devin Berghoff, succeeded in not allowing any goals to be made by the Mustang Red Devils.

**The U15 San Ramon Santos** began their quest for their third straight GSSL Gold Division Title this past Saturday with a win against West Contra Costa Inter 2-1. Following an early goal by Inter, the Santos were able to take control of the game and before the end of the first half were able to go up 2-1 on a pair of goals by Mathews Menezes with Andrew Graves credited with the both assists. Grant Matsumoto, Ryan Engenson and Guillermo Rivas held the midfield as defenders Albert Gallego, Steven Rector, Matt Robbins and Justin Scott turned back the late second half rush by the Inter attack. The Santos have gone undefeated in the past two seasons of GSSL gold play with the win over Inter raising their undefeated streak to 21 straight games.

## Pleasanton Rage

**The Pleasanton U14 Rage B** team came away with an opening day loss to Walnut Creek Fusion 2 to 0. Play was even for the first half and was 0-0 mid way through. The Fusion stepped up play in the second half and netted two quick goals. Pleasanton could not counter although the girls gave it their all. Top Offensive Players: Arielle Siegel, Karoline van der Zee; Top Defensive Players: Jessica McKeen, Erin O'Loughlin.

**The Pleasanton Rage U16 Division 1** AC team stayed at home for their season opener against the LaMorinda United and Danville Mustang and came away with a 1-1 tie and 5-0 victory, respectively. The Saturday match began with the Rage conceding a United a corner kick goal in the 20th minute. The Rage scored the equalizer in the 36th minute off a free kick that was the result of a United foul. Sam Lysight advanced the free kick forward onto Danielle Paxton's head, who scored. The remainder of game provided no additional scoring, resulting in the final score of 1-1.

Sunday's early morning match against the Danville Mustang began with two quick Rage goals. Julia Barlow crossed the ball low onto Brittany Carroll's foot. Carroll slid it past the Mustang goalie for the score. Two minutes later the Rage converted a Kira Capaccioli corner kick into their second goal. Ailsa Smith redirected the corner into the net. In the 50th minute Capaccioli and Smith teamed up again. This time Capaccioli crossed and Smith redirected. The Rage's fourth goal came off a Smith cross to the far post. Paxton made the far post run and slid the cross just inside the post. The final goal came in the 79th minute. Laura Yoshida found Suzanne Bateson in stride down the middle of the field. Bateson eluded several defenders working her way across the goalmouth from right to left and scored just inside the left post. Rage had a 30 to 3 dominance of shots of goal. The Rage defense, anchored by Brittany Repac, Morgan Dorsey, Laura Yoshida, Sarah Ramirez and Taylor Schoonover, recovered well after conceding the early United goal. Both Rage goalies: Megan Piper and Chelsea Skinner played well.

**Rage Division 1 U15** saw Shelby Brendel score 2 goals (one unassisted and one assisted by Pippa Whitehand), while Jen Horton headed a goal in off of Darby Broeker's cornerkick, and Lauren Floro scored one off of Ally White's punt kick. The Rage's powerful defense shut out San Ramon Azurro for a final score of 4-0. Top Offensive Players: Shelby Brendel, Lauren Floro, Jen Horton; Top Defensive Players: Darby Drecker, Cheyenne Kisthardt, Brooke Mayo, Ally White.

**Rage Division 1 U11** defeated the San Ramon Inferno, 4 to 1. In the first half Katrina Zhu made a great kick towards Jacki Tiengco after a penalty was made from the San Ramon Infernos. Jackie then scored a goal using her left foot. Radhika Balagopal had an assist, kicking the ball to Milan Moses for the score. Milan Moses had a great dribble up the field for another goal. In the second half, Jessica Landas had a big kick for goal number 4. Top Offensive Players: Milan Moses, Jessica Landas, Jackie Tiengco; Top Defensive Players: Kendyll Woolsey, Katrina Zhu, Briana

Marquez. **The Rage Division 2 U15** continued its winning ways Sunday morning with an impressive 4-1 victory over the visiting San Ramon Storm. Emmie Ruhland opened the scoring midway through the first half with a textbook breakaway and shot on goal. The Storm tied the score early in the second half before Brittney Gullyory thundered an outside shot into the goal. The third score was the result of a long corner kick by Kaylie Williams which Caylee Heller pounded into the back of the net. The fourth and final goal was a beautiful outside shot by Katie Miyakado.

**The Pleasanton U10 Rage White** girls soccer team battled to a 1-1 tie with the Dublin Hot Shots at the Pleasanton Sports Park. In a back and forth game featuring a barrage of shots on goal by both teams, Rage White was bolstered by the outstanding play of goalkeepers Darcy Kron and Cassie Wood, and a strong defensive effort by Megan Martin. The teams were scoreless until mid-way through the second half, when Jenna Crawford intercepted a pass, dribbled through two defenders and fired a shot by the Hot Shots goalkeeper to give Rage White a 1-0 lead. After a Hot Shots goal tied the game late in the half, Rage White continued their assault on goal with strong shots by Sophie Santos and Monica Martinez, but were unable to find the net to break the tie. Top Offensive Players: Jenna Crawford, Sophie Santos, and Monica Martinez; Top Defensive Players: Darcy Kron, Cassie Wood, and Megan Martin.

**Rage Division 2 U15:** Utilizing excellent ball skills, fitness and consummate teamwork, Coach Mike Baker's girls traveled to the base of Mt. Tamalpais to beat a strong Marin team 5-0. An early goal by Andi Glaser was followed in the second half by 2 goals from golden toe, Rebecca Hanson, a beautiful corner kick by Ariana Gordon and a final tally by Jennica Holt. Lindsay Smith anchored a strong defensive effort with several textbook saves in goal to lead the girls to their fourth shutout in the last five games.

**Rage Division 1 U12 Broncos** last 3 to 1 to the Bobcats. The girls played their best first game even though they had two girls out by injuries and Chayenne Harper was injured and tried her best to play and support her team. Sophia Nekrashevich who got injured a couple of times but played her best and made the first goal for her team. Ashley Person did a great job as goalie and did great blocking. Overall without a victory the girls were awesome and played really well. Top Offensive Players: Sophia Nekrashevich, Sunyoung Kye, Shelby Slate, and Ming Coleman. Top Defensive Players: Madeline Wu, McKenna Prynn, and Ashley Person.

**The Pleasanton Rage Div3A U12** team met up with the Mighty Mustang Stampedede this weekend in their opening game of the season, losing 1 to 0. The Stampedede took some early shots, but thanks to two diving saves by Olivia Brown in goal, the game remained scoreless at the half. The two teams were equally matched and played a tough second half, but it was the Stampedede who came up with the goal in the last five minutes of play to win the game with a score of 1 to 0. Top Offensive Players: Kendall Moore, Keli Wheately and Mathea Turkaj; Top Defensive Players: Olivia Brown, Lauren Fan and Dani Lederman.

**Rage Division 1 AC U-17** started league play with two victories, 2 to 1 over DVSC and 3 to 0 over Mt Diablo. In the first game Rage scored their first goal on a direct kick by Samantha Okumura. In the second half Tiffany Leung scored the game winning unassisted goal on a very difficult shot in traffic from the corner. In game two, Kelly Rowse got the scoring started by taking a breakaway with just minutes to go in the first half and scored to give Rage a 1 to 0 halftime lead. In the second half, Nicole Raines scored on a shot from outside the box on a pass from Leung. Then Leung finish the scoring on a great crossing pass from Lina Potter. Rage defense was stellar again through-out the weekend only allowing one goal. Megan Leoni was outstanding in goal with the back line of Krista Borman, Nicole Raines, Samantha Okumura, Paige Ostfedahl and Jillian Blandino rounding out the defense. Top Offensive Players: Tiffany Leung, Kelly Rowse, Samantha Okumura, Nicole Raines; Top Defensive Players: Megan Leoni, Krista Borman, Nicole Raines, Paige Ostfedahl and Jillian Blandino.

**The Pleasanton Rage U14 Premier** team kicked off GSSL play with a convincing 3-0 win over Heritage Magic. Rage controlled the play from the opening whistle, outshooting Magic 15-5 thanks to a strong midfield effort by Rachel Charkowicz, who netted a 2nd half goal and an assist, Kathleen Wagner, who contributed an assist, and Erika Emmanuel. The speedy combination of Bria Outland and Gabe Stange each scored goals, with Outland opening the scoring midway through the first half and Stange opening breathing room 20 minutes into the 2nd half. Strong defensive play from Brett Scheckla, Courtney Stonesifer, Sabrina Unglaub, Jillian Beck, and Lindsay Rigel kept the Magic attack at bay, while keepers Anti Nahapetian and Phoebe Brown kept a clean sheet with each making outstanding saves the few times they were challenged.

Rage U14 Premier team used superior team play and excellent passing to overcome the Mustang Fury 2-1 in Danville. Rage struck first in the 27th minute of the first half, when Melissa Atkins beat the outside back for a centering pass that Bria Outland blasted into the net from 10 yards out. After Fury had evened the score just before the half on a wind-aided corner, Rage quickly grabbed the lead again, with Kathleen Wagner connecting in the 2nd minute of the 2nd half from 8 yards out when fullback Courtney Stonesifer's cross was deflected right to her feet. Rage kept the pressure throughout the game, as the midfield of Rachel Charkowicz, Alexa Espinosa, and Erin Schoendienst consistently outthrust the Fury and won most of the 50/50 balls. Gabe Stange and Megan Tabler's constant pressure from the forward

position forced Fury defenders into several turnovers. The back line of Brett Scheckla, Erika Emmanuel, and Sabrina Unglaub disrupted the opponent's attack by intercepting passes and heading away many threatening long balls.

**Rage U12 Premier Team** started the season with a 3-0 victory over the San Ramon Illusion on Saturday, September 8. In the first half, Andi Boehm crossed it to the center creating a battle at the box, but Kira Ewanich found a hole and kicked it into the net for the first goal. In the second half, Tori Larsen breaks away from the Illusion's defense and fired it in for the second goal. Kirsten Jensen displayed amazing footwork and a powerful 20 yard header. From the corner, Boehm bent the ball directly into the net for the third goal. Beautiful saves by goalie Lexie Nicholas.

The U12 team also played the Mt. Diablo Storm on Sunday, September 9 in Concord in a very physical battle. The game was scoreless at the half. In the second half, Evan Murphy showed amazing control of the ball and excellent passing. Ewanich dribbled down the field 30 yards and shot it into the net for Rage's only goal. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

## Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League scores from last week:

**Under-5 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Butterfly Princesses vs Dragonflies; Dragon Girls vs Quakes Offensive Players: Graciana Ratto, Sarah Adams, Dragon Girls; Katie Wilson 2) Emily Rakestraw, Quakes Defensive Players: Taylor Melton, Lara Rivard, Dragon Girls; Jenna Lawrence, Madison Sullivan, Quakes Game Summary & Highlights: Exciting with lots of cheers from the sidelines.

**Under-6 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Lightning Girls vs Soccer Chicks; Tough Tinks vs Mighty Tigers; Goal Getters vs Cheetah Girls Offensive Players: Danielle Cross, Lightning Girls; Jessica Warren, Catherine Linney, Soccer Chicks; Isabella Moya, Jackie Parker, Lindsay Plant, Tough Tinks; Hanna McDougal, Eliana Eme, Lexi Borna, Mighty Tigers; Claire Wiedenfeld, Audrey Curtis, Nicole Geary, Goal Getters; Megan Pretto, Lauren Pretto, Jessica Zogoric, Cheetah Girls Defensive Players: Joan Flores, Georgia Bates, Lightning Girls; Gracey Walker, Amber Feduniewicz, Soccer Chicks; Emma Hyde, Julia Hansen, Kelsey Maldonado, Tough Tinks; Lauren Breazeale, Taylor Bond, Arianna Raccaneli, Mighty Tigers; Camryn Gray, Pascale Badders, Jessica Gresho, Goal Getters; Jillian Collum, Allison Azevedo, Cheetah Girls.

**Under-7 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Crushers vs Soccer Angels; Wildcats vs Angels; Spirit vs Tigers; Dolphins vs Lightning Bugs Offensive Players: Caroline Eckel and Amanda Macedo, Crushers; Julia Rocha, Madison Wright, Janessa Sanchez, Soccer Angels; Kate Hottinger, Josie Berg, Wildcats; Kaylie DiPaola, Olivia Armstrong, Angels; Maritza Espinosa, Noelle Rizzo, Alyssa Silva, Spirit; GiGi Cole, Hannah Dolan, Ally Sprugacici, Tigers; Alexah Nava, Lindsey Phillips, Allison Scher, Dolphins; Ashley Lamb, Kalea Bartolotto, Tyler Kere Enderlein, Lightning Bugs Defensive Players: Isabella Carrano and Abby Andrews, Crushers; Olivia Claypool, Kimm Vest, Makaela Allison, Soccer Angels; Taylor Stamps, Maggie Rae McPeck, Wildcats; Mariah Turner, Sophia Mylius, Angels; Emmerson Coberg, Miranda Heckman, Haylee Kramar, Spirit; Katie Spozeto, Jessica Bailey, Melanie Laronde, Tigers.

**Under-8 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Goal Getters vs Soccer Puppies; Wildcats vs Ladybugs; Diamond Dolphins vs Shooting Stars; Soccer Divas vs Shootin' Sharks; Tigers vs Wildcats Offensive Players: Olivia Curtis, Ashley Geary, Madelyn Krueger, Goal Getters; Siena Gibbs, Tara Collier, Mackenzie Wallace, Soccer Puppies; Makenzie Farro, Bubba Faro, Wildcats; Alex Lewis, Amanda Plant, Ladybugs; Gabriella Maitland, Kyla Tregear, Diamond Dolphins; Melinda Miller, Isabella Barbero, Shooting Stars; Madison Jackson, Morgan Laughlin, Sarah Passanatte, Soccer Divas; Katie Dabney, Sophia Schrodi, Lauren Schultz, Shootin' Sharks; Sophia Pearson, Kaitlyn Oki, Tigers; Laura George, Taylor Sullivan, Wildcats Defensive Players: Katie Marcel, Isabella Milano, Allison Murphy; Goal Getters; Katie Hinds, Jamie Freitas, Yessenia Diaz, Soccer Puppies; Sutter, Maggie Sneed, Lindsay Gill, Wildcats; Audrey

Cordisco, Jasmine Morris, Ladybugs; Faith Nordvik, Diamond Dolphins; Audrey Redell, Shooting Stars; Hunter Neu, Tessa Mullins, Emme Poe, Soccer Divas; Laura Di Simone, Lexi Carzoli, Emily Robinson, Shootin' Sharks; Emily Ilharreguy, Tigers; Alyssa Salvetti, Wildcats.

**Under-9 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Dolphins (1) vs Ding Dongs (0); Earthquakes (4) vs Allstars (3); Ding Dongs (5) vs Gold Mine (0) Offensive Players: Danielle Frevet, Jessie Wilker, Kylie Yocher, Dolphins; Katya Clappin, Chaila Krimmen, Jordan Wolf, Ding Dongs; Meghan McDonough, Olivia Schormann, Jaime Zogaric, Earthquakes; Alyssa Oki, Katie Schlomling, Missy Nunes, Allstars; Jordan, Katya, Emily, Ding Dongs; Courtney, Selina, Lea, Gold Mine Defensive Players: Tatiana Hernandez, Katrina Hearwig, Alyssa Ramirez, Dolphins; McKenna Buti, Anya Massoud, Collette Maddrossian, Ding Dongs; Madison Gannon, Kellie Hughes, Randi Cortez, Earthquakes; Erynn Pascual, Shannon Kai, Maria Espinoza, Allstars; McKenna, Marissa, Collette, Ding Dongs; Riley, Mila, Tea, Gold Mine.

**Under-10 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Scorchers (6) vs Sharks (2); Bulldogs (8) vs Phantoms (3); Scorchers (4) vs Coolclat Kickers (3); Green Gobblins (3) vs Crushers (0) Offensive Players: Sarah Persson, Shruthi Sukir, Scorchers; Kalyn Krummen, Shannon Holt, Madison Volmon, Sharks; Alex Corbit, Jordan Volponi, Kyle Worthens, Bulldogs; Peyton Despotakis, Katie Johnson, Faith Vandergriff, Phantoms; Melanie Bierwirth, Sarah Persson, Alexa Fraser (3), Scorchers; Hannah Larsen, Shoshana Cohen, Lainay Hibbard, Coolclat Kickers; Taylor Cory, Miranda Lima, Carly Martinez, Green Gobblins; Kasyn Fisher, Caitlin Rokov, Aiden Tardiff, Crushers Defensive Players: Jessie Cahill, Alexa Fraser, Scorchers; Gillian Ellis, Bryce Jones, Kenna Demayo, Sharks; Nancy Espinoza, Emily Gray, Shelby Zamboni, Bulldogs; Lauren Bueno, Sydney Diehl, Elise Williams, Phantoms; Alyse Pereira, Brianna Ruloma, Scorchers; Megan Lawrence, Maddy Richards, Kayla Lindsay, Coolclat Kickers Goals & Assists: Natalie Palomo (3), Bulldogs; Alex Fraser (3), Scorchers; Faith Andrews, Megan Kalantar, Peyton Woelk, Green Gobblins; Devin Everett, Ashlyn Hutcherson, Macy Murphy, Crushers Game Summary & Highlights: The Bulldogs struck early with three goals in succession by Natalie Palomo. The Phantoms answered back with a goal of their own. The Bulldogs' powerful kicks proved too much for the Phantoms, scoring 5 additional goals to the Phantoms' two. Final score Bulldogs 8, Phantoms 3.

**Under-12 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Thunderballs (4) vs Dynamos (1); Sneaky Cleats (2) vs Black Panthers (1); Jaguars (3) vs Dynamos (0) Offensive Players: Emily Byrnes, Elyse Codrioli, Isabella Johnstone, Thunderballs; Maryann Gong, Jessica Hyant, Erica Dittmore, Dynamos; Rachael Bryant, Charity Manning, Elise Falgout, Sneaky Cleats; Molly Stolz, Ellie Guincharod, Shalena Andersen, Black Panthers; Rebecca Bernstein #11, Kirsten Mork #18, Breille Breese #47, Jaguars; Maryann Gong #40, Anna Murphy #42, Jessica Hallmeyer #9, Dynamos Defensive Players: Yasmeen Haider, Bianca Aceves, Isabel Futral, Thunderballs; Avery Harker, Sarah Gullford, Jamie Dittmore, Dynamos; Jessica Irwin, Tessa Clark, Emily Gibson, Sneaky Cleats; Hannah Walters, Leah Taulton, Kaitlin Stoking, Black Panthers; Sarah Novelli, Hannah Stepanak #31, Casey Pereira, Jaguars; Jaime Dittmore, Avery Harker, Emily Eijansanton, Dynamos Goals & Assists: Elyse Codrioli (3), Isabella Johnstone (1), Thunderballs; Maryann Gong (1), Dynamos; Charity Manning (1), Rachael Bryant (1), Sneaky Cleats; Ellie Guincharod, Black Panthers; Kirsten Mork (2), Breille Prece (1), Jaguars Game Summary & Highlights: In the intense heat of Wednesday afternoon the Thunderballs U12 and the Dynamos U12 had an explosive game. The first goal was scored within 10 minutes into the game by Thunderballs own Elyse Codrioli. She proceeded to score 2 more goals for the team. Isabella Johnstone scored the other one bringing the total to 4. The Dynamos scored in the second half and Maryann Gong was cheered on by her teammates. Both Yasmeen Haider and Isabel Futral displayed exceptional defensive play from the Thunderballs.

**Under-14 Girls Division 4 Teams:** Cougars (3) vs The Storm (1); Jaguars (3) vs Kick-n-it (0) Offensive Players: Mindy Morettini, Shelby White, Erika Bonifacio, Cougars; Jennifer Plantenga, Danielle

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# SPORTS NOTES

Paulazzo, Emily Swiers, Storm; Emma Hughes, Christina Guilford, Sarah Carter, Jagares, Roxana Ujedet, Kick'n n' Def. Offensive Players: Debbie Hallett, Deanna Moreno, Leslie Howerton, Cougars; Kaila Silver, Annette Ramirez-Orrison, Armaty Nasbardil, Storm; Krista Bronson, Jagares; Cabrilla Aguilera, Victoria Contrass, Kick'n n' Def. Coaches & Assistants: Mandy Moretti (3), Cougars; Emily Swiers (1), Storm Game Summary & Highlights: A fantastic game from start to finish. Both teams were neck and neck until the final quarter when the Cougars managed to pull ahead with their final two goals.

**Under-5 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Sharks vs Jedis; Red Hot Fireballs vs Bulldogs Offensive Players: Ryan Anderson, Michael Anolin, Colby Cairel, Sharks; Vijay Menula, Gavin Carreira, Elijah Suazo, Jedis; Chase Dunn, Brandon Martin, Nicholas DeLisle, Red Hot Fireballs; Isaac Pracher, Andrew Walker, Jack Fogerson, Bulldogs Defensive Players: Tristen Mulrooney, Elias Hamid, Cole Meyers, Red Hot Fireballs; Mitchell Rocoerto, Ethan Luc, Cameron Geyer, Bulldogs.

**Under-6 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Sharks vs Tigers; Dragons vs Spongebob Squarepants Offensive Players: Nathan Jones, Dylan Breesch, Scott Pagel, Sharks; Ricardo Alvarez, Zachary Parodi, Noah Zika, Tigers; Tyler Blue, Mathew Hagen, Dragons; Mason Smith, Colby Smith, Dylan Silva, Spongebob Squarepants Defensive Players: Will Nordvik, Sharks; Michael Quinteros, Tigers; Andrew Lent, Ty Marks, Dragons; Blake Texeira, Eric Rumola, Jake Carmichael, Spongebob Squarepants.

**Under-7 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Predators vs Bullets; Skeepers vs Dinosaurs; Baracudas vs Mad Dogs; Wildcats vs Dynamites; Thunder Balls vs Quakes; Rascals vs Deceptionists; Fire Balls vs Ball Hawks Offensive Players: Aaron Grimm, Cameron Moghadam, Ethan Payne, Predators; Daniel Pack, Trey Strout, Benjamin Knut, Bullets; RJ, Anthony, Colby, Skeepers; Cameron, Jared, Devan, Dinosaurs; Emilio Lopez, Casey Wortham, Ste Archiszewski, Baracudas; Drew Maples, Wesley Gladen, Mad Dogs; Aidan Worley, Ryan Wright, Victor Pintero, Wildcats; Alex Northrop, David Rider, Ryan Escover, Dynamites; Ethan Weisbrod, Austin Gneco, Mathew Kovacs, Thunder Balls; Nicolas LaRosa, Noah Rakestrav, Ryan Phillips, Quakes; Luke Foscalina, Dominic Shepherd, Andrew Hayley, Rascals; Aidan Ackerman, Alec Lewis, Colby Brocklesby, Deceptionists; Brodie Wolf, Hayden Glasco, Ryan Impellezzeri, Fire Balls; Colby Smith, Gavin Finkbeiner, Ball Hawks Defensive Players: Harry Rose, Noah Van Atta, Jarrett Jorgenson, Predators; Eric Moody, Samiron Bora, Andrew Choumas, Bullets; Joey, Avery, George, Skeepers; Jeremy, Joshua, Ian, Dinosaurs; Emory Larson, Sebastian Lee, Mad Dogs; Jace Roberts, Anthony Kumar, Christian Moreno, Wildcats; Ray Bordan, Kyle Correia, Joe Murphy, Dynamites; Elijah Collins, Carson King, Joshua Norton, Thunder Balls; Cameron McGee, Erik Griffin, Chase Griffin, Quakes; Caleb Hardesty, Matthew Reddick, Zackary MacIntire, Rascals; Derek Eijansantos, Dillon Martinez, Gregson Short, Deceptionists; Kyle Packard, Melvin Minton, Robert Pinkston, Fire Balls; Alex Taylor, Erica Pierce, Ball Hawks.

**Under-8 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Rockets vs Sharks; Red Hot Fireballs vs Bulldogs; Ball Hogs vs Red Rockets; Wildcats vs Dynamite; Soccer Blasters vs Hot Shots; Lightning Bolts vs Strikers Offensive Players: Nicolas Robles, Zack Olivera, Rockets; Dillon Christensen, Emmanuel Rivas, Sharks; Chase Dunn, Brandon Martin, Nicholas DeLisle, Red Hot Fireballs; Isaac Pracher, Andrew Walker, Mitchell Rocoerto, Bulldogs; Trevor Campbell, Nick McClendon, Troy Wentworth, Ball Hogs; Kyle Conrad, Jordan Bures, Red Rockets; Anthony Kumar, Aidan Worley, Victor Pintero, Wildcats; David Rider, Alex Northrup, Kyle Correia, Dynamite; Jaren Dietsch, Nikhil Kumar, Kellen Bowen, Soccer Blasters; AJ Phillips, Connor Sweeney, Zach Stewart, Hot Shots; Jake Windslow, Jack Altman, Lightning Bolts; Bailey Kemp, Jack Perry, Strikers Defensive Players: John Erik Wilcock, Rockets; Logan Myhre, Sharks; Tristen Mulrooney, Elias Hamid, Cole Meyers, Red Hot Fireballs; Mitchell Rocoerto, Ethan Luc, Cameron Geyer, Bulldogs; Mark Silverthorn, Luke Morrisroe, Anthony Barrow, Ball Hogs; Nick Boullierce, Dallin Harwood, Red Rockets; Jace Roberts, Cristian Moreno, Anthony Kumar, Wildcats; Raymond Bordon, Lucas Owen, Ryan Escover, Dynamite; Sam Eldard, Jared Hill, Brad DaDalt, Soccer Blasters; Gabriel Vargas, Zion English, Seth Davis, Hot Shots; Christian Petrie, Lightning Bolts; Sean Constable, Strikers.

**Under-9 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Thunderbirds (5) vs Grizzlies (1); Dragons (5) vs Panthers (2) Offensive Players: Nathaniel Sproul, Kyle Wohlgemuth, Raymond Carlson, Thunderbirds; Alex Katusich, Sam Grossano, Bobby Cantelino, Grizzlies; Ben Dupis, Joey Lesnochi, Trenton Wiedner, Dragons; Donivan Winters, Anthony Lopez, Isaac Arteaga, Panthers Defensive Players: Sean Croghan, Harrison Dunn, Chad Hemmig, Thunderbirds; Garrett Alameda, Nicholas Elnham, Tyler Henderson, Grizzlies; Dillon Erg, Anthony Garcia, Connor Gibbons, Dragons; Leonardo Ramirez, Robbie Hoff, Brandon Montoya, Panthers.

**Under-10 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Raptors (2) vs Bulldogs (0) Offensive Players: ..Eric, Raptors; Edgar, Jesse, Bulldogs Defensive Players: . Thomas, Raptors; Lazaro, Bulldogs Goals & Assistants: Sebastian (1), Devon (1), Raptors.

**Under-12 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Mighty Sharks (5) vs Stealth (0); Phantoms (1) vs Spartans (0) Offensive Players: Jose E Chavarria, Jose A Chavarria, Mighty Sharks; Jacob Brisco, James Wilker, Stealth; Jacob Levitrich, Austin Youk, Lewelwyn Slone, Phantoms; Sterling, Luke, Spartans Defensive Players: Tito Quihuis, Cory Hero, Mighty Sharks; Kiven Amaral, Stealth; Spencer Saing, Clayton Brauer, Keegan Garlick, Phantoms; Victor, Brandon, Spartans Goals & Assistants: Jose A Chavarria (2), Jose E Chavarria (1), Anthony Perryman (2), Mighty Sharks; Jacob Levitrich (1) Bobby Griffin (A), Phantoms Game Summary & Highlights: Phantoms gained an early lead and then the awesome defense on both teams took control. Lewelwyn Slone had a great performance as Phantom goalkeeper. Solid soccer skills from everyone in a tight competition from start to finish.

**Under-14 Boys Division 4 Teams:** Arsenal (5) vs Samba (1) Offensive Players: Zach Swinford, Arsenal; Jorge Robles, Eric Cortez, Samba Defensive Players: Devin Rodriguez, Arsenal; Kyle Cairel, Samba Goals & Assistants: Daniel Replogle (3), Sam Burnett (2), Scott Gragg (1), Arsenal; Alexander Cairel (1), Samba Game Summary & Highlights: Great sportsmanship shown by both teams.

## HIGH COMP TEAMS:

**Under-9 Boys Division 1 Teams:** Livermore Cougars (4) vs Concord Azzuri (2) Offensive Players: Defensive Players: Kyle Wright (GK), Jacob Murdoch, Shane Cassels, Cougars Goals & Assistants: Jason Campbell (1), Jacob Dremalas (1), Jakob Veilleux (A), Chase Madrid (2), Cougars, The Livermore Elite Cougars battled hard to come back and defeat the Concord Azzuri 4-2. In the first half

of play, Cougars Jakob Veilleux made a well placed pass to Jason Campbell, who finished with a score to tie the game 1-1. Cougars Jacob Dremalas took a direct free kick and fired it into the goal from 18 yards out to take a 2-1 lead. The second half of the game started off with a 2-2 tie with both teams working hard to score. Cougars Goalkeeper Kyle Wright had several key saves to keep his team alive. Cougar Defenders Jacob Murdoch and Shane Cassels kept tremendous pressure on the attacking opponents. Cougars Forward Chase Madrid made two key goals in the second half to clinch a 4-2 Livermore Cougars victory over Concord Azzuri.

Livermore Elite Cougars (9) vs Walnut Creek "The Crew" Offensive Players: Chase Madrid (1), Brandon Salgado (2A), Cougars Defensive Players: Goals & Assistants: Wesley Katz (3), Jason Campbell (3), TJ Dayak (2), Cougars. The Livermore Elite Cougars U9 Division 1 boy's soccer team took a 9-0 victory over Walnut Creek "The Crew." Two minutes into the game, Cougars Wesley Katz fired a shot into goal to take a 1-0 lead for his team. Wesley would go on to score two more times during the game to help secure a win. Cougars Forward Jason Campbell followed suit by also scoring a hat trick for his team. TJ Dayak played a solid offensive game claiming two goals to his credit. Chase Madrid played well adding one goal to his name during the second half. Cougars Forward Brandon Salgado was at the top of his game credited with two assists.

**Under-10 Boys:** Union City Alliance Diablos '98 (4) vs Livermore Elite Strikers (1) Offensive Players: Osiris Chavez, Jose Vides, Strikers Defensive Players: Preston Hastings, Jack Schoendienst, Strikers Goals & Assistants: Osiris Chavez (1), Strikers. The Livermore Elite Strikers had a great first-half, they scored first late in the half on a header from Osiris Chavez from a corner kick. After halftime, the Alliance came back strong in all areas. They scored some well placed goals, as well as a few lucky shots. It was a good game to get our season started.

**Under-11 Boys Division 1:** Livermore Elite Express (6) vs San Ramon Dynamis (1) Offensive Players: Scott Buskey (1), Domo Foscalina (A) Defensive Players: Jake Hall, Mathew Dremalas, Nolan Parker, Michael Radamen Goals & Assistants: Kevin Switzer (1), Ryan Ruley (1), Tony Jimenez (1PK) (2A)

**Under-16 Girls Division 3:** Mustang United (3) vs Livermore Elite Crush '91 (1) Offensive Players: Hailey Thomas, Amanda Crook, Amanda Wolf, United; Kelsey Engel, Kelsey Wheeler, Crush Defensive Players: Rachel Barker, Nicole Jones, Makenna Clements, United; Ciarra Trujillo, Anna Velsko, Katelyn James (GK), Crush; Goals & Assistants: Kelsey Engel (1), Chelsea Orlando (1), United; Kelsey Engel (1), Marie Rattermann (A), Amanda Crook scored early in the first half for Mustang United. An unfortunate own-goal by Crush during a drive by United brought the score to 2-0. United then scored once again from 25-yards out to the opposite post for their third goal of the half. Crush then scored with a header by Kelsey Engel with an assist from Marie Rattermann. The remaining minutes of the first half and then entire second half was a well fought, physical battle in the afternoon heat. Goal Keepers on both sides made great saves. Livermore Elite Crush '91 (2) vs Newark Arsenal (1) Offensive Players: Kelsey Engel, Kelsey Wheeler, Arielle, Sallai, Crush; Diana Garcia, Jessica Sandoval, Ashley Sandoval, Arsenal Defensive Players: Jessica Clark, Chelsea Brehm, Katelyn James (GK), Crush; Jen Treft, Tatiana Arteaga, Meghan Catalano (GK), Arsenal Goals & Assistants: Kelsey Engel (1), Kelsey Wheeler (1), Crush; Ashley Sandoval (1), Arsenal. A well played physical game played on a wet, muddy field. Newark Arsenal scored first 39 minutes into the first half with a well-placed goal by Ashley Sandoval. Livermore came back by tying 9 minutes into the second half with a goal made by Kelsey Engel. The lead was taken and held by Livermore 15 minutes into the half with a well shot goal by Kelsey Wheeler.

**Under-16 Boys:** Livermore United (2) vs Heritage Velocity (1) Offensive Players: D. J. Rashe, Jesus Moreno, Alex Garcia, United Defensive Players: Sean Cerruti, Doug Bradshaw, Kevin Fread, Richie Howard, United Goals & Assistants: Jesus Mereno (1) and C. J. Salazar (1), United. Livermore United prevailed 2-1 in a hard fought contest against host Heritage Velocity. Livermore goals were scored by Jesus Mereno and C. J. Salazar. Keys to the opening season game were dominant midfield play by D. J. Rashe, Moreno, and Alex Garcia. Goal Keeper Jason Trump played excellent in making several stops to preserve the win.

## Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics team members competed recently in the Judges Cup 2007 held at Sacramento State University

Results: Level 4 Age Group: Younger: Vault: Rhianne Khwled, 4th, 9.4; Tessa Wolfram, 11th, 8.9; Bars: Wolfram, 13rd, 9.05; Khwled, 9th, 8.45; Beam: Wolfram, 3rd, 9.0; Khwled, 4th, 8.95; Floor: Khwled, 1st, 9.3; Wolfram, 4th, 8.9. All-around: Khwled, 2nd, 36.1; Wolfram, 5th, 35.85.

Level 4 Age Group: Middle: Vault: Julia Morgan, 3rd, 9.45; Shannon Bagot, 4th, 9.4; Dana Kudelka, 5th, 9.35; Kelsey Smith, 7th, 9.225; Hannah Nguyen, 8th, 9.175; Morgan Leone, 9th, 9.15; Isabella Book, 11th, 8.825; Roya Garakani, 11th, 8.6; Bars: Book, 1st, 9.05; Smith, 2nd, 8.975; Kudelka, 4th, 8.775; Bagot, 5th, 8.7; Morgan, 7th, 8.5; Leone, 8th, 8.225; Garakani, 10th, 8.2; Nguyen, 11th, 8.15; Beam: Book, 1st, 9.2; Kudelka, 1st, 2nd, 9.05; Nguyen, 5th, 8.7; Smith, 7th, 8.375; Garakani, 1st, 8th, 8.35; Bagot, 10th, 8.225; Leone, 11th, 8.1; Morgan, 16th, 7.15; Floor: Bagot, 2nd, 8.925; Nguyen, 3rd, 8.85; Morgan, 4th, 8.825; Kudelka, 1st, 5th, 8.8; Smith, 1st, 5th, 8.8; Leone, 10th, 8.375; Garakani, 1st, 11th, 8.35; Book, 15th, 7.7. All-around: Kudelka, 1st, 35.975; Smith, 4th, 35.375; Bagot, 5th, 35.25; Nguyen, 6th, 34.875; Book, 7th, 34.775; Morgan, 10th, 33.925; Leone, 11th, 33.85; Garakani, 12th, 33.3.

Level 4 Age Group: Older: Vault: Natalie Mauch, 4th, 9.1; Kirsten Trout, 12th, 8.75; Bars: Mauch, 19th, 8.05; Trout, 19th; Beam: Trout, 1st, 3rd, 8.65; Mauch, 12th, 8.125; Floor: Trout, 1st, 3rd, 8.6; Mauch, 10th, 8.25. All-around: Trout, 6th, 34.050; Mauch, 10th, 33.525.

## Phantom Softball

2008 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton

Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Three ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Walk-thru: Thursday, September 27 from 6pm - 9 pm. Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St., Pleasanton; 3) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website).

For more information or questions you can email Dalice Godwin at ponyperf@comcast.net.

PGSL Upper Division Try-Outs: Upper Divisions consists of girls in grades 3 thru 8 and is for all girls wanting to increase their skills and learn to play at a more advanced level. All girls interested in playing uppers are required to try-out. No previous uppers experience necessary. All players trying out must be registered for the 2008 season prior to attending one of the sessions below. All sessions will be held at the Sports Park on GSB fields 6 & 7. If the fields are closed, but it is not raining, try-outs will be held in the parking lot. Please check the Sports Park website (931-5360) and the PGSL website for updates. Pitchers & Catchers arrive at 4:15 pm to register for a 4:30pm start. All other players should arrive by 4:45pm to begin at 5:00pm. Try-Out Dates: Oct. 1-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 2-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 3-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 4-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 5-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 6-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 7-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 8-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 9-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name R-Z. If you cannot attend on the scheduled day, contact the division director listed on the PGSL website.

## Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results:

**Senior Division:** Dolphins 36, Titans 6: The Dolphins demonstrated a balanced offensive attack, scoring twice in the air and three times on the ground, to beat the Titans 36-6 in Opening Day. Senior Division Contact football action. Quarterback Michael Bradar threw for 95 yards, including two touchdown passes to Casey Cummings, while Anthony Grant scored on a 50 yard TD run and a PAT. Tailback Max Kurth ran for 156 yards, scoring TD's from 70 and 35 yards out, and also added two PAT's. The offensive line of Drake Kissinger, Robbie Nolting, Trevor Bogachan, Nate Pereira, and James Frair controlled the line of scrimmage all day, opening up huge holes for the backs. The defense also delivered several big plays, including two interceptions by Nick Covert and one by Cummings. Middle linebacker Brandon Arace took high tackle honors with 7.5, while Zach Parella added 5.5 and Kurth had 7.

Packers 6, Chargers 6: The Packers battled to a 6-6 tie with the Chargers in Advanced CJFL play this past Saturday 9/08. The Chargers scored first on a busted play going 55 yards down the Packers 2 in the 2nd Quarter. The Packers had two solids stops but couldn't keep the Chargers out of the end zone. The 2 point conversion was stopped at the line to make the score 6-0. The Packers held the Chargers to 2 first downs and net 30 yards the rest of the way. On Offense the Packers tied the game with 1:10 left. A nifty 50 yard TD pass from QB Ryan Allen to speedster Nate Bussani resulted in a tie. The 2 point conversion was stopped just short at the goal line.

The Offense was led by Team Captain Ryan Allen TD Pass, Nate Bussani TD Reception, and 32 yards rushing from RB Jon Marsh. Zach Hill was flawless snapping the ball at Center. The Defense was led by Team Captains Cody Shields (6 tackles, sack, pass deflection), Camron Blonigan (6 tackles, pass deflection), and Hawk Becker (5 tackles). Austin Hamilton (7 tackles, 3 sacks, QB pressure), Jon Marsh (7 tackles), Nick Gaither (5 tackles), Spencer Webb (6 tackles, sack), Stephen Gordon (4 tackles, sack) Dylan Gubersky shut down his side of the field at Defensive End (3 tackles, 2 sacks, QB pressure). Brad Hope had 4 tackles from Special Teams and 4th Quarter Defensive Play.

**Livermore Football**  
Livermore Youth Football League results: The Livermore Midgets opened the season Saturday with their first win against the West County Spartans 30-6. The Vikings scored first with a 24 yard run by Jahar Staples. Staples finished the day with 47 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Quarterback Jeremy Mata was 3 for 4 114 yards and 3 PAT's. He connected with Tyler Leasau twice for 30 yards and 8 yards, and Staples for 76 yards. Damariay Drew dominated on both offense and defense. Drew rushed for 90 yards with a touchdown, and was in the Spartans back field all day. Rounding it out for the Vikings was Center Austin Nelson, Greg White, and great blocking by Jake Kearney. The Vikings will host Antioch for their home opener at Granada High School September 15th at 6:00 pm.

The Livermore Norsemen beat the West County Spartans 6-0 in a three overtime defensive battle. The winning score came on a one-yard plunge by Rio Castillo behind blocks from Mike Walls and Zac Rosas. The Norseman defense dominated the Spartans for the entire game including an interception by Rosas and numerous tackles for losses by Zach Sturgill and Tyler Rardon. During the first overtime Riley Draa stepped a Spartan on the goal line and caused a fumble which was recovered by Rosas. During the second overtime, Rardon had a sack and recovered a fumble. During the last overtime, Ben Sawyer intercepted a pass. The defense was led by Rosas, Rardon, Castillo, Sawyer, Draa, Sturgill, Kyle Campiotti, Joey Gonzales, Jake Bohland, Marshall Peters, Kevin Kutcher, and Jordan Brooking.

The LYF Gladiators had a rough start to the 2007 season on Saturday. The West County Spartans came out strong at home and gave the Gladiators all they could handle. Although the offense stalled, Marquis Pruitt was still able to break free for a score and Christian Garcia came up with an interception on defense. Equally impressive defensive plays from Garrett Hart, Zach Patterson, Karter Daniels and Aezon Fernandez kept the game competitive.

## Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 4, 5 and 6 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at the American Pride

Invitational held at Aerials Gymnastics in Vacaville on September 9th. The level 4 team finished second and the level 5 and 6 teams combined to take third in their session. Katie Mathers dominated the level 4, younger age group, winning vault, bars and floor titles on her way to winning the all-around.

Level 4 - Younger - VAULT: Katie Mathers, 1st, 9.475; BARS: Mathers, 4th, 7.7; BEAM: Mathers, 1st, 9.1; FLOOR: Mathers, 1st, 9.025. ALL-AROUND: Mathers, 1st, 35.3. Older - VAULT: Baylee Hill, 4th, 9.2; Shannon Payne, 8th, 9.05; Michelle Kunelli, 11th, 8.65; BARS: Hill, 4th, 9.025; Kunelli, 5th, 8.8; Payne, 7th, 8.625; BEAM: Kunelli, 5th, 9.025; FLOOR: Kunelli, 5th, 8.7; Hill, 8th, 8.45; Payne, 10th, 7.65. ALL-AROUND: Hill, 5th, 35.6; Kunelli, 6th, 35.175; Payne, 9th, 34.4.

Level 5 - Younger - VAULT: Rebecca Meister, 2nd, 8.725; Kelley Hebert, 3rd, 8.65; Amy Morrison, 7th, 8.05; Isla Andrews, 8th, 7.9; Sara Vukojevic, 9th, 7.275; BARS: Meister, 2nd, 8.875; Andrews, 4th, 8.6; Vukojevic, 5th, 8.5; Hebert, 6th, 8.375; Morrison, 8th, 8.2; BEAM: Hebert, 2nd, 9.3; Morrison, 4th, 9.0; Andrews, 6th, 8.65; Meister, 7th, 8.625; Vukojevic, 9th, 7.55; FLOOR: Meister, 2nd, 9.1; Morrison, 4th, 8.85; Hebert, 7th, 8.55; Andrews and Vukojevic, T8th, 8.375. ALL-AROUND: Meister, 3rd, 35.325; Hebert, 4th, 34.875; Morrison, 6th, 34.1; Andrews, 8th, 33.525; Vukojevic, 9th, 31.7. Older - VAULT: Carina Salcedo, 3rd, 7.7; Rachel Pombo, 5th, 7.4; Sabrina Chaco, 6th, 7.25; BARS: Chaco, 2nd, 8.9; Pombo, 4th, 8.075; Salcedo, 6th, 7.0. BEAM: Chaco and Pombo, 7.4th, 8.225; Salcedo, 6th, 8.075. FLOOR: Chaco, 2nd, 8.45; Salcedo, 5th, 7.3; Pombo, 6th, 7.1. ALL-AROUND: Chaco, 3rd, 32.825; Pombo, 5th, 30.8; Salcedo, 6th, 30.075.

Level 6 - Middle - VAULT: Angelica Leparati, 4th, 9.0; Kaitlin Hausmann, 14th, 7.6; BARS: Leparati, 10th, 7.7; Hausmann, 14th, 7.0. BEAM: Leparati, 6th, 9.05; Hausmann, 12th, 8.0. FLOOR: Leparati, 4th, 8.625; Hausmann, 13th, 7.1. ALL-AROUND: Leparati, 3rd, 34.375; Hausmann, 13th, 29.9. Older - VAULT: Allison Honig, 4th, 8.7; BARS: Honig, 8th, 7.55; BEAM: Honig, 8th, 8.45; FLOOR: Honig, 11th, 7.3. ALL-AROUND: Honig, 7th, 32.0.

## Women's Soccer League

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has few spaces remaining for the Livermore Area Women's Soccer League's fall season. This is a recreational league where the main goal is to have fun and women of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join.

Games are played Tuesday evenings from September through mid-December. Registration packets may be picked up at the LARPD office, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, or download the forms from the LARPD web site at www.larpd.dst.ca. Please call (925) 417-2631 for more information.

## Fall Ball Registration

Pony Baseball Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin is now accepting registrations for the 2007 Fall Ball season. The program is available to ages 5 through 10; a high school league is open to ages 14 to 18. Games begin Sun., Sept. 23 and continue for six Sundays. For more information or to register for Fall Ball log onto www.pleasantonpony.com.

## Lacrosse Festival

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club's will present a New Player Festival. It is open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 8. No equipment necessary. Fee is \$39, which includes a lacrosse stick, a ball and 2 hours of instruction by experienced Pleasanton Club coaches and players. The event is at Thomas Hart Middle School in Pleasanton, Sunday, September 23rd, 2-4PM. Sign-in starts at 1PM. Register at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com. For additional information, contact Byron Hay at 998-5550 or byron.hay@comcast.net.

## Under-10 Team

Girls 10U Fun Fall Ball team forming, see http://www.geocities.com/LivermoreXtreme for more info. For location and dates email us at LivermoreXtreme@yahoo.com or leave msg for George at (925) 980-1461.

## Smoke Registration

The Livermore Smoke 2008 season is almost here. Walk-in registration will be held October 9th and October 23rd, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 2000 Mocho Street, 6pm-9pm. Birth certificates will be verified for all players (past records are shredded after each season). Signed zero tolerance policy forms are required for both player and parent. Forms will be available

online and at walk-in. For more information please visit us at http://livermoregirlssoftball.org/

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For more information contact Al Chavira at 980-3287 or Steve Martinez at 220-0965 and/or email Al at: al@chasefinancialgroup.com or Steve at: coachscm@aol.com.

## Golf Tournament

The second annual Granada High School Girls' Basketball Golf Fund-raiser will be held Sun., Oct. 14 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

The Lady Mats are working to raise the necessary funding to purchase new lower level uniforms and travel this winter to the Nike Iolani Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Varsity Team has been invited to play in this tournament and will be representing not only Granada High School, but the city of Livermore, as well.

Check in will be at 8:45 a.m. A bucket of Driving Range Balls will be provided at check. A shot gun start is at 10 a.m. After the golf, a lunch and raffle is set for 3 p.m. Early bird special for golf participation is \$89 per payer or \$356 per foursome, if fees received by Sept. 7. After that date play will be \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. Hole and corporate sponsorships are available.

Las Positas Golf Course is located at 917

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## SHORT NOTES

## College Fair

The Tri Valley College Fair, will be held at Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore, CA, on September 20, in the Main Gym from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Approximately 100 schools will be represented. The event will be open to parents and students from Amador Valley High School, Dublin High School, Foothill High School, Granada High School and Livermore High School, Venture and Village High Schools.

For further information please call Mrs. Kathy Schultz, Granada High School, (925) 606-4783.

## Seeds for Trees

Seeds for Trees is a program planned for Sat., Sept. 22 in Sycamore Grove Park. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at the nature area entrance at 10 a.m.

The flora of Sycamore Grove is getting heavy with seed. Help out the park in collecting some of that seed for the coming year's planting projects - acorns, buckeyes, walnuts, grass seed and more. We will harvest what we find (and enjoy a couple of hours in the best part of the park). Bring gloves if you have them (we have some to share), water, long pants and shoes for going off trail.

Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information. The program is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

## BBQ &amp; Stargazing

Save Mount Diablo will host a fun family event on Sat., Sept. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Chaparral Spring, 10030 Marsh Creek Rd., Clayton. It will be a BBQ and Stargazing, interpreted by St. Mary's College professor of Astronomy Ron Olowin.

A short hike into the Chaparral Spring property leads to a natural "amphitheatre," perfect for a BBQ picnic and gazing up at the stars. Following the BBQ, Save Mount Diablo staff and board members will lead an optional, short hike through the oak tree groves and meadows of Chaparral Spring. This property was acquired by Save Mount Diablo in 1994 and is not yet open to the public. After the hike, Ron Olowin, Professor of Astronomy at Saint Mary's College, will use a high powered laser to make the night sky his chalkboard.

Bring flashlights, warm clothing and a picnic blanket. There is a \$5 donation per person. RSVP required email [smdinfo@savemountdiablo.org](mailto:smdinfo@savemountdiablo.org) or call (925) 947-3535. Directions: Chaparral Spring is located at 10030 Marsh Creek Rd., east of Clayton. The entrance gate is on the left, 2.2 miles past Regency Dr.

## Unitarian President Speaks

The Rev. William G. Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) will speak at two services on Sunday, September 16, at the UU Church in Livermore. Reverend Sinkford is in the Bay Area to kick off an area-wide media campaign to publicize the Unitarian Universalist denomination and will speak at the Livermore church, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Reverend Sinkford, 61, was elected as the seventh President of the denomination in 2001. Sinkford's presidency has been distinguished by his social justice work, particularly his efforts to defend oppressed peoples. He is an outspoken critic of the war in Iraq, a nationally recognized champion of equal marriage rights for same-sex couples, and a passionate advocate for the people of Darfur. Under Sinkford's leadership, the UUA became the first national denomination to join the New Sanctuary Movement, and last year the denomination formally voted to work to combat global climate change.

He has been a staunch defender of religious pluralism and church-state separation. Sinkford and his wife Maria live in Boston. He is the father of Bill, 25 and Danielle, 22 and stepfather to Frederic, 25, and Josie, 18.

Services on Sunday, September 16th will be held at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. All are welcome. Child care will be provided during both services. The UU Church in Livermore is located at 1893 North Vasco Road. For more information about Reverend Sinkford and the Unitarian Universalists, please visit [www.UUBA.org](http://www.UUBA.org) or [www.UUCIL.net](http://www.UUCIL.net).

## Granada Native Gardens

Volunteers are needed to work at and celebrate Granada Native Gardens on Sat. Sept. 15 from 9am -1pm.

There will be a dedication of the rebuilt outdoor displays that were vandalized Oct. 2006. With the help of \$5000 from General Electric's gold funds, these displays and mosaic tables have been restored. The dedication will be around noon, please bring a potluck lunch to share.

At 9 a.m. volunteers will water the gardens for the last time this year, as well as trim the grasses and some bushes.

The Gardens are located in Livermore, on Murrieta Blvd, one block south of Stanley Blvd. Park at the Nob Hill shopping center. Community service credits can be given for high school students. Please RSVP to me at [lstung@pacbell.net](mailto:lstung@pacbell.net).

## 100th Birthday

The 100th birthday of Ruth Lockie will be celebrated Sept. 13 at the Parkview Assisted Living and Memory Care in Pleasanton.

Lockie lives at the Parkview, as does her sister, Grace Dale. In her younger years, Ms. Lockie was an accomplished artist and enjoyed traveling. Currently she says that she enjoys the fact that she is able to get up every morning. "At this age, you can't be too picky about what you enjoy because it's an enjoyable day every day that you're alive and kicking." She also enjoys attending the entertainment and classes offered at the Parkview and reportedly can still hold her own in political discussions.

Family and friends will host a party in her honor.

## Historic Garage Open

The historic 1915 Duarte Garage, located on the old "Lincoln Highway," will be open on Sunday, September 16, from 10 am - 2 pm.

The Duarte Garage is located on the corner of Portola and L St. in Livermore. The public is invited to visit the garage and view memorabilia of a bygone era: collection of California license plates, old photos, a 1920's office and shop area that includes a grease pit, "Flying A" display, 3 vintage Fire Trucks (Ford Model "T", 1920 Seagrave, 1944 Mack).

In addition, books such as "The Lincoln Highway: Calif. V. 6" as well as other photographic vintage car books will be available for purchase. The Livermore Heritage Guild sponsors the Duarte Garage. There is no charge for admission; donations are appreciated. For more information call (925) 443-9740.

## Money for Shoes

The Elena Macias Foundation will be the beneficiary of the 4th Annual Mexican Fiesta fundraiser on Saturday, September 29, 6-11 p.m.

The event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, 525 South L Street, Livermore.

The evening includes dinner, catered and donated by Rodeo's of San Diego. There will be a silent auction, raffles, folkloric dancers and more.

The money raised goes to buy shoes for the kids of Agua Verde, Sinaloa, Mexico

The purchase tickets or for information go to [www.momsfoundation.org](http://www.momsfoundation.org)

## Backpack Awareness

The Pleasanton PTA Wellness Committee is partnering with the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) to conduct a backpack awareness day on September 19th to educate children, parents, and the community about the serious health effects on children from backpacks that are too heavy or worn improperly. This local event is part of National School Backpack Awareness Day, being held in schools and community centers across the country.

There will be a Backpack Awareness Day "Weigh-In" of K through 12th grade students and their backpacks to illustrate the amount of weight that school children are carrying on their backs to and from school each day. Volunteers will weigh backpack-wearing students arriving at the Pleasanton Public Library.

More than 7,000 children end up in emergency rooms each year suffering injuries from backpacks and book bags.

Ruth Loewenhardt, CEO of Ergonomics, PTA Wellness Committee Member Ruth Loewenhardt, is an expert on school ergonomics and the healthy growth and development of school-age children, will be coordinating the "weigh-in" activities at the Pleasanton Public Library and will be available to answer questions.

## Academy Information

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, along with her colleagues Reps. George Miller (D-Martinez) and Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), will be hosting Military Academy Information Nights in Pleasanton, Pleasant Hill and Fairfield during three evenings this month.

The Pleasanton event will be held September 13th at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The Pleasant Hill Event will be held September 19th at the Pleasant Hill Community Center located at 320 Civic

Drive, and the Fairfield event will be held on September 20th at the Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive. All events are from 7 PM to 9 PM.

The U.S. military academies offer an esteemed educational opportunity for young men and women. Accepted students receive a free 4-year university education, room and board, medical and dental coverage and a stipend in exchange for a 5-year military service commitment at graduation. Last year, 24 students recommended by Rep. Tauscher for a service academy were accepted into West Point, Annapolis or the Air Force Academy.

Interested students and family members are welcome to attend the 2007 Academy Nights and meet with staff members from the Congressional offices. Representatives from four of the academies will also be present to answer questions and provide additional information about the application process. Congresswoman Tauscher's deadline for receipt of a student's application to any of the academies is November 1, 2007. For more information regarding Congresswoman Tauscher's Academy Program, contact Field Representative Remy Goldsmith at (925) 757-7187.

## Oktoberfest Festival

The community is invited to a fun day with a German twist - the Oktoberfest Family Festival held on Sat., Sept. 22 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore (near the corner of Holmes St. and Concannon Blvd.).

## Picnic Celebrates Valley Humane Society Anniversary

Picnic 4 Pets will be a celebration of the Valley Humane Society's 20th Anniversary.

An afternoon of BBQ, refreshments, carnival games and raffles will take place on Sept. 23 from noon to 5 p.m. This will be an event for the entire family, including the family dog. The day will feature contests including Best Trick, Best Beggar, Cutest, and Doggie Idol.

Food will be provided by Back 40 Texas BBQ. The event is co-sponsored by SuperFranks Fun Adventures of Pleasanton. The event will include carnival games, face painting, balloons, henna tattoos, a 21-foot high inflatable slide, doggie Olympics, wine and beer garden, music and raffle prizes.

The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. For tickets, call Valley Humane Society at 426-8656.

## UNCLE Celebrates 50th Anniversary

UNCLE Credit Union is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this week.

UNCLE is celebrating by offering qualified existing and new members special offers on auto and signature loan rates and Certificate of Deposit rates. Prizes and special events will also take place throughout the week.

A ribbon cutting will take place Friday, September 14 at UNCLE's Main Branch located at 2100 Las Positas Court in Livermore. Refreshments will be served throughout the day on Friday at all four branch locations.

Founded in 1957 and initially named the Radiation Lab Livermore Credit Union, UNCLE Credit Union got its start serving the employees of the Lab known today as Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The name was changed to UNCLE (University of California Livermore Employees) around the same time the Lab changed

The day's activities will run from 2:00 - 9:00 PM and include festival games, a raffle, silent and live auctions, German music concert from 3:15 - 4:00 PM in the church, and live music by the Edelweiss German Band (5:00 - 9:00 PM). Through the afternoon German bratwursts, wieners, and pretzels will be sold along with refreshing beverages.

Advanced ticket purchase is required for the German Dinner, prepared by Morganti's Catering, and served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. German Dinner tickets are \$18 each and can be purchased by calling 447-9739. A hotdog meal ticket is also available for \$5 for those young and old with less sophisticated palates. All meal tickets need to be purchased by Wed. Sept. 19, 2007.

Mass will be celebrated early on Saturday at 4:00 PM instead of 5:30 PM to allow those attending to join in the Oktoberfest festivities.

## Four New Wines

Winery and vineyard owner Rick Corbett will introduce four new wines, two each from Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge, during a Release Party on Sep. 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Crooked Vine tasting room at 4948 Tesla Road in Livermore. The event is open to the public.

Crooked Vine will debut a 2004 Syrah and a special 50-50 blend of a 2006 Chardonnay and 2006 Viognier called a Charve'. This is believed to be the first wine to be called Charve'.

On the same day, Stony Ridge will introduce a 2002 Petite Sirah and a 2006 Orobianco.

The wines originate mainly from Corbett's Del Arroyo Vineyards in Livermore. In all, Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge earned 27 wine competition awards this season.

Corbett will also offer bottles of Crooked Vine's estate-bottled, California-certified, extra-virgin olive oil on Sep. 15. "Guests on Sep. 15 will have the opportunity to sample some of the best wine offered in the Valley and try our olive oil that is produced with the same passion," Corbett said. More information is available by calling 925-371-8156 or visiting [www.crookedvinewinery.com](http://www.crookedvinewinery.com).

## Day on the Glen

Dublin will present Day on the Glen on Sept. 15 and 16 at Emerald Glen Park.

The festivities will take place between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. There will be a fireworks display on Saturday evening at approximately 9:10 p.m. Prior to the fireworks, featured performers Garrat Wilkin and the Parrotheads will entertain the crowd.

Activities during the day will include a petting zoo, clowns, magicians, skateboard competition, pony rides, carnival midway, children's entertainment, a tot lot, interactive animal activities, food court, ValleyZoo Tournament, fire truck display, police department booth and display and much more. Local entertainers will be featured on the community stage.

There is no admission charge. Some activities charge a fee. For information, call 556-4500.

## OBITUARIES

## Elva Dolores Whitten

Elva Whitten entered into rest on September 1, 2007. She was 84.

She was born Feb. 10, 1923 and lived most of her life in Oakland, moving to Livermore in 1967.

Elva is survived by sons and daughters-in-law Richard and Irene Hoffman of Livermore and George and Michelle Powers of Paradise, eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday at Holy Sepulchre in Hayward.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Mary C. Lahmon

Mary C. Lahmon died September 5, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 83.

She was born June 9, 1924 in Durango, CO to Frank and Alfonsa Maestas. Mary was a long time resident of Livermore. She enjoyed being a homemaker and her television stories.

She is survived by her children, Linda Stevens of Livermore, Mary (Chuck) O'Neil of Illinois; a sister, Jane Maestas of Livermore, grandchildren Leslie (Michelle) Stevens, Justin (Heather) O'Neil, Cindy (Jeff) Good, Sandra (Bill) Damon, great-grandchildren, Samantha, Jessica, Jackie, Jenna and Chloe, and a nephew, Gene Maestas of Livermore.

A chapel blessing service was held September 11 in Livermore. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## William J. Hansen

William J. Hansen died August 31, 2007 at his home in Pleasanton. He was 94.

William was born in Oakland, CA on Feb. 18, 1913. He made his home in Alameda County his entire life, 60 years in Oakland, raising his family and enjoying the past 34 years in Pleasanton.

He was an Alameda County Court Clerk and also dedicated many years as a Southern Pacific Railroad Clerk. He loved spending time with his family. William was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul, YMI and the Elks.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Lorraine Hansen of Pleasanton, son Tom of Pleasanton, daughter Judy Parro of Pleasanton, brothers, Robert Hansen of Pleasanton and Jack Hansen of Patterson. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren thirteen great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 15 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations in his memory be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94588.

Arrangements by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

## Albert Manuel Dais Sr.

Albert Manuel Dais Sr. died September 7, 2007 at the age of 91. He was a longtime resident of Livermore and Oakdale. He spent his whole life as a rancher.

He took great pride in training both stock horses and cattle dogs. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, along with spending time with his family.

Albert is survived by sons Albert JR. and Clifford Dais with respective daughters-in-law Barbara and Patrice, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren, as well as a sister, Nora Silva of Modesto. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Dais. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. with vigil at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 13 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Fri., Sept. 14 at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, 3885 East Ave., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Albert's name can be made to a charity of choice.

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Q Do you know the breakdown of garbage generated by Americans?  
Andrew

A Here are the latest garbage statistics according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Paper 40.4% (71.6 million tons); yard trimmings 17.6% (31.6 million tons); metals 8.5% (15.3 million tons); plastics 8.0% (14.4 million tons); food scraps 7.4% (13.2 million tons); glass 7.0 (12.5 million tons); other 11.6% (20.8 million tons) includes rubber, leather, textiles, wood and miscellaneous inorganic waste. You can minimize the amount of waste in landfills by remembering to practice good 4R habits: reduce, reuse, recycle & rot (compost).

Q We recently landscaped our yards and no longer generate yard waste. Can we put just food scraps in our Green Waste cart?  
Alisha

A Absolutely. However, to help keep the Green Waste cart clean, you may wish to place food scraps in newspaper, paper bags or waxed paper cartons from milk & ice cream. Paper is biodegradable and compostable when combined with food scraps & yard trim. Accepted in Green Waste cart: All food products, coffee grounds & tea bags and food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, paper towels, paper plates & napkins, and waxed/paper containers along with yard trim and uncoated wood. Not accepted in Green Waste cart: Plastic bags, painted or varnished wood, cactus or palm, rocks, dirt, concrete, pet waste and ashes.

Email Ask Kathleen questions to:  
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# Hot Stuff: Summer Toasts Us But Good With Her Version of "Cheers!"

By Laura Ness

Thank goodness for breezes and mister fans. Summer decided to show up ready to sizzle at the 26th Annual Livermore Wine Harvest Celebration. The theme was "Cheers." Guests were encouraged to toast their favorite winery in another language. Mother Nature's language was pronounced Celsius. With temps over the century mark, people walking from place to place were few fewer than last year. The shuttle buses seemed to be in high demand. Lots more limos than last year as well: probably a darned good thing. It's hard to make a dent in the number of wineries that beckon with all temptations. It's even harder to try and access them, preferred routes and all, by car. This was the year of the LimoScene. Big ones. Stretched to the max, and looking for all the world like some portion of the Stanford Linear Accelerator that hijacked wheels and escaped for the weekend. They were omnipresent, like fruit flies at harvest.

Speaking of harvest, some wineries had already started the process, and had to take time out to handle the crowds. These were wineries like Steven Kent and Cedar Mountain who start the process early with Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. Some were probably wish-

ing they'd had the day to pick grapes instead of entertaining bunches of semi-toasted limoloads of heat-struck festival goers. They were anxiously watching the sugar levels even as they sated their guests with pour after pour of fine Livermore libations.

There were lots of new venues and wineries to investigate, so there was no shortage of new wines and personalities to discover. One of the most fun discoveries was Battaion Cellars, Livermore's first house of fine sparkling wine. They were pouring at Campo di Bocce, a very nice addition to the mix of hosting venues for this year's festival: and a very fine venue for any event. The atmosphere was very conducive to a party on the welcoming side of warm. Sparkling certainly hit the spot on such a day. Winemaker Dustin Battaion had a mister bottle in hand to complement the facility's over-worked mister system.

Although none of the wines currently offered for sale are made of locally grown fruit, that will change for some yet to be determined subsequent vintage. They said they'd recently harvested some Livermore '07 Pinot for an upcoming Blanc de Noir. The current vintages are quite a wonderful fruit spread, with the Brut yielding dry and brioche-yeasty Chardonnay, the Blanc de Noir

reflecting rich and raspberry note of Pinot Noir, and the Cuvée (café) Rouge, as bright and ruby as its name suggests, brimming with the brilliance and exuberance of strawberries and guava, from none other than Grenache and Syrah.

Les Chenes was also pouring at Campo di Bocce. The 2003 Syrah, done in all neutral French oak, was tasting pretty darned good, even though you could scarcely call plus 100 degree temps heavy red weather. Candice and Richard Dixon were really stoked about the festival. "We had nothing but a positive experience. The people at Campo di Bocce couldn't have been nicer and their staff more helpful. The venue was perfect. Everyone was in a party mood, listening and dancing to the music of their great bands, enjoying great food and tasting great wines. What more could we ask for? We are looking forward to next years Harvest Festival to showcase our newest signature wine, Deux Blanc along with our new Deux Rouge." We'll be looking forward to those two delightful duets.

At Blacksmith Square, they really poured it on with more wineries than ever, including John Christopher Cellars, Hidden Creek, Thomas Coyne, Retzlaff and Red Skye. This little gem of a spot is turning into a destina-

tion for an afternoon of winetasting and of course, shopping.

All the wineries surveyed reported both strong attendance and strong sales for the festival: with over 40 outlets selling tickets. Chris Chandler, Executive Director of the Winegrower's Association, wasn't able to give me any figures on attendance or ticket sales, but it felt like a good crowd, although lighter on Monday than the previous year.

Nick Nardolillo of White Crane was doing a banner business in wine and apparel. His very cute tank top with the word WINERACK prominently emblazoned across the front, was meeting with very brisk sales. Give him two points for marketing.

Mitch Katz at the Mitchell Katz Winery was ready for a crowd with designated pouring stations for each wine. Despite the prominent and very clear signage, attendees seemed to not comprehend simple English: what does "Please Step Back From the Bar: Make Way For Others!" mean to you? Regardless, it was controlled mayhem. The crowd seemed to be in a buying mood. The Sangiovese and Zin were racking up sales, and the Pinot Grigio was tasting quite fine. Everyone was swooning over the Zinfandel ice cream: what a perfect way to consume

Zin. Lots of people, kids in tow, enjoyed picnics in the grass, feasting on the Palm Kitchen's grilled chicken sandwiches, as they grooved to Pan Exstasy's decidedly world-beat music. Great sound!

Over at Retzlaff Estate Winery, the grass felt long and cool between the toes. The enormous stands of pepper trees kept things as comfortable and shady as they could be. The breeze here, as always, had that perfect hint of chill to it. Gloria and Bob are blessed, indeed. They had bunches of freshly-picked estate fruit available to sample: the Sauv Blanc and Chard were very near ripe. The Merlot and Cabernet were following in close pursuit of the crusher. Bob said he thought it would be the earliest and most compact harvest in years. Gloria joked they could finally take a vacation! The selection of vendors here was first rate, and included freshly canned vegetables, pickles and relishes, not to mention olive oils and an assortment of jewelry. Making the most of the stage, Second Nature had people dancing and swaying with their very jazzy mix of strong vocals and tightly knit instrumentation. Like Bob's 2001 Blend (85% Cab, 15% Merlot), their sound was a perfect blend of substance and style.

At Page Mill Winery, the estate Petite Sirah fruit was tasting

pretty developed, and it was collecting lots of dust from all the traffic. Have you seen the view from here? Quintessential Livermore. There was quite a throng drinking it all in, with a rockin' band and lots of burgers on the grill. They had a drawing for a magnum of Lucchesi Cabernet, so hopefully one of you reading this got lucky, because it wasn't me. Inside the tasting room, the A/C was huffing and puffing to keep pace with the rave-like crowd.

Speaking of views, at The Wood Family Winery, they were prepared for a hot crowd on a hot day, with all pouring stations strategically located in the shade, and misters on the lawn. Inside the winery, wine lovers were treated to Rhonda's most excellent 2005 McGrail Cabernet and Hansen Vineyard Zinfandel, along with Rhonda's very own olive oil. As usual, all the Woods came out of the woodwork to pour another fine lineup of wines among the signature collection of woodies. Said Rhonda, "Once again we had 'toe bling' going on here at Wood Family Vineyards. Many of the volunteers painted their toes to match our tie-dyed shirts! We really had a blast here as we always do. It's like putting on our own party!"

Pretty much that sums up Cheers! 2007. It was 30-some private parties on a very public scale.

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**Picnic 4 Pets.** Valley Humane Society 20th Anniversary features an afternoon of BBQ, refreshments, carnival games, and drawings on Sunday, September 23, from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. The Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For tickets, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656.

**Guerrilla Wars: Cuba, Vietnam, and Afghanistan.** will be shown Sat., Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall: 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film is from the Peabody and Emmy award winning series, "People's Century." This film navigates the viewer through the terrain of guerrilla warfare with insightful interviews and curiously fresh footage of these events. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 p.m. and a short discussion follows the film. This is a non-partisan, public event with an optional \$3.00 donation, including refreshments. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**Livermore Scottish Country Dancers** invite beginners to start attending classes anytime this September and October. Learn to dance lively jigs, driving reels, and elegant strathspeys to the traditional and contemporary folk music of Scotland. Cost is \$5 or less per session, first time free. Adult beginners class meets every Monday, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Oddfellows Hall, 2160 First Street (second floor), Livermore. Children's class (ages 6 to 18) meets Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Valley School of Dance Theater, 2247 Suite B Second Street, Livermore. Family Class for all ages meets

Fridays 7:30-9:00pm, also at the Valley School of Dance Theater. Please contact Sheena MacQueen (447-1833) or Michael Gregg (413-3633) for more information.

**Cultural Care Au Pair** is hosting an international potluck featuring dishes from at least 10 countries. Sept. 23, 4 to 6 p.m. at Val Vista Park, Pleasanton. All au pairs in the Tri-Valley are invited to attend regardless of agency. RSVP heidibrewer@sbcglobal.net.

**Bells Across America.** The Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will participate in the nationwide commemoration of the 220th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by ringing bells on Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. This will coincide with the 4 p.m. bell ringing in Philadelphia where the Constitution was written and first read to the public on Sept. 17, 1787. Members of the public may bring a bell or bells will be available for ringing. Please arrive by 12:45 p.m.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club.** Sat., Sept. 15, 25 miles to Sunol and back, meet 9:30 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin. Liz Marcoux, 895-1295 and Glenn LaFrank 408-887-5502. Sun., Sept. 16, 65 miles Berkeley Hills loop, meet 9 a.m. at San Ramon Central Park. Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Wed., Sept. 19, 35 miles from Novato to the Petaluma Cheese Factory, meet 10 a.m. at Safeway in Novato. Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Cycling Fair and Demo Day.** Sat., Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. test ride more than 100 road and mountain bikes. Cycling gear giveaways and raffle prizes. Pleasanton Ridge, Foothill Rd. staging area, Pleasanton. For information, call Cyclepath, 485-3218.

**The Livermore-Amador Valley League**

**Women Voters** begins its fall schedule with a hot topic at a luncheon meeting on Friday, September 28 at the Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker is Dave Macdonald, Alameda County Registrar of Voters. Macdonald is the person who will manage voting and how to count and verify the ballots given the last minute restrictions announced by the Secretary of State. The social time begins at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon and the speaker is at 12:30 p.m. Please make reservations as soon as possible. League members can use a form in the August newsletter or call Barbara Hemphill at 846-9739 for information and menu choices.

**Flea Market.** Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 29, set-up 6 a.m., close 4 p.m. parking lot, 527 Ne. Livermore Ave. \$15 for a 15x15 space, \$5 table rental. Sign up for space at the Eagles Social Room or call 449-6281 or 449-5807.

**Instructors sought.** Livermore Area Recreation and Park District seeks instructors to teach life enrichment and fun classes for persons 55 and over for the Winter/Spring '08 season. Classes can be of any length and range from exercise, language instruction, music appreciation, to adult care giving issues. Please contact Eileen Cary at (925) 373-5769 for more information and/or an instructor packet by September 13. Instructors with special skills in working with youth for general physical education classes, basketball, soccer, baseball are also sought and can contact Michael Sa at (925) 373-5733 for more information and/or an instructor packet.

**Wardrobe for Opportunity.** Donations of men and women's business-appropriate attire in good condition will be accepted at the store, located at 520 Main St., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 15. Donors who purchase items at the store that day receive a 10 percent discount. From 2 to 4 p.m., make your way back to the garden

courtyard to enjoy the lyrical harp music of Destiny, "Harpist from the Hood"; hear guest speakers from Wardrobe of Opportunity and enjoy refreshments donated by Olivina and Wizard Winery of Livermore.

**Cowboy Express.** Saturday, September 29, 6 to 8 p.m. starting at the Niles Canyon Railway Station in Sunol. Train departs at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 8 p.m., a roundtrip from Sunol through Niles. Appetizers and a dessert will be provided in individual boxes for each rider. Beverages, including wine, will be available for \$5. There will also be entertainment with musicians and singers during the 1 1/2 hour ride. Tickets are \$25, including food and entertainment. Raffle tickets will be for sale for \$5. Event and raffle tickets can be purchased by calling 925-461-6401. Fundraising event is sponsored by Assistance League of Amador Valley to raise money to fund philanthropic activities and projects.

**Volunteers needed to become Bookleggers** and present book programs to the school children of Pleasanton. Anyone interested in bringing together books, children and libraries through community service, is invited to join the Pleasanton Bookleggers. Training classes are set to begin Sept. 25 at 9:30 am at the Pleasanton Library. The Booklegger Program is a literacy program supported by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District. For more information about the Booklegger Program please call Chris Spitzel, Booklegger Coordinator, at 925/931-3400 x26.

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network.** Group is new to the area and will be holding their first meeting on Monday, September 17, at CrossWinds Church located at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin at 7PM. Regular meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. Children are welcome! Please visit www.holisticmoms.org for further information.

**Livermore Community Blood Drive.** Sat., Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore in the Lighthouse Room. For information and to sign up call, 447-2351. An ID is required in order to give blood.

**Giant Semi-Annual Sale, Kid's Stuff:** Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club is hosting our Children's Clothing and Equipment consignment sale on Saturday September 29, 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the "Barn" in Livermore, 3131 Pacific Avenue. \$1.00 per person Entrance Fee. Participation is open to the public! Unload all your outgrown, gently used children's clothing, toys and equipment and make money in the process. For info e-mail Rachel: rachelburgess78@comcast.net. Great bargains on Clothes, Strollers, Toys, Videos, Pak n Plays, Layettes, Books, High Chairs, Swings, Gates, Cribs, outdoor toys and more. For info on the sale go to http://www.tvmtoc.com.

**RELIGION**  
**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Special guest preacher, The Rev. Bill Sinkford, president of the UUA.

services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.. Information 447-8747.

**Yom Kippur.** Tri-Valley Cultural Jews holds Secular Humanistic Jewish observance of Yom Kippur. Program of music, poetry and readings. No charge, but opportunities for contributions to international, national and local charities. Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. TVCJ is welcoming to singles and to non-traditional and intermarried families. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 1817 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanton, (925) 485-1049. CulturalJews@aol.com Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews** sukkah-raising brunch potluck, a child-friendly activity. Sun., Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. at a private home. The sukkah is the traditional harvest hut decorated with branches and fruit. TVCJ members and friends will erect and decorate a sukkah and share brunch. Bring a dish for 8 to share, canned or packaged food for the Alameda County Food Bank, and, if you can, a branch or fruit to decorate the sukkah. TVCJ is welcoming to singles and to non-traditional and intermarried families. 485-1049. CulturalJews@aol.com or Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org

**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. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.



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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT



## Cat in the Hat Exhibit Includes Special Readings

From September 15 through September 30, Studio 7 Fine Arts will host a 50th Anniversary art exhibition in celebration of the significant and lasting impact of one of Theodor Seuss Geisel's most popular books, *The Cat in the Hat*. The book was written in 1957. *The Cat in the Hat* has become an international force in helping children develop a lifelong love of reading.

This exhibition features a selection of new and rare limited edition prints drawn from original works residing in major collections including the Geisel family private collection. Two commemorative "Cat in the Hat" prints will be unveiled at the gallery during the opening night of exhibition.

Parents are invited to bring children to Studio 7 on Sat., Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for cupcakes and to participate in the Seuss-character coloring contest. The winner's picture will be professionally framed for free. Local personalities, including Tim Hunt, former associate publisher of the Tri-Valley Herald, and Joe Alioto Veronese, Commissioner of the San Francisco Police Department, will be giving readings from *The Cat in the Hat* and *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. All activities are free.

## Readers and Listeners Invited To Studio

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Sat., September 15th at 7:30 PM at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore. Readers have up to ten minutes to read. The public is welcome.

This month's salon is a *Before the Fall Kind of a Night*: writings that Arthur Miller might read before he writes a play or that would prevent Eve from becoming a victim of serpentine or that would make a midsummer night's dream come true.

For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 or by email at 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net.

## Valley Dance Theatre to Benefit from Gala Evening

Valley Dance Theatre will host an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a silent auction. The festivities are set for Sat., Sept. 29 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The evening features live jazz music by Jeff Bordes. Valley Dance Theatre will present variations from ballets such as *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty*.

Valley Dance Theatre is a non-profit ballet company in Livermore whose mission is to provide performance opportunities for talented local dancers and bringing affordable, quality dance performances to the Tri-Valley.

This event is for adults (age 18 and over) only. Valley Dance Theatre of Livermore has been providing dance instruction and productions to the Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton area for over 25 years. Training focuses on classical ballet and modern dance. Every year Valley Dance presents a full-length Nutcracker with the Livermore-Amador Symphony, as well as a Spring Showcase of local talent.

The gala will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St. Livermore. Tickets are \$75 per person; \$600 for a table of eight.

For additional information go to www.valleydancetheatre.com or call 925-243-0925 and ask for Rochelle Abrantes or Betsy Hausberg.

**Livermore Valley Charter School Art Show**, sampling of student art in a variety of mediums and styles displayed at the Livermore Library Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Sept. 1 to 30. An open reception with refreshments will be held Thurs., Sept. 13, 6 to 7 p.m.

**Eugene O'Neill Festival in Danville**, Outdoor gourmet dinner, musical and dramatic performances at Tao House, a National Historic Site; introduction into the life and works of O'Neill; discussions about the playwright's young and restless years by O'Neill scholars and authorities; free screening of "The Iceman Cometh." Presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation and the National Park Service. Sept. 21, 22, 23. Details www.eugeneoneill.org.

**Prometheus Symphony Orchestra**, Eric Hansen, conductor. Concert Oct. 7, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montecita and Grand Ave., Oakland. Program: Beatrice and Benedick Overture by Berlioz; Lieutenant Kije Suite by Prokofiev, Symphony #41 by Nielsen. Admission is free. Donation requested.

**Auditions, open rehearsal night**, Valley Concert Chorale, auditions are Sept. 17 and 24, 5 - 7pm. First Presbyterian Church, Livermore 4th and L Streets Livermore. No admission charge. Information www.valleyconcertchorale.org/ or 925-866-4003. The Chorale is seeking experience singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 443-6815. On Monday, September 17, the Chorale will hold an Open Rehearsal Night, when interested singers may join the rehearsal to experience singing with the Chorale. Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. at the church in Livermore.

**Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League**, meeting Mon., Sept. 17 at Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore, and the meeting begins at 7:30. Guest artist is Lynn Slade, who creates paintings using a combination of watercolor and handmade rice papers known as "Washi." She works with this combination "to capture both the color and texture of my subjects." She is able to create an image that "has a depth and luminosity not usually gained solely with watercolor." She is represented by Studio 7 in Pleasanton, and the Fine Eye Gallery in Sutter Creek. The public is invited to attend the meeting. There is no admission charge.

**Competition for Young Musicians**, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association 35th annual competition application deadline is Sun., Oct. 7. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon.

Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 9, 2008. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. Completed application forms must be accompanied by a cassette tape, CD or DVD for preliminary screening and a \$5 fee. Application forms and additional information may be obtained at www.livamsymph.org or calling 447-1947.

**Jazz at the Ridge**, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz by Two Guys or Opie Bellas and Jeff Massanar. Information 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

**Tuesday Tunes**, June 5 to October 16, Livermore Downtown Inc. Free live music at the Flagpole Plaza and the Livermore Valley Plaza 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com.

**Sunday Blues and BBQ** from 4-8 pm on the Patio, September 16 Annie Sampson. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

**Blues on the Patio** Thursdays 5:30-9:30 pm: September 13 Nite Cry. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

**Diablo Light Opera Company**, "Peter Pan," with special flying effects. 8 p.m. on Sept. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29; 2 p.m. Sept. 16, 22, 23, 29; 11 a.m. Sept. 20, 27. Tickets \$17-38. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469; www.leshercenter.org; www.dloc.org.

**Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night**: Wednesdays: Sept. 19 The Foods of Molise. Dinner served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine, event takes place on outdoor courts with patio seating. Cellar Master Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and group play. Bring a group or come alone; all skill levels are welcome. \$34.95 person. Two seatings from 5:30-7pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, 371-8200, www.garrewinery.com. Reservations required.

**Vineyard Nights** Summer Music and Dinner Series: Fri., Sept. 21: "Rock and Pop in the Vineyards" With The Brandon Carroll Duo. Event takes place outdoors under the stars. Indoor seating available. Reservations strongly recommended. Seating from 6-8pm; music until 9pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, 371-8200, www.garrewinery.com.

**Cinema at Wente Vineyards**. Gates and Café open at 6:30 pm, the movie begins at twilight. Tickets for the movie only are \$9 adults and \$5 ages 12 and under. Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festi-

val. Mon., Sept. 26 (full moon), "Moonstruck." The Cinema at Wente Vineyards is presented in conjunction with the restaurant at Wente Vineyards on Arroyo Road. For reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

**Author and Mountaineer Bob Madgic**, Shattered Air: A True Account, Half Dome. Presentation at Livermore Library on Sept. 26, 7 p.m. 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Information 373-5505.

**Livermore Heritage Guild**, annual dinner, Sat., Sept. 29, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Highway Duarte Garage, Portola and L streets, Livermore. Music, awards, fun. \$20 per person. Reservations at 449-9927. Visit www.livermorehistory.com.

**Arsenic and Old Lace**, Pleasanton Playhouse, Sept. 21-Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. 462-2121, www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

**John Christopher Cellars Blacksmith Square events**: Sept. 23 - Roger Kardinal plays live from 2-5 p.m. Purchase a bottle of JCC wine and enjoy live tunes and great wine out on the courtyard. Winery open from 12-5:30 p.m. at 25 South Livermore Ave, Suite 103, downtown Livermore.

**Piano Recital**, Saturday, September 29, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Annual recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury. MTAC Young Artist Guild member Ashley Hsu of Fremont, student of Hans Boepple of Santa Clara University, will perform Beethoven, Chopin and Ives. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: (925) 443-2514.

**Pleasanton Art League (PAL)** membership show at the Lindsay Dirx Brown Art Gallery inside the San Ramon Community Center September 1st through the 29th. A reception will be held Saturday, September 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited. 12501 Alcosta Blvd., in San Ramon.

**Livermore Art Association 50th anniversary gala** celebration on Sat., Sept. 15. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore from 6 to 10 p.m. Show featuring art work by LAA members. Hors d'oeuvres will be offered by Tommie's Deli and wine by John Christopher Cellars and Thomas Coyne Winery. Vested music will perform live music. Tickets are \$15 per person. They can be purchased at the LAA Gallery in the Carnegie Building, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore. Tickets should be purchased by Sept. 8. For additional information, call 449-9927.

**Pleasanton Heritage Festival**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 22 and 23. Features 200 high quality art and crafts, his-



Lee Waterman Latin Band performs.

## Jazz Caliente at Pleasanton Library

"Jazz Caliente: The Lee Waterman Latin Band" performs at the Pleasanton Library from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 16.

From samba to mambo, bossa to bolero, and bebop to Lee Waterman's original compositions, Jazz Caliente percolates with West Coast Cool. The Lee Waterman Latin Band has performed all over the Bay Area at the biggest art and music festivals. Their most recent CD "Jazz Caliente" reflects the strong Afro-Cuban and Brazilian influences in the group's jazz-based music.

All of the band members are ensemble players and soloists. Their repertoire includes many of Lee's original compositions, as well as his own arrangements of some of the great Latin and Jazz standards. They have been described by Dick Conti of KCSM & KKSJ as "...a very tight band with excellent and original compositions." And Lee Underwood, a nationally syndicated music critic states that Lee Waterman is "...a fine guitarist. I'll be keeping my eye out and follow his career."

The band consists of Lee Waterman (guitarist, composer & producer), Melecio Magdaluyo (tenor and soprano sax, flute, clarinet & congas), Tommy Kesecker (vibraphone & percussion), Michael Wilcox (bass), & Dan Foltz (drum & percussion).

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

## Hot Hit from ACLO

By Susan Steinberg

Missing the sizzle of summer already? Catch the hot new revival of "Kiss Me Kate" by Alameda Civic Light Opera, starring Pleasanton's Donna Rapa-Olsen as chorus cutie Lois.

Other Valley locals dot the production, especially in the orchestra, which is capably conducted by multi-talented Livermore-Amador Symphony veteran Josh Cohen.

Music and lyrics by Cole Porter are as show-stopping today as in the original 1948 production, which won 5 Tonys and starred a young Alfred Drake. The 2000 revival also netted 5 Tonys including Brian Stokes Mitchell's Best Actor Award.

Like "Okalahoma" and "Carousel," it has also been a big screen success with Howard Keel and Katherine Grayson, and added many unforgettable titles to America's classic show-tune list: "Wonderbar," "So In Love," "From This Moment On," "Too Darn Hot," and my special favorite, "Brush Up Your Shakespeare."

Playing the dual roles of divorced, still-sparring stars Lilli and Fred and their "Taming of The Shrew" characters Kate and Petruchio are the outstanding Lexie Lazear and Laurie De Seguranto. She is the ultimate tempestuous diva and he her perfect foil as frustrated leading man, shoe-string producer, and jealous ex-husband. (No surprise; he's won eight Best Actor awards and this looks like #9.) Their feisty chemistry is immediately appealing, as are their rich operatic voices.

Jeff Teague directs a sharp, snappy script with many creative new touches, and also provides amazing original choreography, from the courtly wedding pavane and suggestive grape-stomping scene to the steamy "It's Too Darned Hot."

The longest extended dance sequence in Broadway history, it showcases the talents (and hard work) of ACLO's always-impressive hoofers, and the effect is electrifying.

The hottest dancer-singer on stage is Donna Rapa-Olsen, as the "been-around-but-still-romantic" Lois, who also plays Kate's sister Bianca. She swings from plaintive torch song "Why Can't You Behave?" to the sassy "I'm a Maid Who Would Marry," but her biggest bravos followed a consummately coy rendition of "I'm Always True to You Darling, In My Fashion."

Thrown into the onstage/backstage double love story are

three of Broadway's wackiest characters. Ray Chavez plays a great send-up version of General Douglas MacArthur, and even gets to sing, march, and kick up his heels hilariously to "From This Moment On."

Funniest and most endearing are Alex Shafer and Dale Murphy as two Mob "enforcers" trying to collect a gambling debt, by joining the cast of "Shrew" on-stage. These Shakespeare-spouting, pistol-packing ex-cons add a zany hysteria, as well as the sage advice to "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," complete with klutzy softshoe routine. Their many daffy encores (one at gunpoint) elicited increasingly enthusiastic applause from the audience and this delighted critic.

The stellar ACLO ensemble makes a nearly three-hour show flash by, and is well worth the 40 minute drive to Alameda. From highway 880, take the High Street exit ramp, turn left at High Street, across the bridge, then right on Central to the stately old Alameda High School (2200 Central Ave.), with ample street parking and the surprise of a large renovated theater.

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Music Review

# Michael Fennelly, A Consummate Musician

By Nancy O'Connell

Michael Fennelly left Livermore as a young man filled with musical talent and returned to "give back" to the community a concert played by a mature artist who has achieved international acclaim. The occasion on September 8th at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore honored the memory of Renee Smith, who worked tirelessly to give young people a chance in the difficult realm of music. All of the proceeds from this concert will go to the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) Young Artists Renee Smith Music Awards to help other promising young people attain their musical dreams.

Fennelly began his piano studies at five with his mother, a piano teacher, and culminated his studies with Byron Janis at the Manhattan School of Music, where he completed his Ph.D. in Music. Now the staff pianist for the Juilliard School he has reached a pinnacle that very few can even aspire to. He has performed in many countries throughout the world.

He opened his program with Bach's "Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue." His fingers flew over the keys, as he displayed a deep understanding of the music. His dynamic contrasts were soulful and expressive in the *Fantasia*: his control over his ornamentation like the trills and the mordents (when the performer plays a second lower as an auxiliary note) were dramatic. The fugue was masterfully played. Every note was heard, there was no muddy overuse of the pedal. The conclusion was dramatic as he almost rose out of his seat after a

cadence. His fingers flew up in the air in a theatrical gesture as he brought the fugue to a close.

The audience responded with enthusiasm. Fennelly addressed the audience before continuing, reminding a bit about his days growing up in Livermore. I recall his playing with the Livermore-Amador Symphony as a young prize winner. He told us that two of his friends from here are now living and working in New York as professional musicians: the 'cellist, Erik Jacobson, the son of Bob Jacobson, who taught music at Livermore High, is now performing in "The Big Apple," and Laurie Hamilton is now the concertmaster at the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.

The second work on the program was Johannes Brahms' "Sonata, Opus 1 in C Major." Composed when he was only 19, it is filled with lush melodies and rich harmonies. In total control of his instrument, Michael displayed some brilliant octave passages at the close of the *Allegro*. The *Andante* is based on a German text: "Verstohlen geht der Mund auf" or "Surreptitiously the moon rises." He had a delicate touch in the pianissimo sections and brought out the melody over the accompanying figures in the bass. The *Scherzo* had the tempo markings of *Allegro molto e con fuoco* - with fire. Michael played this difficult movement quickly and made it all look effortless. The *Finale* had similar directions: *Allegro con fuoco*. The running passages sounded like tiny animals fleeing from the fire. There was bravura playing throughout.

After the intermission

Michael Fennelly performed *Gaspard de la Nuit (1908)* Ondine by Maurice Ravel. Ondine is a water sprite, and this was a programmatic work. The music was flowing and ethereal. The audience was given the text in French and English. When the man being wooed by the water sprite rejects her because he is in love with a mortal, Ondine becomes sullen and spiteful.

Alexander Scriabin, who lived from 1872 to 1915, was influenced by theosophy, and he envisioned his music serving man in a mystical way, changing and altering his view of the universe. He abandoned traditional harmony and worked on his own system using the intervals of a fourth. (ex: C to F, 4 white notes on the piano.) His *Poeme, Opus 72, Vers la Flamme*, towards the flame, was fiery and filled with rhythmic complexity.

Two works by Chopin followed. The Nocturne, Opus 55, no. 2 in E Flat Major was composed in 1843. Arpeggios. Broken chords in triplets were heard throughout in the left hand accompanied against melodies and intricate rhythmic patterns in the right hand. Every pianist eventually conquers playing triplets in one hand and eighth notes in the other (2 against 3), but this musical score calls for 7 against 6, and 10 against 6! Fennelly played this with sensitivity and made the intricate rhythmic patterns sound easy.

Chopin's familiar Polonaise, Opus 53 in A-Flat Major came next. Anyone who has seen the movie based on Chopin's life can identify this after the opening chords. Michael surmounted

every difficulty and dazzled the audience with his interpretation.

The last two works on the program were *Fantasia sur Moise en Egypte*, (Fantasy on Moses in Egypt) by Sigismund Thalberg, and *Grand Fantasia sur La Niobe* de Paccini by Franz Liszt. Both showed off Fennelly's amazing strength and virtuoso technique. In Thalberg's work, as his fingers raced over the keys, lighting-quick arpeggios encompassed the entire keyboard.

A standing ovation by an enthusiastic audience brought him back to say with a sense of humor and modesty that he would play something for us that he'd once played in a competition. He said, "Now I want to get it right." To our surprise he launched into "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," but with many variations of increasing complexity. And, yes, he got it right!

He then played homage to Charlotte Severin, who helped bring this concert to the public as a tribute to Renee Smith. Charlotte is going to celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary next June. As he announced this, he played the Bridal Chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin."

Michael Fennelly played his entire program from memory. Ordinary mortals would have been exhausted after such a strenuous evening, but he appeared quickly afterwards to sign autographs and his CD, and his mother said to me, "He loves to practice. He'll probably play at least 8 hours after he gets home tomorrow." With that enthusiasm and dedication to his muse, I believe we'll be hearing about this talented young musician for many, many years.

## Quilts and Roses Featured in Exhibits at Alden Lane

Alden Lane Nursery's 10th Annual Quilting in the Garden event is set for Sep. 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For Quilting in the Garden, owner Jacquie Williams-Courtright will bring back the ten artists who have been featured each year since 1998. Each returning veteran will share a small story about their time in the spotlight.

This year will also feature evening lectures from former HGTV Simply Quilts host Alex Anderson and Sisters, Oregon quilter Valori Wells on Sep. 21 and Sep. 22. Those lectures require advance registration by calling Alden Lane at 925-447-0280. Classes on beginning quilting, machine quilting and banner-making are also available that week.

According to Williams-Courtright, more than 150 quilts will be on display around the nursery showing how quilting can complement a garden.

Parking and admission are free, and refreshments will be available from local vendors at a nominal charge.

Leading up to Quilting in the Garden will be Alden Lane's annual Rose Show on Sep. 15 and 16. "This is a community show designed to help gardeners new to roses become acquainted with the fun of it all," Williams-Courtright said.

Each entrant receives a \$5 coupon for any plant in the nursery, while winners in each category receive ribbons. Grand prizes include gift certificates, plaques and an ornate bowl for the overall champion. This year, the show will be held in Alden Lane's brand new Ruthie's Room, a garden event and party room decorated to honor Alden Lane founder Ruth Williams, who along with her husband Jack opened Alden Lane in 1955 with their daughter and current owner, Jacquie.

Williams-Courtright will dedicate Ruthie's Room on Saturday, Sep. 15 at 1 p.m. with a brief retrospective on her mother's contributions to the Valley and her love of plants and gardening.

## Pleasanton Band Plans Two Performances

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing at two different locations over the next two weekends.

The band will be at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market on September 15. The first sound of music will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Under the direction of Bob Williams, the Band will play a medley of tunes fit for an outdoor shopping experience. Popular selections made famous over the years will be brought together in a robust, full-bodied sound that releases a pure acoustic sound.

On Saturday, September 22, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing at the Livermore Airport Open House.

Included in the musical selections will be tunes from the World War II era as well as big band favorites.

## Day in the Park Raises over \$1.4 Million for Camp

The weather was perfect and the wine was poured, but it was goodwill that overflowed at The Taylor Family Foundation's *Day in the Park*. More than 1,100 enthusiastic supporters attended the annual day-long live and silent auction, benefiting The Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo, which serves critically ill children.

This year's event exceeded every expectation imaginable. Live and Silent Auction proceeds exceeded the \$1.4 million mark; the ceremonial "Fund-a-Need" lot, a call for straight donations, brought in more than half a million dollars. The Taylor Family Foundation had an unbelievable day's total surpassing \$1.7 million. "We're still reeling from the generosity of our community and event attendees," exclaimed Elaine Taylor, founder of the Livermore non-profit.

Ninety percent of the proceeds will go directly towards funding and facilitating Camp Arroyo; a

camp in Livermore which provides a free summer oasis for more than 2,000 Northern California children annually suffering from chronic and critical illnesses. At camp, children have an opportunity to "just be kids" without being judged or ridiculed by others. They meet other children with similar conditions, gain self-esteem and self-respect and make long lasting friendships.

Contributors donated a host of items that The Taylor Family Foundation combined into lots for the auction. Once-in-a-lifetime packages were sold, including an exclusive yachting excursion, private planes to both Bette Midler in Las Vegas and luxurious spa stay at Canyon Ranch and a golf tournament with Steve Young and other celebrities.

Other hot auction lots included:
 

- Celebrity hobnobbing at the Elton John Oscar Party after the Academy Awards via private

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- \$30 thousand for a private plane to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GRAMMYS®

- Shana Morrison concert at Camp Arroyo sold twice, raising \$50 thousand

- \$90 thousand for Bay Area Backroads trip to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket for 18 guests with Doug McConnell

Celebrities such as Narsai David, Doug McConnell, Cheryl Jennings, Roberta Gonzales, Randy Hahn, Sue Hall, Jim Hampton and John Sasaki joined the festivities as emcees. Musician k.d. lang raised her paddle high, sending 20 children to Camp Arroyo and added a few songs to her auction dinner package, which raised \$28 thousand.

The Taylor Family Foundation was founded by Elaine and Barry Taylor in 1991 as a non-profit organization 501 (C) (3). The Foundation has funded clinical, social and psychological programs for children suffer-

ing from life-threatening illnesses and disabilities in Northern California over the past 17 years. In 1998, The Taylor Family Foundation partnered with the East Bay Regional Park District to build Camp Arroyo, a year-round residential camp in Livermore, California. The Taylor Family Foundation funds the summer program at Camp Arroyo and is co-operated by the YMCA of the East Bay. Camp is also used as an Environmental Education Center.

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This review of the environmental restoration efforts at the Livermore Site has determined that the cleanup is adequately protecting human health and the environment and is proceeding as planned. The report also summarizes the nature and extent of contamination and describes DOE's progress in cleaning up the area. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of California concurred with the results of the review. This is the third five-year review for the Livermore Site. The first and second reviews were conducted in 1997 and 2002, respectively.

DOE's Five-Year Review report for the Livermore Site is now available to the public at the LLNL Environmental Repository in the Livermore Public Library located at 1188 South Livermore Ave, Livermore, the LLNL Discovery Center on Greenville Road in Livermore, and online at <http://www-envinfo.llnl.gov/>.

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/s/ Daniel E. Davis  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 7, 2007. Expires September 7, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2221. Publish September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2007.

**ANIMALS/PETS**  
1) CATS/DOGS

**ADOPT A DOG OR CAT**, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at 925 426-8656.

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** hosts cat and dog adoptions at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Cat adoptions are at Dublin Pet Food Express on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM (excluding 4th Sat) and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM. Adoptions at Dublin PetsMart on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM, dog adoptions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM and rabbit adoptions on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM. For more information please visit [www.tv-ar.org](http://www.tv-ar.org) or call (925) 803-7043.

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**6) FREE**  
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\$1,725,000	4BD/4BA	SAT/SUN 2-5PM 1-4PM	21454 Knuppe Pl
	cross streets Private Rd - Jensen Rd		
	Coldwell Banker	Kristy Peixoto	510-583-6436
DUBLIN			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$1,440,900	5BD/5.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	2801 E. Castle Pines
	cross streets Benetree Wy - E. Sugar Hill Terrace		
	Prudential California Realty	Tracey Esling	925-249-6831
LIVERMORE			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
TBD	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	4569 Maureen Cir
	cross streets Patterson Pass Rd - Gale - Maureen		
	Tarantino Real Estate, Inc	Christopher Tarantino	925-918-2697
\$415,000	3BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	1483 Spring Valley Cmn
	cross streets Springtown - Spring Valley Cmn		
	Help-U-Sell Allen Realty	Matt	925-321-2251
\$424,950	2BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	314 Garden Cmn
	cross streets E. Jack London - Hagemann - Garden Cmn		
	Alain Pinel Realtors	Jo Ann Luisi	925-292-0437
\$499,000	3BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	2035 Monterey Dr
	cross streets Springtown Blvd - Red Fir Dr		
	Help-U-Sell Allen Realty	Karl	925-297-9118
\$499,950	2BD/1BA	SUN 1-4PM	559 North M St
	cross streets L St - Walnut		
	4477 Real Estate	John Niklewicz	925-580-2801
\$499,950	3BD/1BA	SAT 1-4PM	116 Barber St
	cross streets East Ave - Hillcrest - Fordham - Barber		
	Hometown GMAC Real Estate	Doug Crane	925-548-2137
\$499,950	2BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM	4923 Erica Wy
	cross streets N. Mines - Patterson - Erica Wy		
	ReMax Executive	James Frost	925-456-SOLD
\$519,000	2BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 2-5PM	1587 Bluebell Ct
	Owner		925-606-5697
\$549,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 2-4PM	3853 Silver Oaks Wy
	cross streets Madeira Wy - School St or Silver Oaks St		
	Valley Properties	Ted Rudolph	925-321-0468
\$574,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 12-3PM	911 Verona
	cross streets Holmes - Moch - Wagoner - Verona		
	Steiger Properties	Barb Steiger	925-443-3110
\$589,998	3BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-5PM	1812 Blackwood Cmn
	cross streets Portola - Blackwood		
	Wandermere Select Properties	Andrew Martin	925-719-4767
\$595,499	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM 1-4PM	1828 Cassioipa
	cross streets Scenic - Centaurus - Pices		
	Steiger Properties	Barb Steiger	925-443-3110
\$599,950	3BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	6446 Aspenwood Wy
	Wandermere Welcome Home	Kelly DeYoreo	925-824-4940
\$610,000	3BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	504 Brookfield Dr
	cross streets Jack London - Arlington - Brighton - Brookfield		
	Help-U-Sell	Tina Schudel	925-548-2250
\$614,900	4BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM	5149 Charlotte Wy
	cross streets 1st - N. Mines Rd		
	Prudential California Realty	Tracey Esling	925-249-6831
\$615,000	3BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	5311 Hillflower Dr
	cross streets Bellflower		
	Valley Properties	Joan Rushford	925-454-2404
\$619,900	4BD/4.5BA	SAT 12-3PM	658 Sonoma Ct
	cross streets Wall - Sonoma Ave - Sonoma Ct		
	Intero Real Estate	Mony Nop	925-575-1602
\$619,900	4BD/4.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	658 Sonoma Ct
	cross streets Wall - Sonoma Ave - Sonoma Ct		
	Intero Real Estate	Robin Young	510-757-5901
\$620,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	5348 Hillflower Dr
	cross streets Springtown - Bluebell - Sunflower - Bellflower		
	RE/MAX Accord	Mlyna Chlenski	925-828-7799
\$629,000	3BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	221 Silverstone Cmn
	cross streets Stanley - Murdell - Albert		
	Help-U-Sell Allen Realty	Usha	925-960-0791
\$629,000	3BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4:30PM	629 Mojave Ave
	cross streets Stanley - Well - It - Alexander - rt - Williams - rt - Mojave		
	Owner	Gary/Judy	925-963-2677
\$639,950	4BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	5456 Arlene Wy
	cross streets Patterson Pass Rd - Arlene Wy		
	Better Homes Realty	Faulette Lutz	925-463-7353
\$649,000	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	764 Leland Wy
	cross streets El Caminito - Catalina - Leland		
	Hometown GMAC Real Estate	Rachelle Finster	925-455-7008
\$649,900	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	851 Marcella St
	cross streets N. Mines - Charlotte - Marcella		
	Hometown GMAC Real Estate	Sara Lovett	925-518-8177
\$649,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	709 Hazel St
	cross streets Charlotte Wy - Terry Ln - Hazel St		
	Better Homes Realty	Faulette Lutz	925-463-7353
\$659,400	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	905 Jefferson
	cross streets East Ave - Jefferson		
	Steiger Properties	Barb Steiger	925-443-3110
\$726,000	4BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	6867 Garavena Ranch Rd
	cross streets Vasco - Scenic		
	Valley Properties	Jeff Rudloff	925-784-5502
\$785,000	4BD/3BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	66 Trixie Dr
	cross streets Patterson - Gale - Jami - Shawna		
	Help-U-Sell Allen Realty	Allred	925-321-2251
\$785,000	4BD/3BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM 7	02 Daisyfield Dr
	cross streets Murrieta - Olivia - Thrasher		
	Daniela		925-321-2251
\$779,000	5BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	1174 Big Basin Rd
	cross streets Vasco - Scenic		
	Help-U-Sell Allen Realty	Ron Stokes	925-321-2251
\$825,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	2624 Decker Ln
	cross streets Charlotte - Senger - Decker		
	Tarantino Real Estates, Inc	Christopher Tarantino	925-918-2662
\$829,900	4BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	4116 Camrose Ave
	cross streets Hillside - Loch - Lomand Wy		
	Prudential California Realty	Tracey Esling	925-249-6831
\$849,000	5BD/3BA	SAT 2-5PM	3375 Edinburgh Dr
	cross streets Portola		
	Envirion of East Bay	Patti Zazueta	925-640-2645
\$899,000	5BD/4BA	SUN 2-4PM	5679 Dresslar Cir
	cross streets Charlotte - Maybeck - Stagehorn - Dresslar		
	Alain Pinel Realtors	Joyce & Rick Jones	925-398-6706
\$899,000	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	4278 Milton Wy
	cross streets N. Mines - Newbury - Austen		
	Valley Properties	Nancy Baldutin-Collins	925-455-6048
\$939,000	5BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	988 Roma St
	cross streets Isabel or Murrieta - Jack London - Roma		
	Valley Properties	Ted Rudolph	925-321-0468
\$1,449,900	5BD/4.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	2294 Minerva Ct
	cross streets Mission - Minerva		
	Prudential California Realty	Tracey esling	925-249-6831
PLEASANTON			
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\$494,950	2BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	4121 Amberwood Cir
	cross streets W. Las Positas - Muirwood		
	Hometown GMAC Real Estate	Karen Kohne	925-980-1012
\$534,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	1134 Kattinger Dr
	cross streets Bernal Ave - rt - Kattinger Dr		
	Olde Towne Realty	Betty Burke	925-426-9122
\$549,900	2BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	7303 Stonedale Dr
	cross streets Springdale		
	Prudential California Realty	Tracey Esling	925-249-6831
\$1,289,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	307 Brienne Ct
	cross streets Arlington		
	Century 21 Mission Bishop	Diana Sass	925-699-9508
SAN RAMON			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$385,000	2518R2D2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	108 A Norris Canyon Pl
	cross streets Alcosta - Norris Canyon - It - Norris Canyon Pl		
	Keller Williams	Brigitte Huntemann	925-260-2508</

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**120)FREE/GIVEAWAY**

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**121)GARAGE/FLEA MARKET SALES**

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Sat. Sept 29th  
Hours 6am-4pm  
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**152)EVENTS**

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Les Edwards was just one of many speakers at the Livermore City Council speaking in support of the Springtown Golf Course. There was not enough room in the chamber for all those who came out to support the golf course.

## Residents Rally Behind Golf Course

Residents wearing green filled the Livermore City Council chamber to overflowing Monday.

They were there to let the council know they were upset about what they have heard about the city's plans for the Springtown Golf Course. The main message was that they want the golf course to remain as it is.

Mayor Marshall Kamena stated that with the collective intelligence, we can work through all of our issues and come up with a win-win situation for everyone.

These include that the golf course would be sold to a developer.

Many, including Barbara Burrows, said they had purchased their homes because of the golf course. They enjoy the wildlife that lives on the course. "Leave our golf course alone," declared Burrows.

Ed Myer, a member of the Springtown Golf Committee, told the council that he had talked to hundreds of people and was unable to find one person who wants development on the golf course. He referred to a staff report for a March 19 council session that suggested selling a portion of the golf course for development.

Myer noted that the city has neglected the golf course. "It is a symbol of North Livermore. Taking away the golf course would be cutting the heart out of North Livermore," he declared.

Many wanted the course renovated to make it more profitable. Kamena commented that there is no plan on the table. "There has been no discussion of any project."

Others talked about the golf course being the perfect place for families and seniors to play. Seniors can walk it easily. One suggested doing away with the golf course at Las Positas Golf Course and spending the money on the Springtown Golf Course.

Jason Cain mentioned the council discussion in 1973 that led to purchase of the golf course from the Springtown Homeowners Association. He said the mayor, Clyde Taylor, guaranteed that the golf course would remain. The city attorney, Al Lewis, added that it would be the responsibility of every successive council to maintain the

promise. Cain stated that if that promise were broken, the message for future generations would be that council promises are vacant.

Resident Betty Crosby was more conciliatory. She stated, "We are passionate, intelligent home loving residents of Livermore. We have waited a long time to be recognized as valuable assets to our community. I am confident that with the collective intelligence, we can work through all of our issues and come up with a win-win situation for everyone."

Les Edwards, who lives on the southside of the city, said he was a little bit appalled that the council didn't seem to know about the meeting where the options for the golf course were discussed.

A report prepared for the meeting was handed to the mayor.

Kamena noted that no action was taken during the meeting. There have been no subsequent council agenda items. "I know of no plan that says sell the golf course and put a bunch of low income housing on it. Any decision would be made in a public meeting. It's pretty clear how you feel."

Bob Baltzer, Chairman of Friends of Livermore, said the group would be opposed to selling the golf course to a developer and paving it over. He urged the city to make all efforts, working with the residents and golf association, to come up with a plan to upgrade the golf course, keep it going in a fiscally responsible manner and "preserve that precious piece of open space."

The staff report referred to by speakers suggested several options for the golf course. One would be to convert the course into a small sports park or neighborhood park, build a larger library and community center; another would involve renovating the current course; a third option would entail selling a portion of the land for residential development, with the proceeds used to finance construction of a library and/or community center. Some of the money could be used to

update the Las Positas Golf Course.

The report notes that the golf course continues to lose money.

The city plans to conduct an outreach process to determine the service and facility needs for Springtown residents. A master plan would be prepared.

## Chamber Luncheon Goes Hollywood

Hollywood Producer, Marty Katz will be the guest speaker at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Sept. 20 Wine Country Summer Luncheon.

Katz, who is considered one of the most experienced and capable producers in the country, has been involved in the motion picture and television industries for over two decades. He was associated with Walt Disney Studios as Senior Vice President, Motion Picture and Television Production for many years. Included among many of the award winning movies produced under his auspices are "Pretty Woman," "The Little Mermaid," "Down & Out in Beverly Hills," and "Titanic." In 1992 he formed his own independent production banner, Marty Katz Productions.

The luncheon will be held within the outside amphitheatre at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore on Thursday, September 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Advanced reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for Chamber Members and \$45 for non-members.

For further information or to make reservations call the Chamber at 447-1606.

## Business Forum To Look At Delta Crisis

The Tri-Valley Business Council, the Contra Costa Council, and the Eastbay Economic Development Alliance will sponsor a forum about the water crisis precipitated by a judge's order to shut down pumping at times in the Delta to preserve the Delta smelt, an endangered species.

The forum will talk about how the Delta is operated as a water delivery system for many Bay Area communities and for farms and cities in the Central Valley and southern California.

The session will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Pleasant Hill. Contra Costa supervisor May Piepho will serve as moderator. The panel will be comprised of Sunne Wright McPeak, who is president and CEO of California Emerging Technology Fund, and Bob Whitley, a consultant in water and waste water. Whitley is co-chair of the Contra Costa Council's Delta Vision committee. David Ciesco, vice president and controller of New United Motors Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI), will deliver a welcoming speech. He is co-chair of the Contra Costa Council's Delta Vision committee.

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