



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Steve Sweeney named chief.

## Livermore Police Chief Comes From the Ranks

A long time member of the Livermore Police Department, Steve Sweeney has been selected to serve as the new Police Chief. Livermore City Manager Linda Barton announced the appointment last week. Sweeney has been acting as Interim Police Chief since June, following the retirement of Chief Steve Krull.

Mayor Marshall Kamena noted that this is the first time in 60 years, the new chief had been selected from within the department.

"The entire City Council and staff are delighted to have Steve join our Leadership Team as a permanent member," said Barton. "Rarely do you find a person with the combined capabilities in management, interpersonal communications and field experience that Steve brings to the organization. He brings both humanity and humility to the job."

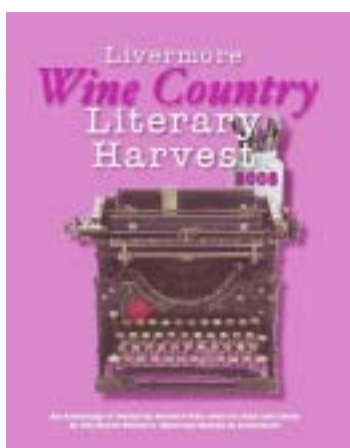
Sweeney will oversee a department that employs 95 sworn (See **POLICE CHIEF**, page 3)

## Two Weeks of Festivities Mark Theater Opening

Final preparations are underway for the October 1 opening of The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's new Bankhead Theater.

The first performance begins two weeks of nonstop performance events both at the theater and outside on the SheaHomes Stage at the Livermore Valley Plaza, First Street in Downtown Livermore. The grand opening festivities begin on Saturday, September 29 with the official ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m., followed by a public open house at the theater from noon to 4 p.m. Events continue through Saturday, October 13.

According to Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director, (See **OPENING**, page 3)



## New 'Literary Harvest' Published

4th Street studio will sponsor WordWalk on October 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the release of the third annual *Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest*, an anthology of writers who come to read and listen at 4th Street Studio's Saturday Salons. Scheduled from noon to 5:00 P.M. at the Firehouse Bistro & Books at 2369 First Street in Livermore, WordWalk comprises authors or their designee reading from the anthology.

"We are excited to host an event that celebrates local writers on the day we open our doors to Livermore," says Firehouse Bistro & Books proprietor Stephanie Becker. "We look forward to becoming an integral part of the local literary community, as well as providing a destination where Livermore residents can satisfy their hunger for great books and excellent food."

The anthology includes short stories, memoirs, poems, and, this year for the first time, excerpts from blogs. Contributors are from around the Bay Area, though most are Livermore or Pleasanton residents (See **ANTHOLOGY**, page 3)

# Neighbors Oppose Day School Locations

By Patricia Koning

Last week, the Livermore School Board failed to reach a decision on where to locate a Community Day School (CDS). The trustees considered the former Almond Avenue and Arroyo Mocho school sites as possible locations.

Daniel Sackheim, an Opportunity Education Consultant from the California Department of Education, examined both sites and found Mocho more suitable.

He noted that Mocho is not near any other school, while Almond is in close proximity to the Vineyard Independent Study pro-

gram, Adult Education, and several preschools. Mocho has room for expansion and adequate physical education space. The only disadvantage of Mocho, he said, is that a site administrator would have to be hired.

Sackheim also discussed the benefits of a CDS, including revenue gained if students attending the school have fewer absences.

"Without intervention, many of these students have poor attendance and end up dropping out," he explained. "However, if intervention were

successful, they stay in school with improved attendance. The financial difference can be significant—up to \$20,000 per student over several years."

Community members spoke at length about how the CDS, which one individual referred to as "delinquent day care," does not belong in any neighborhood. The primary concern is the safety of children and the elderly if the school were placed in a residential area.

"None of us want it in our neighborhood. It's that simple," said Kathy Quinn-Teuscher, a Mocho neighbor. "It doesn't

have to be in anyone's neighborhood. It could be a win-win."

"I believe we need a Community Day School. There is enough community concern that there ought to be a way to get enough money to do it right," said Robert Heder, whose children attend the Laboratory Employee's Children's Center at Almond. "Those children need a place that they can call their own. It won't happen at Almond and probably not at Mocho. It needs to be a separate site. I'd be willing to contribute a reasonable amount of money to a fund-raising scheme to do this properly."

The trustees began discussing a CDS last January. In May they voted to move forward on establishing a CDS in Livermore. Initially parents of children attending the Laboratory Employee Children's Center, which is on the Almond Avenue campus, protested that location. That reaction spread to neighbors of both Almond and Mocho and community members at large.

In a press release issued by the District, Superintendent Brenda Miller stated that the District is exploring how to promote safety and security on the CDS campus (See **SCHOOL**, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Vera Lowdermilk, a well known local artist, has been commissioned by the Sansar Restaurant to paint a mural at their rear patio area. She is shown working on the mural. The area will then be converted to an outdoor dining area. The mural can be seen from S. Livermore Ave as well as First Street. According to Clarice Douglas, administrative assistant Livermore Economic Development Department, notes, "This is particularly significant because it is the first of what is hoped will be many more downtown murals."

## Zone 7 Directors Pledge Tight Purse Strings

The recent emergence of the Bay-Delta water crisis is registering on Zone 7 directors.

John Greci, Jim Kohnen and Dick Quigley said they want to see the agency's spending tightened as much as possible. The directors said at the board meeting Sept. 19 that the future might bring less revenue than expected, if water sales decline.

Directors pointed out that residents might do more voluntary water conservation because of a federal court order that may cut water to Zone 7 by 30 percent in future years. That conservation could result in lower water sales per household.

Estimates of water sales that the Valley's four water retailers made in early summer took a dip when they notified Zone 7 in late summer with firmer estimates. The dip in the estimate was 6 percent.

General manager Jill Duerig emphasized that the decline is only an estimate for next year. In fact, with the revised figure, the retailers could still be ordering more water than they did last year. However, the 6 percent change, along with the overall Delta picture, had the three directors in a belt-tightening mood.

Kohnen said that there have

been "very few new housing starts in the Valley. I'm concerned that revenue will be significantly diminished." He said that Zone 7 expenditures are "out of control," a statement he has made before, although no other directors have agreed with him. Kohnen offered by way of illustration that Zone 7 has dipped into its reserve.

Duerig told the Independent that there is a reserve fund that directors approved for tapping in order to level out the impact of ups and downs in water revenue from retailers in the past.

Quigley said he agreed with Kohnen about watching dollars. (See **ZONE 7**, page 4)

## Livermore School District to Sell 3 Surplus Properties

By Patricia Koning

The trustees of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District voted unanimously to sell three unused properties: the "South Livermore" parcel, 13.5 acres on Caldeira Drive; the "Inman" parcel, 1.1 acres on the corner of Doolan and Collier Canyon Roads; and the "May School" parcel, 2 acres on May Road.

The most recent assessment of the South Livermore parcel estimates its worth at approximately \$8 million. The Inman parcel is estimated at \$10,000, because it is in a protected, non-developed area. The May School parcel, which is located in a remote agricultural area, also is estimated at \$10,000.

Holding onto surplus property can be costly for school districts. The State of California assesses an annual unused property fee. The District pays \$81,000 in unused property fees for the South

Livermore parcel and \$5,000 each for the Inman and May School parcels.

Director of Facilities Floyd Wilson says the purpose of the state law is to discourage school districts from getting into the land speculation business.

Earlier this year, the District formed a 7-11 Advisory Committee to review the properties and make recommendations on the highest and best use of each. At the Sept. 18 Board of Education meeting, the Committee recommended that all three properties be sold.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) has expressed interest in the South Livermore parcel, since it is adjacent to Robertson Park and LARP's maintenance service center.

"This is a very important opportunity for the park district to acquire land that meets the goal (See **SURPLUS**, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Visitors to the Livermore Airport during the annual open house checked out a T-28 Trojan on display. It was one of many planes at the open house.

## Tauscher's Anti-jet Noise Bill Passes House

A bill by Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo) to ban noisier small jet planes from Class 2 airports has passed the House.

The vote, taken Sept. 21, was

267-162. It is part of a larger bill package reauthorizing funding of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Senate's version of the FAA bill also has

an anti-noise provision. If there are slight differences in the bills, as usually occurs, they will be ironed out in conference.

Passage of the anti-noise bill

is likely. It has not drawn heavy opposition. The bill requires a five-year phase-out of an older category of Stage 2 airplanes from using general aviation airports, such as the Livermore airport. Much noisier planes than

the newer jets are included in this category.

When the general aviation airport ban finally takes effect, the older planes could still go to airports that are not classified for (See **JET BILL**, page 4)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Allegra was left behind when her family moved away, and she is very unhappy about that. Shelter life is not her cup of tea, and she wants a new family now. She is a big girl with a big heart and loves to hang out with her people. This four-year old muted Torti has a lot of love to give to a caring family. For more information

about Allegra, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or visit her 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 am to 2 pm.





Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Blacksmith Scott Thomas, from Ardenwood Historic Farm, demonstrated his craft. It was just one of the historic presentations during Pleasanton's Heritage Day celebration last weekend. There was entertainment, arts and crafts, food and fun for all ages.**

## Tennis Courts Open

The lighted tennis courts at Pleasanton Middle School are now ready for use by the public. The upgraded fields at Donlon Elementary School will be ready for community use in spring 2008.

The projects are a joint effort of the Pleasanton Unified School District and the City of Pleasanton.

"We're pleased that these projects are nearing completion and will again be in use by our community," said PUSD Superintendent John Casey. "We enjoy partnering with the city on projects that benefit both students and community members."

Work on the lighting and court-surface renovation of the two tennis courts at Pleasanton Middle School began immediately after the school year ended in June. The lighting fixtures and controls for the project were ordered in advance, allowing the project to be completed on schedule. The courts are now available for public use after school hours. They will be lighted until 10:00 p.m. No fee is required to use these courts.

The \$165,000 project was

funded by Parks Capital Improvement Project and Park Renovation Funds.

The \$1.2 million renovation of the field at Donlon Elementary School - a priority for the PUSD Board of Trustees - was undertaken to improve soil and drainage, upgrade irrigation, and replace the grass on the nine acre area. The cost of the project was shared equally by the City and PUSD, with the district's portion allocated from its Capital Facilities Funds. Though the field is being lightly used for recess and physical education activities by Donlon students, the turf's roots have not sufficiently grown to sustain heavier use. The field, which is currently closed off by fencing, will become available to the community in spring 2008.

"This is a great opportunity to highlight our ongoing partnership with the school district," said Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho. "Finding creative ways to offer amenities that benefit both our students and our residents reflects the spirit of cooperation that's a hallmark of our community."

## Meet 'Elvis' at Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show

Altamont Cruisers 18th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show will be held Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on First Street in downtown Livermore.

Over 500 custom and classic cars will be displayed.

There will be a Parade of Champions along First Street at the end of the show.

There is no admission charge. There will be auto product vendors, arts and crafts, food, 50s and 60s music and a raffle drawing. An Elvis impersonator will be on hand.

Livermore Downtown has partnered with the Cruisers by adding a Celebration of Elvis to the day's events.

At the Livermore Valley Plaza, James Clark and the Jailhouse Rockers: a Tribute to Elvis, will be performing from noon to 2 p.m. At 4 p.m., at the Flagpole Plaza, there will be an official Elvis Look-a-Like Contest. From 5 to 7 p.m., Chris Ackerson: a Tribute to Elvis will perform at the Flagpole Plaza. For more information, call 373-1795 or go to [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com).

The Nostalgia Day event is a fund-raiser with one hundred percent of the proceeds going to local nonprofits. Last year, the following organizations ben-

efited: Axis Community Health, Brentwood PD RAVE, Dublin Police CARE, Every 15 Minutes, Good News Bears, LARPD, LHS/GHS grad nights, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton DARE, Surtec Adopt a Family, Tri-Valley Youth Services, and ValleyCare Health Library.

The Cruisers began in 1988 as a small group of local members of the West Coast Kustom. This group quickly became a separate club with monthly meetings and social functions throughout the year. The club membership is made up of families seeking the common goal of having good, clean fun while supporting community outreach programs.

Anti-drug programs in the Tri-Valley area have been the beneficiaries of donations since the club's inception.

To date, the Altamont Cruisers have gifted over \$150,000 to local charitable organizations with a special focus on the Tri-Valley youth programs. This has been made possible from the "Nostalgia Day" registration fees, generous sponsors' donations and proceeds from the event's continuous prize drawings.

For information, call 449-7847 or go to [www.altamontcruisers.org](http://www.altamontcruisers.org).


## Belding Honored for Housing Efforts

Pleasanton resident Pat Belding has been selected by the Alameda County Human Relations Commission to receive a Distinguished Citizen Award for 2006-2007.

Belding was chosen in District 1, represented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

She is known for her advocacy for affordable housing over the past fifteen years. She coordinated volunteers to build Habitat for Humanity homes, and worked to provide visits and ministry to Santa Rita Jail inmates.

One recipient of the award was selected from each of the five supervisory districts. Recommendations for those honored came from private citizens and civic leaders. Selections were based on community contributions in keeping with the mission to preserve human rights and work to foster mutual respect for all people who live and work in Alameda County.



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**Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance**  
Tuesday, October 2, 7pm  
*Valley Concert Chorus & Livermore School of Dance*

**San Jose Brass Plus**  
Wednesday, October 3, 8pm  
*Del Valle Fine Arts*

**Pleasanton Playhouse 4th Annual Player Awards**  
Thursday, October 4, 8pm

**Bernadette Peters in Concert Gala Fundraising Benefit**  
Saturday, October 6, 8pm

**Bringing Art to Life**  
Sunday, October 7, 2pm  
*Valley Dance Theatre*

**Shaolin Warriors**  
Tuesday, October 9, 7:30pm

**Doc Watson & David Holt**  
Wednesday, October 10, 8pm

**The Brandenburg Concertos**  
Thursday, October 11, 8pm  
*Pacific Chamber Symphonies*

**Premium Blend**  
Friday, October 12, 6pm and 8:30pm  
*Key Area Dance Company*

**All the World's a Stage: The Bard, Baritone and Bassoons!**  
Saturday, October 13, 8pm  
*Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera & Shakespeare's Associates*






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# Area Performance Groups Showcased During Opening Celebration

Ten Tri-Valley-based performing arts organizations are finalizing their plans to join in the grand opening celebration for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's new Bankhead Theater.

The two week celebration, which begins on September 29th with the theater's dedication and open house, features seven performances showcasing the ten different groups.

Leading off the local celebration on Tuesday, October 2nd at

7pm is the Livermore School of Dance and the Valley Concert Choral presentation of *Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance*, a compilation of vocal and dance performances by the two groups. On Wednesday, October 3 at 8pm, Del Valle Fine Arts will present *San Jose Brass Plus*, a musical ensemble that showcases familiar classical and popular music arranged for brass instruments and percussion. Next up, on Thursday, October 4th at 8pm, the Pleasanton Playhouse offers its 4th Annual Player

*Awards* to honor achievement in last season's plays and musical productions. In addition to the presentation of awards, the show will offer live and recorded musical highlights from the past season as well as a preview of the upcoming musical season at the Bankhead Theater. On Sunday, October 7th at 2pm, Valley Dance Theater will present *Bringing Art to Life*, a "behind-the-scenes" look at the preparation of some of Valley Dance's dance work. In addition, audiences will learn

more about the company's upcoming productions and meet members of the dance ensemble and solo artists.

In the second week of the Bankhead Theater's grand opening celebration, the Pacific Chamber Symphony brings its ensemble playing to the Bankhead on Thursday, October 11th at 8pm for a concert performance of the *Bach Brandenburg Concertos*, featuring violin soloist Livia Sohn. Then, on Friday, October 12th at 6 and 8:30pm,

Bay Area Dance Company presents *Premium Blend*, an eclectic mix of contemporary, jazz and experimental dance works featuring both ensemble and solo artists of amazing skill and dexterity.

Rounding out the celebration on Saturday, October 13th at 8pm is the combined program of the Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera and Shakespeare's Associates, *All the World's a Stage - The Bard, Baritone and Bassoons!*, an interplay of opera, orchestral music and the words of Shakespeare.

The performance will feature the premiere of a new work specifically commissioned by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to celebrate the opening of the Bankhead Theater. Composed by local musician and actor, Tom Darter, the piece, *One Step (at a time) Rag*, will be performed at the Center's new Steinway Concert Grand Piano

by Mr. Darter, accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Following the concert, Livermore Downtown will host a reception and auction of its downtown art banners in honor of ArtWalk which will also be taking place on October 13th.

The events encompassed in the Bankhead Theater's two week grand opening celebration are joint presentations between each of the ten local companies and the LVPAC.

The Bankhead Theater ticket office is open Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 6pm.

On performance evenings the ticket office remains open until 9pm. 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). (See opening story on this page, for the schedule.)

## OPENING

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"The two week grand opening celebration is designed to showcase the extraordinary variety of events that will play in the marvelous new Bankhead Theater. We've invited all of our resident companies and several of our visiting companies to present special productions during the opening celebration and we're looking forward to seeing some terrific performances."

In addition to the programs provided by the resident companies, LVPAC is presenting three productions from beyond the Tri-Valley. Leading off the celebration on October 1 is *The Four Freshmen*, followed on October 9 by *The Shaolin Warriors*, Kung-Fu specialists direct from the Shaolin Monastery in China. Rounding out the LVPAC Presents attractions is the legendary acoustic musician *Doc Watson*, appearing with David Holt and Richard Watson. "We believe that our three presented attractions will add the frosting to our gala celebration and provide a preview of the additional twenty national and international attractions that we will be bringing to the Bankhead this season through the generous sponsorship of Shea Homes," Alexander concluded.

The high point of the two weeks will be the appearance of Broadway star Bernadette Peters in concert with her 30-piece or-

chestra for a gala fund-raising benefit for LVPAC on Saturday, October 6. Some benefit tickets are still available, which include both pre-show and post-show parties, at \$500 and \$750. Peters has appeared on stage, screen and in concert. She made her solo concert debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City, a performance that she repeated at London's Royal Festival Hall.

The two-week schedule includes:

Saturday, September 29: 11 am - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & SheaHomes Stage Free Events; 12 noon - 4 pm - Community Open House - Bankhead Theater  
Monday, October 1: 6:45 pm - Scott Charles, Guitar - SheaHomes Stage - Free Pre-Show Concert; 8 pm - The Four Freshmen  
Tuesday, October 2: 5 pm - Tuesday Tunes - SheaHomes Stage; 7 pm - Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance *Livermore School of Dance & Valley Concert Choral*  
Wednesday, October 3: Noon - San Jose Brass Preview - SheaHomes Stage - Free; 6:45 pm - Free Concert - SheaHomes Stage; 8 pm - San Jose Brass Plus *Del Valle Fine Arts*  
Thursday, October 4: 6:45 pm - Lane Coker and the Big Delta Band featuring Bill Mentz - SheaHomes Stage - Free Pre-Show Concert; 8 pm - Pleasanton Playhouse 4th Annual Player

Awards *Pleasanton Playhouse* Friday, October 5: 6:45 pm - The Jeff Reed Trio - SheaHomes Stage - Free Concert  
Saturday, October 6: Gala Fundraising Benefit, 8 pm - Bernadette Peters in Concert  
Sunday, October 7: 2 pm - Bringing Art to Life *Valley Dance Theatre*  
Monday, October 8: 6 pm - Roger Kardinal, Guitar - SheaHomes Stage - Free Pre-Show Concert; 7 pm - Livermore City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 9: 6:45 pm - Free Concert - SheaHomes Stage; 7:30 pm - The Shaolin Warriors (*Kung-Fu Fun for Kids!*)  
Wednesday, October 10: 6:45 pm - Sycamore Strings Academy - SheaHomes Stage - Free Pre-Show Concert; 8 pm - Doc Watson & David Holt  
Thursday, October 11: 6:45 pm - Nick Phillips, Piano - SheaHomes Stage - Free Pre-Show Concert; 8 pm - The

Brandenburg Concertos *Pacific Chamber Symphony*  
Friday, October 12: 6 & 8:30 pm - Premium Blend *Bay Area Dance Company*  
Saturday, October 13: 11 am - 6 pm - ArtWalk - Free Concert Events - SheaHomes Stage - Blind Dog at 12:30 and Duffin Band at 4 pm; 8 pm - All the World's a Stage: The Bard, Baritone and Bassoons! *Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera & Shakespeare's Associates/Livermore Shakespeare Festival*; 10 pm - Livermore Downtown Art Banner Auction and Reception

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Birthparent letter? "Too Long Between Nothing and Something," by Livermore resident Timothy B. Rien, is a short story about Eddie, who thumbs a ride down rural 108 to get to Jo Bell's card room, where a poker game reveals a lifetime of being too long between nothing and something—and its consequences.

Why I Write, Parts I, II, III, by Oakland resident Selene Steese, are three poems that cover the range of reasons and emotions for why she—or any of us—writes.

Livermore Downtown, Inc., Executive Director Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor looks forward each year to reading the harvest of local words. "With each page you will learn something new about your neighbors and fellow human beings. And, I dare say, I think you may even learn something about yourself."

Copies of the anthology will be available during WordWalk at a WordWalk price of \$12.00. Afterwards it will cost \$15.00. It will be available through Fourth Street Studio, at Firehouse Bistro & Books, and other locations.

## ANTHOLOGY

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dents. A sampling of this year's contributions include:

"The Day the Ice Cream Disappeared," by Livermore resident Susan Mayall, is a memoir from wartime England about how her young, widowed mother refused to let Hitler or the war deprive her children of their childhood.

"A Story is Meant to be Passed Around," by Livermore resident Karen L. Hogan, tells the story of how, in a pub filled with fiddle players in County Donegal, Ireland, she came to understand her relationship with the father who had been taken from her by Alzheimer's—long before he died.

"Whitcomb's Trill," by Walnut Creek resident J.D. Blair, is a short story about Jeremy, who was just another horn player, until October 23rd in Munich—when his devotion to playing the French horn gets the attention of Kayla, a fiery red head.

"Halloween Hair," by Livermore resident Cynthia Patton, tells the tale that of how a middle-aged crisis makes a man take the purchasing-a-power-tool approach to changing his hair color—just before the scheduled photo shoot for a Dear

ing with the Mayor and City Council to address their priorities. I want to continue to build a positive relationship with the citizens by actively communicating with them, and being responsive to the needs of the community," said Sweeney.

He told the city council Monday night, "I can't imagine working anywhere else. It's a great city and a great department."

Sweeney was raised in Moraga, CA. He graduated from Campolindo High School, and received both Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Public Administration degrees from the California State University, Hayward. Steve and his wife Nicole reside in Livermore with their three children, ages 13, 11 and 7.

An official swearing-in ceremony has not yet been scheduled.

## POLICE CHIEF

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police officers and approximately 60 civilian employees.

Sweeney was hired as a Livermore Police Officer in 1984 serving as a Patrol Officer, SWAT Team member, Detective and Training Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1991, at which time he oversaw patrol and detective functions. In 1994, he was promoted to Lieutenant, serving as Patrol Watch Commander, Public Information Officer, managing internal affairs, and the community policing unit. He was promoted to Captain in 1998, commanding police department operations and support divisions. Sweeney also served as Interim Chief for six months in 2002.

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Q

Can you tell me why I'm supposed to put broken wine glasses in my Garbage cart instead of my Recycling cart? Hannah

A

Thank you for the question and the reminder to place broken glassware in your Garbage cart. The ingredients used to make glassware, such as wine and water glasses, differ from those used to make recyclable container glass, such as bottles and jars. The ingredients in glassware are not suitable to mix with recyclable container glass in the manufacture of new bottles and jars.

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# EDITORIALS

## EBRPD Hits It Big

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has approved a deal for a prime 1467-acre expanse of open space near Sunol.

Known as the Tyler Ranch, the property is located to the west of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park and connects to the park, its slopes rising to more than 2000 feet. "You cannot believe the views," exclaimed EBRPD board member Ayn Wieskamp.

Among other things, the addition will provide a link for the proposed Pleasanton Ridge to Mission Peak trail.

EBRPD has joined with the Priem Family Foundation of Fremont in a partnership to acquire the property, the pricetag of which is \$6.63 million. Under the agreement, EBRPD will buy 320 acres. The foundation will acquire the rest, holding it for three years for tax purposes, then selling it to EBRPD at a 20% discount. In addition to the tax factor, the three years will give EBRPD time to come up with its share. Wieskamp is confident the district can raise the money.

Its envisioned this new swath of parkland will be open to the public in four or five years, after a use plan and a staging area have been developed.

The founder of the Priem Family Foundation is said to be an avid supporter of open space. Ayn Wieskamp pointed out EBRPD staff is always looking to connect with people who are eager to advance the district's land acquisition efforts. They've really hit it big with the Priem Family. The 1467 acres amount to virtually a whole new regional park. This is a spectacular acquisition.

## A Great Day

Two weeks of festivities celebrating the opening of Livermore's new Bankhead Theater commence at 11 a.m. Saturday with the dedication of the new 500-seat facility, followed from noon to 4 with an open house.

Local performing arts groups will show their stuff during the next two weeks, with seven performances involving ten ensembles, culminating on Saturday, October 13 with the world premiere of a work by Livermore composer Tom Darter specially commissioned for the theater opening. These programs will demonstrate both the versatility of the new theater and the vitality of the local performing arts scene.

The development of a larger regional theater will come next. The two theaters will invigorate not only the arts, but also the entire Livermore downtown.

What a great day! And it's just the beginning.

## SCHOOL

(continued from page one) and its surrounding area, including the presence of on-site safety personnel.

"If we don't adequately serve these students, they will continue to be a source of concern throughout the community," she said. "We are presenting this option to the trustees as a possible way to meet the needs of 'high risk' Livermore students, helping them achieve their full potential, rather than expelling them from school and placing them in an environment where they have too much unsupervised time on their hands and their negative behavior escalates."

The CDS would serve students in grades 7-9 who have been expelled from comprehensive schools, recommended by the county probation department, referred by the School Attendance Review Board, or who need extra intervention services for discipline or academic reasons. The CDS has a longer school day and lower student/teacher staffing ratio than comprehensive schools.

At the Board meeting, trustee Kate Runyon was prepared to vote to locate the CDS at Mocho that evening. "They're students, not criminals or delinquents. These are not awful, evil children that need to be feared by the community," she said. "We understand your concerns. We live in the community too."

Trustee Bill Morrison received applause from the audience after he said that he does not support either site in terms of safety and security. "All we need is one kid to pull a knife on a child or elderly person and it will destroy the entire program," he said. He suggested that the District consider placing the CDS at the District Offices on Jack London Boulevard.

Trustee Tom McLaughlin noted that the majority of the people who addressed the Board at the meeting were from the Almond neighborhood or had children at the Laboratory Employee's Children's Center. He asked for a community meeting with the Mocho neighbors, which was held earlier this week.

McLaughlin also stated that he's received several suggestions that the CDS be placed at the old library.

The trustees concluded the agenda item without taking action. However, they asked Miller to direct staff to research if either the District Offices or old library would be feasible locations. They

also asked that job descriptions be drafted, so they could work on the hiring component of the plan.

"We will have opposition wherever we put it. At some point you will have to make a decision. And if it becomes so untenable that there is no site, you will have to say no on creating a Community Day School," said Miller.

At Monday's city council meeting, Mayor Marshall Kamena suggested that the city work with the district to find an appropriate site for the day school. He said there was less enthusiasm for the old library when he told the district that \$7.5 million in renovations are needed to make it usable for the city council.

## New Operator to Run Springtown Golf Course

The City of Livermore has hired a new management firm for the Springtown Golf Course.

The city council approved an agreement with the DeBenedetti Golf Shop to provide golf professional, starter and golf coffee shop services. The contract is for one year, beginning Oct. 1 and could be extended up until March 30, 2010. The city will maintain the golf course. The DeBenedetti Golf Shop operates the pro shop at the Las Positas Golf Course. During the period they managed Las Positas, there has been an 8 percent growth in revenues.

Friends of Livermore Chairman Bob Baltzer spoke in favor of the new arrangement. "It shows staff and the council are taking the golf course issue seriously. It's a chance to start making the enterprise work and preserve it as a golf course," he stated.

Marj Leider was absent. However, she had provided John Marchand with a statement to read regarding the golf course. In her statement, she assured Springtown residents that no discussions or decision regarding the golf course would take place until a consultant had held meetings with all concerned.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich commented, "Hopefully we will see some significant improvements over the first year of the contract."

## RAIL PLANS

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service every 15 to 20 minutes.

Pleasanton asked that an option to end the high speed rail service at Livermore be considered.

Pleasanton joins Fremont in objecting to high speed rail service traveling through their cities. Livermore and Union City have endorsed the concept of high speed rail.

Bonnie Nelson, a consultant for the rail plans, noted that the regional rail plan looks at providing a better match between demand and service. 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. Trips originating in San Joaquin County end in the Tri-Valley or points south. The heaviest demand has the worst transit service, said Nelson.

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 connec-

tion 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 to \$650 million. There would be concerns about quarry uses in the area and whether transit oriented development (TOD) could be built at the location. Nelson said that TOD and rail service need to operate together.

High speed rail could run through the Altamont Pass or Pacheco Pass into San Jose. Alternately, there could be a hybrid option that includes both routes. The Altamont option would connect the Bay Area to Sacramento, Pacheco Pass Los Angeles to San Francisco.

If high speed rail were to be implemented through the Altamont, that could be leveraged for further improvements to ACE service, said Nelson. European style electrified trains could be used for ACE that would travel at speeds greater than the freeway including stops.

Nelson said that the electrified trains are much quieter than conventional trains.

Adding high speed rail would likely accelerate the pace of rail investment in the Tri-Valley by providing a funding source for

regional as well as longer distance improvements. It would reinforce the need for an intermodal connection with BART.

There are several options for the high speed rail route. One would be down the I-580 median. In that event, all rail service would operate in the median, including ACE, BART and high speed rail. It would require construction of major tall structures. There would be no need to extend BART to Livermore.

The other route would be along the existing Union Pacific line. A new BART connection would be built at Isabel/Stanley. It would require new tracks and "significant" elevated structures through Pleasanton.

The hybrid option would require new grade crossings. Nelson commented that the hybrid option connecting Sacramento to the Bay Area would likely encourage significant economic development in the Tri-Valley. There are potential visual impacts.

She identified several issues that need to be addressed. One is how much right-of-way would be required, and where it is. How many elevated structures would be needed. "The mayor (Hosterman) has made it clear that elevated structures are a non-starter," stated Nelson. Another question to be answered is how

would traffic on the freeway would be impacted if BART extends only to Stanley/Isabel versus Greenville Road. Finally, how realistic is the hybrid alternative?

Councilmember Matt Sullivan said he felt unable to offer good comments on the options, since the council had not been provided with copies of the draft environmental impact report. He asked who would have final approval authority over the rail plans.

Nelson said that the council could make comments and provide input. However, it did not have any specific authority to approve or not approve the rail plans. The decision would be made by the High Speed Rail Authority. "I don't see them building high speed infrastructure over strong objections," she stated.

If approved, the first segments of the high speed rail would be built by 2030. It would take until 2050 to build the entire system.

Sullivan said if the choice were for big aerial structures in downtown Pleasanton or along the freeway, he would go for the freeway.

Cook-Kallio said she had no problem studying the BART extensions. However, she wanted a strong statement about high speed rail through any downtown.

## ZONE 7

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He said the agency should be vigilant in having as much alternative energy built into projects to save operation expenses in the long run.

Greci picked up on the economy theme, declaring, "We are in hard times, and it will get worse. For the first time, I agree with director Kohlen. We need to be more conservative than we have in the past. If we spend the money, make sure it's a top priority, that it's something we must have, not something nice to have."

### BOARD PAYS CONSULTANT FOR ADDITIONS

The meeting agenda included an item asking directors to add \$305,000 to a consultant's fee on a \$12.5 million contract in building the Altamont water treatment plant and pipeline. All of the money on that project will come from developer fees because it is being built for expansion. The board approved the additional money on a 6-0 vote, with Steve Kalthoff absent.

The additional money will go

to design work that was added to the project for 15 enumerated items. Included on the list is the realignment of the pipeline, because of property acquisition negotiations, and the cost of acquisition of the property.

Quigley asked whether alternative energy can be added to the Altamont project to reduce operational cost. He was told by staff that it would require a new EIR, which would slow down the project significantly. The pipeline is scheduled for completion in December 2009. The treatment plant is expected to be ready in June 2010.

### WENTE: IRRIGATION POND ISN'T RUN-OFF

Water conservation also came up during a request from Wente Family Estates for a refund of a \$107,000 fee it had paid to the Zone 7 flood control drainage district.

Zone 7 requires that when property is developed, the area that is made impervious to water absorption into the ground is subject to a flood control fee. The

water runs off to arroyos, which Zone 7 maintains as part of its flood control function. Most of the impervious surfaces are in urban development, with its sidewalks, driveways and roofs.

Wente's situation has nothing to do with driveways, but with a pond that has a liner under it. That cuts off water from the underground, just as an urban driveway would. However, Vintner Phil Wente and his representatives said that the pond's water is being used to irrigate the grapes. None of it runs off the property. Because there is no run-off, Wente wants the fee refunded.

Greci said that he likes the fact Wente is retaining the water and using it. He mentioned Zone 7's water supply problems with the Delta. Noting that there now are "more than 40 wineries in the Valley," Greci said it is time to reassess the ordinance. "Everyone should be going in this direction in the future. This is about as good as you can get."

The board continued Wente's

appeal to a future meeting, when it will have a report on revising the flood control drainage ordinance.

### KEEPING AN EYE ON WATER CONTRACTS

Another angle on the conservation issue came up when Livermore water supervisor Randy Werner called the board's attention to the Mountain House Golf Course, which had been on the agenda, but was taken off after it paid money that it owed Zone 7.

The golf club in the Altamont contracted with Zone 7 for 50 acre feet (AF) of water, but wound up buying 235 AF. That's almost five times more than the amount under contract, said Werner. "If I took five times more, (general manager) Jill (Duerig) would not be happy with me. I've gone over the contract amount (for Livermore), but not by five times. Water is short now. Any (extra) water sent out is questionable," said Werner.

Directors Quigley and Sarah Palmer agreed with Werner.

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velopment of the El Charro Specific Plan with the goal to provide regional shopping opportunities. The plan is moving forward. The Prime Outlet has been entitled. It is anticipated to open in 2009, said Barton.

Mitigation for the Prime Outlet will help move forward another top priority, the preservation of open space. A conservation strategy is underway that could allow the city to acquire land with larger parcels. Doolan Canyon is an area we're working at, stated Barton. In addition, the city studied at an agriculture water plan and continues to look for funding. Implementation of the transfer of development program is an additional piece of the conservation strategy, added Barton.

As part of a fourth priority, a consultant has been hired to conduct public meetings to hear from people in Northeast Livermore about programs and facilities of interest to them.

A fifth priority is regional and local transportation. "The city has been very active in this area," declared Barton. The Isabel interchange is moving forward. The contract is expected to be awarded in August 2008 and the interchange opened in May 2010.

The city played a leadership role in the regional rail plan by convening a committee to look at high speed rail and connecting transit options.

Improvements on I-580 will begin to move forward. Ramp metering will start in the spring of 2008. Construction of HOV lanes will help relieve congestion.

Infrastructure maintenance and improvements is yet another priority. There is a \$165 million shortfall in funding. Barton said a consultant would be hired to work with the community in understanding the problem and providing a solution.

Other priorities accomplished include establishment of a communication system that has police and fire on the same frequency, both locally and on a regional basis; endorsement of a cultural arts master plan; expansion of weekend cleanups; and identification of Character Counts as a support for community values.

## CAMPAIGN ROUNDUP

The Alameda County Republican kickoff fund-raiser will be held Sun., Oct. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Guest Speaker will be Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and local candidates for statewide office.

Steve and Cindy Aselage will host the event at their home in Pleasanton.

The Republican Kickoff Fundraiser will include food, a hosted bar, and a chance to spend time with other area Republicans and current and future elected officials. The cost will be \$50 per person.

Invitations have been mailed. However, an online invitation can still be accessed at [www.alamedagop.org](http://www.alamedagop.org). For information, call the headquarters at 510-638-3414.

### KAMENA ENDORSED

Livermore Area Recreation and Parks Director Scott Kamena announced Monday the endorsement of Republican Livermore City Councilman Doug Homer.

"I am proud to support Scott Kamena for Assembly," said Homer. "He has the courage, conviction and experience nec-

essary to keep taxes low, keep families safe and reduce traffic in our community." Horner joins Livermore Vice-Mayor John Marchand, Elk Grove City Councilwoman Sophia Scherman and other community leaders in supporting Kamena.

Marchand stated, "There are many candidates running for Assembly, but I am very impressed with Scott's record of community service, commitment and experience. I believe that Scott will provide some much needed common sense and fiscal responsibility."

Kamena is a twice-elected Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District Director.

"It is an honor to receive support from so many respected community leaders," said Kamena. "Councilman Horner shares my passion for public service and I am thrilled to have earned his endorsement."

### SPRINGTOWN MEETING

The Springtown Homeowners Association has invited Mayor Marshall Kamena, City Council members and the candidates to take part in a town hall meeting with residents to discuss such topics as North Livermore, traffic and the Arts.

The meeting will be Tues.,

Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Springtown Community Hall.

As of Tuesday, city council candidate Jeff Williams had accepted the invitation. The association was awaiting word from the mayor and councilmembers.

### PAGE FROM PLEASANTON

Rebecca Hucker, a senior at Foothill High School in Pleasanton, was chosen to be a page at the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) September 27 through 30 in Palm Springs. The NFRW is one of the largest women's political organizations in the nation with a grassroots membership of 100,000 women and 1,800 local units.

Rebecca is among 56 teenage girls from across the country who will assist the state delegations at the convention. Pages will also participate in the opening ceremonies and in a variety of workshops about the political process. Rebecca is sponsored by the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, which meets the second Thursday of the month except during July and August.

For information about the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, call Karen Wind at 925-846-2702.

## SURPLUS

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of enabling the development of additional fields and parking, perhaps even some neighborhood park features, which would enhance the community's use of Robertson Park and meet the demonstrated need of youth sports organizations to acquire additional fields," said LARPD General Manager Tim Barry. "Since the property is already owned by a public entity, we are even more hopeful of acquiring the property for public use, as was originally intended."

When selling surplus property, school districts must follow procedures established by the Ed Code and general civic code. These procedures establish the order in which prospective buyers can bid on property. The intent of the law is to recognize the community's need for parks and recreation facilities and keep

such properties in the public domain. As such, LARPD will have the opportunity to make the first offer.

Las Positas Community College has indicated a desire to purchase the Inman Property to place a large, electronic sign that can be read from the freeway. Las Positas would be about fourth or fifth in the bidding hierarchy.

Any proceeds earned from the sale of the properties must go back into the District's Capital Improvement budget, not the general fund. The Capital Improvement budget can be used for modernization and renovation of any district property. To date, the funds from the sale of property have not been earmarked for any specific project.

Wilson expects the District to complete the sales within the next two to three months.



# MAILBOX

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## Don't Sign Initiative John F. Smyth Pleasanton

The initiative regarding Staples Ranch is not in the best interests of all the citizens of Pleasanton.

The housing cap is about to be met and the City must turn to other sources of revenue if it is to maintain the infrastructure that makes Pleasanton a great place to live and raise a family. The Staples Ranch annexation and development can be a major start in that direction. The County and the City have been working on a development plan for this 124 acre parcel that will benefit all of Pleasanton. The financial benefits will be substantial and help to maintain our parks, schools and other services provided by the City.

Let us not lose the opportunity to control the development of this site. Alameda County owns this property and its position is that it will be developed, if not by Pleasanton then by Dublin or Livermore, both of which are vitally interested in acquiring this property for commercial use, not park land and open space. Therefore I urge you not to sign the petition "Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt

Initiative."

## Springtown Golf Course Rich Buckley Livermore

The city operated golf course in Springtown represents a failure of our imagination. In a community that continues to write new world class contributions in the sciences, arts, agriculture, commerce and life-style; we can solve the Springtown Golf Course issue. Throw out all boundaries to our thinking. There will be solutions. As sophomore as these comments might sound, give it try. Take a look at the task personally and you will see things in a different light. Challenge our local schools to produce ideas. Challenge our local residents to produce ideas. Think outside the box as scary as that can be. Hard times bring out the best in us.

Where to start? Take the first step. Concept (1) The city may not need to own the property. Deed the asset to all the property owners backing the course (Gasp!) with deed restrictions meeting community needs, (2) What's more important, open space or the golf course? Does it need to be lawn or might it serve as a combination open space and solar power panel array with guidance from regional solar panel electric companies serving a district to get some residents off the electric grid.... you got the idea... run with it. I'd bet our local high school students could produce a dozen or more better ideas. Call for proposals.

## Springtown Marj Leider Livermore City Council

After listening to the many citizens from Springtown and North Livermore who took their time to come and testify at last

Monday's City Council meeting (9/10), I would like to assure them and other citizens that no discussions or decisions will take place until the consultant, hired by the city, has held public meetings with all concerned. I sincerely hope that the consultant will come up with a plan that will please everyone, as there are other issues of concern such as a much needed new library. I have always been an advocate of open space and hope that we not only can save the golf course, but improve it. I know that my fellow candidate for City Council, Jeff Williams, who I am supporting, agrees with me.

## Don't Forget Students Kayla Moreland ASLPC President

While I was quite pleased to see your article about Las Positas College's new faculty senate and classified senate presidents, you didn't at all mention the third governing body at Las Positas - the student senate. The Associated Students of Las Positas College represents over 8,000 students at our rapidly growing college. We work very hard to represent our fellow students on numerous campus committees, and we even go to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to speak with lawmakers about issues affecting Las Positas' students.

Additionally, we fund all the student clubs and last year we funded over \$11,000 in scholarships. We look forward to seeing many more articles about our college in The Independent. But, don't forget the students.

## Baby Lover Amy Laird Livermore

Thank you for your article on AB81, the California Safe Surrender Baby Bill. I would just like

to add that it is strongly endorsed by the California Joe-Bob Nobodies for the Welfare of Infants. In other words, anyone with a brain and a heart.

## "Honoring" the Troops Ted Tully Pleasanton

A few individuals continue to use the Pleasanton City Council as a forum for opposition to the Iraq war. They "honor" the troops by reading the names of those who were killed in action. This is ploy is an insult to the troops. The Council should have ended it long ago.

Instead, Mayor Hosterman appears to encourage them. In the last meeting she would not permit another speaker to call attention to their real motives.

My son was a combat soldier in Iraq. He lost two comrades. I can assure the Council that he, and the families of the soldiers

who died, would regard these disingenuous "honors" with disgust.

The Council should put a stop to this travesty immediately.

## Ghost of Reitter Past Ken Bradley Livermore

It seems early for Halloween but right out of the Independent newspaper Mailbox column is the ghost of Reitter past. Most of you will remember Tom Reitter. He was one of the longest serving council persons in Livermore history. He served Livermore almost 18 years and voted on almost everything that affects the Livermore of today.

Tom took his oath of office so seriously that after serving less than half his latest term he just quit. There was no obligation to the people of Livermore, he quit. I understand that the reason he

quit was that he was moving away. After directing Livermore development for 18 years you would think that he would have a city that he would like to live in. It appears that his best work produced a town he prefers not to live in.

The ghost of Reitter past seems to be concerned about defeating development north of Livermore. It is old news but some one should tell Tom that those battles have already been fought. Development north of Livermore has been defeated and no one running for council will attempt to overturn the will of the people.

This is a new election with new issues. We do not need guidance from someone that thinks Livermore is not good enough for them to live in. This ghost needs to go the way of all ghosts and let the people of Livermore plan for their own future.

# Kohl's to Open in Livermore

As part of its largest grand opening in company history, Kohl's Department Stores will officially open its Livermore store on Oct. 3. One of 95 stores to open nationwide this fall, the Livermore store will create approximately 150 jobs in the area. The store is located at 2900 Las Positas Road next to Kaiser Medical Center.

Glass storefront entrances with showcase windows display the latest Kohl's fashions. Interior amenities include an expanded Juniors' department, spacious fitting rooms with lounge areas, updated restrooms, and redesigned customer service and checkout stations. Kohl's began introducing new store designs with Fall 2006 Grand Openings.

To celebrate this opening and

expansion, Kohl's will offer customers a nationwide, grand opening sale, providing special prices on national and exclusive fashion, home and beauty brands in all of its easy-to-shop stores.

"Kohl's customers know they can expect great things from us. We carry world class brands, offer consistent value and convenience and are committed to the communities we serve through Kohl's Cares for Kids," said Jason Bittner, Kohl's district manager. "We are thrilled to celebrate this historical grand opening with our new neighbors."

Kohl's stores feature widely known national brands such as Levi's, Carter's, Cusinart and exclusive brands such as Chaps, ELLE and Candie's. In September, two new exclusive brands are being introduced - Simply Vera

Vera Wang and Food Network.

Kohl's Supports the Communities it Serves

To uphold its longstanding tradition of supporting the communities served by its stores, Kohl's has made a commitment to Livermore through its Kohl's Cares for Kids' program.

Children's Hospital & Research Center Foundation, Oakland, is a beneficiary of Kohl's Cares for Kids local fund-raising efforts from the Livermore store. Throughout the year, Kohl's sells special Kohl's Cares for Kids merchandise, with 100 percent of the net profit supporting health and educational opportunities for children. Through 2006, Kohl's has raised more than \$85 million for children's health and education.

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Fund-raiser for disadvantaged youth:** Wesley Youth Homes is holding a huge parking lot sale on Sat. September 29, 8-2 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Pleasanton. Bring donations on Friday evening (6-8) and come Saturday to browse for treasures. (925) 426-8861. There will be everything from furniture to jewelry.

**Family Flea Market.** Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Ave., Livermore. Saturday, October 6th from 10-4. Great deals and family fun.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club.** Sat., Sept. 29, 53 miles to Moraga Commons, meet 9 a.m. at Shamon Center in Dublin, Brian Boerman, 510-381-4442. Sun., Sept. 30, 34 miles San Ramon Central Park to Sunrise Bakery, meet 10 a.m. Peter Rathmann, 818-1973. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Livermore-Yotsukaido Sister City Organization.** on Oct. 4, a group of twenty 8th grade students, two teachers and three parents will leave for Yotsukaido, Japan. They will be staying in individual family homes of students of their own age. While in Yotsukaido, they will attend classes in local schools and do some sight-seeing. They will return to Livermore on Oct. 12. In March, 2008, the families of the Livermore students will host the students from Yotsukaido. Pictures of this trip will be posted on [LYSCO.org](http://LYSCO.org) along with pictures from previous trips.

**NASA/ Science Night.** "Life as an Astronaut: Highlights of STS-99" by Astronaut Janice Voss, Wednesday, October 3rd, 7-9pm. Jackson Theatre, Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. Information [www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/voss-jan.html](http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/voss-jan.html) or contact Yvette Nicolls at 510-659-7372 or [ynicolls@ohlone.edu](mailto:ynicolls@ohlone.edu).

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** meeting Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00

p.m. at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. Please note the change of location for this month only. The speaker will be a representative from Alden Lane. Topic will be container gardening. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Sally at 925-417-8809.

**American Cribbage Congress** is a National organization that has local Grass Root Clubs throughout the US. The local Livermore Club meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Sunrise Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 856 Sundial Circle, Livermore. For information, call Bob Prochnow -925-449-5956.

**Retired Public Employees' Association, Tri-Valley Chapter 075,** meetings 10:45 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 4 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Speaker is Ada Schoch. Topic: ombudsman program what volunteers do and how important ombudsmen are to the community. RSVP by Oct. 1. For information and reservation, contact Bob at 846-6563 or June at 461-0315.

**Walk to the Water.** Walk-A-Thon Fund-raiser, Family Event to benefit underprivileged women and children in developing countries. Sun., Oct. 7, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton. Suggested Donations \$20 per person/ \$30 per couple/ \$40 per family - includes lunch. Sponsored by Sisters In Service ([www.sistersinservice.org](http://www.sistersinservice.org)), Tri-Valley and East Bay Chapters. Call Gloria at 925-998-3785.

**Be Prepared.** Child Care Links will offer an Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness Workshop Wednesday, October 10 from 6:30pm- 8:30pm at the Livermore Public Library Board Room. Learn how to prepare yourself, your child care home and your family for a disaster. Space is limited so register early for the chance to win a "Grab and Go" backpack stocked with crucial emergency items. No Cost for this workshop. Child Care Links, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 102, Pleasanton, (925) 417-8733, [www.childcarelinks.org](http://www.childcarelinks.org).

**The Livermore-Amador Valley League of 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, Pleas-

anton. 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 Hempill 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 No. 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.

**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](mailto: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.tvmtc.com>.

**RELIGION**  
**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Topic for Sept. 30 is "Honk If You're Not Sure." Rev. Carolyn Colbert, interim minister, will lead. Information 447-8747.

**Witches, Saints and Heretics** is the presentation on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 -9:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore that kicks off their 2007-2008 L.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experiences) adult education series. Dr. William Dohar, a professor in the Religious Education Department at Santa

Clara University, will present an evening that will focus on stories illustrating religious differences, the challenges of religious titles, and commonalities between religious groups. The presentation is open to all in the community. We ask for a \$5.00 free will donation to offset speaker fees. For more information contact Julie at [upcatholic@aol.com](mailto:upcatholic@aol.com) or 447-4549.

**St. Matthew's Baptist Church** will be hosting its 2nd Annual Empowered Womens Conference on October 12-13, at the Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon. Scheduled guest speakers are to include Rev. Monica Robinson, Evangelist Carolyn A. Bullock, Pastor Trena L. Turner, Pastor Kathleen Copeland and the phenomenal Dr. Yvonne Capehart. For more information contact: St. Matthew's Baptist Church, (925) 449 3824 ext. 6 or e-mail - [smbc\\_ewc@comcast.net](mailto:smbc_ewc@comcast.net).



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# SPORTS NOTES

## LPC Men Capute Title

The Las Positas College men's cross country team won the Mills Invitational for the second year in a row, beating five 4-year colleges in the process.

Individual results: 2nd place, Joey Nunes, 27:52; 3rd Juan Gomez, 28:10; 4th Ivan Medina, 29:07; 7th Tristan Blair, 29:32; Jag Kalirai, 29:39; Ross Mollenkopf 31:39; Alex Blue, 32:36; John Yersak 35:10.

Three student-athletes took home individual medals: Joey Nunes- 2nd place overall; Juan Gomez- 3rd overall; and Ivan Medina- 4th overall.

Results: 1st Las Positas College, 24 points; 2nd William Jessup, 56; 3rd Cal State East Bay, 76; 4th Simpson, 85; 5th Holy Names, 107; Menlo, incomplete.

## Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League game results:

**Livermore Youth Soccer League Girls House/Copper Teams:**

**Under-5 Girls:** Butterfly Princesses vs Quakes Offensive Players: Nicole Stewart, Kelena Brongiel, Taylor Sprott, Butterfly Princesses: Katie Keenan, Jenna Lawrence, Madison Sullivan, Quakes Defensive Players: Halden Arruda, Baylee Schachness, Elsa Friedmann, Butterfly Princesses: Delaney Richards, Caitlin Sobrepneta, Emily Rakestraw, Quakes

**Under-6 Girls:** Soccer Chicks vs Lil Kickers Offensive Players: Catherine Linney, Alyssa Swinkel, Soccer Chicks: Lillian Domondon, Lil Kickers Defensive Players: Isabella Mayo, Soccer Chicks: Sarah Kramm, Lil Kickers

**Under-8 Girls:** Fireballs vs Aries Divas Offensive Players: Jasmine Arier, Alexsalar Zalazar, Kylie Moore, Fireballs: Kierstan Hutcherson, Madison Jackson, Morgan Laughlin, Soccer Divas Defensive Players: Kristine Keller, Kira Karter, Aida Oprial, Fireballs: Tessa Mullins, Emme Poe, Kirsten Sorenson, Soccer Divas Game Summary & Highlights:

**Shootin' Sharks vs Ladybugs Offensive Players:** Laura Di Simone, Lexi Carzoli, Samantha Dukes, Shootin' Sharks: Alexandra Lewis, Jasmin Morris, Allyssa Sausen, Ladybugs Defensive Players: Savannah Stevenson, Emily Robinson, Brooke Powell, Shootin' Sharks: Devon Montesinos, Isabelle Monterroza, Ladybugs

**Bumblebees vs Bulldog Girls Offensive Players:** Tori Diehl, Olivia Volfoni, Chaeae Warner, Bumblebees: Coley Beard, Andrea Sommer, Mariah Oniz, Bulldog Girls Defensive Players: Riley Male, Sydney Franklin, Amanda Zeck, Bumblebees: Marie Linney, Heather Woelck, Ciera Martinez, Bulldog Girls

**Wildcats vs Wildcats Offensive Players:** Sydney Duncan, Taylor Sullivan, Wildcats: Alyssa Bonfiglio, Mackenzie Farrow, Defensive Players: Alyssa Salvetti, Sierra Miller, Wildcats: Bubba Farvo, Ellie Deuel, Wildcats

**Under-12 Girls:** Jaguars (5) vs Sneaky Cleats (0): Offensive Players: Casey Peregida, Stephanie Cromwell, Brielle Peerce, Jacarys: Elise Falgout, Rachel Bryant, Alicia Craft, Sneaky Cleats Defensive Players: Hannah Stephaneck, Sara Novell, Becky Bernstein, Jacarys: Tessa Clark, Cirin Cassarino, Chantay Martinez, Sneaky Cleats Goals & Assists: Casey Peregida (2), Stephanie Cromwell (2), Kirsten Mork, Jaguars: The first half was dominated by the Jaguars as they scored 5 goals, but the Sneaky Cleats put their game faces on and held them off the second half and took shots on goal.

**Nit Rippers (1) vs Bulldogs (0):** Offensive Players: Katelyn Lovoi, Kelly Borden, Jennifer Mendez, Nit Rippers: Sarah Peters, Molly Strout, Bulldogs: Lauren Sweeney, Gabriella Cole, Megan Cinqunti, Nit Rippers: Irais Ortiz, Ariel Grace, Veronica Martinez, Bulldogs Home Team Goals & Assists: Katelyn Lovoi assisted by Kelly Borden, Nit Rippers: Katelyn Lovoi managed to kick one through with an assist by Kelly Borden.

**Under-14 Girls:** Cougars (3) vs Kick'n It (0): Offensive Players: Mandi Morettini, Shelby White, Deanna Medina, Cougars: Emily Payton, Roxanne Updeal, Hayley Parker, Kick'n It Defensive Players: Leslie Howerton, Cynthia Hansen, Rebecca Hyde, Cougars: Victoria Contreras, Tori Parker, Sarah Longley, Kick'n It Visitor Team Goals & Assists: Mandi Morettini (2), Shelby White (1), Sam Erickson (A), Deanna Merlo (A), Cougars

**Under-16 Girls:** Livermore Strikers (2) vs Livermore Fusion (1): Offensive Players: Nicole Jesus, Bianca Rutherford, Jaime Zenger, Strikers: Emma Grimm, Meaghan Green, Hailey Hibbard, Fusion Defensive Players: Marissa Martin, Gina Velasquez, Brenda Solis, Strikers: Hannah Miguel, Ashley Stevens, Ashley Avila, Fusion Goals & Assists: Brenda Solis, Nicole Jesus assist Michelle Bacham, Strikers: Emma Grimm, assist Meaghan Fusion

**Livermore Swarm (1) vs San Ramon Broncos (1):** Offensive Players: Paige Anaya, Elise Mork, Katrina Hickman, Swarm: Rachel Rodriguez, Tannee Alcosta, Broncos Defensive Players: Amanda Shepherd, Swam Edwards-Stewart, Crystal Prather, Swarm: Lauren Hearn, Julie Breen, Broncos Goals & Assists: Katrina Hickman (1), Swarm: Rachel Rodriguez, Tannee Alcosta, Ramon Broncos s passing display and hustle opened scoring chances in the first half, but Livermore Swarm's defense closed down often to protect a 1-0 first half lead. Katrina Hickman's goal from the front of the box found the upper right net for the Swarm's goal. The Bronco's Rachel Rodriguez found the upper right net on a direct kick to tie the game early in the second half. The defense on both teams withstood each team's offensive speed and passing to preserve the tie.

**Girls Hi-Comp Teams:**

**Under-9 Girls:** Bronze Livermore Elite Blast (1) vs Danville Mustang Stampedie (1) Defensive Players: Kayla Brisco, Carly Bond, Blast Goals & Assists: Skylar Lewis (1). The Livermore girls played a great game in Danville. They fell behind in the second half, but Skylar Lewis tied the game with an excellently placed shot. Kayla Brisco and Carly Bond were outstanding on defense.

**San Ramon Stars (1) vs Livermore Elite Blast (0)** Offensive Players: Amanda Silveira, Kayla Brisco, Jenny Gibson. The Livermore Elite Blast girls played a very good game despite the loss. Amanda Silveira and Kayla Brisco did a great job in the midfield, and Jenny Gibson kept pushing forward.

**Under-11 Girls:** Gold Mustang Extreme (2) vs Livermore Elite Venom (1) Offensive Players: Kaitlyn Lipman (1), Haley Houts (A), Venom Defensive Players: Nicki Lutz, Rachel Braun, Venom. After falling behind early in the game, the Venom team battled back, scoring a late goal and keeping pressure on until the final whistle. Down 2-0 with under a minute to play, Kaitlyn Lipman finished a perfect crossing ball from Haley Houts, putting it in the back of the net. The final minutes were a frantic effort to even the score, but the girls were unable to get the ball past the Extreme keeper. Nicki Lutz and Rachel Braun helped keep the game close with great defensive play, but as time ran out, the girls were unable to get the last goal into the net. Once again, Venom played hard to the end, and got a great effort from everyone.

**Under-16 Girls:** Bronze San Ramon Flash (2) vs Livermore Elite Crush '91 (1) Offensive Players: Gabbi Rubino, Katie Montero, Flash: Arielle Sallai, Andrea Hawkins, Jenae Turpin, Crush Defensive Players: Jocelyn Algieri, Michelle Gurgone, Tawni Allima, Flash: Anna Velsko, Chelsea Brehm, Kaley Erlich, Crush Goals & Assists: Gabbi Rubino (2), Katie Montero (A); Kelsey Engel (1). The San Ramon Flash and Livermore Elite Crush '91 met in the rain with the Flash putting on a great showing

despite playing down a player. The first goal of the game was in favor of the Flash at 15 minutes by Gabbi Rubino. The Crush answered the goal 6 minutes into the second half with a goal by Kelsey Engel. Gabbi Rubino with an assist from Katie Montero of the Flash answered this goal at minute 22 and held on to the lead despite the efforts of the Crush.

**FC Fremont Force (2) vs Livermore Elite Crush '91 (0)** Offensive Players: Andee Oh, Vanessa Ruiz, Megan Bedell, Force: Rebekah Didlake, Marcela Vazquez, Katy Whitaker, Crush Defensive Players: Shelley Wenzel, Valencia Hamilton, Force: Margaret Donovan, Anna Velsko, Katelyn James (GK), Crush Goals & Assists: Andee Oh (1), Vanessa Ruiz (1), Force. The FC Fremont Force capitalized on a penalty with a PK by Andee Oh at 20 minutes of play in the first half followed by a well-placed unanswered goal by Vanessa Ruiz after 37 minutes of play. The Force held on despite a good effort by the Crush after several drives, and Katelyn James (GK) kept the Force from scoring further by making a number of saves throughout the game.

**Livermore Youth Soccer League Boys House/Copper Teams:**

**Under-5 Boys:** Monster Trucks vs Sharks Offensive Players: Carson Tracey, Cameron Salazar, Kyle Rodgers, Monster Trucks Defensive Players: Patrick Curulla, Aidan DeMello, Drake Devine, Sharks.

**Under-6 Boys:** Incredibles vs Tigers Offensive Players: Trent Crisp, Eduardo Topete, Ryan Bartl, Incredibles: Jake Lord, Jake Hutchison, Antonio Gomez, Tigers Defensive Players: Gab Hagen, Zachary Rittmann, Bradley Rittmann, Incredibles: Dylan Jess, Brandon Umeki, Jack Wilson, Tigers

**Under-7 Boys:** Wildcats vs Bulldogs Offensive Players: Aiden Worley, Omar Jesus, Jacob Roberts, Luke Bella, Wildcats: Andrew Walker, Andrew Lewis, Ethan Lux, Bulldogs Defensive Players: Ryan Wright, Christian Moreno, Isiah Lopez, Victor Puntero, Wildcats: Shaun Garlick, Cade Shortridge, Cameron Gever, Bulldogs.

**Under-8 Boys:** Red Hot Fireballs vs Red Rockets Offensive Players: Tristan Mulrooney, Ryan Nostrand, Zachary Kiser, Red Hot Fireballs: Ryan Carlson, Brandon Rusey, Nick Bottolere, Red Rockets Defensive Players: Chase Dunn, Nicholas DeLisle, Leaf Greene, Red Hot Fireballs: Jared Hubert, Dallin Harwood, Kyle Conrad, Red Rockets

**Dynamite vs Bombers Offensive Players:** Alex Northrup, Samuel Miller, Colton Casey, Dynamite: Alex Fregos, Grant Murphy, Miles Gomez, Bombers Defensive Players: Joseph Murphy, David Rider, Kyle Correira, Dynamite: Michael Hallock, Kai Berkeley, Dynamite: Johnstone, Bombers

**Under-9 Boys:** Dragons (4) vs Cobras (2) Offensive Players: Joel Gauch, Joey Lestochi, Ravi O'Brien, Dragons: Ben Rocha, Jack Walker, Tanner Wright, Cobras Defensive Players: Ben Dupuis, Andrew Marty, Sean Slauchugh, Dragons: Sikander Haider, Connor McCormack, Garrett Stone, Cobras

**Under-12 Boys:** Warriors (7) vs Balistics (0) Offensive Players: Dominic Carlson & Luis Zamora, Warriors: Joey, Scotty, & Steven, Balistics Defensive Players: Dalton Miller, Christian Arana & Brandon Howard, Warriors: Chase Henderson, & James Horgan, Balistics Goals & Assists: Jose Gonzales (2G), Johnathon Futral (1G), Pancho Reyes (2G), Austin Harrison (1G), Jesus Prado (1G), Brandon Howard (2A), Connor Salazar (A), Jose Gonzales (A), Dominic Carlson (A), Warriors

**Stompers (5) vs Stealth (1)** Offensive Players: Reagan Brunner, Hector Romo, Noah White, Stompers: James Wilker, Nathan Durant, J.T. Brisco, Stealth Defensive Players: Craig Mains, Blake Richards, Brian Romo, Stompers: Zak Stevens, Robert Porcella, Trigg Allen, Stealth Goals & Assists: Salvador Alatorre (1), Reagan Brunner (A), Noah White (1), Anthony Aguilar (2), Hector Romo (1), Stompers: J.T. Brisco (1). The Stealth really kept the heat on the Stompers' Brian Romo (GK), but he was able to keep his cool and blocked all but one shot. The Stompers' offense had a great night.

**Under-14 Boys:** Arsenal (5) vs Warriors (0) Offensive Players: Mitch Meyer, Daniel Replogle, David Bierwirth, Arsenal, Jason Stearns, John Stephaneck, Warriors Defensive Players: Zach Swinford, Diego Brambila, Jesse Romero, Arsenal, Sam Leeper, Blake Stephens, Brandon Weisbrod, Warriors Goals & Assists: Daniel Replogle (2), David Bierwirth (3), Zach Swinford (A), Arsenal. Arsenal struck for 3 goals in the first half and 2 in the 2nd half. The Warriors played hard throughout and did not give up.

**Under-10 Boys Gold:** Livermore Elite Strikers (2) vs Bulldogs (1) Offensive Players: Carson Paynter, Jose Vides, Migual Suarez, Strikers Defensive Players: Kyle Emrich, Wyatt Pennybacker, Preston Hastings, Strikers Goals & Assists: Carson Paynter (1), Jose Vides (1), Miguel Suarez (A), Strikers. Livermore Elite Strikers traveled to Ontario to play their first game on artificial turf. It was a new experience for the Strikers, but they performed great. Carson Paynter scored first for the Strikers, on a free kick in the first half. All the Livermore players played strong in the first half. Jose Vides scored second for the Strikers with an assist from Miguel Suarez. The Bulldogs came out very strong after the half, they out shot the Strikers, but the outstanding work by Scott Newby as goal-keeper kept the Strikers ahead and gave them the victory.

**Under-16 Boys Gold:** FC Livermore United (4) vs Bay Oaks Sciciana (0) Offensive Players: Albert Muscat, Geovani Carbalaj, Jason Trumpp, Enrique Gon, United Defensive Players: Dillon Miller, Sean Cerruti, Richie Howard, Kevin Freed, Cody Hoster, Doug Bradshaw, United Goals & Assists: Albert Muscat, Jason Trumpp (1), Geovani Carbalaj (1), Enrique Gonzales (1), Albert Muscat (1), United. FC Livermore United defeated Bay Oaks Sciciana 4-0 behind goals by Enrique Gonzales, Albert Muscat, Geovani Carbalaj, and Jason Trumpp. Fueled by the dominant mid-field play of D. J. Rashe, C. J. Salazar, Alex Garcia, Jesus Moreno, and Devin Mah, United pressed on the Sciciana defense the entire game. Additional standout play was provided by Jonathan Ramirez on offense. Cody Hoster, Doug Bradshaw, Kevin Freed, Richie Howard, Sean Cerruti, and Dillon Miller on defense and Ian Coolbear as goal-keeper.

**FC Livermore United (4) vs Walnut Creek Warriors (1)** Offensive Players: Dillon Miller, Enrique Gonzales, Jason Trumpp, United Defensive Players: Sean Cerruti, Doug Bradshaw, Cody Hoster, Richie Howard, United Goals & Assists: Dillon Miller (1), Enrique Gonzales (2), Jason Trumpp (1), United. FC Livermore United extended it's first place lead after defeating the second place Walnut Creek Warriors 4-1. With two quick goals by Dillon Miller and Enrique Gonzales to start the game, FC United had an opportunity to control the game with great mid-field play for the rest of the first half. Although Walnut Creek made the score 2-1 early in the second half, FC United countered with another goal by Gonzales and added an insurance goal by Jason Trumpp. A solid performance from fullbacks Sean Cerruti, Doug Bradshaw, Kevin Freed, and Richie Howard allowed the midfield and front line to dictate much of the game.

## Pleasanton Ballistic

**Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) Class 3 U16:** In a very tight and even game, the BUSC U16 Black team notched one goal and then held tight on defensive to preserve a 1 to 0 win over Livermore Elite Force. Livermore was aggressive and fired shot after shot but the Ballistic defense kept deflected the shots. Alejandro Bueno scored mid way through the first half for Ballistic and that would prove all that was needed for the win. With this win, Ballistic moves into sole possession of first

place in league play. Top Offensive Players: Alejandro Bueno, Nick West, Nik Thompson, Thiago Abreu, Top Defensive Players: Cory Beck, Brian Johnston, Evan Zoltarelli.

**The Ballistic United U-17 boys** had a strong weekend starting with a tough fought win against the DVSC Black Pearl (last year's state cup champ). A goal by Jaime Alcantor put Ballistic up early in the game. Strong defense by Bobby Regalado, Sam Clark and Shane Schvaneveldt held that lead throughout the game. Ballistic's offense never quit and added a second goal in the second half by Aaron Lek, assisted by Trevor Dawson. Matt Donner played solid defense in goal for Ballistic United. Top Offensive Players: Jaime Alcantor, Aaron Lek, Trevor Dawson, Glendon MacDuff. Top Defensive Players: Matt Donner, Bobby Regalado, Sam Clark, Shane Schvaneveldt.

Ballistic United U-17 completed a perfect weekend with a 3 to 0 win against the league leading Hayward Aztecas. The first goal came early in the game with header goal by Sam Clark, assisted by Joe Clark. An unassisted goal by Glendon MacDuff put the Ballistic team up two. Hayward fought back with intensity, but were unable to put the ball in the net. Ballistic earned a third goal on a Penalty Kick completed by Bobby Regalado. The Ballistic midfield and defense played tough and true throughout the game leading to their second victory of the weekend. Top Offensive Players: Glendon MacDuff, Sam Clark, Joe Clark, Bobby Regalado, Matt Donner, Aaron Lek, KJ Newbery; Top Defensive Players: Andrew Choi, Matt Nagy, Bobby Regalado, Scott Sweetnam.

**The visiting BUSC Black Class 3 U14** played the Livermore Elite Inferno in a 1 to 0 tie. The match was hard fought, with Livermore playing the off-side trap well. Overall both teams were competitively matched with ball possession also evenly split. The entire BUSC Black team played well with shots on goal coming from Yashar Behnam (2), Nick Bayley (2), Jake Lorentz, Jared Shohfi, and Jeff Dyer. BUSC Black defensive play was critical in keeping Livermore scoreless, including keeper Lukas Moses making 3 great saves. Top Offensive Players: Yashar Behnam, Nick Bayley; Top Defensive Player: Lukas Moses.

**The Ballistic Black Class 3 U11** shut out the FC Fremont Vipers 5 to 0. Ballistic team carried the play throughout the first half and had numerous shots but only scored one goal, that coming from Alex Lee on an assist from Francis Dunne. The Ballistic Black team continued to control the action as Brian Kinnee, Joey Repac, and Joey Repac once more, scored unassisted goals to open the second half. Ben Smedley, on an assist by Justin Taylor, closed out the scoring. The Ballistic Black defenders turned in a strong effort in a game in which the Ballistic Black team owned a 34 to 0 shot advantage. Top Offensive Players: Alex Lee, Francis Dunne, Brian Kinnee, Joey Repac, Ben Smedley, Justin Taylor; Top Defensive Players: Joshua Cole, Conner Feiy.

**BUSC United U-15** made the most of difficult field conditions to beat the Hayward Charas 3-1 on Sunday. Ballistic's first goal resulted from a penalty kick by Zack Savoy who had been tripped in the box. James Metz played brilliantly, creating scoring opportunities throughout the game and scoring Ballistic's second goal. Hayward attempted a comeback with one goal, but Ballistic sealed the victory with his classic tic-tac-toe play orchestrated by a Derek Kanowsky pass to Nandor Krause to Savoy who scored the goal. Colton Portela, Ryan Clark and Evan Larsen excelled at their positions in midfield and defense as well, holding Hayward to only 6 shots on goal. Top Offensive Players: Zack Savoy, James Metz, Derek Kanowsky, Nandor Krause; Top Defensive Players: Colton Portela, Evan Larsen, Ryan Clark.

**Ballistic U-14 United** team travelled to Benicia on Saturday to play the Benicia Arsenal, coming home with a 1 to 0 victory. It was a pretty even first half with both sides creating chances to score. Ballistic midfielder Dana Shaffar was unlucky to see a shot strike to upright and keeper Michael Viebeck was called upon to make a couple of important saves at the other end. The turning point came for Ballistic when Edgar Henriquez held off a strong challenge to calmly slot home the first goal at the end of a great run through the middle. It turned out to be the only goal of the game and despite some tense moments in the second half Ballistic held on for their first league win of the season. Top Offensive Players: Edgar Henriquez, Alex Lutz, Jason Choue; Top Defensive Players: Suchi Kuo, Justin Liu, Suhau Kuo.

Encouraged by Saturday's first league win Ballistic opened strongly against Lamorinda on Sunday morning. Playing down a slight slope they laid siege to Lamorinda's goal in the first half and it seemed only a matter of time before they would open the scoring. Edgar Henriquez eventually broke the deadlock when a corner found him in the penalty area, but he was home a low shot. Surprisingly, given their time of possession, Ballistic could not convert any of their numerous chances and at halftime they still held only a one goal lead. In the second period Ballistic continued to dominate but Lamorinda defended tenaciously and their goalkeeper performed miracles to keep the game close. Lamorinda even managed to equalize late in the game with a nervous moment on counter attacks but in the end Ballistic fully deserved their second league win of the weekend. Top Offensive Players: Edgar Henriquez, Erik Knagges, Colin Hartland; Top Defensive Players: Frank Morley, Michael Viebeck, Suchi Kuo.

## Pleasanton Rage

**The Pleasanton Rage U16 Division 1 AC** team took on the division leading El Dorado Eclipse on a neutral field in Ripon. The Rage was out-gunned, losing the match by a score of 6-2. The shots on goal foretold the final result with the Rage being out shot 29 to 10. Both teams scored equally in each half, with the eclipse netting 3 in each period and the Rage one. Even though the Rage defense allowed 6 goals, their standout players were on the defensive side. Sarah Ramirez, Laura Yoshida and Taylor Schoonover were under pressure throughout the match and made goal-saving efforts consistently. Rage goalie Megan Piper also played strong with 12 goal saves. The Rage goals were scored by Kira Capaccioli on a free kick, following an Eclipse foul; and Julia Barlow, off a defensive deflection, just outside the 18-yard box.

**The Rage U-13, D-3** soccer team defeated the Livermore Arsenal 2-1 on Sunday. Early first half action saw back and forth as both teams fought to control the play. Then at the 9th minute on a Rage corner kick, Madison Nethery scored the first goal as she one-timed the ball off a centering pass from Rachael Kapp. Five minutes later, the Rage struck again as Lauryn Hayashi found Alex Dickson open on the right side just outside the penalty area, who scored to give the Rage a 2 goal lead. Starting the second half down, the Arsenal turned up the pressure. The Rage's defense led by Cassidy Lynch, Lindsey Allen, Jamie Bodmer and Olivia Climent was equal to the task, as they slowed down

Arsenal offense. An Arsenal goal at the 49th minute made it close, but the Rage goalkeeper Morgan Bowen stopped all other shots to preserve the win. Top Offensive Players: Madison Nethery, Alex Dickinson, Sara Cohen; Top Defensive Players: Nicole Thomas, Cassidy Lynch, Alyssa Keiner.

**Pleasanton Rage U14 Premier** team remained undefeated through the 1st half of league season as they put away a determined Hayward squad 3-2 on Sunday. Rage opened the scoring thanks to an amazing run past 2 defenders by Bria Outland, who finished from 15 yards out. Rage then used a pair of goals by Rachel Charkowicz, one from 5 yards out after dribbling through a double-team, and another from long range, to jump out to a 3-0 lead. After last-minute Hayward goal, Rage took a 3-1 lead into the half. Rage then withstood a furious rally from Hayward, who netted another goal but failed to get the equalizer thanks to the outstanding efforts of keepers Phoebe Brown and Ani Nahapetian. Fullbacks Jillian Beck, Lindsay Rigel, and Courtney Stonestier helped keep Hayward's offense in check. Forwards Kiley Zietler and Megan Tabler created several scoring chances with good ball movement and strong support from midfielders Erika Emmanuel and Erin Schoenidter.

**Rage U14 Premier** used a suffocating defense to defeat Union City 2 to 0. Alexa Espinosa gave RAGE the early lead 9 minutes into the game when she tapped in a shot when Bria Outland's shot bounced off both the keeper and the goal post and rolled along the goal line. An insurance goal was provided by Gabrielle Stange when she finished from 7 yards out after receiving a short pass from Melissa Atkins, who corralled the ball that had been bouncing around the 18 yard box. RAGE controlled the majority of the game with a combination of good team passing and speedy outside runs that provided scoring opportunities and excellent field position. Leading the defensive effort were Brett Schreckla, Courtney Stonestier, and Sabrina Neungla, while Rachel Charkowicz, Megan Tabler, and Kathleen Wagner paced the attack. Ani Nahapetian made an outstanding save of a Union City free kick from 20 yards out to preserve the shutout.

**Rage Division 1 AC U-17** pitched its third straight shut out and scored its only goal in the 26th minute by Katelyn Golik, assisted by Megan Davidson on a free kick for its 4th league win, 1 to 0 over Hayward. The Rage had many scoring opportunities with Nicole Raines controlling the midfield and Lina Potter at forward, but only managed the one goal. Defensively Megan Leoni goal keeper blocked a free kick during injury time to preserve the win. Jillian Blandino and Krista Bornmann had a solid game in the back anchoring the defense to keep the shutout. Offense: Katelyn Golik - 1 Goal; Megan Davidson - 1 Assist; Nicole Raines - Center Mid; Lina Potter - Forward; Defenses: Megan Leoni - Goalkeeper 10 Saves; Jill Blandino - Fullback; Krista Bornmann - Sweeper.

**The Pleasanton Rage Div3A U12** team won a tough match against the Livermore Elite Fury, 1-0. The Fury came out strong, and the Rage defended led by Dan Ledeman, Lauren Farn and Patti Norcross found themselves battling the Fury the first 15 min. of play. The momentum changed about 20 min. in when Mathea Turkalj made a beautiful cross to Kell Wheatley who then had a break-away run and fired one in high and in the back of the net. The second half found the Rage midfielders, Mackenzie Schoen, Sammie Williams and Katie Salana, using a great job moving the ball up the field, but the Rage was unable to capitalize on several scoring opportunities. In the end, the defense was able to shut down the Fury, and the Rage ended the day with a 1-0 victory. Top Offensive Players: Sammie Williams, Kell Wheatley and Mathea Turkalj; Top Defensive Players: Patricia Norcross, Dani Ledeman and Lauren Farn.

**Rage Division 3 U14:** In a very even game, the Fremont Storm notched one late goal in the waning seconds of the game to come away with a 2-1 victory over the U14 Rage. Rage played tough and actually dominated play in both halves. Fremont was first to score but then Arielle Siegel tied it up after a hand ball in the box. Siegel made quick work of the PK and the game was tied. One late drive by Fremont proved to be the difference as a winning goal slipped in with just seconds left in the game. Top Offensive Players: Arielle Siegel, Kelly Parsons, Karoline van der Zee; Top Defensive Players: Dani Ramirez, Lauren MacDonnell, Erin O'Loughlin.

**Rage Division 3 U14:** In Saturday morning action, Rage defeated Rage Blue 4-0. Both teams battled hard in the opening half with the Fury leading 1-0. In the second half, Little put two on the boards, with Jessie Hopson and Jessica Klahr adding a goal each. On Sunday morning, Pleasanton Rage challenged Mustang Spirit which resulted in another shut-out. Rage's strong back defense and midfield teams consisting of Megan Clark, Megan Ash, Kristen Dumanski, Cassie Scroggins, Marisa Victor, Autumn Whitney and Alyssa Behiel kept Mustang scoreless. Danielle Homan started off the scoring streak with a beautiful kick from the left side to the far post. Megan Ash and Katey Cleonan each knocked one in to put Rage up by 3 at halftime. Jessica Klahr's beautiful corner-kick set up Devon Lutz to tap in another goal for Rage - Stephanie Little's long-shot and Elena Victor's goal added another two to the 6-0 final score.

**Rage Div. 1 U11** shutout the Mt. Diablo Shockwaves. This was a very physical game played by both teams. In the first half there was no score. The game was very evenly matched with Alyssa Behiel scoring the one and only goal of the day. Top Offensive Players: Alyssa Behiel, Jessica Landas, Milan Moses; Top Defensive Players: Katrina Zhu, Sydney Smith, Sammy Salustri.

**Rage AC U11** lost 8 to 0 to Rage D1. In the first half, Myranda Marzocco passed the ball to Jackie Gilbert for the first goal. Olivia Cotton scored the second goal after several shots were attempted from her teammates. Milan Moses scored goal three with a big kick. Radhika Balagopal scored goal number 4. In the second half, Jessica Landas passed the ball to Milan Moses for the score. Then Katrina Zhu kicked the final goal with a huge kick. Top Offensive Players: Milan Moses, Olivia Cotton, Jackie Gilbert; Top Defensive Players: Briana Marquez, Kendyll Woosley, Sydney Smith.

## PLEASANTON RAGE LEAGUE PLAY:

**Under-6:** Rampage 6, Renegades 0; Great midfield work by Ariane Olarij and Jillian Saffin in the losing effort. Keepers Logan Kvaternik and Kimberly Squire played well in net. Top offensive players: Sofia Casteneda, Sam Miller, Jessica Sin, Renegades Top Defensive Players: Ariane Olarij, Kimberly Squire, Eileen Adams, Renegades.

**Under-9:** Though the game was technically a "forfeit," the Power Puppies would like to thank the following players: Brianna Sobrero, Juliana Pribela, and Francesca O'Neill, as well as the entire Patriots team (for graciously lending us a player).

**Under-12:** Black Widows 3, Boomerangs 1; Gatorage 1, Dynamos 0; Mad Dogs 2, Velocity 4; The Black Widows' defense

stayed tough against the relentless Boomerangs. The defense was led by Jenna Coop and Kayla Ashtiani and the courageous goal keeping of Janelle Richmond-Ruccola. Goals were scored by Mikaela Malave and Carly Krakauer.

**TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Carley Krakauer, Mikaela Malave, Kayla Moniz, Black Widows; Makayla Ferrari, Izzy Perlman, Rachel Laursen, Dynamos; Shelby Richmond, Erin Satherthwaite, Jessica Cho, Velocity; Emile Devera, Cassidy Holmes, Mad Dogs; **TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Janelle Richmond-Ruccola, Jenna Coop, Kayla Ashtiani, Black Widows; Soyoen Kim, Diane Hadley, Danielle Hammer, Dynamos Corinne Valdez, Shandis Bemanian, Brittney Robison, Velocity; Gabriella Lemoinne, Johanna Grauer, Karah Paul, Mad Dogs;

**Under-14:** Strikers 2, Shadows 6; Galaxy 1, Rage Explosion 1; The Strikers 1st goal was scored by Ashley. Kayla Garrison scored the Strikers 2nd point with her free-kick. **TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Onsril Bhatt, Marie McCoy-Thompson, Megan Smart, Rage Explosion; **TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Andrea Garcia, Mary Gruen, Kylie Zieker, Galaxy.

## Youth Soccer

**Livermore Elite Explosion U13 Girls Division 1** soccer team faced determined competition in both their GSSL. League games this weekend and 1 goal differential in both matches resulted in 2 tough losses.

**Livermore Elite Explosion 1,** San Ramon Azure 2. Under rainy skies and wet field conditions, both teams battled hard to move the ball to the net. Fifteen minutes into the first half, the Azure scored but only minutes later, the Explosion tied it up when half back Danielle Lacombe fired the ball in for a goal from just inside the 18 after receiving a pass assist from Taylor Roach. San Ramon scored their second goal with only minutes left in the game. Explosion keeper Victoria Case was outstanding manning the goal making numerous saves against the consistent Azure offense including a diving save that she deflected and kept away from going in on a San Ramon PK attempt.

**Livermore Elite Explosion 0,** Mt. Diablo Arsenal 1. The only score of the game came off a perfectly placed Mt. Diablo corner kick that landed directly in the net. Strong play from Explosion players; Sierra Cassels, Alexa Hubbs, Kassidy Peters, Kylee Southwell, Audrey Walke and Mandi Alvarez.

**The Livermore Elite Arsenal U13 Division 3** Girls played very well on a rainy day. Jenna Kadlec defended the goal against an early push by the Mayhem. The Arsenal fullbacks, Kaley Olsen, Rachel Aburacel, and Alyssa Ray, held the Mayhem to four first half goals. Jenna Walsh was able to get the offense going with a nice shot on goal. Jaymie Lewis helped with some additional tough defensive play. The midfielders were able to find Megan Thompson near the midfield mark. Megan shot a solid goal to get the Arsenal on the board. Jenni Smith and Stephanie Behnke had some additional nice shots on goal for the Arsenal. The second half was a great defensive game by both teams. Alyssa had some great stops. Stephanie had a nice defensive play and along Holly Lamb recorded the second half shut out. Final score Newark Mayhem 4 - Arsenal 1.

In the second game of the weekend, the Arsenal played an aggressive game against the Pleasanton Rage. The Arsenal's goalie Jenna Kadlec and the fullbacks kept the Rage inside the yard hard fought goals. Bri Hill was able to kick a beautiful high kick out of reach of the Rage goal to put the Arsenal on the scoreboard; that was the last score of the game. The second half saw Alyssa with some nice saves at the goal and Holly was again another big weapon for the aggressive Arsenal defense to end the game with a 2-1 loss.

**The U15 San Ramon Santos** defeated Walnut Creek Diablos in GSSL Gold league play on Saturday 2-1. The Santos went on the board first after Andrew Graves took a ball to the corner and dropped a pass to Grant Matsumoto who placed a perfect shot just inside the far post. In the second half, Nick Somers crossed the ball to Justin Scott who headed the ball in for the game winner. Jonathan Yankowski, Ben Danielson and Ryan Fagenson all played well in the victory. San Ramon Santos 2, MDSL United 1. In the second game of the weekend, the Santos sealed their first place spot heading into the second half of the season with a 2-1 victory over MDSL. After a scoreless first half, Matheus Menezes put in the first goal of the game beating two defenders and the keeper in a beautiful run. Menezes scored again a short time later off an assist by Andrew Graves. The Santos are now the only unbeaten team in league play. Congratulations to the entire Santos defense, and keepers Jake Boyd and Mitch Sackett, who have only allowed 4 goals in 5 games, the lowest in the division.

**The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12D3** team split two games in league play, defeating the Fremont Lightning Boltz 8-0 and falling to the Pleasanton Rage 1-0. In the rain-soaked match against Fremont, Alison Pierson opened the scoring in the 2nd minute on a pass from Rebekah Johnson. Six minutes later, Kaitlyn Bulhoes directed a well-placed pass to Katie Lortie down the right wing for a cross into the Boltz defense which Johnson followed up with hard shot for the score. In the 16th minute, Marissa Scheidt took a pass from Skylar Kriz and drilled the ball into the back of the net for a 3-0 lead. Kaitlin DaDalt finished up the first half with two goals as Livermore led 5-0. The Fury continued its offensive assault in the second half as Mikayla Molien, Emily Kalantar and Skylar Kriz each scored and Morgan Brandt added an assist to cap the 8-0 win.

Against a strong Rage team, Livermore played one of its best matches. Although both teams pushed hard towards the goal, the defenses did a stellar job of keeping the ball out of the middle. Erin Winegarndt, Mikayla Molien and Morgan Brandt led the Fury defense and Amanda Fairclough booted a

number of long kicks to start Livermore's offensive attack. In the second half, Livermore controlled most of the play but the Rage defense handled the pressure well and limited the Fury to either long or difficult corner shots, including an Alyssa Stevenson left-wing shot from outside the box that bounced off the right post. On the defensive side, Skylar Kriz blocked a wide-open shot after Fury goalie Emily Kalantar challenged a deep ball in the box. Fury midfielders Kyle Landreth, Callie Crowe and Brittany Ahnbeck also played well to gain possession and move the ball forward. Despite tremendous Fury offensive pressure the last fifteen minutes of the contest, the Rage held on for the 1-0 victory.

**The Mustang Strikers U-17** Boys team came away with two victories this weekend.

Playing the Hayward Aztecas on Saturday, Mustang came away with a 2-0 win. Chris Bernardi scored the first goal and Nadav Kariv added the 2nd goal along with an assist. Emrah Klimenta also added an assist.

In Sundays game versus the Fremont Fast Academy, Mustang came away with a 4-1 win. Fremont scored first, but that was all they would score. Mustang answered with 4 goals. George Mayer started off the scoring assisted by Nadav Kariv. Emrah Klimenta added goal number 2 and had 2 assists on the goals 3 & 4 scored by Chris Bernardi. Ryan Rivera was solid in the nets for Mustang. He was assisted with awesome defense from Michael Janjigian, Nick Feeney, Tony Jorgensen, Patrick Watson and Dominic Dudley. Justin Chew, Shawn Daut, Scott Brelske, George Mayer, Jose Garcia & Nadav Kariv played well on offense for Mustang.

**The Livermore Crew '95 U12** defeated the EDYSL Storm 3-0 in league play on Saturday. The Crew dominated the Storm in the first half, but despite repeatedly testing the Storm's goal keeper the game remained tied 0-0 at the half. In the second half, Kylie Diaz connected with Danica Egelston who scored the first goal of the game. The Crew's second goal came when Rachel Leonard made an awesome cross from the right side of the field to Diaz for the score. Amanda Crabb scored on an unassisted goal for the final score of the game. Contributing to the Crew's success were Baylie Hernandez and Sarah Franklin in goal; and Madysoun Souza, Hannah Goolby, Jessica Hopkins and Jenna Hatch. In Sunday's game, the Crew won against Lamorinda United 1-0. Pooja Patel made several heart-stopping saves in goal, including a corner kick that set up a point blank United shot. After a scoreless first half, relentless pressure by the Crew resulted in Rachel Leonard scoring the game's only goal. Dominant players for the crew included Allison Lau, Haylie Grant, Elizabeth McCall and Haleigh Atkinson.

## Lacrosse Festival







## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Dot Svetts: Much More Than a Recreation Supervisor

Dorothy "Dot" Johnstone was born in Sebastopol in 1922 and from age two grew up in San Francisco, where as a child she watched the construction of the Bay Bridge. Her father, Joseph Johnstone, played for a pro basketball team sponsored by the San Francisco Olympic Club, and he encouraged her in her love for sports. "I was called a tomboy. And I was a tomboy," Dot recalled. "My mother would say I should be playing with dolls, but I preferred rollerskating with boys and playing basketball and tennis with them."

She graduated from George Washington High and attended San Francisco State. During World War II, she worked for a ship repair company in the daytime and at night served as a WAVE in the Coast Guard Reserve patrolling the San Francisco docks. She met her husband, Andrew Svets, while working at the San Francisco shipyard; they married in 1945. She started working as a playground recreation leader in San Leandro about 1950 and came to Livermore in 1960 as a recreation supervisor for LARPD. She and Andrew moved here in 1961. Dorothy described her husband as a "rock" who supported her as she ran a recreation department and played tournament tennis while raising a family.

During her 20 years with LARPD, she established the Tiny Tots program, supervised the Children's Theater Workshop, created summer camps that taught horsemanship, sailing, and crafts, and helped organize after-school activities. She enlarged the Teen Canteen, a drop-in program on Friday and Saturday nights. Jacquie Williams-Cartwright of Alden Lane Nursery remembered her well: "I first met Dot as a teenager when she headed up the youth programs at the recreation center. I best remember Teen Canteen. It was a wonderful program that provided kids with a safe place to spend time together and have fun. Dot was simply an amazing, wonderful person who enriched our community. Her recipe for success: a passion for people of all ages and their need and well-being, hard work, and determination."

Seniors also became a special interest, and Dot established a club and two programs especially for them, Meals-on-Wheels and Dial-a-Ride. She became involved with the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. For many years she was a volunteer with the Valley Memorial Hospital auxiliary, helping to supervise the Candy Stripper program.

In 1981 she changed jobs and became the recreation and leisure services manager and later the community relations officer at LLNL. During her time at the Lab, new playing fields were built, a Lab store opened, and new activities and exercise programs established for employees. She also was a leader in the founding of the Lab's day care program. She helped to organize the Valley Study Group, a lively forum for discussions, lectures and activities that formed a bridge between the Lab and the community.

Dot began playing tennis at age seven and played all her life. She helped to establish the San Leandro and Livermore tennis clubs. In 1993 she and her partner had a national ranking of 12 in women's doubles in the over-70 age group. After her retirement from LLNL in 1997, for two years she helped to keep the Granada High School boys' tennis program alive. She cajoled friends into being interim coaches, coached herself, provided refreshments, and drove the players to matches. "The players must have laughed when they saw that old woman there," said Sandy MacCracken, one of her daughters, "but when they saw her forehead, they realized she meant business." Cyndee Carvalho, a mother of one of those high school players, said, "Everyone on that team appreciated the work and love Dot 'served' up."

In 2000 she moved to Brentwood, where she often played golf on the course near her new home. In an interview for the *Valley Times*, Gib Marguth, who worked with her in the Valley Study Group, said that her departure from Livermore had "left a vacuum that may never really be filled." Marguth thought that Dot possessed a combination of confidence and caring that made her able to interact effectively with many people, from the cooks for senior meals to national security leaders.

Her husband, Andrew, died in 1991; when Dot died of a stroke at age 80 in 2002, she was survived by their three daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The *Independent's* editorial celebrated her contribution to the community: "Dot Svetts was active in so many projects and organizations in the community that it would take pages to list them all. However, if there were a local hall of fame, she would be in it because of her leadership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. During her 20 years as a recreation supervisor and administrator, she established programs for all age groups, from tiny tots to seniors. She built LARPD into a living force in the community." LARPD named the new city tennis headquarters at 991 Loyola Way for her: Dorothy Svetts Tennis Center.

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## Meet Puzzle Designer at CooleyKatz Toys

Cooleykatz Toys in Livermore will be holding a "Book (or game) Signing" event on Sept. 29 featuring Harry Nelson.

Nelson is long-time Livermore resident and designer of many well-known games and puzzles.

Nelson will be signing copies of his new puzzle and game book and kit, called Pohaku, as well as other games and puzzles of his this Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cooleykatz Toys, at 1959 Second Street in downtown Livermore.

Some of his other games include Rush Hour, Treasure Quest, Pete's Pike, and Subtrax, for a total of about 20 games and

puzzles. In addition to autographing the Pohaku book and game, and others, Harry will be exhibiting some of his puzzle collection, with hands-on puzzles for all ages.

Harry and his wife Claire are long-time Livermore residents.

Mathematics is recreation for Harry. He worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 30 years. In 1978, with David Slowinski, he discovered the then largest known prime number. In 1980, he was associated with the Cray Blitz computer chess programming endeavor with Robert Hyatt. This effort culminated in Cray Blitz winning the Computer Chess World Championship in 1983, and for the next 5 years.

## SHORT NOTES

### Creatures Program

Creatures with a Bad Rap is the topic of a nature program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Sept. 30. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

There are many animals that share the world with us. Some of them are loved by all. Others, well, they are definitely not so well-liked and take a bit of a beating based on rumor, misinformation and superstition. Learn a little about some creatures with a bad rap. Bats, snakes, and spiders are just a few. Participants will discover what is fact, what is fiction and what is nifty about these animals. There will be live specimens.

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

### Harvest Wine Tasting

Fenestra Winery will host a "Harvest Wine Tasting," on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, from noon to 5 p.m. each day.

This event will be held at Fenestra Winery, 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore. There is no charge.

Wine-maker and owner Lanny Replogle will introduce Fenestra's new releases: 2006 Chardonnay (grapes from Bud Greist's vineyard), 2006 Semonay (61% Chardonnay/39% Semillon), 2006 Viognier, 2006 Dry Rosa, 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon LV and 2004 Estate Syrah. "The Syrah has already won two Gold Medals and the Semonay won 'Best of Class' at the California State Fair. The Chardonnay, Viognier, and Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon are all medals winners," said Lanny.

Owner Fran Replogle invites visitors to enjoy the charm of the renovated turn of the century winery building (now 118 years old), and the lovely green lawns, with lots of tables for picnicking.

All Fenestra wines currently released (and the new releases) will be available for tasting.

Fenestra Winery is located near Highway 84, 6 miles east of 680. The winery is open for tasting and sales every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM. For information, phone 925-447-5246, or go to [www.fenestrawinery.com](http://www.fenestrawinery.com).

### Ghost Walks/Talk

The Museum On Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, is now selling tickets for its famous "Ghost Walk" featuring the legends of the haunted buildings in downtown Pleasanton.

The walks are scheduled to leave every half hour between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13. Each walking tour will take approximately one and a half hours and is fun for the entire family, scout troops, social groups and more. Reservations are necessary.

All walks begin at the museum, located near the Pleasanton Arch, and will extend as far as the Pleasanton Hotel to the north and the Gay 90's Pizza Parlor to the south.

Tickets are \$12 per person for adults and \$6 per person for children 5-12. Museum members receive a discount of \$2 per adult ticket and \$1 per child's ticket. If you bring infants or very small children, it may be easier to carry them in packs rather than in strollers as the stores on the tour will get very crowded.

This event sells out quickly, so call for reservations today at (925) 462-2766.

The Ghost Walk Talk is a new alternative this year and will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 14 at the museum for those who don't want to walk. Ghost Walk visitors will learn all of the stories of the haunted places while in the comfort of the museum's fireplace room. Tickets for the Ghost Walk Talk are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12 and can be purchased at the museum or by calling (915) 462-2766. Reservations are requested. The museum will be decorated for Halloween.

### Heart Screenings

"Check Up on Your Heart Health" and receive free heart screenings at San Ramon Regional Medical Center on Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Staff will be available to discuss screening results.

Screenings will be held in the South Conference Room in the hospital's South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Adults are invited to the following preventive screenings: (total) cholesterol, blood pressure, body mass index and computerized body fat analysis. Fasting is recommended, but not required. Screenings will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

Community members meet the staff and learn about the services at San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

Reservations are not required. For directions and more information, call 800.284.2878.

### Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library host the Fall Book Sale on Fri., Sept. 28; Sat., Sept. 29; and Sun., Sept. 30 at the library in the large meeting room.

The Friday night sale will run from 7 to 9 p.m. and is open to members only (memberships will be available at the door). The sale is open to everyone on

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m.

More than 40,000 donated books of all types from best sellers to biographies to children's picture books will be for sale. Paperbacks will cost 50 cents and hardbacks and trade books a dollar. The books are in good to perfect condition. There will also be videos and other media for sale.

All revenues from the book sale will go toward purchasing new library materials, programs, or equipment.

The Friends are seeking adult volunteers to help set-up the sale and work during sale hours. For book sale or volunteer information, please call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

### Ask the Doctor

Headaches and migraines are the topics for Ask the Doctor TV30 live call-in show on Wed., Oct. 3.

Neil Okamura, D.O., internal medicine specialist, and Kolveen Sachdeva, M.D., neurologist will answer questions about Headaches and Migraines. The show will air live on Channel 30, Wednesday, October 3, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Viewers can phone-in their medical questions for the doctors by calling TV30 at 462-3030.

The episode will rerun the remaining Wednesdays in October at 7 p.m. Ask the Doctor is sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center. TV30 produces and broadcasts the educational program on Comcast Channel 30 in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon. Bela Kenessey, M.D., family medicine specialist, will serve as the medical commentator. For the Ask the Doctor program schedule and more information, visit [www.sanramonmedctr.com](http://www.sanramonmedctr.com).

### Asthma Walk

Two Livermore families impacted by asthma will be among the 1,000 walkers taking part in the American Lung Association of California's Blow the Whistle on Asthma walks in Oakland, San Francisco and Santa Rosa, on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Melissa and Andrew Graycar discovered the American Lung Association Asthma Walk while looking for information about asthma on the website. They jumped at the chance to sign up. Their one and half year old son, Nolan, was six months old when he was diagnosed with asthma. "When you have a baby with asthma, it's all consuming," said Melissa. "You never know when they are going to have a full-fledged asthma episode. It can be so scary. I want to help raise money and educate people in our community about asthma."

Joe McClendon, operations manager for Calpine, also of Livermore, will be walking with his son Nick, 7, who has had asthma since he was 2. Joe hopes to raise \$35,000 in donations and host a team of 50 walkers. Over the last three years, Joe and the Calpine team have raised a total of \$70,000. "The American Lung Association is doing so much for people with asthma," said Joe. "They are fighting for clean air and are a champion for those with lung disease. We're looking forward to this year's event."

The American Lung Association of California's 2007 Asthma Walk is one of 155 American Lung Association Asthma Walks involving 40,000 walkers nationwide, raising \$8 million to support asthma research and educational programs.

The walks will be held on Saturday, September 29th at Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland, the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, and at Spring Lake Park in Santa Rosa. The walks are between two and three miles and include post-walk activities to be enjoyed by all ages.

To join the walk or donate to the Graycars or McClendons walk teams, log on to [www.asthmawalk.org](http://www.asthmawalk.org) or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

### Guild's Annual Dinner

Livermore Heritage Guild's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, 5:30pm to 7:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the Historic "Lincoln Highway" Duarte Garage on the corner of Portola and L St. in Livermore. Dinner will be catered by "The Riata" (BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken w/ fixing's - \$20.00). The program will be a history Talk with Dick Finn entitled, "Civil War Veterans of the Livermore Valley." The Valley Banjo Band will provide entertainment.

Call (925) 449-9927 for reservations or stop by the Carnegie Building on 3rd St. in Livermore. Seating is limited.

### Church Open House

Living Bridge Fellowship (LBF), is definitely not your grandparent's church, or the church you may have grown up in. As with many churches that have sprung up in the last 10 years, LBF fills their Sunday service with contemporary music and current topics. However, what sets them apart is the people you will see each Sunday: consisting predominantly of English speaking Asians in their 30's, many American born who no longer want traditional, single-ethnicity worship.

In November of 2006, Pastor Rick Park joined the LBF community to become its first pastor. There will be an open house launch service on Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin, across the way from the Dublin Library and Civic Center.

### Scrap Pink Weekend

B-Simple Scrapbooking will serve as a local host for Scrap Pink™ weekend, a nationwide event September 28, 29, and 30. It was established by *Better Homes & Gardens® Scrapbooks etc.®* to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure®.

Across the nation, retailers will invite consumers to participate in an in-store crop, where Scrapbookers will create layouts and projects celebrating the special women in their lives. Layouts created can be entered into a national contest judged by a panel of Scrapbookers, with an opportunity to win a variety of prizes.

Consumers will pay to attend the crop, and \$10 of this fee will be donated to support Komen's mission to find a cure for breast cancer through research, education, screening, and treatment.

For information, call 925-215-5424.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure® mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. Since inception, together with its affiliate network, corporate partners, and generous donors, the Komen Foundation has invested \$630 million for the fight against breast cancer. For questions about breast health or breast cancer, visit the Komen Foundation's website at [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) or call the Komen Foundation's National Toll-Free Breast Care Helpline at 1-800 I'M AWARE® (1-800-462-9273).

### Textile Talk

Claudia Hess, owner of Worthington Gallery West at 739 J Main Street in Pleasanton, will present a free talk at the gallery on the textiles of East Asia on Saturday, September 29 from 3 to 4 pm.

The gallery, which features handmade items that safeguard local and global culture and the environment, welcomes fall with artisan accessories for the home, including many from Asia such as a recycled chopstick lamp, a Pakistani quilt made from vintage sarees, pillows from India and Afghanistan, a hand-painted and collaged box, and a gourd decorated with fallen pheasant feathers.

For more information, call 925-485-1183, e-mail [wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net), or go to [www.worthingtongallerywest.com](http://www.worthingtongallerywest.com). The store is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, except Fridays from noon to 8 pm and other times by appointment.

### Author at Library

Author and speaker Mathilde Apelt Schmidt will present a program at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m.

Schmidt will discuss her book "My Life on Two Continents," the story of her life. Raised in Germany during the Hitler years Schmidt will describe what it was like to grow up in Nazi Germany. She was often confronted with obstacles, deprivation, suppression, and life-threatening situations. Only her positive attitude, her persistence, and her belief in her own personal "Guardian Angel" pulled her through. Her parents took her out of high school to work and be independent, but she ran into many difficulties. She became a prisoner of war during the last months of the war.

Books will be available for purchase at the program.

For more information, please call Janice Bauman 931-3400 ext 37. There is no admission charge. The event is open to the public. No registration is required. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## Concert to Raise Funds for Habitat For Humanity

Jazz pianist Jim Martinez and his quartet will perform in concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. It will be a benefit for Habitat for Humanity.

Martinez has a history of performing with Lionel Hampton, the Nelson Riddle orchestra, Sy Zentner and the Stan Kenton Alumni Band and has released some 10 CDs.

The Livermore concert will include familiar jazz numbers as well as his jazz arrangements of traditional hymns, such as "Amazing Grace." As Clint Eastwood said, "Last night we went to a church in Carmel where...Jim Martinez was playing very contemporary jazz versions of religious hymns...they were great."

The event will also be a dedication of the newly purchased piano to Jean Nebo, late wife of former pastor, Bill Nebo.

The tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and are available at the First Presbyterian Church Office at 2040 5th St., Fine Fretted Friends, or can be reserved at 925-449-5602.

## Icons Topic of Special Program In Livermore

Icons from the Monastery of St. Catherine at Sinai: Holy Images from the mountain where Moses met God will be discussed in a program to be presented Mon., Oct. 1 in Livermore.

Father Raymond Sacca, pastor of St. Michael's Church in Livermore, and parishioner Barbara Mitchell, an art historian, will explore the history and artistic treasures of this monastery. Slides and videos will introduce the setting and the life of the monastic community. Icons expressing the close relationship between the story of Moses, the life of Jesus, and the patronage of the Early Christian martyr Saint Catherine have been made especially for this holy spot.

The monastery dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria in the remote, barren wilderness of Sinai, Egypt houses an extraordinary collection of early icons. Icons are representations of Christ and the saints, made in the service of Orthodox and Eastern Rite theology.

This presentation is sponsored by St. Michael's Faith Enrichment. It is open to all interested people without charge.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the parish hall, Third and Maple Streets, Livermore.

## Romania Youth Choir Performs in Pleasanton

Pleasanton Presbyterian Church invites the public to a special performance by the Caminul Felix choir at 6:30 p.m. on September 30.

The choir, comprised of orphans from Romania, is a branch of the Caminul Felix Villages, which is home to more than 200 children. Since 1990, this independent, Christian organization, located in Oradea, Romania, has provided orphans with a home life based on family. For the past twelve years, the choir has visited churches and Rotary clubs across the U.S. to sing and raise funds for the villages. Currently, sixteen children are touring Nevada and California.

Touring also allows Caminul Felix to find sponsors for the children. To keep sponsorships affordable, each child has twelve sponsors, who each contribute \$25 a month.

Since there are actually several choirs of children, they are able to travel to England, Sweden, Norway and Australia as well.

The church is located at 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. For more information about the choir or upcoming performance, please call 846-4436.

**Annual Pops Concert - Jazz it up at Pops.** Livermore Amador Symphony Guild's fund-raiser. Featuring the Livermore Amador Symphony, Dr. Arthur Barnes, conductor. Bring a picnic dinner, beverages will be for sale. Costumes are optional but much appreciated. Fri., Oct. 5 and Sat., Oct. 6. Doors open at 7 p.m., concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Barn on Pacific Avenue in Livermore. All seats reserved; \$20 per person. For information call: Joan Dickinson, 447-6454. To order ticket call (925) 447-4924, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (only).

**Diablo Symphony.** Pianist Raymond Wang opens the orchestra's 45th season in "Symphonic Brilliance," featuring works by Kabelevsky, Schubert and Shostakovich, under the baton of Joyce Johnson Hamilton. 2 p.m. Oct. 7. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets \$12, \$18, \$20 available at the center, 943-7479, www.dlrca.org or www.diablosymphony.org.

**The Essential Landscape: A Tribute to Nature's Bounty and Beauty.** art exhibit at Deer Ridge Vineyard in Livermore. Landscapes by two California oil painters, Stephan Sanfilippo and Tom Taneyhill. The exhibit runs August 30 through October 28. The public is invited to meet both artists at a special wine and cheese reception to be held Sat., Sept. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. All artwork is available for purchase. Deer Ridge Vineyards is located at 1828 Weimore Road,

Livermore. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. **Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night.** Wednesdays: Oct. 3. The Foods of Lombardy. 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: Sept. 28: Powell St. John Trio Friday, legendary singer and songwriter for Janis Joplin and Boz Scaggs. 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. 925-371-8200. www.garrewinery.com.

**Jazz Concert Series:** Friday, September 28, 8 p.m., Lady K and the Kings of Swing at The Blackhawk Museum. 17-piece Big Band recreating sounds of Ellington, Count Basie, Kenton and more. Led by saxophonist Kaye Leedham, features powerhouse vocalist Dale Head. Desserts by Scott's Restaurants. Jazz program information can be accessed on the web at www.cclib.org/programs/jazz/events.html. For questions, call San Ramon Library at 925-973-2850.

**Valley Dance Theatre,** evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a silent auction. Sat., Sept. 29 from 5 to 9 p.m. This event is for adults (age 18 and over) only. First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St. Livermore. Tickets are \$75 per person; \$600 for a table of eight. Information at www.valleydancetheatre.com or call 925-243-0925 and ask for Rochelle Abrantes or Betsy Hausberg.

**John Christopher Cellars Blacksmith Square events:** September 29 - Vaylene an All Female rock band will rock-out from 1-4 p.m. Taste the newest release Reckless. 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.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony** presents Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, Livermore, Thursday, October 11, 2007 8:00 p.m. Lawrence Kohl, Conductor; Livia Sohn, violin; Bankhead Theater. Tickets: \$38, \$32, \$26. For tickets, call 925-373-6800 www.livermoreperformingarts.org. **Moonstruck Harvest Night,** hosted

by Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. Sept. 29, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. 4-course winemaker dinner. Harvest grapes under the light of a full harvest moon and hand select grapes for this year's Moonstruck Reserve™ wine. Each participant receives a signed bottle of Moonstruck Reserve™ wine from a prior year's harvest, a logo glass to celebrate the evening and priceless

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**Complete Works of Shakespeare** (Abridged), Friday, September 28th, 8pm. Tickets \$25 adults, \$20 senior/staff/students, \$15 under 12. Smith Center at Ohlone College 43600 Mission Blvd, Fremont. (510) 659-6031 www.smithcenterpresents.com.

## 'Fallen Angels' Premieres at Midnight

"Fallen Angels," will be shown Sat., Sept. 29 at the Vine Theatre in Livermore. Admission to the midnight screening is \$7.

Warner Bros., thru its Polychrome Pictures division, recently acquired the domestic distribution rights to the demon haunted penitentiary film "Fallen Angels."

It is written and directed by Jeff Thomas and produced by Derek Zemrak, Leonard Pirkle, Robert Rowland, and Myron St. John

In the award winning film, the demolition of a turn of the century prison grinds to a halt when a 100 year old crime scene is discovered. Hidden deep underground is a chamber filled with the remains of several brutally slain children. As a CSI team arrives at the prison, an even more disturbing discovery is made that will eventually unveil a legion of seven demons and their even more chilling origins: each demon is responsible for one of the seven deadly sins.

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## Four Freshmen Opening Performance



The Four Freshmen will bring their unique brand of vocal harmony to Livermore and Tri-Valley audiences on Monday, October 1 at 8 p.m. in the new Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore.

The quartet features new arrangements of jazz standards and familiar classics, showcasing the signature sound of a new generation of members. One of the top vocal groups of the 1950s, the ensemble's popularity continues into the 21st century. In 2000, Downbeat Magazine readers voted them Vocal Group of the Year.

The Four Freshmen perform with that same sound of the original group - a vocal harmony like no other. They have strongly influenced many groups over the years including, Take Six, Manhattan Transfer and the Beach Boys.

In their 50 plus year history The Four Freshmen have bragging rights to over 45 albums, an overwhelming 70 top selling singles, and 6 Grammy Nominations. In *Session*, their most recent release contains material never previously recorded by The Four Freshmen.

The original group was comprised of Bob Flanigan, Don

Barbour, Ross Barbour, and Hal Kratzsch and is most well known for their hits *Blue World*, *Graduation Day*, and *Poinciana*. Bob and Ross are still actively involved with the Freshmen today. Today's Freshmen group features Brian Eichenberger, lead voice and guitar, Curtis Calderon, 2nd voice and trumpet, Vince Johnson, 3rd voice and bass, guitar and trombone, and Bob Ferreira, 4th voice and drums.

The arrival of the Four Freshmen at the Bankhead Theater kicks off two weeks of non-stop performances, both ticketed in the theater and free outdoors on the SheaHomes Stage in the Livermore Valley Center Plaza. More than two dozen different artists and ensembles, representing

both Bankhead resident companies and visiting artists will perform from October 1 through the 13. Following the Four Freshmen on the LVPAC Presents schedule will be *The Shaolin Warriors* - Kung-Fu family fun direct from China on October 9 at 7:30pm and the legendary *Doc Watson* with *David Holt* on October 10 at 8pm.

The high point of the two weeks will be the appearance of Broadway star Bernadette Peters in concert with her 30-piece orchestra for a gala fundraising benefit for LVPAC on Saturday, October 6. Some benefit tickets, which include both pre-show and post-show parties, are still available at \$500 and \$750. Peters has appeared on stage, screen and in concert. She made her solo concert debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City, a performance that she repeated at London's Royal Festival Hall.

The Bankhead Theater ticket office is open Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 6pm. On performance evenings the ticket office remains open until 9pm. To order tickets for all performances at the Bankhead Theater, call 925-373-6800 or go to the LVPAC website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

## 'Arsenic and Old Lace' As Funny as Ever

By Janet Armantrout

Two sweet old maiden aunts who take in lonely old men as boarders and then poison them to relieve the men of the burden of loneliness is the premise behind, "Arsenic and Old Lace."

The play premiered in 1941. Six decades later, it is still funny. The Pleasanton Playhouse production opened last Friday to an appreciative audience.

The two quaint little old ladies, Abby (Joan Evans) and Martha (Barbara McKee), are known all over for their acts of charity. Among their charitable acts is to find people who are lonely, without friends or family, poison them, and bury them in the basement.

Evans and McKee play their roles with cute grandmotherliness. There is a sweet charm about how they view their "charity."

They are found out when Abby poisons one gentleman and has to hide the body in the window seat. Their nephew, Mortimer (Jeff Tan), a theater critic, accidentally finds the body and spends most of the rest of the play being flustered about his aunts' dark deeds, declaring them to be "a very bad habit."

The Aunts explanation of how

they murder the old gentlemen is classic. After telling their nephews, Mortimer how they add Arsenic, Strychnine, and "just a pinch" of Cyanide to their Elderberry wine (because the poison makes tea taste bitter), they proudly add that one of the gentlemen even found time to say how nice it tasted before he died.

Another nephew, Teddy (Chris Ciabattini), who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt, is an unwitting accomplice. The plot thickens when Teddy's murderous brother, Jonathan (Jay Markwart) arrives on the scene. He has undergone a bit of plastic surgery to conceal his identity, and now bears a strong resemblance to Boris Karloff. He arrives at the house with his alcoholic accomplice Dr. Einstein (Jack Larson). They plan to take over the house for their own nefarious activities.

Elaine Harper (Kara Penrose) is Mortimer's fiancée. She is confused as Mortimer first asks her to marry him, then backs off as he discovers his aunt's activities. He is afraid there is something wrong with the Brewster family.

Other cast members include The Rev. Dr. Harper (Marsha Howard), Elaine's mother, and a group of police (Nikki Grieci,

Loren Struss, William Woodrow and Richard Rocha), and Mr. Chan (R. Gue), the almost victim.

This show is directed by John Baiocchi, produced by JoAnn Loitz, with lighting design by Robert Ted Anderson, and sets designed by Tom Loitz.

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The following person (s) doing business as Gods Kingdom Now, 1934 Nicosia Court, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Kelly Copenhaver, 1934 Nicosia Court, Pleasanton CA 94566  
Valentina Morales, 670 Natoma St. #209, San Francisco CA 94103  
This business is conducted by co-partners  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 13, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Kelly Copenhaver and Valentina Morales  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 13, 2007. Expires September 13, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2228. Publish September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401409-401410**  
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Paradigm Coaching and Consulting, 2)Paradigm Coaching, 1612 Cheryl Drive, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Jennifer Backer, 1612 Cheryl Drive, Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Jennifer Backer  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: LINCOLN KRAUTKRAEMER ON BEHALF OF: JACOB MICHAEL MUNOZ (Minor)  
Minor for Freedom From Parental Custody and Control  
The People of the State of California To: **BRIAN ANTHONY GARCIA**  
By order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before Department SM1 of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Barbara on **October 31, 2007 at 8:30am**, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why Jacob Michael Munoz should not be declared free from your parental control according to the petition on file herein to free the minor for adoption.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400419-400421**  
The following person (s) doing business as 1)MLSDSD, 2)MLSD, 3)MLSD Steel Detailing, 1560 Holmes St., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Diane Peterson, 3010 Verdala Dr., Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant:

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401243**  
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			cross streets 1st - N. Mines Rd Prudential California Realty Tracey Esling 925-249-6831
\$629,000	3BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	629 Mojave Ave.
			cross street Stanley - Wall - Alexander lift - Williams rt - Mojave rt Gary or Judy Owner 925 963-2677
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# Strawberry Fields Forever?

A dispute over the entrance to a produce stand could spell the closure and end of it.

Joanne and John Bezis live outside the City of Livermore on land in Alameda County. Actually, they live right on the border at the corner of South Livermore Avenue and Concannon Boulevard.

As with many other historic borders, there is a clash between parties on both sides. The Bezis are sheep farmers and retired school teachers who have lived there thirty-three years. They have a large garden with fruit trees and assorted vegetables. Enormous grapes hang from the vines. John is from Greece. He and Joanne love growing their own food and enjoying the outdoors. They rent part of their property to John and Kathy Lee who run the fruit stand which locals frequent. Strawberries are the Lees' best sellers.

Two weeks ago, the City of Livermore filed a lawsuit against John and Joanne Bezis and Mr. Lee. The city wants an illegal driveway access closed. The city owns the easement adjacent to South Livermore over which the driveway crosses.

On Friday, September 7, the Bezis won the first round of the lawsuit as a temporary restraining order to close the driveway was denied by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Judith Ford. This past Monday, the city served the Bezis with another injunction, including a daily penalty of one hundred dollars for every day the driveway remains open. The entrance built by the Bezis was constructed without permission from the city.

The driveway did not exist in 2000 when the easement agreement was executed. City officials say the proximity of the driveway to the busy intersection makes it an accident waiting to happen. Concannon dead-ends into South Livermore Avenue. Cars making a right turn off Concannon can be traveling quite fast and might collide with a car coming out of the new driveway. The driveway also crosses a trail and swale, raising safety concerns about trail users

and the proper functioning of the swale.

This is not the first time the Bezis family has had legal issues with the city. Following a lot of legal wrangling, a portion of their property was condemned to build a trail and extend Concannon Blvd. The irony Joanne says she wrestles with is that the city forced them to sell the land to build the trail and now it affects the use of their property.

According to the Bezis family, on July 20, 2007, Livermore City Manager Linda Barton offered to construct a driveway at city expense using plans drawn up by the city. The offer was to construct the driveway during the summer when other work was taking place. This would have meant that the Lee's produce stand would have to shut down during its busiest time.

According to the city, the Bezis did not sign the formal written agreement. The Bezis say it took the city a month to prepare the agreement and wanted an immediate response.

The Bezis family decided to build the driveway themselves using the city plans. They did not obtain a permit to do so.

People are upset about the possibility the produce stand would have to shutdown if there were no access. The Lees have been collecting signatures in support of keeping the stand open. Nearly 800 people have signed including over 550 from Livermore.

The Lees drive every morning an hour and a half from near Modesto where they live. They would like to rent an apartment in Livermore, but are afraid of investing even more money in a venture that may not survive litigation.

Dane Stark, owner of Page Mill Winery located across the street, describes the Lee family as friendly and incredibly hard working. As emigrants from Laos they cultivate the land, using no pesticides. Stark said people who come by for wine tasting enjoy fresh fruit to go with their wine. He remarked, "They have always been great neighbors."

Karen Sprague and Tim Allen



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Kathy Lee with one of the strawberries sold at the stand.

live near the strawberry stand. They have signed the petition. Tim is a former ski and windsurfing instructor. He is healthy and likes fresh fruit. His children are gymnasts on a professional level. They like the fresh fruit. He says, "The stand is a welcome and necessary addition to the neighborhood." When told the city is concerned with possible traffic hazards, he replies, "Doesn't the city have more important things to do? Why are they making a big deal about this?"

A good number of the signatures come from the Arbor Vista senior community. Carol Polley is the manager and a resident there. Her complaint is that since the Nob Hill Market shut down, getting food means the seniors must take a shuttle, or have their adult children give them a ride if they cannot drive themselves. Senior citizens who can drive like the fruit stand. Some ride bikes there and some like to walk when weather permits.

Another resident is Margaret Quezada. Once a week she walks down for strawberries and any other produce for sale. She says the stand is a part of the commu-

nity and an important source of nutrition for the seniors. She says she enjoys wine and likes living here, but she enjoys fresh fruit and would be upset if they were shut down. She walks with her cat, who is on a leash.

Lynda Fullerton loves cooking. She likes the stand as she says it is a reminder of a simpler time in California when you could actually buy fruit where it was grown. As she says, "It has a nice atmosphere and nice fruit." She rides a bike two times a month. She also asks, "Aren't we supposed to buy locally? Isn't that the green thing to do?" She says there are no traffic problems at Concannon and South Livermore.

Dulce Helstom doesn't just buy fruit. She gathers signatures protesting the possible closure. She has more than two pages of seniors who are upset at the prospect of this resource being threatened in any way. She will be collecting more. She makes it clear the city will hear from the senior citizens who refuse to sit by and watch the closure of something which is much more than a possible traffic issue, but a resource for the elderly.

(Andrew Glazier contributed to this story.)

## Pleasanton to Discuss Livermore Airport

The Pleasanton City Council will agendaize a discussion of the Livermore City Council's approval of a fixed base operator (FBO) at the Livermore Airport.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan made the request. He pointed out that there are 180 days from approval of the FBO to do "something more significant" than ask questions.

Sullivan, along with Cindy McGovern, serve on a liaison committee with Livermore. McGovern agreed that the council should have a discussion about the airport with the community.

The discussion will look at the impacts on Pleasanton and whether there are additional questions the council might like to have answered.

At the beginning of the meeting, resident Joe Ely had asked the council to weigh in on the FBO. He predicted that there would be an increase in jet traffic at the airport, adding to noise.

City Manager Nelson Fialho reported on the liaison activity. He said that Pleasanton had asked Livermore to participate in a study of projected aircraft use. Adding that information to the noise study would help determine the long term impacts on Pleasanton residents, said Fialho.

Fialho said that Livermore would not agree to participate financially in such a study. However, Livermore is assuming that Pleasanton will proceed with the study.

Livermore was asked to explain plans for further environmental studies, continued Fialho. There has been no determination whether that would be an EIR, negative declaration or something else. The Livermore Planning Commission will make the decision, said Fialho.

The final question asked what

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