



Statue in front of Veterans Building in Livermore.

Pleasanton to Rededicate Veterans Bldg.

A rededication ceremoney is planned for the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton on Sun., Oct. 7, "In honor of the men and women who have served or are currently serving in America's armed forces." In a continuation of the festivities, an Opening Gala II is planned for Sat., Oct. 13.

A bronze sculpture of an elderly Army veteran in uniform leaning on a cane, holding a bouquet of poppies and an American flag, was installed last Friday at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial building. The veteran wears a California Veterans of Foreign Wars cap and is seated (See VETERANS, page 11)



Shaolin Warriors

Warrior Monks Performance Set

Warrior monks of China's legendary Shaolin temple display ancient forms of hand-tohand and weapons combat in a thrilling and spectacular theatrical Kung Fu production. Inspired by the movements of wild animals, their stunning swordplay, club fighting, balancing, boxing, Qi Gong, and tumbling combine deadly martial arts with the agility and grace of gymnasts. The 20 member ensemble arrives at Livermore's new Bankhead Theater on Tuesday, October 9th for a heart-stopping performance of daring bravado and masterful technique. Tickets are available from \$31 to \$24 and \$11 for children under 12.

The Shaolin performers train in martial arts for several hours every day – perfecting the art of hand-to-hand and weapons combat. Each performer is required to achieve an extraordinarily high level of proficiency in each of the 18 traditional weapons, and to become a mas-(See SHAOLIN, page 13)



The City of Livermore has reprinted a collection of works by City Poet Laureate, Connie Post, entitled City of Words. The collection, which contains 19 original poems written by Post, provide expression to a variety of civic or community events from June 2005 to June 2007. The collection of poems sells for \$10 (cost of printing & binding) and includes photographs and artistic images. To purchase a copy, contact the City of Livermore Development Economic Department at 925-960-4140.

Ceremonies Celebrate Opening of Theater

"Livermore you did it," pro-claimed Supervisor Scott Haggerty as the community gath-ered to celebrate the opening of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

The crowd of nearly 1000 was in a festive mood. The Livermore High School band added to the celebratory feeling with a selection of songs prior to the dedica-

"Welcome to the first day of the cultural renewal of the City of Livermore," declared Mayor Marshall Kamena. "What's coming soon is unbelievable." He referred to the diversity of performances planned at the new 500seat performing arts theater. Livermore Valley Performing

Arts Center (LVPAC) executive director Len Alexander noted that the theater could not have been built without help on both the public and private side. "It started out as a dream twenty years ago. Now we are celebrating what we hope will be a bright and shiney future."

The celebration was a time to recognize those who made it

Haggerty was introduced as someone "who was extraordinarily helpful" in making the project a success. He became emotional while making his remarks. "This is truly phenomenal that a community could come together like this. Eleven years ago, when I first heard the plans, I thought, this is not going to

The county participated by providing millions of dollars from an impact fee at the Altamont Landfill. Haggerty said that when asked if Livermore could get some money for the theater from the landfill, I thought "what a great idea, an impact fee.

"I want to let Livermore know how truly proud I am. Very few communities could have pulled this off. To the city, the council and volunteers who never said 'no,' this is your day," declared Haggerty.

Following a ribbon cutting ceremony, the public got its first look at the 500-seat performing arts theater.

"The theater is designed to provide a home for local performing arts organizations that existed in the past in schools, churches and other venues. The theater allows us to take away the ceiling that was limiting their growth," said Alexander. "It is not just the physical building, but all the wonderful things it will allow us to do.

He noted that over the next

two weeks, there would be performances both in the theater and on the SheaHomes Stage in front of it. "There is something for everyone. There are over 150 events scheduled over the next year. Some are free, some ticketed. It will all be a lot of fun," added

Alexander. He mentioned the 12 member LVPAC board of directors as being instrumental in making the theater a reality, with three deserving of special attention. One is Phil Wente, "who has been an eloquent spokesperson." Phil Dean has kept records, time and the legacy alive. When it comes

(See THEATER, page 6)

<u>Pleasanton</u> Superintendent Says 'No Child' Law Future Train Wreck

Pleasanton school trustees and administrative staff sounded happy about the test score report they heard at their meeting Sept. 25. However, superintendent John Casey pointed to some darkness on the horizon.

The test scores, highlighted by district administrator Jim Rallis at the meeting, showed many good results. On the state tests, known as the Academic Performance Index (API), all of Pleasanton's schools are above the score of 800, which is the

minimum required by the state on a scale of 1000. Some Pleasanton schools are above 900.

All Pleasanton schools also scored above the standards set by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal legislation. These test results are reported in categories of being proficient or excelling, on the one hand, or lacking proficiency, on the other hand. In the last school year's testing, which was reported Aug. 31, the number of Pleasanton stu-

(See PLEASANTON, page 3)

Compact City Design Seen As Way To Cut Greenhouse Gases

California won't meet its goal of reduced greenhouse gases unless cities and urban planners make a strong effort to plan future growth on the village con-

The concept encourages people to walk to services and recreation, and to create more efficient routes when they do use cars or public transit. It can also reduce their commute to work. That was the message by environmentalists, who held a press conference in Oakland on Sept. 27 to announce the release of a report about the partial so-

lution to ozone layer problems. Titled "Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Develor ment and Climate Change," the report was written by Smart Growth America and the Urban Land Institute.

The report concludes that it's not enough to further reduce emissions from motor vehicles gains by those means will be lost by the enormous California population increase. Some 52 percent of total California development will have occurred after 2000, according to the report.

The report says that a meaningful swing to smart growth is needed. One of those steps would be support for SB 375 in Sacramento, said Rico Mastrodonato, a spokesman for California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV), one of the participants in the press conference last week.

Steinberg's bill would enable cities and counties to encourage developers to design compact development by speeding the CEQA approval process. It could do so, because satisfying certain CEQA conditions by design would be built into the law, said Mastrodonato.

Stuart Cohen, director of the Transportation and Land Use Coalition, said, "This report (See DESIGN, page 4)



Crowds gathered to celebrate the opening of the new Bankhead Theater in Livermore. **VA to Move Facilities Out of Livermore**

Land that VA facilities occupy now in Livermore will be put to a new use. The current services offered to veterans will be relocated to the Central Valley and the East

Bay. Local Congressional representatives, Ellen Tauscher and Jerry McNerney expressed dismay at the decision.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson made the announcement last week that a new state-of-the-art nursing home and outpatient facilities would be built in the Central Valley as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) strategic plan.

The VA will seek to develop the vacated Livermore for services to veterans such as a continuing care retirement commu-

California's Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) certified

that skilled trades employees at Lawrence Livermore National

Laboratory (LLNL) have collec-

tive bargaining status with Local

11 of the University Professional

and Technical Employees union, also know as the Society of Pro-

fessionals, Scientists, and Engi-

neers, or SPSE-UPTE, whose en-

tire membership works at the UC-

SPSE-UPTE president Jim Wolford remarked, "This is a clear

run laboratory.

Wednesday, the

nity with assisted living and rehabilitation and other services. The VA will retain ownership and control of uses on the property. The VA will use what is known as an "enhanced-use" leasing program. "We want to keep the Livermore campus as a resource for veterans in partnership with the private sector to develop innovative re-use proposals," according to Nicholson.

One use that has been rejected is a resort or hotel. pointed with the decision. in the door with our local repre-

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said he was very disap-'However, there is a little crack sentatives working in Washington to keep the local VA open," said Kamena.

Keri Childress, spokesperson for the VA, said it won't be known anytime soon what the reuse might be. The VA will work with a private organization or nonprofit. Whoever leases the land could build new facilities or use those on the grounds, according to Childress.

She provided examples of possible uses. One would be a retirement community. The VA would grant a reduced rate for the lease, if the home provided ten beds to veterans. Another use could be similar to one in Menlo Park, where there are two homeless shelters with a certain number of beds reserved for veterans. Yet another option would be to develop low income housing on

and industrial sources. Any (See VA MOVE, page 4)

Union OKed at Lab signal from employees that they want to hold on to those things that have made LLNL a premier employer for 55 years." The move came just days before Oct. 1, when the Lab underwent a

change in management from UC to a consortium led by Bechtel Corporation, known as Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. UC will remain a major partner in the private-sec-

tor company. The new company will face obstacles from its very first days (See LAB, page 4)

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The 2nd Annual "Bras for the Cause" moonlight walk was held in downtown Pleasanton last Saturday. The event helped to collect money for the San Francisco Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The organization raises awareness about breast cancer.

Mayor Unopposed in Re-election Bid

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena is unopposed on the November ballot.

Kamena said, "In general, that means someone is either very entrenched or doing a very good job." He added, "I have put my heart and soul into this job. It's the most fun a person could have.'

The mayor said he believes a great deal of progress has been made in the city since he was elected in 2001. He said he has enjoyed being part of the planning and implementation of projects he believes benefit the city, particularly projects that have enhanced the downtown. There are more to come. He mentions the El Charro Prime Outlets. Kamena noted that Livermore was 30th on the list and eventually was selected, because we were able to demonstrate the city had a lot of assets that would benefit the Outlet developers.

When it comes to funding the arts, Kamena said, "As a philosophy, I like the idea. The question is the number." He is referring to a proposed art fee on development. Kamena said he

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Dietrich Has Collected Most Cash Livermore city council can-

didates have all raised a similar amount of money during the last reporting period that ended Sept.

Challenger Jeff Williams shows the most money collected. However, his \$8,751 total includes a \$2000 loan to himself.

Incumbent Lorraine Dietrich has collected \$8485 in cash donations. The other incumbent, Marj Leider has a total of \$7500, including a \$1000 loan to herself.

Dietrich commented, "Although I got off to a late start, I'm doing well. I'm pleased to have raised the most money."

Mayor Marshall Kamena, who is running unopposed, has collected \$66,545. His total includes a \$32,000 loan.

Friends of Livermore has reported in with a total of \$15,848; with \$14,761 in cash contributions.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Caleb is a great family pet but is not allowed to remain his family's rental home. He is a tricolor 14month old Walker Coon Hound who is gentle with small children and loves to play with other dogs. He likes stuffed toys, walks, dog parks, lots of attention and being groomed. He is housetrained and sleeps indoors at night, weighs 70+ pounds, and has a deep, hound

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

Commuters Favor Toll Lanes on I-680

Commuters on Interstate 680 are in favor of a new high-occupancy/toll lane on the freeway by a margin of 2 to 1, according to a new study conducted for the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency. Sixty-four percent think the lane is a very good or good idea.

"The lane gives solo drivers the choice of paying for a speedier trip while carpools and buses continue to ride for free,' said Jean Hart, executive director of the I-680 Smart Lane Project. "The poll indicates that this lane will attract enough users to be financially successful, but not so many that the lane will be too crowded."

Planners are completing design work for a 14-mile southbound high occupancy vehicle/ toll lane (HOT) on I-680 between Pleasanton and Milpitas over the Sunol Grade. The project is scheduled to open in 2010.

The HOT lane would be available free to carpools, motorcycles and buses, and to solo drivers who

sit and other improvements in the corridor.

Alameda County commis-

pay a toll electronically using a FasTrak transponder. There would be no toll booths. Tolls would vary depending on the level of traffic congestion. They would be higher when the freeway is busiest and lower when there is less demand in order to keep traffic in the lane flowing smoothly. Toll revenue would pay the costs of operating the lane and also support public tran-

sioned a survey of commuters who use the I-680 corridor to test opinions about the proposed toll lanes. Among the poll's findings:
• Freeway traffic is a major

concern of survey respondents, higher than schools, jobs, crime

or housing.
• Overall, commuters support high-occupancy/toll lanes 64%

• 12% of commuters say they would use a toll lane every day, 9% three or four times a week, 15% once or twice a week, 23% a few times a month, and 42%would not use the lane.

• Major benefits seen are electronic collection that with no toll booths carpoolers continue to use the lane for free. Toll revenue helps public transportation.

Similar lanes operate in Southern California on State Route 91 in Orange County and on Interstate 15 in San Diego County. The I-680 project is planned as the first combined high-occupancy vehicle/toll lane in Northern Čalifornia.

The poll, conducted by SA Opinion Research of San Fran-cisco, measured attitudes of 466 licensed drivers who commute along I-580 and I-680 - 117 who commute on I-680, 282 on I-580 and 67 who commute on both highways. The margin of error was 4.5 percentage points.







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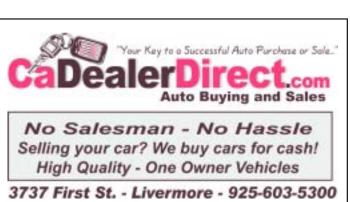


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Tri Valley

The Four Freshmen were the opening act at the new Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The group played to a full house.







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Livermore Valley Education Foundation Continues its Micro-lending Program

By Patricia Koning

Micro-lending is changing the world, and you don't have to look any further than the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for proof. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) is starting the third year of its mini-grant program for teachers.

LVEF will award \$15,000 in mini-grants this fall and another \$15,000 in the spring. This is a significant increase in grant awards; last year the program awarded \$10,000 per cycle.

"We are so excited to be able to increase our mini-grants and reach even more teachers," says LVEF President Victoria Schellenberger. "This program aims to support our wonderful teachers by providing money for extras that are outside the District and school site budgets."

The program began as a way to reach a wide variety of grade levels and subjects. School staff members can request grants of up to \$500 for equipment, curriculum, or anything else that might enrich their educational program. Schellenberger says a primary goal of the program is to reach as many children as possible.

Last year grants were awarded for library books, microscopes, thesauruses, testing and assessments, DVDs for film, health, and design classes, PE equipment for elementary school students, consumables for ceramics class, weight lifting bars, simple musical instruments, a new chop saw, Panini-press machines for home economics classes, and choir Tshirts for elementary level performances.

Cristina Alvarez, a science specialist at Altamont Creek Elementary School, received a mini-grant last year for a human skeleton as well as beakers and graduated cylinders to stock the science lab.

'When I took over second grade science, the lab was pretty empty," she says. "The human skeleton has been a huge hit. It is especially useful when we cover the human body in the spring. I am able to point out parts on the skeleton that the students are learning about as they are putting together their paper skel-

Nelson Fong, a physics teacher at Livermore High

School, received a mini-grant last year that he used to purchase dynamics carts and pulley clamps for laboratory exercises in which the students study Newton's Laws of Motion. The grant allowed him to replace worn out equipment and add new equipment to accommodate growth in physics enrollment.

Schellenberger says the response to the mini-grant program has been very enthusiastic.

"The LVEF mini-grants are wonderful. It was a simple process to apply," says Alvarez. "LVEF has been very generous to the Livermore schools, and I definitely appreciate them."

To maintain an even distribution of grants across the District, each grade level or team per site can only receive one grant per cycle. However, there is no limit to the number of grants a school site can win.

Applications are due October 18 and awards will be determined Nov. 5. Applications will be distributed through school sites. The spring grant cycle will begin on Jan. 18, 2008. For quessen email vschellenberger@sbcglobal.net.

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dents scoring proficient or above was 11 percent higher than the NCLB standards for 2006-07 in various tested subjects.

However, the standards climb annually. By the 2013-14 school year, NCLB expects that 100 percent of the district's students will be at least proficient. It's a potential "train wreck" for all districts, including Pleasanton, said Casey. If districts don't meet the criteria, principals can be fired. Schools can be reconstituted,

He perceives this as punitive. "I don't like the concept of punishment. I like to take the next step, and figure out what we can do," he said. "If someone can come in and help us show the way, fine. However, this idea of firing principals and reconstituting schools may have some merit, but there are a lot of things you can do before you get into that punishment mode," said Casey.

The district will try hard to meet the goals. In some cases, it will be impossible to do so, he said. For example, "Students with handicaps do pretty well, but to get to 100 percent, probably is not a reality. It might be to 100 percent of their ideals, but 100 percent of the state test, I don't think so." Raising economically disadvantaged children to 100 percent proficiency will be a chal-

Long-time board trustee Pat Kernan said the test results overall are "light years ahead of 11 years ago. They have been ratcheted up the last four or five

years to an incredible level." The tests evolved over the years into being based on California standards that lined up with state curriculum expectations. Casey said, "What's exciting is that (the results) are based on meaningful standards. I haven't been able to say this for the many years I've been in the profession. These are world-class standards that are rated tops in

He added, "I congratulate hard working teachers, hard working parents, and certainly our stu-

Trustee Chris Grant said that there is more ground to cover for the district. He read figures showing that from 23 percent to 30 percent in certain grades lacked proficiency in certain subjects. "That's the converse of all the stepping stones we should be proud of. Where can we do more?

That would be my challenge to this district. It ultimately starts with this board. How do we go from 23 and 30 percent (not proficient) to 85 to 90 percent (proficient) in the next two or three

ELIMINATE CLASSROOM 'DONATIONS'?

The board held a work session before its regular meeting to continue its discussion about high school expansion and the separate issue of a parcel tax to pay for program enrichment.

Parent Julie Testa told the board that she would not support a parcel tax. Parents already are asked to pay for many things as part of the programs, she said. Testa said, "I'm asked as a parent to pay for items that are not my responsibility as a parent. There is pressure on us to pay, and pressure on our students, if we don't pay. If we approve a parcel tax,

will we stop paying extra?"

Testa said she would pay for things that are "truly extra-curricular."

Testa's statement kicked off a discussion about the prospects of a parcel tax's ability to shift the economic burden from parents, who pay for many relatively minor items that add up in a school year. Casey estimated the average parent contribution is about \$150 per year at the elementary level, and a little higher at middle and high schools, mainly due to the science curriculum. If the schools don't receive the money from parents in the classroom, "what am I cutting?" asked Casey. "Are they donating to the core curriculum. We don't want people to do that. It's free public education.

However, the reality is that schools don't provide students with pencils and a ream of paper anymore, as they did when he was a kid, said Casey. "If we want to continue to provide things for our kids, donations are a reality for us. The reality is that our budget won't support programs as it used to," said Casey. People who can't afford it are able to let the district know. They don't have

Grant said that an estimated 20 to 35 percent of a parcel tax would be reimbursed through a tax deduction annually. The board continued the discussion to await a further report from staff.

DIVERSITY HIRING ON FRONT BURNER

Trustees also looked over a list of goals for the staff for the coming year. Among them was one titled "global awareness." Part of that awareness is to have the staff's composition reflect the diversity of Pleasanton's population.

Trustee Kris Weaver said she thinks "it's great" to look at diversity in staffing. "Though we want to increase diversity on our staff, we are still going to hire the best employees," said

"That's right," said Casey. 'We won't sacrifice excellence and talent to create a more diverse staff.

Grant said, "You don't sacrifice quality by hiring a diverse teaching population that inspires our student population. It's not just people of color, but women teaching science and math who are motivators and mentors for our kids. I believe this is a priority for our district. If we can hire the best and the brightest, they are a diverse population. It takes a little extra effort to find those champions."

Trustees gave recognition in the past to an English-learners class at Amador Valley High School, singling out the Spanish speaking teacher who was mentoring the group. Along those lines, Casey told trustees that when the district goes to job fairs, it might expand its search into Arizona. The state has a proportionally high population of Latino and Native American resi-

Casey said that the whole topic raises several questions. "Are we a community that welcomes people of color into the community? Do we as a management team welcome diversity into our schools? We are talking about addressing that," he said.

On another item, Casey said that Amador Valley High School has been honored as a school of distinction by the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools (CCCMS). Amador placed second in the United States with its civics team in competition in the past school year. Casey noted with extra satisfaction that the late Pleasanton trustee, Juanita Haugen, had a major role in starting the CCCMS. Amador was a pilot school for the organization.

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Dietrich showed 53 contributors, with 8 non-residents. Among them is James Tong, who works with the Lin family, large landowners in North Livermore. He donated \$250. Other donors to Dietrich include former councilmember John Stein, \$200; Valerie Raymond, \$250; former Dublin mayor Linda Sailors, \$100; AVH Properties, \$250; Ayn Wieskamp, \$100; former Livermore mayor Cathie Brown, \$100; Milt Codiroli, \$250; David Mertes and Barbara Mertes, \$250 each; Tom Bramell, \$200; Brett Wayne, \$250; Ideal Boat and Camper Storage, \$250; Cory and Anne Coll, \$250 each; Callahan Property Company, Inc. \$250; former councilmember Tom Vargas, \$250; former mayor John Shirley, \$100; and Pam Corbett,

All but two of Leider's 58 donors are Livermore residents. Among those donating are felcouncilmemberDoug \$500; councilmember Donald Miller, \$100; Patricia Hoenig, \$150; Neil Riley, \$100; Clarence Hoenig, \$150; Steven Miller, \$250; former mayor Archer Futch, \$250; Carolyn Ramsey, \$100; Mary Roberts, \$50; David Furst, \$50; Harriet Cole, \$250; Margaret Tracy, \$250; Susan Steinberg, \$100; and Citizens for

Kamena, \$250. One of Williams' 54 donors was a nonresident. Donating to Williams were Clarence Hoenig, \$250; Patricia Hoenig, \$150; Jeanette King, \$250; former mayor Archer Futch, \$250;

MEN HOURS EFFECTIVE OCT. 1 Roberta Hadley, \$100; Lynn Seppala, \$250; councilmember Marjorie Leider, \$500; Barbara Kornblum, \$250: John Taylor, \$250; Harriet Cole, \$250; Joan Green, \$100; Susan Steinberg, \$100; Margaret Tracy, \$250; and Mary Ann Zagotta, \$100.

Friends of Livermore listed 91 donors. Among the top donors is Bob Baltzer with \$9379; Archer Futch, \$500; Margaret Tracy, \$520; Jean King, \$515; Jon Harvey, \$500; and Michael Fredrich, \$2500.

LEAGUE FORUM

The Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters will present a forum for the candidates for the Livermore City Council, Wednesday, October 10, 7 p.m. at the Livermore City Council Chambers, 3375 Pacific

Three candidates for the council will state their positions and answer questions presented by a League moderator. The candidates for the two open council seats are: Lorraine Dietrich. Marjorie Leider and Jeff Will-

Following this, Couniclmember John Marchand will read a statement by Mayor Marshall Kamena, who is running unopposed.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The absentee voting period for the November 6, 2007 Consolidated District Election opens on Monday, October 8. Voters may request an absentee ballot by mail by completing the application on the back of the

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sample ballot or by sending a written request to the Registrar of Voters. Additionally, voters now have the option and convenience of completing and sending the application electronically from the website, www.acgov.org/rov.

Written requests for an absentee ballot must include the voter's name, residence address, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, and the voter's signature. All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the voter's signature. Law precludes the Registrar of Voters from issuing a ballot based on a telephone request. Requests for absentee ballots may be faxed to 510-272-6982. Requests may be mailed to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612. The Registrar of Voters must receive all written requests for absentee ballots no later than October 30. Voted ballots must be returned to the Registrar of Voters or any polling place in Alameda County no later than the close of polls on Election

Registered voters may also cast an absentee ballot in person, beginning October 8, in the office of the Registrar of Voters located in the basement of the Rene C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse at 1225 Fallon Street in Oakland. The office is open from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

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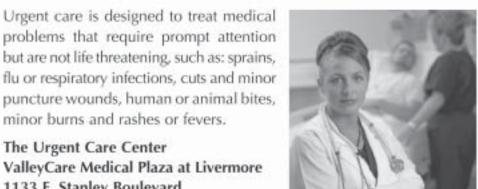
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EDITORIALS

Kamena, Leider, Williams

Livermore's upcoming election gives the voters an opportunity to demonstrate their support for the new direction Livermore is moving.

An urban growth boundary (UGB) is in place. Downtown revitalization is taking off. The thrust now of North Livermore planning is to preserve that area in agriculture and open space and focus the city's urban growth on the lands inside the UGB.

The election to the City Council of Jeff Williams and reelection of Marj Leider would be an affirmation of that. A large vote total by Marshall Kamena, who is running unopposed for mayor, would be a further affirmation of it.

Lorraine Dietrich, a councilmember since 1999, seeks reelection. Dietrich has served the developers, not the community, fighting the UGB and all other measures that would curb suburban sprawl and its attendant traf-

She gave Pardee her total support.

The new general plan redirects the city's planning away from sprawl to downtown redevelopment and infill. Dietrich voted against the plan.

North Livermore development interests, such as the Lin family, look to Dietrich to keep their hopes alive; among the donors to her campaign is the spokesman for the Lins.

We hope that the voters who rejected the Pardee development by a 72% majority will take note of Dietrich's record and replace her with someone who will help Livermore rise to the challenges posed by the UGB and new general plan.

Jeff Williams is just the person for that.

Williams recently retired as head of the Lawrence Livermore Lab's mechanical engineering department and serves on the city's Design Review Committee.

He actively opposed the Pardee development. He fully supports the UGB and new general plan.

Indeed, he offers more than merely his support; he brings a vision. Williams would work to create "a complete living experience" in Livermore — a self-contained city where needs would be met and, in his words, "folks wouldn't have to drive on that freeway."

Marj Leider seeks her second term on the City Council. A retired chemist, she worked at both the Lab and Wente Vineyards. She served on the Planning Commission and Design Review Committee before running for the council four years ago.

Leider has been a stalwart on all the major issues the UGB, the new general plan and downtown revital-

She has been an activist councilmember; Leider was the prime mover behind the recently enacted tree ordinance, which will help protect the city's "urban forest."

All the good things happening in Livermore today have Mayor Marshall Kamena's imprint on them. The UGB survived Pardee thanks in large part to the force of his early and continued opposition.

Pardee, however, isn't likely to be the last challenge A vote for Mayor Kamena not only will be a way of saying "good work," but also will demonstrate the community's desire that he stay the course in the battles lying ahead.

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(continued from page one) in charge. Budget shortfalls in the coming fiscal year have prompted the US Department of Energy to request that LLNL draw up a restructuring plan that is expected to include layoffs. According to Wolford, the union hopes that collective bargaining will effectively prevent layoffs for the new represented unit of employees, or at least make layoffs a last resort. "SPSE-UPTE formed in 1973 in response to several rounds of layoffs that followed the end of the Vietnam War," Union president-elect Sue Byars added, "It is especially fitting that our first collective bargaining unit would form in time

Livermore **Farmers Market** To Go Year-round

The Livermore Farmers Market will continue through the year. It will make its home in the multi-story parking garage on Railroad Avenue, across the street from the Bankhead Theater.

A section of the garage's main floor will be cordoned off between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on sundays, starting Nov. 4. Extending the Farmers Market through the year will enable people to buy winter vegetables and fruit, in addition to the bread, cheese, and other foods that have been available in the summer and fall.

There will be a small seating area with tables, where people can consume crepes, sold by a vendor who began appearing at the market in late summer, said Sarah Flores, administrative assistant at Livermore Downtown Inc., which coordinates the mar-

The vendor serves sweet crepes with fruit filling, and also crepes with chicken, vegetables and cheese. There are also two tamale booths at the market, including one that serves them hot, so they may be eaten on the preto face another layoff challenge.' LLNL's skilled trades employees include air conditioning mechanics, boiler and pressure systems workers, carpenters, electricians, heavy equipment mechanics, locksmiths, maintenance mechanics, painters, plumbers/

fitters, riggers, sheet metal work-

ers, trades helpers and welders.

UPTE is part of local 9119 of the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO. PERB's decision was a victory for the union during a difficult time. SPSE-UPTE's campaign for collective bargaining has faced a combination of challenges including a workforce unaccustomed to having to fight for favorable employment conditions, an October 1st deadline for LLNL to become privatized, and an aggressive counter-campaign by management. Wolford calls this move by the PERB a milestone in employees' year-long fight for union recognition. The PERB certification notice gives UC ten days to file an appeal.

DESIGN

(continued from page one) shows that by changing how and where we expect to grow, we reduce the amount that people have to drive by 20 to 40 percent.'

The environmental organizations are interested in the new report because it can help implement AB 32, which is California's nationally pioneering effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The organizations are working under one umbrella group, ClimatePlan, which intends to work with government to develop strategies and funding sources to overcome the pollution problems. The group's web

page is at climateplan.org. Other groups represented at the press conference were the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Greenbelt Alliance and the California Center for Regional Leadership.

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Slight Further Boost Recommended For Water Rate

Fixing the Delta's environmental problems to make it possible to pump water from it for continual water delivery to the Valley may result in a slight boost in the water rate proposed for next

Zone 7 Water Agency's fi-nance committee had already recommended an 8 percent boost in the charge to its four waterretailing customers. Those retailers are Livermore, Pleasanton, **Dublin San Ramon Services Dis**trict DSRSD) and the private California Water Service, which operates in Livermore.

The full board traditionally sets the water rate in October. The rate takes effect Jan. 1 in the following calendar year. The finance committee met Sept. 26 to consider new costs associated with the Delta. It came up with a recommendation to boost its earlier recommendation of 8 percent to 8.4 percent.

At the 8 percent boost, the cost of treated water would be \$686 per acre foot (AF). Adding the 0.4 percent would bring the

total to \$689. One AF is the amount of water used by two households each year. The cost would be \$25.50 per household at \$686, and with the 0.4 percent increase, it would be \$27 per

The percentage increase on a homeowner's water bill would not necessarily be the 8.4 percent discussed by Zone 7. For example, in Dublin, it would be more like 4.5 percent or so, said DSRSD general manager Bert Michalczyk. The Zone 7 fee is only about 50 percent or 60 percent of the total DSRSD bill, because the retailer also has to charge for its costs. Therefore, the Zone 7 percentage shrinks as a portion of the retail water bill, said Michalczyk.

To date, Zone 7 has set the agency's untreated water rate, which is used by agriculture, by simply passing along its costs from buying it from the state water project. Typically, it sells for approximately \$90 to \$100 per AF, depending on water delivery costs set by the state. However,

Zone 7 might consider a change.

The board's lone grower, Jim Concannon, who is also a member of the finance committee, said that Zone 7 should find a way in its ag water fee to enable agriculture to help fix the Delta,

Representatives of the Valley's water retailers were in the audience at the committee meeting. They said that their organizations don't oppose the proposed increase. However, they don't endorse it either. Their position is that they understand what Zone 7 must do.

They had suggestions about how to finance the agency's equipment replacement fund, a discussion from the past, which was continued to the future.

On raising the 2008 rate to fix the Delta, Livermore water supervisor Darren Greenwood said for argument's sake that Zone 7 should consider raising the treated water rate by 16 percent. "We should do what we need to do to cover costs, and explain it Tell people (if they complain) to call the judge," said Greenwood.

Greenwood was referring to a federal judge whose order shut down Delta pumps for a few days. The judge is compelling a plan that likely will interrupt pumping from time to time between December and June every year for many years, until a physical solution is in place to save the smelt and other species.

"It's hard to say I support 16 percent. But maybe the increase should be on the table to discuss," said Greenwood.

"Not DSRSD," was the quick response from another audience member, DSRSD financial services manager Lori Rose.

Directors agreed with Zone 7 staff that more study of the Delta solution and the court order's consequences need to be completed before any major change in plans about the water rate could be taken. As far as they are concerned, 8.4 percent is the prudent increase for 2008.

VA MOVE

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the property, said Childress. "There are all kinds of potential uses that could benefit veterans and the City of Livermore," she stated.

Childress emphasized that nothing would happen in Liver-more until new facilities are open. "If all goes perfectly in the funding cycles, new facilities would not be open any earlier than 2015. In the meantime, there will be no changes at Livermore and no one will be moved," according to Childress. "We won't put anyone out on the street.'

Two Congressman from the Valley have been battling to keep the Livermore VA facility open. They expressed concern about the decision announced last week, calling it shortsighted..

Congressman Jerry McNerney stated, "It appears the Bush Administration is determined to cut veterans' services at a time when they should be expanded. In fact, cutting back on services now is shortsighted. Our commitments overseas are creating a new generation of veterans whose impact on the VA system has yet to be fully realized. I told Secretary Nicholson when I met with him in May and July that I oppose the restriction or elimination of services for veterans in the Tri-Valley and the Central Valley. That is why I oppose this plan."

McNerney said that while a needed nursing home is planned for the Central Valley, the plan results in a harmful reduction of services in the Tri-Valley. "Unfortunately for the veterans in our region, the announcement is noticeably and disappointingly short on details. Because Secretary Nicholson is set to resign from his post October 1, that means waiting even longer to hear the true fate of veterans' care in our region.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I will continue to fight for the needs of veterans in the Tri-Valley and the Central Valley, and to ensure all veterans are treated with the respect they have earned," McNerney added.

McNerney has advocated offering expanded services in Livermore to deal with post traumatic stress disorder that returning veterans are exhibiting.

Childress said that a facility could be established on the Livermore site to deal with the disorder. "This decision does not prevent that from happening." She said that it would not be a VA operated facility.

Congresswoman Tauscher declared, "The Veterans Administration has backed an irresponsible plan to shut down needed services at the Livermore VA Hospital. I will oppose any plan that falls short of providing the facilities and services that East Bay veterans need and de-

"Serving vets in the Central Valley should not come at the expense of vets in the East Bay. Our commitment to veterans cannot be an either or proposition. Congress hasn't endorsed this plan. The VA should go back to the drawing board and only proceed with a solution that reflects our commitment to veterans and their needs," Tauscher stated.

Childress said the main reason for the decision to move the facility was to locate to an area where the majority of veterans are living now.

No location has been chosen for either the East Bay outpatient clinic or the Central Valley facility. Childress said that at this time the outpatient clinic would not be in Livermore. A committee would be established to select the Central Valley location.

This decision concludes the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (ČARES) review process for Livermore and the Central Valley, which began in 2004 as part of an effort to upgrade VA health care facilities across the country.

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Just Say 'No'

Pleasanton Pleasanton residents, wake up. You are being sold a bill of goods under the guise of those apple pie words, "open space." Before signing the initiative, I urge you to look at the piece of property (Staples Ranch) the proponents of the initiative want to save. Ask yourself, does this make sense? Preserving the surrounding hills is one thing. But, wait a minute, a flat piece of land bordered by 580 and El Charro Road - a gravel truck route - I hardly think that is

worth saving. Our city entered into a memorandum of understanding with Alameda County to annex and develop the property in the City of Pleasanton. Your city council will be considering a plan that includes a park (open space), an ice skating facility for our families, a full range of senior housing development (low traffic impact), and an auto mall (annual sales tax \$5 million). The initiative proponents came back with a second initiative that allowed the auto mall to remain. What logic did they use to decide an auto mall was okay but senior housing and sports facilities were not acceptable? This misguided initiative does a disservice to Pleasanton residents. The bottom line is if we lose control of Staples Ranch the property will go to either Livermore or Dublin. Do you really believe they will keep it as open space? There is no law on the books that prevents them from developing it to suit their needs. Please, just say "no" when asked to sign.

A Dog's Life **Howard Neely** Pleasanton

This letter is being transcribed by a human for all of us dogs in

Most of us dogs don't recognize each other, because we don't get out very much, and when we do there is only one dog park can really where we socialize...touch noses and smell each other. We truly lead a dog's life, but if we were cats, raccoons, deer, or wild turkeys.....we'd be free to roam. Many of us get taken out by our slow walking masters, holding us back with collar and leash. Most dogs stay at home

and bark at strangers, and too many stay inside human smelling houses....we need a break....like fresh air.

Humans reading this might think we are "dumb-dogs" and don't keep up with the numbers game....so listen up you two legged creatures.

Éveryday Officer Roy Ficken and his partners look out for us, even taking us home if we have a license to be out on the street. He told us that there are 3.132 officially tagged tail wagging dogs in P-Town, but there are probably just as many that are not law abiding. He's heard that the National average home has 2.5 dogs, so when Pleasanton reaches 29,000 homes and apartments, we could possibly have 72.500 hounds...now that is

something to yap about. Whether we yap, holler, bark or howl, one dog park just isn't fair. We heard one Park and Recreation Commissioner suggest at least four dog parks be built. Some dogs have growled about moving out. If we were more free and better organized we would run, not walk, down to the City Council Meeting and really yap, bark and holler for our cause.

In closing we dogs suggest a leg-up on a new park, so you humans most not sign any of those petitions against progress.

Thanks transcriber......Howard Neely PS: For readers not acquainted with this opportunity

of not signing....it is all about the Stoneridge extension to our Eastside border with Livermore.

Endorsements Jean King Livermore

As president of the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, I am thrilled at the prospect of beginning our 2007-08 concert season in the beautiful new Bankhead Theater.

The spacious stage and stateof-the-art support systems for performing companies will make life easier for all of us.

Audiences will enjoy the gracious ambiance and enhanced amenities of a modern concert hall. And everyone will appreciate the convenience of free nearby parking.

As a private citizen who has contributed much volunteer effort to our local cultural organizations, such as the Livermore-Amador Symphony, Del Valle Fine Arts and Livermore Cultural Arts Council, I am grateful to the City Council majority whose plans culminated in such an outstanding civic asset.

In the November 6 city election, I am personally supporting Mayor Kamena Councilmember Leider for re-

election, as well as Jeff Williams, a member of the City's Design Review Committee, for Council.

Legal Holiday **Mary Puthoff** Livermore American **Indian Center**

The members of the local Livermore Valley Native American population would like people to know of the following legal holiday in our state: California Na-American Day, September 28,

The fourth Friday in September is known as "California Native American Say," a state legal holiday approved by the state legislature on Sept. 21, 1998. The action recognizes the participation of Native California Indians in California history.

Today California has the highest Native American population of any state in the Union. The bill also authorizes public school boards to recognize the holiday with the inclusion of Native American lesson plans. This should be funded with existing resources and conducted in schools respecting the day. Lesson plans can be found on the following websites: www.nativeamericanday.com, www.Californianativeamericanday.com; and www.nahc.ca.gov.

This bill authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt a model curriculum guide related to Native American Day. Therefore the following code of law was established: California Government Code 6712 - proclaiming 4th Friday in September as Native American Day,

Please contact your local school districts and urge them to recognize Native American Day in California schools.

Dietrich for Balance Steven Hunter Livermore

I applied for the vacant Livermore City Council seat recently because I wanted to serve the community and help preserve Livermore's quality of life. Despite the fact that I favor slow growth and Lorraine Dietrich has voted for development in the past, I feel that the voters should return her to the City Council.

Lorraine Dietrich provides a voice for the business community that would otherwise be largely absent. The City Council is enriched by this balance.

Even for those who favor slow growth, as I do, should vote for Lorraine Dietrich for City Council. Growth issues will still be determined by the slow growth majority on the council. National politics should show us that the people are not well served when all of the politicians speak with one voice. It is better if people of

differing opinions have to compromise, otherwise the extremists tend to take over.

Companion Spirit Tom O'Neill Springtown, Livermore

Back in the boom times of the Gold Rush, there was a large ranch on the Bay side of the Altamont where a rancher named Robert Livermore worked hard at raising cattle and dreamed of a great viticulture economy flourishing in the vicinity of his ranch. People coming up from Monterey or down from San Francisco would, on their way eastward, stop there before crossing the mountains into the San Joaquin Valley. The hospitality they received was something they could depend on - unostenta-

tious, but solid and genuine. This man, Robert Livermore, who loved his land and dreamed of its improvements, was good at making friends. So after his death, when his friend William Mendenhall established a town nearby, he named it after Livermore. One must hope that as this town has grown into a thriving city, the kindly ghost of Robert Livermore continues to brood over it - lending it his optimism

and his friendliness. In the last eighteen years, is it too much to claim that we have been visited by a patron very much like Robert? That we have come to know an unassuming man, of great friendliness, with a deep sense of the preciousness of our community and a dedication to its possibilities? Robert Livermore, who liked most people would very much have liked this man. He'd see in him a kindred spirit - a man who chose his words carefully, and meant them in the interests of others. The ghost of Robert Livermore would not see Tom Reitter as a rival, but as a companion - a spirit welcome to brood over the Livermore ranchero for as long as he wished. Amid those who aspire to be worthy of our namesake our amigo Roberto, there are a multitude of us who share that view.

Response to Letter Austin Miller Livermore

In response to Ted Tully's letter ("honoring" the Troops) published September 27th, I'd like to emphasize that while others may not agree with the war in Iraq, it is quite a leap in logic (and an insult) to consider them disrespectful to the troops. By reading the names of fallen soldiers in honor of them during Pleasanton City Council meetings, Tully feels this "ploy is an insult to the troops." Where is

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When it comes to issues regarding the war, I think a vast majority of people mistake dissent for disrespect, claiming those who don't support the war aren't supporting the troops. Tully assures that the families of the soldiers who died would regard the "honors" with disgust. What is truly disgusting is the fact that acknowledging their deaths as a tragic failure in foreign policy (assuming the claimed prejudice of those reading the names is true) is regarded by so-called "patriots" as a trav-

A New White Hat **Paul Weiss** Livermore

I'm proud to have worked on the past campaigns to ensure Livermore's intelligent growth and progress.

Both the successful Urban Growth Boundary Initiative and the winning battle against Pardee's massive development were a tribute to this city's longterm vision. And they showed our willingness to put money, time, and energy into securing that vi-

Newspapers from San Francisco to New York cited us as a rare shining example of civic will in action. Part of that civic will was also expressed by the landslide election of the "White Hat" slate for Mayor and City Coun-

When Tom Reitter, the Gary Cooper of the White Hats, announced his early retirement, he left a big pair of boots to fill. After all, well-heeled developers are always waiting in the wings for a weak- spirited Council to cave in to them.

Fortunately Jeff Williams, running for a vacant Council seat, shares Tom's rock-solid convictions and his dedication to hard patient work to achieve important goals.

In fact Tom believes enough in Jeff to become his campaign manager. That says a lot!

Jeff is also being supported by Friends of Livermore, Mayor Marshall Kamena, Councilman John Marchand, and popular candidate for re-election Marj Leider.

We're lucky to have someone like Jeff to take Tom's place on the council. I urge residents to read about him, get out and work

for him, and vote for Jeff Will-

Tree Ordinance Ken Bradley

Livermore Have you seen Livermore's official peeping Tom? The city has hired a person to peek in your back yard to see if you have any trees that the city might want to control. Of course Amendment IV to the Constitution of the United States and Article I Section 13 of the Constitution of California should protect you from these improper searches. These protections only work when you have elected officials that believe in your individual rights.

You would think that a tree in your yard would be your tree. You might have even planted that tree. The city thinks that you are not responsible enough to control your own property and they plan on having you get their permission. Initially the city permits will be free. You will have to justify your request to the city. Later the city may establish per-

This ordinance will affect you when your tree reaches a specified size. For a multiunit property the size is 7.6 inches in diameter. That is less than the width of a sheet of letter sized paper. For some properties the size will be a little larger. How large a tree can you have without the city taking away your rights? Maybe you should check with your council person.

Hit Piece Thomas Jefferson

The recent hit piece on Tom Reitter by Ken Bradley deserves a strong rebuttal. Tom Reitter served on the Livermore City Council for more than 17 years and he always made his decisions based on what was best for the residents of Livermore, not for the outside interests.

Other local politicians have started their careers on the side of the residents, but then turned to favor the outsiders. Tom never turned. Thank you Tom for serving us all those years.

Mr. Bradley suggests that since Tom Reitter is now planning to move from Livermore that he must not like what he has accomplished during his long tenure in office. How ridiculous of Bradley. Any sensible person could imagine any number of reasons to relocate that have nothing to do with the status of Liv-

Of course, the true reason for Bradley's letter is made apparent when he says that development north of Livermore has been defeated and no one running for Livermore City Council will attempt to overturn the will of the

He wants you to forget that candidate Lorraine Dietrich wanted (and still wants) that development so much that in 2005 she actively supported the proposed 2450-unit Pardee development in north Livermore and even appeared in TV commercials for the developer.

The 2005 vote for the Pardee development failed 72-28, despite Dietrich's active support.

Time and again (Geldertown, Las Positas New Town, Pardee) development proposals have been defeated, and you can bet we have not seen the last of them. No, this battle is not over.

Only two candidates for November's Livermore City Council election are opposed to the development of north Livermore, favoring instead agriculture. They are Jeff Williams and Marj Leider, who are on the side of the residents of Livermore. That third candidate has shown what side she is on.

Drop Lawsuit Shelley Ward Cartier Pleasanton

I just read the article in the Independent, 9/27/07, about you suing the owners of the land of the strawberry patch. How could you??? The details of the story are appalling!!!

I travel frequently from Pleasanton just to go there and pick out fresh, organically grown strawberries. They are so delicious. You must not have tried them or you wouldn't be doing everything in your power to put them out of business. And guess what happens, while I'm in Livermore? I do a little shopping or frequenting of restaurants and coffee houses. This farm is good for Livermore businesses.

The bottom line is this. Food in this country travels an average of 1500 miles to get to our plates. In Europe, it's 30 miles

on average. People who believe in eating locally grown foods, such as me, are at a disadvantage in this area. There are few farms and the ones that do exist are large corporate farming operations which are not good for anyone but the corporations. So those that do exist must be supported. Traveling only 5 miles for strawberries saves gas, saves our environment, lowers our over all carbon footprint, and stops global warming. Supporting local organic farmers and buying direct from them, helps the farmers, the environment and

As for your complaint about the driveway and traffic, yes sometimes it is hard to turn left out of the driveway. So, here's a compromise, put up a "no left turn" sign coming out of the farm. It's not hard and it's a very low cost solution to your problem. And as for condemning part of their property, taking it over by eminent domain and adding a trail and then using that trail as a reason for why the driveway is dangerous is preposterous! And for the City of Livermore to require their suggested plans with a permit to be done during the summer months, at the height of

the economy.

their business, shows that you have no regard for small business,

or you're just plain mean. Help Livermore be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Support that local farm, drop your lawsuit, and next season go buy some of their delicious strawberries.

Bradley Out of Step Susan Steinberg Livermore

Of all the countless dyspeptic letters from Ken Bradley, last week's diatribe takes the cake!

With never a positive word for anything or anyone, he's gone too far in bad-mouthing retired civic leader Tom Reitter.

Hasn't this curmudgeon noticed that Reitter has been the most popular elected official in Livermore, winning an unheardof 72% of the vote in the last elec-

Doesn't he remember that Reitter led the successful campaign to preserve the Urban Growth Boundary against the Pardee Development Company? An unprecedented 72% of our citizens joined him in defeating this sprawl proposal.

In other words, Tom Reitter has always acted on behalf of the vast majority of us, but obviously

that majority does not include Mr. Bradley.

Let Bradley march to whatever off-beat drummer he hears; he is certainly hopelessly out of step with the popular rhythm of this community.

And how mean-spirited to criticize anyone's personal reasons for moving! Since when has he become the arbiter of other

especially those who, like Tom Reitter, have dedicated so many years to selfless public ser-

Personally I am grateful for all that Tom Reitter has accomplished for my city, and will continue to help defend the Urban Growth Boundary against the inevitable future development schemes.

And since Reitter believes enough in candidate Jeff Williams to serve as his campaign manager, I'll certainly be working hard to elect Williams to the City Council.

I urge all those voters who gave Tom Reitter his landslide victories and appreciate his civic legacy to join me in supporting Jeff Williams in the coming elec-

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JPA Will Unite Two Counties' Emergency Radio Response

Thirty-two agencies in Alameda and Contra Costa counties have signed a joint powers agreement (JPA) to build a uniform emergency communication system. The system will enable all emergency services in the county to talk to each other on the radio.

Currently, various agencies have different equipment and band widths that prevent them from communicating with many other emergency agencies quickly in a severe emergency, such as an earthquake or a terrorist action.

'This will put all responders on the same network in both counties. There are over 15 different radio systems now. Some can talk to others, and some can't," said Bill McCammon, project coordinator for the new

Fire departments have been coordinated, because of a statewide network. However, police agencies are not.

The new JPA will be acquiring and installing equipment for each of the 32 agencies in the agreement. The official name for the group is the East Bay Regional Communications System Joint Powers Authority. The program it will be operating is called the East Bay Regional Communication System (EBRCS).

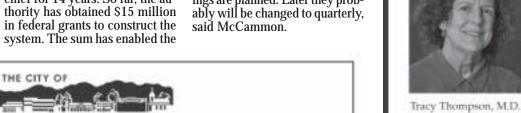
Organizing the authority and securing the initial funding has taken approximately one and one-half years said McCammon, who was Alameda County fire chief for 14 years. So far, the authority has obtained \$15 million in federal grants to construct the

purchase of equipment for 10 of the 32 sites.

The authority is working on obtaining another \$11 million in he chief available grant sources are the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The authority has 23 directors, and includes public safety officials, elected officials and city managers and county supervisors from both counties. Supervisor Scott Haggerty of Dublin is one of the members.

The first meeting of the board won't occur until October, when the JPA legal papers are expected to be returned from Sacramento. In the early stages, monthly meetings are planned. Later they prob-



Notice of Commission/Committee Vacancies (Extended Recruitment)

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

- * Civic Arts Commission
- * Human Services Commission
- * Economic Vitality Committee
 - (1) Biomedical Business Representation
 - (1) Environmental Community Representative
 - (1) Commercial Services Firm Representative (1) Telecommunications Representative

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Call for Applicants

The City of Pleasanton has vacant seats on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The BPAC is an informal working group, which provides advice and recommendations to City staff and consultants on all matters relating to bicycle and pedestrian facilities planning. The BPAC will oversee the development of the City of Pleasanton Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

The four vacant seats are designated for Pleasanton residents (including one representative of the youth community) who are interested in providing input on bicycle and pedestrian issues, and who are able to attend evening meetings.

BPAC meetings will be held at the City of Pleasanton offices located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. The appointment term is for two years. Additional information may be received by contacting Janis Stephen in the Traffic Engineering Division (925) 931-5671 or at jstephen@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007. Postmarks are not accepted.

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Forum Offers Opportunity to Learn More about Regional Theater

The ability to attract audiences, size of the theater, and financing were all concerns voiced by members of the public during a forum held last week in Livermore. The focus of the town hall meeting was the proposed regional performing arts theater in

Len Alexander, executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), provided an overview of the plans for the theater. He noted that there would be in the neighborhood of 1800 to 2000 seats. "If you were in New York City, it would offer the kinds of activity you would see at Carnegie Hall or the Lincoln Center. It would allow residents to experience Broadway touring shows without the extra effort of going into the city.'

The goal is to have the theater up and running by 2010. The increasing costs of construction is a major factor in moving forward now, said Alexander. There will come a time when there won't be enough private money to build the theater if construction were delayed.

Architect Steve MacCracken discussed the current plans for the building. It would occupy the southeast corner of South Livermore and First Street. The 3-level building would be sized between 74,000 to 75,000 square feet. One of the levels would be a basement. At this point, there are 1960 seats. The height of the building on Livermore Ave is 40 ft. It steps up to 74 feet at its highest point. Green building standards would be followed.

The trees on the site can be moved. A location for the trees hasn't been determined, said MacCracken. Suggested sites are near the western corner of the 500-seat theater or Lizzie Foun-

Alexander stated that one of the challenges in building the regional theater has been how to pay for it. The projected cost is \$73 million. "It's člear that private fund-raising will not cover the cost," said Alexander.

Financial consultant Bob Gamble explained the current financing proposal as a partner-ship between LVPAC and the city that includes the use of redevelopment agency tax increment financing. Bonds would be issued backed by a letter of credit from a bank. Debt service on the bonds would be paid by both parties. At the beginning, LVPAC would have responsibility for the largest portion of the debt, using private donations. Over time the city would assume a larger and larger share as the tax increment

The city is contributing \$61.4 million (in today's dollars), and LVPAC \$89.5 million (in today's dollars) for the construction of the two theaters.. None of the

doesn't know what the proper

number is. A recommendation is

coming from a committee estab-

theater, "As exciting as the 500-

seat theater is, the regional the-

ater will be another magnitude

of joy." Some people subscribe to stopping at the 500-seat the-

ater. "The regional theater would

put one of the last cogs of the

wheel of success in the down-

been tons and tons of work done

with regard to the ultimate size.

He said it appears that 2000 seats

private partnership is that the re-

view becomes a public process.

That is also the difficult part.

Many people want to see the the-

ater happen, others don't. One of

my objectives is to have a unani-

mous decision by the council.

That answers the question, is the

city behind the regional theater,"

Kamena thinks that it is possible to provide additional af-

fordable housing. He noted that

it's not just about building the

housing, it's getting the people

into them. He is proud of the fact

that none of the people who

worked through the regional

housing center have been in fore-

closures. All of them were first

likely never go away. However,

Kamena believes there is an op-

portunity for the city, a nonprofit,

Leslie R. Karlstrom-Krebs

Inclusionary housing will

time buyers.

"A beautiful part of a public-

would be about the right size.

Kamena noted that there had

town," he declared.

Kamena said of the regional

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lished to study the issue.

city's share would come from the general fund. The city would not be responsible for operating costs. Gamble added that the proposal does not use all of the city's redevelopment agency bonding capacity.

Gamble explained that for the two theaters the attendee expenditures per year would be \$18 million, the operating expenses would total \$12.5 million annually. The total impact for both theaters would be \$28 million

City Manager Linda Barton commented that the city has hired consultants to look at the data provided by LVPAC. The numbers with regard to the overall bonding capacity of the redevelopment agency are substantial over time. There are projects in the downtown that will continue to increase the tax increment, particularly residential development on the Lucky and Groth Bros. sites, said Barton.

Operating costs are also being considered, according to Alexander. The smaller theater would generate about 60 percent of its operating cost. The larger theater would cover 85 percent. 'When a show such as the 'Little Mermaid' comes, people will pay \$80 for a ticket and drive 60 miles to see it." Such shows could also attract corporate sponsors, said Alexander. For example, Safeway might want to sponsor "The Little Mermaid." The corporation would be able to use the Disney name in its advertising.

An endowment is being established to operate both theaters. Alexander said LVPAC is now talking about \$12 million. There is a signed letter of intent from a family in Livermore that will provide \$6 million for the endowment from the family's estate. "Some day there will be a \$6 million endowment in place from one family," he said.

The audience was asked if there were questions.

Tom Ramos wondered why LVPAC was going ahead with the regional theater now. He suggested both theaters should have been in one location, adding that it might be better to see how the smaller theater works before going into the big one.

Alexander explained that the smaller theater is a home for indigenous performing arts groups that can easily handle audiences of 300 to 500. The theater seating is sized to serve local groups. That cuts out some regional groups. The best way to serve the immediate need and look to the future is to have two venues.

The theaters are designed for different uses. The 500-seat venue is a producing house. The larger one a presenting house, where producers install the show in one day, present, dismantle and move on.

He repeated the escalation in

gether a plan that would create a

village that looks attractive and

provides homes to first time buy-

Kamena brought up the sub-

ject of education in relation to

home ownership. He said that

parents should value education

as a means to advance themselves

and their children. People with

more education generally make

more money and can afford to buy

school district how it could help

with educational issues, Kamena

suggested that the school district

ask the city. There is precedent

for the city and school district to

work cooperatively.

The city is a diverse commu-

nity. The Community of Charac-

ter program is another step to-

wards valuing all of the people.

The school district has already

ing issue. Kamena said he plans

to go to LAFCO in the near fu-

ture to ask that Livermore's

sphere of influence be extended

in North Livermore. Currently, it

ends at the city limits. Kamena

believes that will provide Liver-

more with a stronger voice when

projects are brought before

Alameda County, such as the

He says he hasn't been working on ideas for the area. "My

wish list has been concentrated

in the city limits and what is contained within." He agrees that pressure continues. "There are

some who say they have never

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proposed cemetery.

North Livermore is an ongo-

implemented the program.

Rather than the city asking the

construction costs as a driving factor behind moving forward. LVPAC is committed to raising \$33 million. If construction costs keep going up, "there will be a point where we can't raise the needed money.

Barton said that there is a common theme from consultants who have looked at the plans. One is that there is an audience with an income level that would support shows. Barton said one of the problems with the Lesher Theater is sizing. The 800 seat theater is too big for small groups and too small for touring attractions. "It is important to get the size right," said Barton.

Kathy Chase said she had serious questions about the ability to fill the seats in both theaters. She pointed out there are other theaters that are not filled now.

Alexander said, "It's a good concern. That's why so many studies have been conducted. All of the consultants over the years have agreed there is a market here. There is no question that there is a shift in the way people look at performing arts. It is a challenge for us to find ways to generate audiences." He added there is some hope. The Livermore Valley Opera sold out the last weekend of its most recent production.

"Part of our mission is to help local groups tell their story better to attract audiences. Most now are made of people who already know about the group. Most of the groups have no money for advertising," Alexander continued.

He talked about Livermore as one of the "edge cities." Such cities, located near large urban areas, have the means, opportunity and will power to create and support their own performing arts environment.

In response to the question of who would be responsible for the bonds if either theater were to fail, Alexander stated, "The city would not be on the hook. The bank that issued the letter of credit would have to make good on the bond. The bank would own the theaters and could elect to sell them. The city could step forward and have an asset that it paid very little to acquire.'

Another audience member asked who would buy the bonds

Gamble said that the bonds would be backed by a triple A rated bank. "That is the highest quality credit that can be offered. The bonds are highly marketable and could be purchased by everyone." The bank issuing the letter of credit for the 500-seat theater did its due diligence concerning LVPAC. "The bank found it well managed, run by a capable board and supported by the community. The second transaction

seen land that didn't look better

covered with concrete," he

that the city would like to see

preserved. Kamena said that the

most effort needs to go there first.

Livermore have been developed.

Residents there have come to the

council to complain about what

they see as a lack of amenities.

They were also concerned about

the future of the Springtown Golf

Course. Kamena said that the area

is part of Livermore. He believes

the city has delivered a good

faith effort to make the golf

course successful. A new opera-

tor is expected to improve the

people say there is no place to

buy bread; no place to buy gas;

the fire station is too far away;

and there is no library. None of

these things are true today. I agree

there should be more recreational

opportunities in the area. A dia-

log to make that happen starts

with collecting facts and figures. The city would line up priorities based on good fiscal back-up.

The city is making a concerted effort to listen to what people in

Springtown want," declared

Kamena.

"Over the years, I have heard

The eastern portions of North

Doolan Canyon is one area

will be easier to complete, based on the success of the first one, said Gamble.

Barton added that some of the consultants hired by the city have been exceedingly impressed with the LVPAC organizational structure and its ability to carry off this project on time and on budget and to hire talented staff. That is generally not true of nonprofits," she said.

Barton said that the city would be looking at cities of similar size who have completed projects like this. Alexander said that LVPAC

would also conduct a compari-

son study. In addition, LVPAC

will redo its marketing study. One audience member noted, "This is a huge project that will have a huge impact on the community. I felt that the public has not been given an opportunity to take part in the planning. Without exception, people I ask about the large theater wonder why we don't just see how the smaller one works. There needs to be a better

of this meeting.' Alexander said he was disappointed more people weren't in attendance. The final analysis will come down to the city council to decide what is in the best interest of the community. "It is up to citizens to speak up for and

way to let people know about it.

A lot of good stuff is coming out

against.' Jim Hadley said there doesn't seem to have been a visible ef-

fort to publicize the theater plans. Barton and Alexander noted that the plans are posted on the city's website.

Barton stated, "I assure you, staff and the city council are looking at this very carefully. We are pursing a variety of issues and options. It's never an easy decision to make. Staff will provide the council with a lot of good information on which to base its decision.'

"We are trying to be transparent. No one wants to complete a project that will fail," added

Kathy Chase brought up the topic of a high rise building. She declared, "This theater's height slaps me in the face. Why so high. It greatly changes the complexion of downtown.

Hutch Mouradian, with MacCracken Architects, said that every change has been to make the building smaller physically and appear smaller. There is a certain size beyond which acoustic quality will be compromised.

Ramos added, "I get the sense that you are all dedicated and honest. The answers made sense to me. You seem to know what

Alexander observed, "The

tenance is "the biggest, most

worrisome thing. The city has to

deal with it. It's such an immense

figure, that it wouldn't be pos-

sible to establish maintenance

districts or use general fund

money. It would need a bond

measure," said Kamena. Bond

measures are successful when

there is an effort to educate

people as to the need. A blue ribbon committee will be appointed

to go to neighborhoods and

homeowners associations to pro-

vide that education. "I think then

there is a chance to have the bond

approved," said Kamena.

Traffic is an ongoing issue.

Kamena has been a leader in the

regional rail planning effort. He

believes that electrifying the

ACE train would be a help. It

would run faster, be quieter, less

polluting and have an extended

schedule, which should attract

Altamont are in the works. HOT

lanes would help on I-580 said

Kamena. He suggested that the

auxiliary lanes being con-

structed could become tariff

problem, they are a Valley problem, said Kamena. "That is a pri-

ority in the city. We have a task

force working on the issue. I ex-

Gangs aren't just a Livermore

Truck climbing lanes on the

more riders.

project is first and foremost to serve the community. The interesting thing I find about Livermore is that it's a community that has been able to hold onto some "through lines" of its history ranching, the Lab, and viticulture. One of the challenges is to figure out where the line is going. There was a period in the history of Livermore where it stayed frozen and was at risk of being left behind. Change is not easy. That means choices not evervone likes. There is a need to think about where the city is going, not what it is trying to protect. I'm not interested in a project that no one knows

Traffic and parking were other

Bob Vin, city traffic engineer,

said that downtown traffic was designed to be slow to allow people time to see what there is and come back later. Parking studies have been conducted. Currently, there is adequate parking. When the regional theater opens, more parking would be needed. Options include building an additional parking garage. Land on the Lucky site has been acquired for that purpose. In addition, the cur-

> A presentation is planned on the regional theater at the Oct. 8 city council meeting. The meeting will be held in the 500-seat theater starting at 7 p.m.

> rent parking garage could be ex-

panded. An effort has been made

to share private parking with the

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to Joan Seppala the word, "relentless comes to mind, but in a very loving way. I honestly believe that without Joan and that relentlessness, we wouldn't be standing here today," said Alexander.

Seppala, President of the LVPAC Board, remarked, "When I first came to Livermore fortyfive years ago, I was struck by the texture of the community, the rich juxtapositions of lifestyles. I came from a suburb where everyone did pretty much the same thing. But here in Livermore at the Livermore Saloon on First Street, you could see cowboys at the bar a few feet from physicists playing chess. Some of those chess players were actors in local productions of Bertold Brecht and James Joyce at the May School Theater, an old country school in North Livermore not far from the Bankhead Ranch.

What's particularly wonderful about our donors is that they, too, come from every walk of life. There is something about the Bankhead Theater that is bringing us all together," said Seppala. They include ranchers and vintners, scientists, developers, CEOs, high tech entrepreneurs, arts lovers, environmentalists, business owners, professionals, educators, and even journalists.

The opening of the Bankhead Theater is really the celebration of a renewed sense of community, a celebration of something larger than ourselves," she stated.

Five hundred individuals, corporations, foundations and public entities have contributed, she said. They include the following "local angels": Alameda County, The Bankhead Family,

pect we will have to spend more

in the future to beef it up or pro-

vide more innovative ways to

deal with gangs," he stated. One idea would be to use the eyes and

ears of responsible citizens to re-

port gang activity via a hotline. Asked what his goals are,

Kamena said he would like the

surveys the city commissions to

have good marks. That means

paying attention to what citizens

want. He sees such surveys and

the customer satisfaction surveys

conducted at city hall as report

cards. They provide good feed-back on what we are doing right

and what we are doing wrong. We

can take the appropriate action."
"I want to deal with the infra-

structure issue," he added. "I'd

like to see a positive outcome on

the Staples Ranch property." He

Catholic high school enroll stu-

dents. It has now been separated

from the cathedral in Oakland.

The Diocese will be sending out

information in the next couple

of weeks about plans for the school," he said.

keep working to make the city responsive to its residents and

those who may visit. "I love to

have the city win all those

Kamena concluded he would

"I am anxious to see the new

declined to elaborate.

Valley Winegrowers Foundation, The Madden Family, Lynn and Joan Seppala, The Wente Family, Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, John and Evelyn Fletcher and Family, The Charles Smith Family, Topcon Positioning Systems, Inc., Rick and Pam Corbett, Douglas and Liz Kinney, Mortimer and Marion Mendelsohn, Shea Homes, Barbara and Cyrus Sweet. The Watkins Family, Petie and Bob Baltzer, The John Loll and Jane Bielke-Loll Family, Phillip N. and Muriel F. Dean, Henrietta Fankhauser, Markus and Ann Huber, Dr. Susan DuPree and Hollis Bascom, Retzlaff Vineyards, Joe and Midge Callahan & Family, Jean King, Livermore Cultural Arts Council, Michael and Linda Ransom, Gregory Reznick, Shames Construction, Hugh Walker and Family, and The Independent.

Seppala stated, "There are many things that can separate us. We have different political agendas, different views on religion, and even different ideas of what is right and wrong. But when we attend a performance at a theater, there is a sense of ritual. When we laugh in unison, or cry, or are quietly moved because we have experienced something profound, we feel one with those around us. When we see fellow citizens at intermission and afterwards in the lobby, we feel bonded to them.

Today, we join together as a community to dedicate not just our theater, but a place of the spirit that has the power to transform us all," she concluded.

Alexander praised the city and the council for their efforts in making the theater a reality. He referred to the mayor as a mentor

In addition to the Livermore High School Band, under the direction of Dean McNair, the Livermore School District Chamber Chorale, directed by Art Gagnier, provided entertainment for the celebration. The Livermore High School drama students performed improv selections and the Brian Peterson Band played.

Poet Laureate Connie Post read a poem she described as a "continuation of the poem written for the groundbreaking."

"After each wall/ Has been elevated/ By the quiet strength of familiar hands

After the concrete has found its way/ Deep into the earth After the rain has dried/From near by roads

When even the wind stops/ To feel the texture of stone

You find a place/ Where a town will gather/ Open its arms/ And sing in an octave Never before heard

Even when the ground/ Was first broken/ Voices could be heard/ Dances remembered/ Symphonies played

But no one could have known/ How the sky would change

How even the clouds would silently nod/ To a concerto/ -Lean forward to hear each note

No one could have known/ How a structure can call our name/ Know our story/ Tell us to step across/ The threshold

And find a seat/ Where we know/ We have always belonged.



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SHORT NOTES

Cancer Fundraising

Curves® of Livermore will be teaming with the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser during October Breast Can-cer Awareness month. The goal is to create awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds to help eliminate it. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women in the United

Curves of Livermore has plenty of ways for everyone to get involved. New members who join between October 8 and 20 will pay only \$25 for the service fee when they bring in a minimum \$25 donation to the American Cancer Society or show proof of a current mammogram.

Current members who make a minimum \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society will receive a donation certificate that will hang in the club. Each \$5 donation also entitles the member to put her name in a treasure chest and be eligible for weekly prize drawings all through October.

Anyone in the community can purchase Curves' diane fragrance prod-ucts and help in the fight against breast cancer. Curves founders Diane and Gary Heavin will donate 10 percent of the wholesale sales of all *diane* fragrance products in October to Making

Strides Against Breast Cancer.
Curves of Livermore is located in the Granada Shopping Center at 1129 Catalina Drive, 960-9199. It is open daily from 5:45 AM – 8:00 PM (closed 1:30 - 3:00) Saturday 7:30 AM -12

Livermore History A to Z

The Senior Services division of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will feature a discussion by local author Anne Homan on Thursday, October 4. Homan will discuss her new book, "Historic Liver-

more, California A-Z."

The book is a comprehensive history of the city of Livermore beginning with its early inhabitants, the Ohlone Indians, prior to the arrival of the Spanish in the 18th century. This history also covers Livermore's role as a popular stop-off for prospectors headed to the Mother Lode during the Gold Rush, and continues through the present

This free event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Services lounge at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. For more information, please call (925) 373-5700.

WWII Remembered

Herb Street will be the featured speaker at a program with the theme, "WWII Remembered," at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., Oct. 7 from 2 to

4 p.m.
Street will talk about his experiences as a World War II dive bomber

pilot and prisoner of war.

Popular music from the war era will be performed by Kit Nelson and the Muir Station Band.

There is no admission charge for this program. It is open to all. No reservations are required.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue. For more information, call Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian, at 931-3405.

Halloween Luncheon

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Senior Services department will host a special Halloween Luncheon for seniors on Friday, October 26.

The event takes place in the elegant Cresta Blanca ballroom of the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. Costumes are encouraged but not required, and there will be a costume

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served at 12:00 noon. The menu features meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, a green salad, steamed broccoli, a roll, and creamed parfaits for dessert. The donation is just \$7 and advance reservations are required by October 19. Call (925) 373-5760 to reserve a spot today. .

Comedian at Library

Funny Girl Faith Alpher will be at the Livermore Public Library on Wed.,

Comedian, writer, actress and KKIQ contentan, writer, actress and KKIQ radio personality Faith Alpher finds humor in everyday life. Sharing her life stories, Faith brings a rich background to the stage that is delightful, intriguing and downright belly-laughing fun.

Alpher started out in comedy by auditioning for Nick at Nite's Funniest Mom in America Contest. After catching the eye of a producer, she was asked to open for the 3 Blonde Moms' comedy act whenever they are touring the Bay Area. She has also shared the stage with headliners such as Sean Wayans, Tommy Davidson, Earthquake, and Huck Flynn to name a few. Faith truly brings a rare and exceptional show filled with music, drama and clever comedy. This remarkably good-humored show is for adults who need a

satisfying side-splitting laugh.

This free event will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check at www.livermore.lib.ca.us .

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free fall immunization clinics for children on October 6, November a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis'
Pleasanton Clinic only, 4361 Railroad
Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.
Saturday Immunization clinics are

open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals, benefiting the Valley Humane Society will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 7 at the Valley Humane Soci-ety, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton.

There is no charge. All donations are appreciated. Animals of all shapes and sizes are welcome, but must be on a leash or in a carrier. Each animal blessed by the friar receives a Saint Francis of Assisi medallion.

Contact VHS at 925-426-8656 for more information.

Pleasanton Oktoberfest

Pleasanton Downtown Association will host an Oktoberfest on Sun., Oct.

7 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event will take place in the parking lot behind the Cheese Factory building at 830 Main Street. Admission

Entertainment will be provided by the Harmony Fusion Chorus and Pub-lic Eye Band. Polka Music will be performed by the Oompah Quartet. A variety of beers, including Becks and local microbrews will be available

for purchase. There will be a selection of arts and crafts booths for browsing

and shopping.

The PDA is located at 830 Main Street, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

The phone is (925) 484-2199 and fax is (925) 484-3064.

AAUW Public policy

Lisa Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for the American Association of University Women, will be the featured speaker at a workshop to be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 7, at the City of Alameda Main Library, 1500 Oak Street, Alameda. Maatz appearance is sponsored by AAUW branches from Oakland-Piedmont, Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin, Alameda, Fremont, Hayward, and Castro Valley. Ms. Maatz will be discussing Pay Equity in Jobs, the Supreme Court and the Federal Ban on Abortion, and the state of Title IX.

As AAUW's top policy advisor, Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, through the executive branch, and in coalitions. She has done similar work for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Older Women's League, and was a legislative aide to U. S. Congress-woman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). Her Grassroots advocacy career began when she was the Executive Director of Turning Point, a battered women's program, recognized for excellence by the Ohio Supreme Court.

The public is invited to attend.

Attendance donation is \$5.00. For further information about the workshop, call 846-9739.

Monart Open House

Tri Valley Monart will host a Fall Open House Celebration on Sunday, October 7th from 2:00 to 5:00.

Children between the ages of 6 and 12 can attend one of two free classes, to be held at 2:30 and 3:30. Class space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to free classes, parents can view current student artwork, enjoy refreshments, and hear more about the Monart pro-gram. A free 6-week class will be

raffled off at the end of the event.
According to Rondi Mertes, owner of Tri Valley Monart, "This event is a great way for families who have heard about Monart to get hands-on experi-ence and learn more about our program in a fun and relaxed environment.

Just as a new reader learns his ABCs, Monart students learn the elements of shape and how to recognize them in everything they draw. The Monart approach is more than a drawing technique. Classes are taught in a non-competitive, non-judgmental manner. Students are encouraged to develop their own unique interpretations of each project. Students not only learn how to draw a subject, but learn the history and science behind it.

The studio is located at 3015-I Hopyard Road, at the corner of Hopyard and Valley in Pleasanton. More information can be obtained by visiting the website at www.pleasantonart.com or calling (925) 484-0126.

October at Wente

Wente Vineyards' October events: The Summer Cinema series at Wente The summer Cinema series at Wente Vineyards comes to a close in October with the timeless Hitchcock classic, "The Birds." Before the movie, dine at the Wente Vineyards' Reel Classics Café (think juicy burgers, grilled sandwiches, fresh popcorn, and more). And guests who dine at The Restaurant on movie nights receive a free movie. guests who dine at The Restaurant on movie nights receive a free movie ticket for each entrée purchased. The movie will be shown Wed., Oct. 3. Gates and Café open at 6:30pm, movie begins at Twilight. Tickets for the movie only are \$9 adults, \$5 sids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival For tickets call (925), 456-2400 or online at

call (925) 456-2400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/229578 Wente Family Estates is hosting a "Harvest Wine Weekend" with special "Harvest Wine Weekend" with special barrel tasting and wine tastings at their three estate wineries: Wente Vineyards, Murrieta's Well & Tamás Estates. Wine Weekend passports are available at w w w . w e n t e v i n e y a r d s . c o m / fallpassport. Have the passport stamped at all three wineries and receive a \$25 gift certificate good at Wente Vineyards, Murrieta's Well and Tamás Estates. The event is Oct. 13 and 14 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nominal fees are charged for tasting and barrel tasting at the wineries. Wente Vineyards Vineyard Tasting Room; 5050 Arroyo Road; Wente Vineyards Estate Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road; Murrieta's Well, 3005 Mines Road; and Tamás Estates, 5489

5565 Tesia Road; Murrieta's Well, 3005 Mines Road; and Tamás Estates, 5489 Tesla Road.

The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards will offer a pre-opera gourmet prix fixe Italian style dinner or brunch in conjunction with the Livermore Valley Opera's production of "La Boheme" at the new Bankhead Theater. The Restaurant's specially chosen rustic the new Bankhead Theater. The Restaurant's specially chosen rustic menu sets the mood for La Boheme, one of Puccini's most beautiful and moving Operas. The dinner is Oct. 20, 26 and 27 at 6 p.m. followed by the opera at 8 p.m.; brunch is Oct. 21 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. with the performance at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.wentevineyards.com or call 456-

Leadership Academy

The 7th Alameda County Leadership Academy will begin in November. The Academy is a free, five-session interactive forum of classes for County residents interested in learning firsthand about Alameda County while developing leadership and communication skills. Anyone who lives, works, or owns

a business in Alameda County is eli-gible to apply. However, due to space and resource constraints, only 40 indi-viduals will be selected to participate. Participants will attend a series of meetings with elected officials, panel presentations, small group discussions, and mock public policy exercises focused on the County, its budget, programs, and the many challenges it faces. It's also a great opportunity for the County to hear from its residents.

The Alameda County Leadership Academy consists of five Wednesday evening sessions conducted from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on November 7, and December 5, 2007, and January 16, February 6, and March 5, 2008. Participants will meet the County's elected officials and attend educational sessions at facilities throughout Alameda

County. To graduate from the Academy, participants are required to attend at least four of the five sessions and

make a presentation about the County to a public group or meeting of the participant's choosing.

Applications for the 7th Leadership Academy are available on the County's

web site, www.acgov.org, or can be obtained by contacting the County Administrator's Office at (510) 272-6984. To be considered, applications must be returned to the County Administrator's Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis and will represent the County's various geographic areas. Selected participants will be notified by October 29, 2007.

Girls Collaborative

The California Girls Collaborative Project will hold its 3rd annual minigrant conference on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. at the UC Berkeley Clark Kerr Campus at 2601

Warring Street, Berkeley.

This one-day conference targets organizations with programs that support girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Representatives from K-12 schools, higher education, professional programmations. cation, professional organizations, business, government and community-based organizations are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn about the

attend. Participants will learn about the CAL Girls mini-grant program and have excellent opportunities to network and form collaborations in order to apply for a \$1,000 mini-grant.

CAL Girls is part of the National Girls Collaborative Project, which has been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) three-year grant to extend the capacity, impact and sustainability of existing and evolving STEM projects and programs commit-

sustainability of existing and evolving STEM projects and programs committed to motivating girls.

The registration fee for the conference is \$25, which includes morning coffee, lunch and parking. Online registration is available at: http://calgirls.llnl.gov/reg.

The conference is sponsored by average Liverpage National Laboratory.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, American Association of University Women and University of California, Davis.

For more information about the mini-grant program, including examples of previous grant recipients, visit http://calgirls.llnl.gov/. Questions or comments should be addressed to Tamara Helfer at helfer2@llnl.gov.

Buckeye Brigade

There will be a Buckeye Brigade on Sat., Oct. 6. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The California buckeye is a unique and unusual native of the oak woodand unusual native of the oak wood-lands. Its seed, which looks like a "buck's eye," is now ripe. Come out and help collect some of that seed for springtime planting in the park. Visitors will learn more about the survival strategies and lifestyle of what some call the truffala tree of the west. Good for all ages. Bring gloves if you have them. Canceled if raining. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking

fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (925) 960-2400 for more

Spirit Month

A seance will be held in the mansion at Elliston Vineyards and Little Valley Vineyard on Oct. 12 during Spirit

Irma Slage, author, lecturer and psychic, will be featured. The event

will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

To begin the evening, the wines of Little Valley Vineyard and Elliston will be served with cheese. Guests will then proceed to the drawing room for an evening with the Spirits. Seating is limited. Call 862-9006 for reservations. Speak to Sandi for more details. The cost is \$25.

Contact (925) 862-9006 or email javafixx@tdl.com for more informa-

Grants Conference

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA11) will hold a grants conference on Saturday, October 6 to provide information about the availability of federal grants as well as how to apply for them. The conference is targeted at government, educational, and non-profit organizations as well as small businesses interested in grant information.

"Organizations and small businesses throughout Northern California could benefit greatly from the wide variety of

throughout Northern California could benefit greatly from the wide variety of federal grant programs," said Rep. McNerney. "Yet with over 1,000 federal grant programs the application process can be overwhelming and confusing. The expert panels will be able to provide useful guidance for local groups."

groups."
The grants conference will focus on helping organizations throughout the 11th district to better take advantage of

federal programs to stimulate education and economic development. Expert panelists will include business, civic and government leaders from throughout the East Bay and San Joaquin County.

The grant conference will be held on October 6, 2007, at the San Ramon Valley Community Center in San Ramon from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Rep. McNerney will make opening remarks and chair the event.

The community center is located at

The community center is located at 1201 Alcosta Blvd. The meeting will be held in the Fountain Room.

Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Aventine Medspa is donating 5% of all "In The Pink" package profits to the Susan G. Komen Breast . Cancer Foundation to help support the cause.

Aventine is also holding two events to raise money for breast cancer awareness. One is a silent auction. Anyone wishing to donate an item is asked to please contact Aventine Medspa at 925-

The Botox and Restylane event and silent auction is set for Tues., Oct. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Space is limited, RSVP required 925-846-0511.

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Library Storytimes

Teddy bears and families are welcome at the Family Stroytime at the Civic Center Library on Monday, October 8 at 7 PM. Bears and people will hear fun stories about all kinds of bears. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue and Family Storytimes are held in the Youth Ser

Storytimes are held in the Youth Services area of the library.

Friendly ghosts and goblins will be featured at this pre-Halloween Family Storytime at the Springtown Library on Saturday, October 13 at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome to stay around after the stories to make a Halloween craft from 11:30 until 2:00 PM. The Springtown Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive next to the duck pond.

A Great Green Storytime will be presented at the Rincon Library on Saturday, October 20 at 11 AM. The whole family is invited to come and enjoy stories about broccoli, frogs or other green people and things pre-sented in English and Spanish. The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

All ages are welcome to these free library programs. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information or pick up a Fall Storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries.



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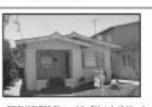
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SPORTS NOTES

Halloween Tennis Fun

Lifetime Tennis and the City of Pleasanton will host an evening of Halloween fun and games on Tues., Oct. 30 at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave. Activities will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

and include tennis for adults and games for kids. Refreshments will be served. The event is free to all who come in costume. For more information, call Lifetime Tennis at 931-

Frosh Football

With the game in the balance, Carson Ewanich turned in three big fourth quarter plays to ice the Amador Valley Dons 22-7 win over San Ramon Valley in freshmen football. Leading 14-7 at the start of the second

half, the Dons got a huge break when a bad snap on a San Ramon punt was turned into a 25 yard loss when Cameron Seams tackled the Wolves punter at the 19 yard line. However, Cameron Ashtianti was stopped at the one on a fourth down play and the game's momentum shifted. As San Ramon neared midfield at the start of the fourth quarter, the Dons needed to get a stop and on third-and-eight the got big play number one. On a quick toss to the left, Ewanich flew into the Wolves' backfield and, with help from James Cook,

dropped the ball carrier for a three-yard loss. After San Ramon punted, the Dons went three and out for the only time in the game and the Wolves were once again near midfield, this time facing and fourth-and-four. Time for big play number two. San Ramon tried a quarterback bootleg around left end, but Ewanich read the play perfectly and crashed

in for a four-yard loss.
The Dons had the ball back, but with 3:55 remaining, the game was far from over. After picking up a first down on a Camerena sweep around left end, Amador drove to the San Ramon 33 and were facing a fourth-and-three with 1:47 remaining. With no San Ramon time-outs remaining, a first down would ice the game for Amador. Ewanich did better than that. Taking the ball on a quick pitch around left end, he made a nice cut behind a lead block, and then accelerated through a seam in the defense, breaking to the outside and in for the score. David Camerena turned a low snap on the PAT into a two point conversion pass to Jason Haycock and the Dons had the game in the bag with a 22-7 lead. Ewanich's run pushed his total to 101 yards for the game on

"We needed big plays and we got big plays," said Coach Chris Murphy. "Those were big plays by Ewanich. It was a nice win." Amador took the opening kickoff and went down the field, 75 yards, in 10 plays. The big play on the drive was a Patrick Gibbons quarterback boot around right end on a fourth-and-four that was good for eight yards down to the San Ramon 23. After an

illegal procedure penalty, a four-yard run by Ewanich, and an incomplete pass, the Dons faced a third-and-11 and went to a little trickery. Camerena took a pitch from Gibbons and started around right end, but then pulled up and threw a strike to a wide-open Alex Osterholt for a touchdown and a 7-0

The joy in Don-ville was short-lived however as San Ramon ran the kickoff back to the Dons' one. In fact only a great hustle play by Osterholt kept the return from being a touchdown. However, two plays later the game was tied 7-7.

The scored remained tied as the teams exchanged punts, but Amador then went to work on their 45. Gibbons went for three yards on a QB sneak on third-and-two to get a first down and Ewanich went for 21 on a quick-hitter up the middle a third-and-four to give the Dons a first down at the San Ramon 17. Ashtianti carried for five off right tackle and Camerena went for six on a counter for a first and goal at the San Ramon six. Ashtianti nearly took it in on the next play off left tackle before Devin Windell went straight ahead over right guard to give the Dons a 14-7 lead that they took into the half.

Markus Grauer made a big hit at defensive back and played well at wide receiver. Jason Abranches ran two yards for a score behind the blocking of Jeremy Davidson and Joey Silva. Patrick O'Brien ran for six yards around right end to set up Abranches score. Defensively, the Dons got sacks from Windell and Angel

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer (BUCS) Black U14 played in the BUSC Fall Harvest Classic Tournament this past week-end in Pleasanton. In their first game, the visiting BUSC Black played the NV Milpitas Thunder 93 in a 0 to 1 loss. The BUSC Black dominated ball possession in the first half, and the game was scoreless until the Thunder scored in the 54th minute. BUSC Black fought hard defensively and offensively with

fought hard defensively and offensively with shots on goal coming from Jack Richardson, Jake Lorentz(2), Jared Shohfi, and Chandler Bullock(2). Keeper Lukas Moses had 6 saves in the match.

In their second game, the home BUSC Black played the Davis Legacy in a 1 to 0 win. The BUSC Black played the match with increased intensity from the moment they started dominating hall possession through. increased intensity from the moment they started, dominating ball possession throughout the game. The key to this win was BUSC Black defensive play. In fact, Defender Randy Copeman made the only goal in the match coming in the 23rd minute with an assist from a free kick by Ryan Baker from 20 yards out. The shot was drilled into the net leaving the keeper stu! nned. Shots on goal also came from Jake Lorentz(3), Jared Shohfi(3), Chandler Bullock, and Jack Lyons. Outstandling support from Ran Baker Hunter Snonn(3), Chandler Bullock, and Jack Lyons. Outstanding support from Ran Baker, Hunter Meurrens, Jack Richardson, Yashar Behnam, Eric Brooks, Jeff Dyer, Christian Still, Nick Bayley, Vik Aulakh, and Justin Medina was critical to the win. Keeper Lukas Moses had 2 saves in the match keeping the Davis Legacy scoreless.

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The visiting BUSC Black played their final game against Healdsburg United in a 0 to 1 loss. Healdsburg United scored early in the 7th minute, but the BUSC Black never the 7th minute, but the BUSC Black never let up on their intensity maintaining ball possession for the majority of the match. The BUSC Black had a total of 9 shots on goal coming from Cade Debenedetti, Yashar Behnam, Eric Brooks, Jared Shohfi(3), Nick Bayley, and Vik Aulakh(2). Keeper Lukas Moses had 6 saves in the match, including a self sacrificing diving stop in the first half. The BUSC U18 United dropped their match against San Ramon 3-1. United jumped out in front in the 19th minute when Mat Carlucci slid a pass down the left to David Norton, who finished for the early lead. Though United had the better of play early, San Ramon came back hard with two quick strikes, at the 25th and 28th minutes. The strikes at the 25th and 28th minutes. The second half saw only a PK by San Ramon for

the final score.

The U-ll Ballistic Black team won the Ballistic Fall Harvest Classic Tournament championship game in thrilling fashion this past weekend.

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The Ballistic Black team began the tournament in spirited fashion with a 4 - 1 win over the Belmont United Titans. Ballistic's Collin Blaney opened the scoring with an assist going to Conner Fey. Brian Kinnee followed with a goal, assisted by Justin Taylor. Following a Titan goal, Alex Lee scored for the Ballistic Black team, assisted by Justin Taylor. Joshua Cole scored a goal, with the assist going to Collin Blaney, to seal the win for the Black team. In the second game the Ballistic Black team played to a 2 - 2 tie with the Petaluma United Rebels. Petaluma opened the scoring but Ballistic answered on an unassisted goal by Justin Taylor. Petaluma scored first in the second half and again the Black answered on a penalty kick by Collin Blaney, following a hand ball in the box call against the Rebels. The Ballistic Black team began the second and final day of the Classic with a 5 - 1 win over the Dublin Rapid Fire. Ben Smedley got things going for the Black team on a goal following an assist by J J Nelson. Roberto Beard followed with a goal on a free kick and shortly thereafter Justin Taylor scored with the assist going to Brian Kinnee. Following a Dublin goal, Brian Kinnee scored on an assist from Joey Repac and Joey Repac assisted on a goal by Christopher Goldhawk to complete the Black team scoring and secure a place in the championship game.

game.

In the championship game, they beat a very good Mountain View-Los Altos Sharks team 1-0 in the sudden death penalty kick portion of the game, on a goal by Christopher Goldhawk! Regulation ended 1 - 1 as Ballistic Black's Justin Taylor opened the scoring with a goal on an assist from Joey Repac. The teams played two action filled 10 minute overtime neriods, with no further scoring teams played two action filled 10 minute overtime periods with no further scoring, leading to the exciting, tension filled finish in the penalty kick portion. Both teams scored 4 of 5 penalty kicks, with Alex Lee, Jack Geasa, Roberto Beard, and Joey Repac scoring and keeper Andrew Griehshammer making a crucial save for the Black team, to send it to sudden death. All sixteen boys gave all they had on both ends of the field.

Top Offensive Players: Justin Taylor, Christopher Goldhawk, Brian Kinnee, Joey Repac, Roberto Beard, Joshua Cole, Alex Lee, Collin Blaney, Ben Smedley; Top Defensive Players: Andrew Griehshammer, JJ Nelson, Peter Schlachte, Jack Geasa, Connor Fey, Francis Dunne, David Acosta.

Ballistic United U-14s renewed an old rivalry in the Championship game of the Fremont Celtic Harvest Festival tournament this week-end. Their opponants, Napa United

this week-end. Their opponants, Napa United narrowly lost to the Pleasanton side in the Napa tournament several weeks ago. Once again the two teams produced a tight contest. This time it was decided by a single goal scored for Ballistic by Jason Chow, who adroitly slid home the rebound after a terrific shot by Suchi Kuo had rattled the Napa Cross-

shot by Suchi Kuo hadrattled the Napa Crossbar.

Previously in group play Ballistic defeated Novato United 3-0, SASC Raptors Red 2-0 and FC Fremont Heat 6-0. Ballistic 's defense led by the Kuo twins did not concede a single goal in the tournament. The midfield trio of Dane Shaffar, Erik Knaggs and Chris Franzella controlled the tempo and no fewer than ten different Ballistic players got on the score sheet. All in all it was a very successful week-end for Ballistic as they won their second championship trophy of the season.

Top Offensive Players: Edgar Henriquez, Alex Lutz, Jason Chow, Brandon Cohen; Top Defensive Players:;Suchi Kuo. Suhau Kuo, Justin Lui, Frank Morley.

The U19 BUSC Black recorded two ties and a loss in the Ballistic Fall Harvest Classic. Game one against flight winner Soquel started ominously, as the Black controlled the ball for the first five minutes, but without a score. Soquel finally countered and coned diment impediately. The

but without a score. Soquel finally countered, and scored almost immediately. The Black could not find the equalizer and fell 1- Strong performances were turned in by Tim Gaisor, Jay Guilmart, and Garrett Clark. In Gaisor, Jay Guilmart, and Garrett Clark.
Game two against Rockridge almost had the
thrill of victory, as the Black scored late in
the second half. Kamron Behzadi did some
excellent work to force a turnover in the corner and then slid a pass to an onrushing Brent Cambra. He went low far corner for the lead with five minutes left. However, Rockridge pressed and got the equalizer in the last minute for a 1-1 tie. Game three vs. SSC Revolution was all Ballisic except for the score, which was a 0-0 final. Kurt Lenamon just missed with two missiles in the second half, and Guilmart almost pulled off a bicycle kick on a centering cross

on a centering cross. **DIVISION 4:** Under-10 Boys: Javelins 1, Jackals 1.
The Javelins demonstrated the power of passing when fullback Nick Tucker chased down a ball deep in the right corner, fired it up the line to midfield, where Eric Holmes centered the ball past converging defenders to forward Damian Johnson, who drew out the isolated goalie and fired in an early goal. The Javelins kept up steady offensive pressure throughout the half, but the Jackals refused to yield. In the second half, the Jackals turned the tables offensively, but Javelins goalie Luca Disbrow pounced on shot after shot, and took one deflected header off his nose. When took one deflected header off his nose. When one shot caromed past Disbrow, defender Michael Schwanhausser alertly blasted it clear to save a goal. Midway through the half, though, the hustling Jackals broke through for the tying goal. From there, it was a nailbiter, with Tucker working his way open for a booming kick...that just missed the left corner.

Top Offensive Players: Damian Johnson, Nick Tucker, Eric Holmes - Javelins; Top Defensive Players: Amit Nagdev, Luca Disbrow, Michael Schwanhausser - Javelins.

Livermore Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League game

Livermore House/Copper Teams:
Under-5 Girls The Quakes vs The Butterflies Offensive Players: Emily Rakestraw, Caitlin Sobrepena, Madison Sullivan, Quakes; Jade Overtun, Melanie Branda, Hope McKeever, Butterflies Defensive Players: Delaney Richards, Katie Wilson, Jenna Lawrence, Quakes; Audrey Demarest, Megan Maat, Katie Zeck, Butterflies Game Sum-mary & Highlights: Great teamwork by both

mary & Highlights: Great teamwork by both teams.

Tinkerbells vs Sparkling Rainbow Girls Offensive Players: Shawni Cortez, Gracie Ackerman, Tinkerbells; Sophia Thomas, Ashley Belmessieri, Sparkling Rainbow Girls Defensive Players: Brooklyn Celeste, Tinkerbells; Elisabeth Mongarro, Sparkling Rainbow Girls Game Summary & Highlights: Both teams played hard!

Under-6 Girls The Pink Poodles vs Soccer Chicks Offensive Players: Bella, Christina, Rebecca, Pink Poodles; Amber Feduniw, Sydney Olsen, Katherine Frost, Soccer Chicks Defensive Players: Ravyn, Pink Poodles; Isabella Mayo, Soccer Chicks Game Summary & Highlights: Great Defensive Game, Girls...!! Way to go!! Keep up the good work.

Soccer Chicks vs Stingers Offensive Players: Alyssa Swinkel, Catherine Linney, Soccer Chicks; Gracie Dupuis, Sara Somers, Stingers Defensive Players: Gracey Walke, Jessica Warren, Soccer Chicks; Jessica Keaney, Stingers Game Summary & Highlights: Awesome job out there, girls! Way to go after the ball. Keep up the good work.

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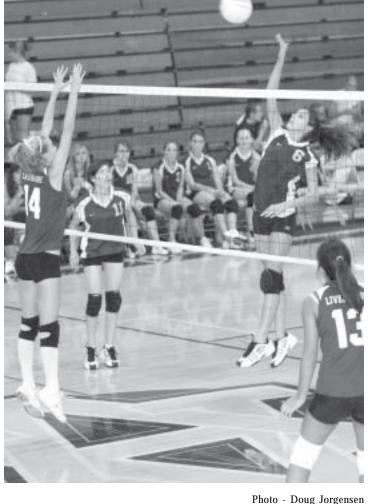
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Mermaids
Wildcats vs Mighty Tigers Offensive
Players: Jasmine Smalling, Allison Hill,
Kaleigh Garcia, Wildcats; Alexa Clatt, Hanna
McDougall, Eliana Eme, Mighty Tigers
Defensive Players: Jade Dallas, Kaycie
Lindland, Alexa Brecht, Wildcats; Lexi
Borgna, Brooklyn Pehargou, Arianna
Racanelli, Mighty Tigers
Under-7 Girls Lightning Bugs vs
Wildcats Offensive Players: Carly Schindler,
TylerRene Enderlein, Meagan Brooking,
Lightning Bugs; MaggieRae McPeek, Kaitlin
Krakoski, Wildcats Defensive Players: Kalea
Bartolotto, Ashley Lamb, Lightning Bugs;
Alexandria Christeson, Shelby Clark, Wildcats.

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Blazing Stars vs Super Dolphins Offensive Players: Madison Hood, Kylie Muzzall, Jodi Bryant, Blazing Stars; Kennedy Griffin, Jordan Kennedy, Super Dolphins Defensive Players: Emily March, Amanda Craft, Rachel Myers, Isabella Quintana, Blazing Stars; Stephanie Boschee, Tally Soto, Super Dol-

Stephanie Boschee, Tany Soto, Super Dorphins.

Cheetah Girls vs Wildcats Offensive Players: Abby T., Alicia D., Bridget B., Cassandra A., Cheetah Girls; Cassidy H., CJ B., Amanda D., Lauren F., Wildcats.

Dolphins vs Cheetah Girls Offensive Players: Hayley Thompson, Ashley Yamamoto, Kendall Yamamoto, Dolphins, Anna Walay Alay Surgo, Fair Cibi Ching.

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Spirit vs Angels Offensive Players:
Courtney Hayes, Miranda Heckman, Lauren
Zielinski, Spirit; Mariah Turner, Madison
Forneris, Talina Quezada, Angels Defensive
Players: Maritza Espinoza, Mary Griffin,
Noelle Rizzo, Spirit; Olivia Armstrong,
Allyssa George, Sophia Mylius, Angels

Under-8 Girls Wildcats vs Eagles Offensive Players: Jessica Bonfiglio, Paige
Sutter, Maggie Sneed, Wildcats; Kacie Long,
Jenna Tidwell, Karla Ortiz, Eagles Defensive
Players: Sierra Rose, Sydney Pournaras,
Lindsay Gill, Wildcats; Adilene Murillo,
Emma Zika, Eagles

Lindsay Gill, Wildcats; Adilene Murillo, Emma Zika, Eagles Shootin' Sharks vs Shooting Stars Of-fensive Players: Samantha Dukes, Lexi Carzoli, Emily Robinson, Shootin' Sharks; Isabella Barbero, Meghan Giamona, Shoot-ing Stars Defensive Players: Katie Dabney, Cashia Cabadi Laur Di Simone Shootin'

ing Stars Defensive Players: Katie Dabney, Sophia Schrodi, Laura Di Simone, Shootin' Sharks; Rachel Jensen, Shooting Stars. Under-10 Girls Soccer Punks (3) vs Thundercats (0) Offensive Players: Jordyn Brauer, Alexis Pournaras, Katie Woods, Soccer Punks; Megan Fairbanks, Olivia Garcia, Jenna Remund, Thundercats Defen-sive Players: Brooke Armstrong, Kristina Brown, Natalie Christensen, Soccer Punks; Brown, Natalie Christensen, Soccer Punks; Sophie Ueland, Annika Landreth, Heather O'Brien, Thundercats. Under-12 Girls Dynamos (3) vs Green

Under-12 Giris Dynamos (5) vs Green Flames (0) Offensive Players: Sarah Amorin, Emily Eijansantos, Anna Murphy, Dyna-mos; Samantha Trask, Haley Hanya, Madi-son Suoya, Green Flames Defensive Players: Yesenia Morales, Riley Greenough, Erika Yesenia Morales, Riley Greenough, Erika Dittmore, Dynamos, Jessica Suoya, Isabella Pearson, Sarah Partridge, Green Flames Goals & Assists: Maryann Gong (1), Stephanie Divita (A), Avery Harker (2), Dynamos. Both teams played very aggressively. Maryann Gong once again scored the first goal for the Dynamos assisted by Stephanie Divita in the first half of the game. Second half Dynamos came back strong scoring 2 more goals by Avery Harker. Both teams played awesome. It was very exciting

Avery Harker. Both teams played awesome. It was very exciting Thunderballs (3) vs Bulldogs (0) Offensive Players: Elyse Codiroli, Ellen Kiser, Isabelle Johnstone, Thunderballs; Sarah Peters, Julie Maruskin, Rebecca Harris, Bullters, Julie Maruskin, Rebecca Harris, Bulldogs Defensive Players: Tatiana Jansen, Isabel Futral, Yasmeen Haider, Thunderballs; Ivais Ortiz, Veronica Martinez, Carolina Soto, Bulldogs. This was a very well played game by both the teams. The defensive play by the Thunderballs was very strong but the Thunderball offense kept the ball in the Bulldog half of the field for most of the first half. In the second half many attacks were made on the Thunderball goal but Kathrine Orrell came through very strongly. Bulldogs had great defensive play and the offense was strong too. Net Rippers (2) vs Crushers (1) Offensive Players: Olivia Cabotage, Nicole King, Katelyn Lovoi, Net Rippers; Jade Ayres, Sammie Koepp, Keely Harvey, Crushers Defensive Players: Alyssa Gonzalez, Casey Schindler, Gianna Donaghy, Net Rippers; Molly Morrisroe, Mickele Schmitt, Rachel Roland, Crushers Goals & Assists: Katelyn Lovoi (1), Gianna Donaghy (A), Net Rippers; Sammie Koepp (1), Kaitlyn Rose (A), Crushers. Katelyn Lovoi scored the winning goal late in the last half.

late in the last half.

Under-5 Boys Tigers vs Sharks Offensive Players: Jonas Ricke, Dylan Cole, Jake Herwig, Tigers; Peyton McKenzie, Abraham Zarate, Ryan Anderson, Sharks Game Summary & Highlights: Great game, great fun!

Under-6 Boys Pirates vs Thunder Offensive Players: J.J. Knight, Ben Morrisroe, Ivan Ceballos, Pirates; Zachary Fumoro, Michael Buti, Michael Barich, Thunder Defensive Players: Paimon Goulart, Max Higgins, Ryan Wenzel, Pirates; Logan Vinson, Bradley Mitchell, Siddhant Shetti, Thunder.

Higgins, Ryan Wenzel, Pirates; Logan Higgins, Ryan Wenzel, Pirates; Logan Thunder.

Thunder vs Lizards Offensive Players: James, Jacob, Ethan, Shane, Thunder; Wyatt, Ethan, Owen, Joseph, Anthony, Lizards.

Transformers vs Spongebob Soccerpants Offensive Players: Jonny Geyer, Evan Moreau, Owen Plute, Transformers: Eric Ruloma, Jake, Carmichael, Dylan Silva, Spongebob Soccerpants Defensive Players: Calvin Fletcher, Ryan Barney, Clan Mullins, Transformers; Blake Texeira, Mason Smith, Dylan McGrory, Spongebob Soccerpants.

Sharks vs Incredibles Offensive Players: Joshua Martin, Brandon Martin, Blake Burrell, Sharks; Trent Crisp, Dalton James, Zachary Rittmann, Incredibles Defensive Players: Dylan Breesch, Philip Weaver, Will Nordvik, Sharks; Ryan Bartl, Eddie Garcia, Eduardo Topete, Incredibles

Pirates vs Earthquakes Offensive Players: Connor Campbell, Ryan Wenzel, Paimon Goulart, Pirates; Parker McKenzie, Cameron Winter, Alejandro Cabassa, Earthquakes Defensive Players: Ivan Cebellos, Jack Bosso, Ben Morrisroe, Pirates; Gabe Emfinger, Thomas Cowles, Cabriel Herrara, Farth.

Ben Morrisroe, Pirates; Gabe Emfinger, Thomas Cowles, Gabriel Herrera, Earth-

Thunder vs Fireballs Offensive Players

Thunder vs Fireballs Offensive Players:
Zachary Fumero, Michael Gauch, Tyler
Hattori, Thunder; AJ Morias, Ryan Lortie,
Jackson Brown, Luke Moylan, Fireballs
Defensive Players: Logan Vinson, Michael
Buti, Thunder; Jacob Hoggatt, Christopher
Gonzalez, Keagan Nelson, Fireballs
Under-7 Boys Golden Tigers vs Dynamo Offensive Players: Owen Dawson,
Cameron Schruder, Jason Wigginton, Golden
Tigers; Jack Burke, Josh Freitas, Harrison
Meadows, Dynamo Defensive Players:
Cameron McWilliams, Ross Murray, Duncan
Maloney, Golden Tigers; Christopher Irwin,
Marcus Robles, Ramon Montes, Dynamo Marcus Robles, Ramon Montes, Dynamo Game Summary & Both teams showed strong defense, but it was the offense that was exciting. Each team had a chance to score! Harrison Meadows from Dynamo scored the first goal of the night. Second goal followed by teammate, Jack Burke, And Owen Dawson of the Golden Tigers kicked a goal from mid

Quakes vs Skeeters Offensive Players:

Quakes vs Skeeters Offensive Players:
Ryan Phillips, Chase Griffin, Nick La Rosa,
Quakes; Anthony Garcia, Colby Gibbons,
George Zika, Skeeters Defensive Players:
Cameron McGee, Aaron Aguilar, Noah
rakestraw, Quakes; Avery Kempton, Joey
Campos, Colton Downs, Skeeters
Fireballs vs Dragons Offensive Players:
Brandon Yocham, Greyson Hubbs, Kobe
Cortez, Fireballs; Alex Frazier, Nathan
Frazier, Gabriel Parrish, Dragons Defensive
Players: Hayden Glasco, Kyle Packard, Robert Pinkston, Fireballs; Zachary MacDonald,
Ryan McCusker, Adam Murphy, Dragons
Dinosaurs vs Predators Offensive Players: Devan Yarnell, Cameron Meier, Ian
Humes, Joshua White, Dinosaurs; Aaron
Grimm, Jareet Jorgenson, Ethan Payne, Preda-

Humes, Joshua White, Dinosaurs; Aaron Grimm, Jareet Jorgenson, Ethan Payne, Preda-tors Defensive Players: Alex Johnson, Jared Persson, Jeremy Theobald, Dinosaurs; Mat-thew Tietjen, Noah Van Atta, Harry Rose,

Predators.

Rascals vs Cobras Offensive Players:
Luke Foscalina, Rascals; Mario Anaya, Cobras
Defensive Players: Matthew Reddick, Rascals; Alec Faith, Cobras Goals & Assists:
Dominic Shepherd, Rascals; Josh
McClanahan, Cobras.

Decepticons vs Fire Raptors Offensive
Players: Dillian Martinez, Gregory Short,
James Attree, Decepticons; Issac Sanchez,

Browning

Armando Ramirez. Panit Khurana, Fire Rap tors Defensive Players: Nicholas Puso, Mat-thew Hall, Derek Eijansantos, Decepticons; Cory Houck, Jeremy Waibel, Nick Meyer, Fine Pantoes Fire Raptors.

Barracudas vs Quakes Offensive Players:

Barracudas vs Quakes Offensive Players:
Alex Cirina, Emilio Lopez, Casey Wortham,
Barracudas; Nicolas LaRosa, Erik Griffin,
Adam Lagodinski, Quakes
Under-8Boys Lightning Bolts vs Lightning Offensive Players: Andrew Strupeni,
Riley Altman, Lightning Bolts; Dradin Jackson, Lightning Befensive Players: Trey Olsen,
Lightning Bolts; Matt Hargraves, Austen
Mooman, Lightning. The game was highlighted by solid passing and constant pressure on both goalies. Strong defense assisted
in keeping the game close despite the continual pressure from both offenses.
Lightning Bolts vs Tiger Sharks Offensive Players: Ryan Robinson, Lightning
Bolts; Esse Sierra, Tiger Sharks Offensive
Players: Luis Munoz, Kenny Mayfield, Lightning Bolts; David Woodridge, Shane Cliffon,
Tiger Sharks. Strong defense by both teams
kept the game close from the start with the
scoring coming on break-away plays. The

scoring coming on break-away plays. The momentum in the game shifted several times from the Sharks to the Lightning Bolts and back but neither team was able to dominate

Under-9 Boys Thunderbirds (6) vs Grizzlies (3) Offensive Players: Michael Silva, Kevin Spence, Nathaniel Sproul, Thunderbirds; Chris Roessler, Jose Mariscal, Plikik Van Chirikis Dufayers, Players Elijah Kane, Grizzlies Defensive Players: Kyle Wohlgemuth, Raymond Carlson, Sean Croghan, Thunderbirds; Tyler Henderson,

Elijah Kane, Grizzlies Defensive Players: Kyle Wohlgemuth, Raymond Carlson, Sean Croghan, Thunderbirds; Tyler Henderson, Richard Crago, Jay Robinson, Grizzlies Scorpions (7) vs Hot Shots (1) Offensive Players: Kevin Emerson, Andy Solorzano, Hector Salcedo, Scorpions; Jose Araiza Guerra, Jason Walter, Truman Wayne, Hot Shots Defensive Players: Samuel Knuth, Adrian Rodriguez, Michael Grant, Scorpions; Jason Walter, Hot Shots Goals & Assists: Ethan Shang (2), Kevin Emerson (2), Zachary Scribner (1), Hector Salcedo (1), Scorpions; Jose Araiza Guerra (1), Hot Shots Game Summary & Highlights: 7 goals by the Scorpions, 2 from Ethan Shang, 2 from Kevin Emerson, 1 from Zachary Scribner and 1 from Hector Salcedo. Home team Hot Shots scored 1 goal by Jose Araiza Guerra. Hard fought battle on a windy day.

The Dragons (7) vs The Panthers (1) Offensive Players: Dillon Eng, Conner Gibbons, Trenton Wiedner; Roman Vasquez, Leonardo Ramirez, Nick Brown Defensive Players: Anthony Garcia, Ryan Myers, Kyle Parsons; Robbie Hoff, Taylor Williamson, Issac Alvarez. Goals for the Panthers were scored by Connor Gibbons, Trenton Wiedner; Joel Gauch, and Ben Dupuis.

Tiger Sharks (6) vs Hornets (2) Offensive Players: Josh Forshaw, Lucas Coppock, Landon Grace, Tiger Sharks; Pierce Kadlec, Zachariah Eme, Steve Mohler, Hornets Defensive Players: Anthony Shultz, Aaron Norieger, Jordan Esling, Tiger Sharks; Michael Heckman, Will Mohler, Evan Armstrong, Hornets Goals & Assists: Josh Forshaw (4), LucasCoppock (2), Landon Grace (A), Tiger Sharks; Josh Harlan (1), Pierce Kaldec (1), Jason Flores (A), Hornets.

**Under-10 Boys Strikers (1) vs Strikers: Logan Brist, Eric Lopez, Weston Nale, Strikers: Goals & Assists: Max Wigginton (1), Strikers; Logan Brist, Eric Lopez, Weston Nale, Strikers; Logan Brist, Eric Lopez, Weston Nale, Strikers; Defensive Players: Connor Salazar, Warriors; Defensive Players: Connor Salazar

Under-11 Boys Warriors (2) vs Blazers (0) Offensive Players: Connor Salazar, Warriors; Defensive Players: Christian Arana, Dominic Carlson, Warriors; Jack Frevert, Zach Burnett, Adrian Morales, Blazers Goals & Assists: Dalton Miller (1), Poncho Gonzalez (1) Warriors Petral Las Chapters (4) (1), Warriors; Peter Lalor, Stephen Kai, Sean

cGrory, Blazers.
Under-12 Boys Stompers (1) vs Mighty

McGrory, Blazers.

Under-12 Boys Stompers (1) vs Mighty Sharks (1) Offensive Players: Anthony Aguilar, Max Forward, Salvador Alatorre, Stompers; Josh Valdes, Ryan Nop, Cory Herro, Mighty Sharks Defensive Players: Hayden King, Blake Richards, Craig Mains, Stompers; Matt Marty, Tito Quinuis, Josh Chavarria, Mighty Sharks Home Team Goals & Assists: Anthony Aguilar (1), Stompers; Josh Valdes (1), Mighty Sharks Warriors (2) vs Blazers (0) Offensive Players: Johnathan Futral, Luis Zamora, Kevin Seigel, Warriors; Matthew Wells, Zack Barnett, Adrian Morales, Blazers Defensive Players: Christian Arana, Raul Hernandez, Connor Salazar, Warriors; Jacob Ryan, Jack Frevert, Peter Lalor, Blazers Goals & Assists: Dalton Miller (1), Pancho Reyes (1), Jose Gonzales (A), Dalton Miller (A), Warriors. The Blazers fought hard against the Warriors; Blazers' Jacob Ryan showed everyone his impressive goal keeper skills. Warriors (6) vs Phantoms (2) Offensive Players: Raul Hernandez, Jesus Prado, Connor Salazar, Warriors; Austin Youk, Justin

Salazar, Warriors; Austin Youk, Justin Walker, Kevin Zaia, Phantoms Defensive Players: Johnatan Futral, Michael Doczy, Austin Harrison, Warriors; Michael Duterte, Vlantar, Phantage Players, Pl Klavton Brauer.s Eric Hammons. Phantoms Goals & Assists: L. Zamora (1), D. Miller (3), P. Reyes (1), J. Gonzalez (1), Warriors: Austen Gibbs (1), Griffin (A), Nico Pinelli (1), Phantoms. Very tough game between 2 competitive teams. Warriors started off strong with 2 good goals and kept the pressure on throughout the match. Phantonms came back with a goal from Gibbs, but the Warriors answered with 2 more goals. Pinelli gave the Phantoms their 2nd goal and the whole team put up a strong fight, but it wasn't enough as the Warriors' passing and shooting led them to a 6-2 victory. Dalton Miller could not be stopped as he delivered a hat trick for the Warriors

Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite

Under-9 Boys Gold Livermore Elite nited at Sonoma State University PUMA "Harvest Cup" Tournament Offensive Play-ers: Mitchell Moore, Benny Sanchez, Nolan Thompson, Livermore Defensive Players: Nick Ratinho, Youki Chiba, Joshua Zielinski, Livermore Goals & Assists: A.J. Mc Millan, Jacob Currie, Livermore. United participated in the Puma Harvest Classic at Sonoma State

Jacob Currie, Livermore. United participated in the Puma Harvest Classic at Sonoma State University. Game one was played against Mill Valley Fusion. Nick Ratinho and Youki Chiba played tough defense while Joshua Zeilinski only allowed one goal. A.J. McMillan and Jacob Currie scored the two goals that United needed to defeat Fusion. Mitchell Moore and Nolan Thompson helped make United's offense unstoppable.

Under-10 Boys Gold Livermore Elite Strikers at Sonoma State University PUMA "Harvest Cup" Tournament Offensive Players: Miguel, Carsen Paynter, Osiris Chavez, Wyatt Pennybacker Defensive Players: Preston Hasting, Jack Schoendienst, Kyle Emrich. Livermore Elite Strikers – U10 B, This weekend the Strikers faced Mill Valley Fusion. This was a well matched game; both teams came out and played well. Jaime Osorio scored the only goal for the Strikers which kept the scored tied at 1 – 1. In the late afternoon the Strikers faced SRU '98 Santa Rosa another well matched game. Scott Newby scored first for the Strikers off a toe-to-toe match-up near the SRU '98 goal. The second goal for the Strikers came out access for the Strikers came off a corner kick. Jake Martinez placed a great shot to center and Jose Vides put it in for our second goal of the game. But again the Strikers came up tied, 2 – 2. Sunday's game was a great success for the Strikers. The Strikers faced the San Juan Lightning '98 White, Strikers (5) vs Lightning (1). Goals were scored by Scott Newby, Jose Vides and Jake Martinez. All the Strikers layed great on the field this weekend and a special Thank You goes out to Eric Strikers played great on the field this weekend and a special Thank You goes out to Eric Martin for playing an outstanding job as goal

Martin for playing an outstanding job as goal keeper.

Under-16 Boys Gold F.C. Livermore United at FC Fremont 2007 Hugh Kinnear Celtic Harvest Festival Soccer Tournament Game Summary & Highlights: F.C. Livermore United, Under 16 Boys Division 1, placed third in the FC Fremont 2007 Hugh Kinnear Celtic Harvest Festival Soccer Tournament this weekend. In the first game on Kinnear Celtic Harvest Festival Soccer Tournament this weekend. In the first game on Saturday, FC Livermore United defeated the De Anza Hawks 3-0, behind 2 goals from Albert Muscat and a goal by Cody Hoster. In a hotly contested 2nd game between FC Livermore and the host club FC Fremont, Livermore prevailed 6-2. After falling behind 2-0 in the first 10 minutes of play, Livermore rallied for 6 unanswered goals by Albert Muscat, Enrique Gonzales, Jonathan Ramirez, Alex Garcia, Geovani Carbajal, and Ian Coolbear. The Livermore win over Fremont had added intrigue because the Livermore had added intrigue because the Livermore squad includes three players from last years Fremont team. Doug Bradshaw, Devin Mah, and Alex Garcia all said the win over their

squad includes three players from last years. Fremont team. Doug Bradshaw, Devin Mah, and Alex Garcia all said the win over their former team was one of the most important of their soccer careers. On Sunday, FC Livermore dropped a 1-0 contest to the eventual tournament champions MVLA Tsunami. Rebounding from the morning loss, Livermore secured its place on the medal podium with a 1-0 win over league rival Bay Caks Scicluna in the 3rd place match.

Pleasanton Sports

Lacrosse skills clinics, presented by coaches from Pleasanton high schools, 4th and 12th grade boys. Beginner, intermediate and advanced clinics available. All participants will be instructed on development of lacrosse skills and proper techniques: throwing, catching, shooting and cradling. Must provide own lacrosse stick, helmet and gloves. Sundays, Dec. 2-Jan. 6. Reservation forms at Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave., Pleasanton; information 931-3446.

Mini-Football Stars, for ages 3 to 6. Saturdays Oct. 6-27. Each team will spend the first 25 minutes learning new skills and 25 minutes playing games. All equipment and rules specially designed for this age group. Non-contact activity focuses on basics of passing, running and flag pulling. S30 residents, \$33 nonresidents. Harvest Park Middle School. Deadline is Oct. 4, registration forms at Pleasanton; information 931-3446.

Mini-Hoop Stars, ages 3 to 6, Saturdays Dec. 1-22; 25 minutes learning new skills and 25 minutes playing games. All equipment and rules specially designed for this age group. Hart Park Middle School. Deadline is Nov. 11, registration forms at Pleasanton; information 931-3446. Registration forms at Pleasanton; information 931-3446. Registration forms at Pleasanton; information 931-3446.

Valley Ave., Pleasanton: information 931

Pleasanton Youth Basketball, open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 12. Games played Saturdays in Pleasanton school gyms, League runs Jan. 12 through March 15. Practices held runs Jan. 12 through March 15. Practices held one night per week in addition to Saturday games. All players are placed on teams by recreation staff with playing time divided equally among players. Fee grades 1 and 2, S85, grades 3 to 12, S90, includes uniforms that players keep. Registration forms at Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave., Pleasanton; information 931-3446.

The Livermore Elite Venom U11 Girls took second place at the Lodi

The Livermore Elite Venom U11 Girls took second place at the Lodi Referee's Fall Classic tournament over the weekend, falling 2-1 in the final to the RCU Bocas Jrs. On the way to the final the girls beat Placer Prestige Black 5-0 and Lamorinda 96 Blue 2-0 on Saturday. On Sunday morning they battled a physical Modesto Ajax team to a 0-0 tie, which earned enough tournament points to earn them a spot in the finals. The girls played great as

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a team all weekend, but got standout passing up front from Breanna Hernandez with consistent pressure from Taylor Huston, Haley Houts, and Julia Macdonald. Kylie Long owned the middle of the field all weekend, and the middle of the field all weekend, and they were backed up with strong defense from Nicki Lutz and Adeline Call. Finally, Shannon Rosemark allowed only two goals the entire tournament, and both of those were good shots off strong plays by RCU in the finals. As always, the girls battled until the final whistle in the championship game, scoring a late goal and keeping pressure on until the very end.

The Livermore Elite U-11 Clash lost 3-2 against the Mustang Galaxy in Al Caffodio play on Sunday. The Galaxy jumped on the Clash from the start, scoring three goals in the game's first 11 minutes. Bruised, but not down, the Clash recovered their bearings and shut down the Mustang team from that point

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The Clash started a comeback three minutes into the second half. Calvin Rasbold volleyed an Alec Foster corner kick for the first Clash goal. Midway through the half, Rasbold scored his second goal as he dribbled the ball down the right side and fired a shot that was too hot to handle for the Mustang keeper. The Clash battled to even the score in the game 's last fifteen minutes, only to be denied by the Mustang defense. Brian Codington played a strong game at midfield and Erik Salgado, Jordan Murdoch and Donnie Buchanan all were stalwarts on the Clash defense.

Clash defense.

Livermore AC3 Livermore Boys Un-

Clash defense.

Livermore AC3 Livermore Boys Under 11 placed 4th in Ballistic Harvest Fall Tournament. The Clash made a great start with a nail bitting tie 1-1 in the first game and a dominant 3-1 win in the second game. The first game against West Marin Riot, they ended the first half 0-0. In the 26th minute the Riot scored. As the Clash were driving offensively there was a foul in the Riot box to give the Clash a penalty kick. TJ Hood was stellar at placing the ball in the back of the net. The clash defense was tough with Jordan Murdoch and great saves by goalie Donny Buchanan to finish the game 1-1.

Second game was a battle back and forth with offense Curtis Wigginton, Diego Plascenia, Calvin Rasbold, Tanner Sandy, Mike Brooks, Alec Foster, Kent Greene and TJ Hood. Offensively they had many shots on goal. In the second half Diego had two beautiful goals and TJ Hood had a goal al assisted by Calvin Rasbold to make the game 3-1 win. The defense was a brick wall of contributors with Jacob Woll, Ryan Ball. Tommy Early, Jordan Murdoch, Erick Salgado, Brian Codington, Cody Teague, and goalie Donny Buchanan. Clash with another 1-1 tie against Mustang Rovers. A beautiful cross from Alec Foster to Calvin Rasbold to go up 1-0. 5 minutes later Mustang came back with a goal to tie 1-1.

After a point lead the Clash move forward to the consolation game against Belmont Titans. The Clash start out strong with a goal in the 6th minute of the game by Diego Plascencia. Donny Buchanan had a couple of tough shots on goal but had his defense to help out. Jordan Murdoch was sweeping numerous of balls out of the back field to help his offense on attack. Brian Codington and Ryan Ball were aggressive in the middle to help with the attack. Jacob Woll was effective the Calvin the consolation game to the code of the pout. In the field to help his offense on it ack. Brian Codington and Ryan Ball were aggressive in the middle to help with the attack. Jacob Woll was effective.

Ryan Ball were aggressive in the middle to help with the attack. Jacob Woll was effective on the field with many one on one battles and won many balls to feed to the Clash offense. won many bans to reed to the Clash or or ones.
With a couple of difficult breaks the Clash gave up 3 goals to lose 3-1. The boys had a great tournament and are doing well as a team.
They settled for a 4th place medal.
The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12 D3

team won its second tournament of the season by capturing the Livermore Elite Fall Clas-sic. Despite falling behind early in two of its sic. Despite failing bening early in two of its games, Livermore responded by winning all four matches. In the first game against the Annadel Thunder, the Fury fell benind in the 3rd minute before Katie Lortie took a high ball from Marissa Scheid to tie the game. The Fury shut down Annadel the rest of the way, led by the strong midfield play of Brittany. led by the strong midfield play of Brittany Ahrbeck and Morgan Brandt's defense. Rebekah Johnson broke the tie early in the second half with her goal. Livermore controlled play the remainder of the game in the 2-1 victory.

In the second game versus Central Marin, the Fury offense dominated. In the 9th minute, Alison Pierson followed up her own shot to beat the keeper and Katie Lortie scored a minute later on a pass from Pierson for a quick 2-0 lead. Callie Crowe played strongly in the midfield to gain possession and drive the ball forward several times. The Fury scored four more times in the second half, highlighted by Emily Kalantar's header off an highlighted by Emily Kalantar's header off an Amanda Fairclough corner kick. Alyssa Stevenson and Kaitlyn Bulhoes scored off of rebound shots and Mikayla Molien converted a long free kick outside the box to cap the 6-0 win.

the Fury applied early pressure but could not convert. In the 12th minute, the Strikers scored to go up 1-0. Five minutes later, Amanda Fairclough booted a long pass which Kaitlin DaDalt scored on a breakaway to tie Rattin Dalbait scored on a breakaway to the the match. The Fury broke the tie when Alyssa Stevenson scored. Although Livermore controlled play in the second half, led by midfielder Skyler Kriz, the Fury just missed scoring several times yet still clinched a place in the championship game with the 2-1 victory.

up the United attack. Outside defenders Erin Winegarner and Morgan Brandt battled oneon-one with the United's speedy forwards
long enough for strong backside support to
slide over and clear the ball out of the Fury
zone. This allowed Fury midfielders Rebekah
Johnson, Marissa Scheid and Skyler Kriz opportunity to push the ball forward quickly and pressure the United defense. Brentwood had one good chance to tie the game when goalie Emily Kalantar challenged a ball deep into the box but Ryley Landreth and Mikayla Molien hustled to clear the ball. In the 22nd minute against a tiring defense, Kaitlin DaDalt sprinted down the right side and drilled a shot which was blocked by the United goalie and rebounded in by Kaitlyn Bulhoes for a 2-0 lead, Katie Lortie extended the lead to 3-0 when she rocketed a shot from the lead to 3-0 when she rocketed a shot from the middle of the box high into the back of the net. Brentwood responded with its best offensive play during the next ten minutes and finally scored with 16 minutes remain-ing. Bulhoes completed the 4-1 championship win when she tapped in a ball off a long free kick from Fairclough. The Livermore Shock, Division 1,

The Livermore Shock, Division 1, U14 Girls soccer team took 1st place at the 2007 Almaden Champions Cup this past weekend. Despite having only one sub for all four games because of injuries, the Shock held their opponents scoreless with superb defensive play from Haley Londry, Brianna Hylton, Katie Keller, and Breanna Rittmann. Goal keeper Katie "Neddy" Pruneda was outstanding in goal with several key saves and a diving blocked penalty kick. The Shock midfield was led by Racquel "Bam-Bam" Hamblen who scored 5 goals for the weekend. Additional midfield support was supplied by Hamblen who scored 5 goals for the weekend.
Additional midfield support was supplied by
both Kylie Hill and Julie Lopez who used
their excellent ball handling skills to outwit
their opponents. The front line offense for
Shock was powered by speed and determination from Angel Gosse, Lauren Kershner (2
goals), Ashlyn Conlin, and Tatyana Martinez
who all applied constant pressure to the goal.
Other scores: Livermore Shock 2, SCC
Breakers '930: Livermore Shock 3. Turlock Breakers '93 0; Livermore Shock 3, Turlock Tornado Fury 0; Livermore Shock 2, Lamorinda United 0; Livermore Shock 1,

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U14-Division 3 took 1st in the White Bracket at Livermore Elite Fall Classic! The Championship game against North Valley Stars went to the wire. Both teams battled hard for control of the ball, but Rage came out on top in the last minutes of the game with a beautiful cornerkick by Jessica Klahr. Incredible teamwork during weekend play against Montclair, Fremont and Castro Valley helped nine players on Rage score goals- Megan Clark, Cassi Scroggins, Marisa Victor, Megan Ash, Jes-sica Klahr, Danielle LaMarche, Danielle Homan, Katey Cloonan and Stephanie Little.

Pleasanton Rage Division 1 U11: Blasters 5, Broncos 7: Great Victory for the Broncos, with only one goal made by Ming Coleman first half of the game, the Broncos came really tough and strong the 2nd half of the game with Sophia Nekrawesh making 3 goals in a row and the other 3 were made by Sunyoung Jessica and Ashley. The girls played great Defensive and Offensive.

The Rage U15, Division III team took third place overall in the 21st Annual Golden Gate Invitational Soccer Tournament this weekend. They brought home three wins out of four games played. The scores were: against Pacifica Aztecas, 6-0; against Central Marin Storm, 3-1; against Stanford Riptide, 1-0; and against JLYSL Mercury, 1-0.

In the game against Pacifica, Rage outshot the opponents 19-4, with goals by Noelle Malindzak (assist Stephanie), Casey Curtis, Chelsea Loewenstein (two goals), Stephanie Boggs, and Sara Quero. Against Central Marin, goals were scored by Maggie Blasing (assist Ellia Kim), Sara Quero, and Chalsaa (assist Ellie Kim), Sara Quero, and Chelsea Loewenstein. Defenders Niki Gotelli Emma Caswell, and goalkeeper Heidi Johns kept the game tight.

Against Stanford, midfielders Kendall Ready and Kristen DesPrez played strong roles, along with goalkeeper Alex Villaneuva, and defenders Niki Gotelli and Vicki Binder. In the final game against Mercury, for third place, Julia Price's determined offense throughout the tournament paid off with the game-winning header into the goal (assist Heidi Johns).

DIVISION 4 Under-12: Bobcats 1, Black Panthers 6; Blue Jays 3, Black Widows 3; Coming into the third game of the season undefeated, the Bobcats put up a valiant fight against the Black Panthers. In the exciting first play of the game, Natalie Outra came out of nowhere to steal the ball from the Panther's offense, stopping them from scoring a goal. Sabrina Nguyen made a great wall pass to Julia Padilla leading up to a goal attempt by Miranda Boyden which skimmed the goal post. In the second half, Kourtnie Sicam made an incredible kick from the Bobcat's goal box clear to the Panther's goal box and Tara Ross scored the Bobcats only goal for the game

the Bobcats only goal for the game.
TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Tara Ross, Kourtnie Sicam, Miranda Boyden, Bobcats; Carley Krakauer, Mikaela Malave, Madison Lawer, Black Widows; TOP DE-FENSIVE PLAYERS: Kaitlyn Mllie, Natalie Outra, Hannah Tran, Bobcats; Anika Kilkenny, Josie Beidleman, Kayla Moniz, Black Widows;

Thunder 1, Tic-Tacs 1: Under-10: Jaguars 5, Jets 0: Lyndy and Kayla combined to shut the Tic-Tacs out in the first half. Molly scored a break away goal for the Thunder. Cori showed her typical tenacity on both offense and defense, and Cami showed terrific improvement, especially in getting involved in the close action. TOP OFFEN-SIVE PLAYERS: Molly Griston, Kayla Baughman, Ali Greth, Thunder; TOP DE-FENSIVE PLAYERS: Hannah Johnson,

Cori Jackson, Cami Lane, Thunder; Under-9: The girls played hard against a great team. Congratulations to our two scorers, Abigail Hesterand Alexandra Piliotis. Great offensive assists by Kyler Juarez and Brianna Sobrero. Special mention to our top defensive players, Eleni Piliotis, Natalia Alvarez, and our Star Goalie Juliana Pribela! TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Abigail

Hester, Alexandra Piliotis, Brianna Sobrero, Power Puppies; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: Eleni Piliots, Natalia Alvarez, Juliana

ERS: Elent Piliots, Natalia Alvarez, Juliana Pribela, Power Puppies;
Under-8: A great game was played by both teams. Excellent defense and offense by the Monsters! Keep up the good work. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Lily Krieger, Adrey Ganser, Sophie Traube, Monsters; Lindsay Dillon, JoJo Dugoni, Allie Sanchez, Meteors; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Mikalya Tran McKenna Harris, Paige Mikalya Tran, McKenna Harris, Paige Quinton, Monsters; Ashley Xavier, Brooke Thielen, Maddy Dierickse, Meteors

Under-6: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: Gianna Varner, Alexis Gundermann Megan Reilly, Dolphins; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Jessie Groeniger, Kristina Allard, Kennedy Leong, Dolphins;

Phantom Action

Phantom 12 & Under placed 3rd in the Fall Ball State Qualifier in Fremont this weekend. Phantom fell short 2-4 against Newark Breeze in the Semi Final Sunday after playing two tough opponents earlier Sunday

In the semi-final, Jana Johnson hit a line drive bullet to score Kennedy Poplawski who got on with a base hit bunt to put Phantom on the books first. In the 3rd, the Breeze came up with three hits to push ahead 2-1. Phantom rallied back to tie it up in the bottom of the 3rd with a smash hit single by Roni Stone and scored on a sacrifice hit by Julia Petros. Breeze came alive in the top of the 6th with three hits and to pull ahead 4-2 and hold Phantom for the win. Petros was 2 for 3, Krista Williams had a single. Excellent defense by Johanna Grauer with a sliding right field foul line catch and Victoria Molina at short not letting the ball out of the infield. Poplawski in center saved a run with an awesome throw to the plate. Williams on the mound had 7 strike-outs, 1 walk and gave up 6 hits. Johnson was great behind the plate.

The competition was excellent in this Qualifier. Earlier Sunday Phantom beat Thunda-Strike 6-4 and Castro Valley Synergy Black 5-4 in International Tie-Breaker. In pool play Saturday, Phantom tied Crossfire 0-0 and She Devils 2-2. Phantom lost 9-1 against Albany-Berkeley Sting 9-1.

Bowling News

Mike Stephenson representing Granada Bowl in a match vs Stockton's WestLane Match Club just missed a perfect game and settled for a 299 on his way to a 751 series. Mark McCreary had a pair of nice series topped by his 288, 247 & 238 for a 773 Series in the Modified Guys & Dolls and his 279, 280 to complete a 740 series in the Re/Max

Executive Cheyenne League.

Joe Monastiero rolled a 263,246 and 239 for a 748 series and Rich Canada's 257 and a pair of 226 led him to 709 series. Brian Edmondo (Generation Gap) rolled a 714 set including games of 256, 231 and a 227. Mark Eiden of the Valley Families & Friends rolled a 265, 233, 204 for 703. Greg Kwasniak had a 257, 235, 204 101 703. Grig Rwasina had a 257, 235, 218 710 Series in the Kings & Queens League and Mike Dougherty of the 4 Seasons Heating & Air rolled a 273, 221 and 213 for a 707 Series.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Under Sea Adventure Meet







hosted by Santa Cruz Sports in Santa Cruz over the weekend: The Level 5 team took home first place, while Level 6 tied for first

. LEVEL 4 VAULT - Karissa Haubert (9.3); Katherina Weissbach (9.1) BARS -Karissa Haubert (8.9); Katherina Weissbach (6.2) BEAM - Katherina Weissbach (8.7); Karissa Haubert (8.25) FLOOR - Karissa Haubert (9.1); Katherina Weissbach (8.8) ALLAROUND-Karissa Haubert - 4th place

(35.55); Katherina Weissbach (32.8) LEVEL5 Age Group: 10 yrs old VAULT - Isabella Orecchia - T5 place (8.5); Morgan Fiske (8.1) BARS - Isabella Orecchia - 1st place (9.3); Morgan Fiske - 6th place (8.2) BEAM - Isabella Orecchia - 3rd place (8.7); Morgan Fiske - 4th place (8.65) FLOOR - Isabella Orecchia and Morgan Fiske - T3rd place (8.8) ALLAROUND - Isabella Orecchia - 1st place (35.3); Morgan Fiske - 7th place (32.75). piace (8.6) ALAROUND-Isabeila Oreccinia (33.75); Age Group: 11 yrs old VAULT - Dori Lucero - 1st place (9.2); Celina Moufarrej and Elizabeth Higa - T7th place (8.6); Rachel Yang (8.45) BARS - Elizabeth Higa - Ist place (9.6); Celina Moufarrej - 2nd place (9.1); Dori Lucero - 5th place (8.9); Rachel Yang - 8th place (8.2) BEAM - Dori Lucero - 1st place (9.4); Celina Moufarrej - 3rd place (9.05); Elizabeth Higa - 5th place (8.6); Rachel Yang - 6th place (8.55) FLOOR - Dori Lucero - T1st place (9.0); Elizabeth Higa - 5th place (8.6); Rachel Yang - 8th place (8.45); Celina Moufarrej (3.3) ALL AROUND - Dori Lucero - 1st place (35.5); Elizabeth Higa - 2nd place (35.4); Celina Moufarrej - 3rd place (35.5); Rachel Yang (33.65); Age Group: 12+ yrs old VAULT - Jessica Fineran - T3rd place (8.3) BARS - Jessica Fineran - 2nd place (8.7) (8.9) BEAM - Jessica Fineran - 3rd place (8.7) FLOOR - Jessica Fineran - T4th place (8.55) ALL AROUND - Jessica Fineran - T2nd place

(34.45). LEVEL 6 Age Group: 10 yrs old and under VAULT-Tiana Hodzic (8.4); Shannon Gray (7.8) BARS - Tiana Hodzic - 1st place (8.6); Shannon Gray - 5th place (8.1) BEAM - Tiana Hodzic - 2nd place (8.75); Shannon Gray - 4th place (8.55) FLOOR - Tiana Hodzic and Shannon Gray - T6th place (8.5) ALL AROUND - Tiana Hodzic - 5th place (34.25); Age Group: (34.25); Shannon Gray (32.95); Age Group: 12 yrs old Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 2nd place 12 yrs old Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 2nd place (9.3) Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 4th place (8.3) Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 1st place (9.4) Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 1st place (9.4) Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 1st place (9.3) Amy Tilson-Lumetta - 1st place (3.3); Age Group: 13-14 yrs old VAULT - Jaime Gray - 1st place (8.5); Jacy Rasnick - 2nd place (8.45) BARS - Jaime Gray - 1st place (8.6); Jacy Rasnick - 2nd place (7.4) BEAM - Jaime Gray - 1st place (7.9); Jacy Rasnick - 2nd place (7.5); Jacy Rasnick - 3rd place (7.5) ALL AROUND - Jaime Gray - 1st place (33.85); Jacy Rasnick - 2nd place (30.85).

Gymfinity Gymnastics

Gymfinity Gymnastics hosted the It's a Small World Invitational at their new gym located at 6751 Southfront Road in Livermore on Saturday, September 29, 2007. Gymfinity's level 5 and 6 teams combined to take 1st place in the team competition in the morning session with a score of 108.4 and the level 4 team took 3rd place at the afternoon session with a score of 107.075. Highlights for the Gymfinity girls included Katie Mathers winning the floor title in the level 4 younger age group. In the level 4 middle-B division, Baylee Hill took the number one spot on the vault. Michelle Kuneli also placed first on the vault in the level 4 older set. Isla Andrews was the star on the bars placing first in the level 5 younger age division while Kelley Hebert showed her stuff to take the floor title in the same age group. In the level 5 middle age group it was Rebecca Meister who stood at the top of the podium winning the vault, bars and all-around titles. Overall, it was a great day for the ladies of Gymfinity Gym-

nastics.
Level 4 - Younger - VAULT: Katie
Mathers, 4th, 8.9. BARS: Mathers, 6th, 8.3.
BEAM: Mathers, 2nd, 8.425. FLOOR:
Mathers, 1st, 8.925. ALL-AROUND:
Mathers, 2nd, 34.55. Middle B - VAULT: Baylee Hill, 1st, 9.5; Shannon Payne, 13th, 8.6; Savannah Chrupalo, 14th, 8.5. BARS: Chrupalo, 4th, 8.875; Payne, 7th, 8.725; Hill, 9th 8.675. BEAM: Hill, 6th, 8.875; Hill, 9th 8.675. BEAM: Hill, 6th, 8.875; Chrupalo, 9th, 8.675; Payne, 13th, 8.325. FLOOR: Hill, 5th, 9.2; Chrupalo, 9th, 8.65; Payne, 10th, 8.575. ALL-AROUND: Hill, 3rd, 36.25; Chrupalo, 8th, 34.7; Payne, 10th, 34.225. Older - VAULT: Michelle Kuneli, 1st, 9.325. BARS: Kuneli, 10th, 8.4. BEAM: Kuneli, 8th, 8.2. FLOOR: Kuneli, 4th, 8.975. ALL-AROUND: Kuneli, 5th, 3.49

Level 5 – Younger - VAULT: Kelley Hebert, 3rd, 8.55; Sara Vukojevic, 4th, 8.5; Isla Andrews, 5th, 8.45; Victoria Enos, 6th, Isla Andrews, 51n, 8.45; Victoria Enos, 6th, 8.425; Julia Garrison, 9th, 7.8. BARS: Andrews, 1st, 9.3; Vukojevic, 2nd, 8.6; Enos, 7th 8.175; Hebert, 10th, 7.45; Mariel Chiong, 13th, 6.6. BEAM: Hebert, 2nd, 9.05; Andrews, 3rd, 8.9; Enos, 6th, 8.3; Vukojevic, 9th, 8.0; Chiong, 11th, 7.8; Garrison, 15th, 7.075; FLOOR: Hebert, 1st, 9.75; Exps. 5th, 8.55; Chiong, 6th, 8.15th 8.875; Enos, 5th, 8.525; Chiong, 6th, 8.150; Andrews, 7th, 8.05; Vukojevic, 12th, 7.625; Garrison, 15th, 6.9. ALL-AROUND: Andrews, 2nd, 34.7; Hebert, 3rd, 33.925; Enos, 5th, 33.425; Vukojevic, 8th, 32.725; Chiong, 13th, 22.55; Garrison, 15th, 21.775. Middle - VAULT: Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.775; Amy Morrison, 4th, 8.525; Rachel Pombo, 10th, 7.8. BARS: Meister, 1st, 9.45; Morrison, 5th, 8.675; Pombo, 10th, 7.65. BEAM: Morrison, 3rd, 8.75; Meister, 9th, 8.4; Pombo, 11th, 8.25. FLOOR: Morrison, 3rd, 9.075; Meister, 4th, 8.875; Morrison, 3rd, 9.075; Meister, 4th, 8.875; Pombo, 15th, 7.325. ALL-AROUND: Meister, 1st, 35.5; Morrison, 4th, 35.025; Pombo, 11th, 31.025. Older - VAULT: Sabrina Chaco, 7th, 8.4; Chelsea Werner, 15th, 5.6. BARS: Chaco, 2nd, 8.3; Werner 13th, 4.3. BEAM: Chaco, 7th, 7.875; Werner, 15th, 4.95. FLOOR: Chaco, 4th, 8.1; Werner, 15th, 4.95. FLOOR: Chaco, 4th, 8.1; Werner, 15th, 4.3. ALL-AROUND: Chaco, 3rd, 32.675; Werner, 15th, 19.15. Level 6 - All Ages - VAULT: Haley Brott, 2nd, 9.1; Allison Honig, 3rd, 9.025; Gabriella Lemoine, 4th, 9.0; Angelica Leporati, 8th, 8.85; Kaitlin Hausmann, 15th, 8.1. BARS: Brott, 2nd, 8.7; Honig, 6th, 8.1. BARS: Brott, 2nd, 8.7; Honig, 6th,

8.1. BARS: Brott, 2nd, 8.7; Honig, 6th, 8.2; Lemoine, 7th, 8.175; Leporati, 8th, 7.85; Hausmann, 13th, 6.625. BEAM: Brott, 3rd, 9.05; Honig, 7th, 8.5; Hausmann, 8th, 8.1; Lemoine, 10th, 8.0; Leporati, 11th, 6th, 8.4; Brott, 9th, 8.25; Lemoine, 10th, 8.2; Hausmann, 13th, 7.675. ALL-AROUND: Brott, 2nd, 35.1; Honig, 5th, 2.1; Hausmann, 13th, 7.675. 34.125; Lemoine, 8th, 33.375, Leporati, 9th, 33.025; Hausmann, 13th, 30.5.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

This 1938 Bantam was just one of close to a 1000 cars displayed on First Street in Livermore during the Altamont Cruisers annual Nostalgia Day Car Show. There were street rods and custom cars of all types. The event also included music. It is the Cruisers' annual fundraising

Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics competed in the Aloha Invitational at Airborne Gymnastics in

Santa Clara.
Level 4 Age Group: Child 6 - 8 Vault:
Rhianne Khweled, t6th, 9.3; Tessa Wolfgram,
t 14th, 8.7; Julia Pfluger, 9th, 9.0.Bars:
Pfluger, 9th, 9.2; Wolfgram, 12th, 9.05;
Khweled, 13th, 8.95. Beam: Wolfgram, t
6th, 9.15; Khweled, 9th, 8.75; Pfluger, 16th,
7.0. Floor: Khweled, t 1st, 9.4; Wolfgram,
10th, 9.05; Pfluger, 14th, 8.8. All-around:
Khweled, t 8th, 36.4; Wolfgram, 12th,
35.95; Pfluger, 14th, 34.0. Level 4 Age
Group: Child 8-9 (Jr.) Vault: Dana Kudelka,
t 10th, 9.1; Kelsey Smith, t 10th, 9.1; t 10th, 9.1; Kelsey Smith, t 10th, 9.1; Miriam Gemmell, 16th, 8.6; Morgan Leone, t 12th, 9.0; Roya Garakani, 17th, 8.1. Bars: Kudelka, 3rd, 9.25; Smith, 10th, 8.9; Leone, 13th; 8.45; Gemmell, t 14th, 8.4; Garakani, 17th, 7-9. Beam: Kudelka, 8th, 8.65; Smith, 11th, 8.4; Garakani, 13th, 8.25; Gemmell, 14th, 8.05; Leone, 16th, 7.6. Floor: Kudelka, 7th, 9.05; Smith, t 9th, 8.9; Gemmell, t 14th, 8.5; Garakani, 16th, 8.2; Leone, 17th, 8.1. All-around: Kudelka, 8th, 36.05; Smith, 9th, 35.3; Gemmell, 15th, 33.55; Leone,

9th, 35.3; Gemmell, 15th, 33.55; Leone, 16th, 33.15; Garakani, 17th, 32.45. Level 4 Age Group: Child 9+ (Sr.) Vault: Isabella Book, t 7th, 9.25; Shannon Bagot, t 10th, 9.0; Hannah Nguyen, t 10th, 9.0; Kirsten Trout, t 10th, 9.0; Monique Shah, t 10th, 9.0; Natalie Mauch, t 15th, 8.8; Julia Morgin, t 20th, 8.4. Bars: Book, 3rd, 9.35; Nguyen, 8th, 9.1; Trout, 13th, 8.8; Mauch, t 14th, 8.65; Bagot, 17th, 8.5; Morgin, 19th, 8.3; Shah, 20th, 8.1. Beam: Book, 16th, 9.3; Bagot, 10th, 8.8; Mauch, t 14th, 8.2; Nguyen, t 14th, 8.2; Morgin, 18th, 7.9; Shah, t 17th, 8.6; Trout, 21st, 7.1. Floor: Book, t 6th, 9.3; Bagot, 9th, 9.15; Morgin, t 13th, 8.8; Trout, 13th, 8.8; Mauch, t 17th, 8.6; Shah, t 17th, Nguyen, 21st, 0.0. All-around: Book, 5th, Nguyen, 21st, 0.0. All-around: Book, 5th, 37.2; Bagot, 11th, 35.45; Mauch, 14th, 34.25; Trout, 16th, Morgin, 17th, 33.4, Shah, 19th, 32.9; Nguyen, 21st, 26.3.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Advanced: The undefeated Packers and undefeated Texans battled for 1st Place this past Saturday 9/29. Defense dominated the game. Defenses for each team held the other game. Derenses for each real ment the other team to under 80 yards of offense. The Texans scored with 1:00 left in the game after recovering a blocked punt from the Packer's end zone at the Packers 3 yard line. The Packers stopped the first 2 attempts but the Texans scored on third down to take the lead and essentially win the game. Numerous great plays occurred by both teams but neither team could mount a scoring drive. The Packers stand at 1-1-1 for the season.

The Defense was led by Cody Shields 10 tackles & an interception, Austin Hamilton 5 tackles & a sack, Cameron Blonigan 4 tackles, Brad Hope 4 tackles a sack & an interception, Nick Gaither, 3 tackles, Costas Triggas 2 tackles, Stephen Gordon 2 tackles rushing including a 24 yard burst in the middle. A Ryan Allen to Nate Bussani pass resulted in a 25 yard gain. Hawk Becker had a 12 yard run to keep a drive alive. The offensive line of David Becker, Zach Hill, Chad Martin, Alex Ott, and Travis Chubb played well.

Pleasanton Junior Football League re-

Flag Football: The Senior 49ers gave a good effort, but fell short against the Bears in a 20-7 loss. After falling behind 8-0 on a long pass play, the Niners took over on the Bear 35 yard line. Aaron Silva ran a counter for six yards on first down, but Ben Rittler was stopped for no gain on second and an offsides penalty left the 49ers with a thirdand-14. From there, the Niners converted their own long pass as Jacob Storti rolled right and hit Taylor Disbrow on and out-and-up good for a 34-yard score. Storti ran for the conversion to bring the Niners to within a point, but the Bears managed a pair of second

half scores that the Niners could not answer. Contact: Dolphins 16, Bucs 8 Max Kurth scored on touchdown runs of 30 and 70 yards, as the Dolphins edged the Bucs, 16-8. Nick Griffen scored a PAT, and added solid support to the ground game. Casey Cummings took high tackle honors with 5.5, while Anthony Grant added 5, Anthony Prieto had 4.5, and Wayne King had 3 tackles. Nick Covert provided great coverage in the Dolphins secondary. Brandon Arace forced a key fumble that was recovered by Anthony Viveiros, preserving the win for the Dol-

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football results: Midgets: The Livermore Youth Foot-ball Vikings put one in the win column against a tough Deer Valley squad Saturday 19-0. The Vikings jumped out to an early lead scoring on the first drive with a 22 yard touchdown run by Jahar Staples. Livermore would find themselves in a defensive battle until late in the fourth quarter. Staples found the end zone twice in the fourth finishing the day with 147 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Damairay Drew Livermore's work horse finished with 14 carries and 60 yards. Drew lead the way on defense with 8 tackles one for a loss and a force fumble. Jake Kearney, Tyler Leasau, and Greg White combined for 12 tackles and each had one for a loss, and White had a force fumble. Rounding out the defense for the Vikings was Jeremy Mata with an interception and Max Kreger who played well on special teams. The Vikings are now 3-1, and will host Clayton Valley for their homecoming Saturday October 6th at Livermore High.

Jr. Midgets: The Livermore Norsemen fell to defending champion Deer Valley 20-7 to drop to 2-2 on the season. The Norsemen pulled ahead 7-6 early in the second quarter on a 5-yard run by Kevin Kutchera behind Jacob Kirby, Derek Granados, and Zach Sturgill. Kutchera then ran in for the extra point. The Norsemen continued to hold the Wolverines until an errant snap on a punt from inside their own 20-yard line set up Deer Valley with a short field with less than two minutes remaining in the half. Clock management allowed the Wolverines to convert and take a 14-7 halftime lead. On defense, the Norsemen were led by Jake Bohland, Tyler Rardon, Zac Rosas, Riley Draa, Rio Castillo, Marshall Peters, Sturgill, and Kutchera.

Scout League: Ryan Granados had a huge defensive game coming up big for the Gladiators and keeping the Wolverines to a minimal in yardage gain and with help for team-mate Christian Garcia the boys stopped the professive team from advancing Giavanni there offensive team from advancing. Giavanni Weaver had numerous carries and yardage gains and helped our boys move up the field with big time blocking from Emiliano Diaz.

Little Leagues Signup
Livermore Little Leagues 2008 Season
Baseball Registration is Saturday, October
20th and Saturday, November 3rd, 10 am to
2 pm Livermore High School Student Union. Players must be 5 - 18 years old on or before April 30, 2008. New players must bring original birth certificate and proof of residency. For more information visit: American www.eteamz.com/LALL_ www.eteamz.com/LALL) Granada _www.eteamz.com/granadall_ (http://www.eteamz.com/granadall) National _www.llnl.us_ (http://www.llnl.us/)

Under-10 Team

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

Smoke Registration

The Livermore Smoke 2008 season is almost here. Walk-in registration will be held October 9th and October 23rd, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 1020 Mocho Street, 6pm-9pm. Birth certificates will be verified for all players (past records are shredded after each season). Signed zero tolerance policy forms are required for both player and parent. Forms will be available online and at walk-in. For more information please visit us at livermoregirlssoftball.org/

Golf Tournament

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

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

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

Las Positas Golf Course is located at 917 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore

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Phantom Softball

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Sottball League 2008 Registration is open for all division. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball.

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

Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registra-tion form from our website). For more information visit the PGSL website at www.pleasantonsoftball.org. PGSL Upper Division Try-Outs: Upper Divisions consists of girls in grades 3 thru 8 and is for all girls wanting to increase their skills and learn to play at a more advanced level. All girls interested in playing uppers are required to try- out. No previous uppers experience necessary. All players trying out must be registered for the 2008 season prior to attending one of the sessions below. All sessions will be held at the Sports Park on GSB fields 6 & 7. If the fields are closed, but it is not raining, try-outs will be held in the parking lot. Please check the Sports Park weather line (931-5360) and the PGSL website for updates. Pitchers & Catchers arrive at 4:15 for updates. Pitchers & Catchers arrive at 4:15 pm to register for a 4:30pm start. All other players should arrive by 4:45pm to begin at 5:00pm. Try-Out Dates: Oct. 1–Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 2–Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 3–Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 4–Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 5– Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 8-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 9-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 10-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 11-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name R-Z. If you cannot attend on the scheduled day, contact the division director listed on the PGSL website.

Lacrosse Coach

Granada High School will open the position for a Varsity Lacrosse Coach for the 2007-08 season at the end of September. This will be Granada's third season with the majority of players returning to the line up in varsity and many new experienced players coming in as freshman. This is an opportunity for a JV or Assistant Coach interested in a Head Coach position. Candidates should have at least two years of lacrosse coaching experience, demonstrated ability to teach all aspects of the game and to motivate students, and strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills. The ideal candidate should have college or equivalent playing experience. The head coach will oversee both varsity and junior varsity programs. The new coach may select his own assistants, but returning staff may also be available. A stipend is offered by the school. The coach's application and stipend information may be found at: http://livermoreschools.com/Depts/ Personnel/Coaches/Coaches.htm Applications will be accepted after the position is formally posted at the end of September. The posting can be found at http://livermoreschools.com/Depts/Personnel/ Job%20Vacs/jobvac.htmPlease contact Clark Conover, Athletic Director, Granada High School e-mail: CConover@livermore.k12.ca.usPhone: 925-606-4800 x3636.

Livermore Lacrosse

Open Registration for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club Spring 2008 season runs Oct 1 thru Oct 31. The season begins in January and ends in mid-May. LPLC is a youth lacrosse club affiliated with Northern California Junior Lacrosse Assoc and is open to hove and girls grades 3 thru 8. Visit to boys and girls grades 3 thru 8. Visit www.phantomlacrosse.com. for more information and links to our registration site, or call Bob Mezeul at 925- 425-9901

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Do You Remember? By Anne Homan

Where's the Beef?

Before the days of refrigeration and supermarkets, housewives shopped almost daily at their local butcher's shop. The cattle and sheep raised on the valley hills made for a plentiful supply of local meat. Before refrigeration, ice was shipped in by the railroads.

Peter McKeany came to Livermore in 1871 and opened the City Meat Market in rented space. He soon purchased property on First Street and built a two-story structure next to Frederick A. Anthony's tin shop. Today a small one-story brick building stands on the site between the Masonic Building and the Schenone Building. For some time McKeany used the old bull ring in Laddsville for a corral; in 1876 he bought the entire city block now containing Carnegie Library and Park for his cattle. He built a large hay barn there, with stabling along the sides; in 1909 the city paid him \$9,000 for the library site, nine times what he had paid for it. McKeany retired in 1910; his butcher shop was torn down in 1929.

In 1875 Pleasanton butcher William Ludwig excavated a "large and commodious cellar under his butcher shop" where he could keep "meats nice and cool for customers." The year before he had won the bid to supply members of the Livermore Grange with beef for the season.

In the 1880s a number of local ranchers—John and Laughlin Moy, John Connelly, the Collier brothers—worked at the Livermore Meat Market. The Collier brothers advertised their fresh beef, veal, mutton, corned meats, pork, bacon, lard in cans, California cured hams, and fresh and bologna sausage in the February 3, 1887 Herald. During the December holiday season in that era, the butchers in town put on quite a display to entice customers. The 1897 Christmas Day Herald boasted that Frank Fennon's Grand Central Market "outrivals anything of the kind ever attempted in Livermore. ... Fatted calves, young stall-fed steers, porkers, mutton, and lambs are there galore. Upon a raised platform are two huge porkers and their aggregate weight is 1,113 pounds. ... On the center of the table is a miniature snowcovered wagon to which are hitched four roasters. A wee-wee pig attends to the driving. On the sides of the wagon are the words 'Bound for the Klondyke' and 'Grand Central Market. The meats were dressed by Messrs. Collier and Murray.

On 15 May 1909 an ad in the Herald for the California Mar ket on First Street said Frank Fennon was the proprietor and carried "all kinds of fresh salted and smoked meats." This shop has the largest and most complete refrigerating plant in the interior of Alameda County and makes a specialty of its refrigerated meats, acknowledged to be superior in flavor to fresh

Henry Moller, after serving an apprenticeship in an Emeryville meat packing plant, came to the Dublin/Pleasanton area to start his own business in 1914. He married Bertha Koopman, a Dublin native. They had three sons: Harold, Lloyd and Roy. There were actually three different buildings, but the last and largest slaughterhouse was built in the 1950s on the west side of Foothill Road on the 200-acre Moller Ranch, now a housing development. After each of the boys graduated from Amador Valley High School, he joined the family business, now called H. Moller & Sons, which packaged and sold meats wholesale. They slaughtered beef, sheep and pigs. During hunting season local hunters often brought their deer to be slaughtered. In the early days, "Pops" Moller, according to an article in the Herald "used to drive his meat truck around to farms to sell his cuts. He always had free hot dogs for the kids ... when he pulled into their yards.

Harold's daughter, Linda, remembered the three sons as being much alike in personality; they worked hard together in harmony all their lives. She saw her father, the oldest, as being the leader who was in charge of raising the cattle. Lloyd's main responsibility was farming—growing the hay and grain necessary for feeding the cattle and horses; he was the middle child. The youngest, Roy, worked mostly at the slaughter house although the others worked there, too, when need

Jay Bodenhausen, who mans the Safeway fish department in Livermore, recalled that Roy was the quiet one of the three. Gordon Rasmussen, Tassajara rancher, remembered the trust that existed between local ranchers and the Mollers, whom he characterized as "solid people." He could go to the slaughterhouse, for example, at nine o'clock at night when no one was around, weigh a beef carcass on the scale provided, tag it and hang it on a hook. Soon a check would arrive in the mail at the Rasmussen house. "There was never a problem with protocol." Henrietta and Tom Greer, ranchers on Patterson Pass Road, bought dayold bull calves from the San Joaquin County dairies, raised them and sold them to the Mollers.

Many outlets, including Tri-Valley restaurants and markets for example Fiorio's—as well as Oakland venues such as the Melrose Meat Market and Oakland Meats were customers of the Mollers. Jay remembered the round-ups at the Moller Ranch. A huge crowd attended, many of whom did not participate in the work, but just the celebration that followed. He said that the occasions were legendary; "nobody walked away without a glow." The Moller's business closed in the late 1980s, not long after the local roundups that had ended at the slaughterhouse on Foothill Road became too dangerous on modern roads crowded with vehicles.

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

See it at www.844ElCaminito.com

'Bon Appetit' Benefits Pleasanton Schools

Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) Foundation will host its annual fundraiser: "Bon Appetit – Toasts & Tastes

It will be held Oct. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the CarrAmerica Conference Center in Pleasanton.

This festive cocktail party features sixteen culinary teams, each starring a Corporate/Community sponsor, a Pleasanton School District School Principal, and a local Chef. Each team will offer a signature hors d'ouerve or dessert and compete for the \$500 cash "Best In Show" award. Celebrity judges from our community will make the decision. The evening will be hosted by a KPIX - Channel 5 Weather Reporter Roberta Gonzalez.

The event also includes live jazz, live and silent auctions, martini bar and lots of fun. This event is PPIE's major fundraising effort. It raised \$80,000 for Pleasanton Schools last year Proceeds will assist in funding programs PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton Unified School Dis-

Corporate Sponsors include: ADP / ProAction Foundation, Black Tie Transportation, The Clorox Company, ClubSport Pleasanton, Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Fremont Bank, Greenbrier Homes Communities, Kaiser Permanente, KKIQ Radio, Madden Charities, Oracle, Rob-Half International, Summerhill Homes, Taleo, Visioneer, Vulcan Materials.

Food provided by the following (partial list): Bibiane Bakery, Cabana Dave, Castlewood Country Club, FAZ, First Street Café, Ğirasole / Big Horn Grill, Hopyard American Alehouse & Grill, Jeffrey's Catering, McNamara's Steak and Chop House, Oasis Grille, Panda Restaurant, PF Chang, Pleasanton Hilton, Pleasanton Hotel and Wente Vineyards

Ticket are \$55 per person. They may be purchased through the website at www.ppie.org, at the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620 or mail@ppie.org. For more information on how to become a sponsor and donate to PPIE, please contact the PPIE office 846-5620

mail@ppie.org or visit the website at www.ppie.org.

Make an Escape Plan and Win Dinner with the Fire Chief

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association during Fire Prevention Week to remind residents and businesses to "Practice Your Escape Plan." October 7 to 13, the department will work to raise awareness about the need to have an escape route from a home or business.

"Many people don't realize that they are at greater danger from fire at home than anywhere else," said Fire Chief Bill Cody. "Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. It's not enough to have a home fire escape plan; to escape safely, you've got to make sure that everyone in the home has practiced the plan.

Families with children are encouraged to develop a home escape plan and submit a completed plan at any of the events scheduled in October. One winner from Livermore and one from Pleasanton will have dinner at a fire station hosted by the fire chief, fire marshal and firefighters.

Escape plan entry forms can

be found at www.lpfire.org.

The following events are planned for Fire Prevention

 Pleasanton Farmers Market Sat., Oct. 6 and Sat., Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Livermore Farmers Market, Thurs., Oct. 4 and Thurs., Oct. 11, 4 to 8 p.m. -LPFD members will demonstrate and simulate an escape through a smoke filled environment using the fire safety trailer. Information on fire safety and disaster preparedness will be provided.

 Fire station open houses will be held Wed., Oct. 10 from 6 to 89 p.m. Members of the community are welcome to visit any fire station for a tour. A list of fire station addresses can be found at

www.lpfire.org. • Story time with a firefighter will be offered at the Livermore City Center Library on Sun., Oct. 7, noon to 2 p.m. and at the Pleasanton Library on Sat., Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Firefighters will read books. The fire department personnel will provide safety fips. In addition a fire truck



Vicki Schellenberger, President of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) and Randy Watson, Music Coordinator for the Livermore Valley School District, accept Wente Vineyards' donation of \$29,576 on behalf of music programs in Livermore Valley Schools. Karl Wente, fifth Generation Winemaker, presented the check. To date, Wente Vineyards has raised more than \$125,000 for the LVEF.

Las Positas Presents Speakers on Diversity

ebrate diversity and equity in a year-long speaker series that begins this week.

The Campus Change Network is planning and presenting the series of panels and speakers that are open to the public. The events will focus on the immense diversity of color, ability, gender, thought and identity in the Tri-Valley Community.

The network consists of Las Positas faculty, staff and students committed to creating an inclu-

sive college and community. Held on the first Friday night of the month, the series will include traditional heritage month events for Native American, African American, Latino and Women's experiences, as well as topical discussions about veterans' issues, poverty, and more.

The first event in the series is a panel discussion in recognition of National Coming Out Day on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in room 2400 on the Las Positas campus. It's co-sponsored by the Las

Las Positas College will cel- Positas Gay/Straight Alliance. The alliance is one of 31 different clubs on the campus that range from the newly formed veterans' club to the environmental, art and astronomy clubs.

During Friday night's panel, students, faculty, staff and community members will present their own stories with discussion

The November 2 program will focus on California Native Americans, while the December 7 program will feature Cuban literature.

The community is welcome by paying a \$5 admission fee. Students with college or high school ID are free. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call Jenna Heath at (925) 424-1487 or email her at jheath@laspositascollege.edu The faculty contact is TeriAnn Bengiveno, history professor at 424-1287 tbengiveno@laspositascollege.edu

Major Exploration Faire Set at LPC

Las Positas College hosts the 9th annual Major Exploration Faire on Wednesday, October 10 in Livermore.

College and high school students alike are invited to attend.

The event is designed to allow students and potential students to explore a variety of ca-

reer and college major options. These range from immediate preparation for jobs in the medical field or a variety of other hands-on fields to transfer majors that will prepare students for advanced degrees.

Law enforcement professionals from the FBI, the county sheriff's office as well as the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department will be present as wil resentatives from the California State University East Bay, San Jose State University and other colleges.

The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Las Positas College, located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive.

Adventure for Wheelchair Hikers Offered by LARPD

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) presents an Outdoor Adventure for Wheelchair Hikers on Sunday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m. Specifically designed for those in wheelchairs seeking to explore open-space parks, Ranger Patti Cole and internationallyknown wheelchair hiker Bob Coomber will present an introduction to discovering the wonders of nature on wheels. Coomber will offer suggestions and strategies for enjoying parks and trails, and the event will include a short hike.

While the program has been designed primarily for wheelchair hikers, non-wheelchair hikers are welcome as well. The group will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance of Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee and a \$2 donation is requested to help support the

programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

will be on display.

After years of training, Coomber scaled California's third highest summit, the 14,246foot White Mountain Peak in August. Coomber, who has been in a wheelchair for 16 years, is now setting his sites on the 19,340-foot slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.







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should also be included. Ghost Walk Tour Guides Needed, Museum On Main Annual Downtown Ghost Walk Fundraiser Friday, October 12th & Saturday, October 13th, No local history experience needed. Tours begin at 5 p.m. every half hour until 8:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat. Great for the family to experience together! Dress-up in a Halloween Costume Attend one meeting beforehand. Re-enactors & Story tellers will share the ghost stories at various sites. Guides only need to lead the groups to the historic & haunted sites. Interested persons contact Museum Board Member Rebecca Bruner at (925) 577-8802. Tickets are available for those wishing to take the tour. Tour Guides volunteer and tour for free

The Livermore READ Project is seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve their basic reading and writing skills. No experience is necessary. A free skills you'll need. The next training will be held at the Livermore Library on Monday, October 22nd, from 7-9PM and on Saturday October 27, from 9AM-4PM.

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

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in cafeteria room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 StanleyBvd. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362 for more info.

Monster Mayhem, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth will host the annual Haunted House, Monster Mayhem, on Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Amador Recreation Center located at 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Tours will be on the half hour; 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 recommended for children under 9 years old. Admission is \$5.00 in advance (under 3 years free) and \$10.00 at the door (under 3 years free). Tickets can be purchased at the Parks and Community Services office located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays beginning October 1st. For more information, please call (925) 931-5340.

Arroyo Seco Family Fall Festival and Carnival on Saturday October 6, from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm on the school grounds at 5280 Irene Way Livermore. Free admission, live local entertainment, games for all ages, prizes, fresh food, scholastic book fair, Oakland ZooMobile and various community service groups.

Class On California Native People, Las Positas College Community Extension will present "They Were Here First: An Introduction To California Native Culture" on Friday October 26. The class will be taught by Patricia Belding, and will run from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, the last hour to be a movie.

Those interested may enroll by phone at 925-424-1467 or on the College's web site at www.laspositascollege/edu/communityed

Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets Saturday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Quilt artist, teacher and author Peggy Martin will be featured. A quilter since 1981, Peggy is noted for her pursuit of new, faster, more streamlined and fun methods of working. Peggy's Saturday presentation is entitled "Quick Strip Paper Piecing." She will also conduct a workshop "Millennium Star" a project from her first book, on the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information quilting may attenut. For turning,about the guild or upcoming speakers, please
website, http://

visit our website, http:// amadorvalleyquilters.org. Family Flea Market, Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Ave., Livermore. Sat-urday, October 6th from 10-4. Great deals and

Planning for Incapacity, Heritage Estates is hosting a seminar given by Jennifer Thaete of Abramson & Thaete, LLP on the subject of Planning for Incapacity. How is incapacity determined? What happens if you are incapacitated and have not done any planning? How does a successor trustee/ power of attorney assume that role once a principal has lost capacity. How can your loved ones help manage your affairs should you become incapacitated. What is Conser-vatorship? The seminar will be at Heritage States, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, on October 8, from 7:00pm - 8:00 pm in the Health & Wellness Dining Room. Refreshments will be provided. Please call Nancy

with any questions: (925) 373-3636. Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, Tom Del Beccaro, Vice Chair of the California Republican Party, will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, October 11 dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, at 6:30 p.m., La Vite Ristorante (formerly Garlic di Pasta), 3037 Hopyard Road, Hopyard Village Shopping Center, Pleasanton. New members and visi-tors are welcome. Dinner is \$26 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Advance reservations are required. Please call (925) 426-1995

Armchair travelers, Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Oct. 11, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Rosemary Dukelow will give a presentation on her experiences sailing from Majorca, Spain's largest island, through the Balearic Islands archipelago. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-

5500.
Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network Come learn about nutrition! Healthy eating information will be provided for toddlers to teens and everyone in between, including moms & dads, too. Lisa Ota, RD, MPH, MA, will be the special guest speaker on Monday, October 15, at CrossWinds Church nonday, October 15, at Crosswinds Church located at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin at 7PM. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. Dads and children are welcome! For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-Valley HMN@hotmail.com

WWW.noinstremoms.org or e-mail 171-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com.

Tri-Tip Dinner, The choral programs of Granada and Livermore High Schools will sponsor a tri-tip or barbeque chicken dinner on Tuesday, October 9 at the Granada High School Student Union, Wall Street, Livermore, Seatings will be available at 6:30 more. Seatings will be available at 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from a choir student. A silent auction and raffle will also be held. For more information, email reg926@yahoo.com

Lawyer in the Library, The Pleasanton Public Library presents free legal help on the third Tuesday of each month. Each person will get a 20 minute consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Associa tion. It is on a first come-first served basis with registration beginning in person at 5:30 pm at the Reference desk. No phone reservations. Lawyer visits begin at 6pm and generally end at 8pm.

American Cribbage Congress is a National organization that has local Grass Root Clubs through-out the US. The local Livermore Club meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Sunrise Mobile Home Park Club-house, 856 Sundial Circle, Livermore. Bob

Prochnow -925-449-5956. Computer Classes, Livermore Library: Computer Classes, Livermore Library:
Introduction to the Internet, Saturday, October 13th from 10:15 am -12:15 pm. Learn how
to send and receive e-mail in E-Mail Basics
on Saturday, October 13th from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm. Searching the Internet is offered
Saturday, October 20th from 10:15 am -12:15 pm. Classes are hands on, first come first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. Stop by the Civic Center Library Adult Information Services Desk, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., or call 373-5505 for further information about the classes.

Flu Shot Clinic, Sutter VNA & Hospice has received its shipment of flu vaccines and planned for 200-plus public flu shot clinics scheduled throughout Northern California between September 29 and December 12. There will be a clinic in Livermore on Sun., Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Flu vaccine shots are \$25 each. Pneumonia shots are also available for \$35 each. Shots will be administered to adults, children ages

9-13 (with a doctor's note/prescription) and ages 13-18 (with parental permission). And there is no charge for flu and pneumonia vaccines with proof of Medicare Part B (red/ white/blue card). For more information, go

to: www.suttervna.org.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment, learn how foods play a role in maintaining and regaining health. Facilitated by Tinrin Chew, oncology dietician, Thurs., Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240 A & B, Pleasanton. For cancer patients, their families and friends. Free. Reservations required. Call 933-0107

Dealing with Hearing Loss Hard of hearing? Know someone who is? Mary Yee of MY Hearing Services will share information on how sound travels through the ear, is translated and received by the brain, and how physical & neurological issues lead to different types of hearing loss. Tuesday, October 9, 10 am to 11:30 am at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Activity fee: \$1.50 Residents, \$2 Non-residents. Call (925) 931-5365 for information.

San Joaquin Mothers of Twins Club Semiannual Garage Sale, Saturday, October 6th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 1635 Chester Drive, Tracy (corner of Tracy Blvd. & Lowell Avenue, behind Dr. Powers Park) Children's, women's and men's clothing, toys, equipment, household items, and much more. Participation is open to the public. For more information go to www.MomsWithTwins.com or call (209) 835-9953.

Communication Series, Child Care Links announces an upcoming communica-tion series presented by Elaine Culverwell Every parent or provider can be successful helping children deal with difficult feelings, helping children deal with difficult teelings, become more cooperative, learn to problem solve, and experience higher self-esteem. This series will take place in a relaxed and enjoyable setting for an interactive 3-part series based on the best seller, 'How to Talk So Kids Will Listen.' Using familiar everyday situations, participants will learn and practice proven strategies to improve relationships and help children cope with the chalships and help children cope with the chal-lenges they face every day. Space is limited so register early. No Cost for this workshop. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15. Child Care Links, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 102, Pleasanton. 417-8733, www.childcarelinks.org. 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), 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.

A fall sidewalk sale and preview will be held in Pleasanton on Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7. The event is sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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Sunday morning group ride, 8:30
a.m. every Sunday through December. Routes
vary, start at Cyclepath. All riders warm up
together and split into smaller groups based
on skill level. Cyclepath, 337-B Main St.,
Pleasanton. Free. Information, 485-3218 or
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RELIGION
Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (hursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m., Wed. evening programs; choir 7:15 p.m (boys and girls mission club K-6).; seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650. Witches, Saints and Heretics is the presentation on Tuesday October 9th at 7:30

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.I.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 or 447

St. Matthew's Baptist Church will be hosting its 2nd Annual Empowered Womens Conference on October 12th ~ 13th, 2007 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 bc_ewc@comcast.net.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, Judith Seid,

author of Waiting for God: The Spiritual Explorations of a Reluctant Atheist, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. There is no charge. Information at 925-846-8826, www.townecenterbooks.com/events.htm or Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

VETERANS
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on a bench made of rustic mahogany granite. Nancy and Gary Harrington of Pleasanton donated the sculpture. Inscribed on the bench is the quote: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his coun-

The building was first dedicated in April 1933. A formal ceremony is planned for the 2007 rededication at 1 p.m. It will be followed by an open house until

> ments and live music. Renovations on the building were recently completed.

5 p.m. There will be light refresh-

The \$4.5 million project preserved the building's exterior appearance, while restoring interior features needed to make the building a functional space. Restrooms, lighting, fire protection and security systems and air conditioning and heating systems were added during the renovation. The building was seismically strengthened and the roof repaired and replaced using existing tiles. All entrances were equipped with ramps, making them accessible for people in wheelchairs.

The building was designed in 1932 by Henry H. Meyers, one of the Bay Area's most important early architects. It is one of 10 such buildings in Alameda County.

The Opening Gala II will be a USO-themed dance featuring from 7 to 11 p.m. on Oct. 13. Period costumes are encouraged. Light refreshmetns and live music are planned.

Tickets are \$19.33 for couples and \$10 singles. They can be purchased at the Parks and Community Services Department at 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

The Veterans Memorial Building is lcoated at 301 Main

OBITUARIES

Lamar William Coleman

Lamar William Coleman died September 19, 2007 at the age of

Born February 19, 1934 at the U.S. Naval Base in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to William F. Coleman and Henrietta G. Coleman, Lamar Coleman had a "Marine Corps upbringing." He lived in China, Hawaii, Princeton, and at several Marine Corps bases throughout the United States. A graduate of Virginia Military Institute in 1955, Lamar spent one year at Carnegie Institute of Technology before earning his Ph.D. in Physics at Oregon State University in 1963.

Moving to Livermore, California in 1964, Lamar found fulfilling work at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, first in B Division, and later in the Laser Program/ICF Program (Inertial Confinement Fusion) and finally as Chief of Staff in the Laboratory Director's Office. He continued to work in an advisory capacity after his retirement in 1999. At the time of his death he was involved with the Archives and also served on the LLESA (Livermore Lab Employee Services Assoc., Inc.) Board. He was a member of the American Physical Society and Sigma Xi.

Devoting his life to his family, the First Presbyterian Church, and various pursuits such as volunteering at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Livermore, Lamar still managed to travel extensively. Recent trips included Spain, Scotland and an Alaskan Cruise, which he particularly enjoyed.

Lamar is survived by his wife of 45 years, Rosemary Ann Scott Coleman of Livermore, sister Nancy Coleman Barth of Oregon, sons William Scott Coleman of Livermore and Christopher Lamar Coleman, daughter-inlaw, Marta Espinal-Fatjo and grandson Alex Scott Coleman all of Santa Clara, California.

Services were held on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at the First Presbyterian Church in Liver-

Contributions in Lamar Coleman's name may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

Matthew Connolly

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for lifelong Tracy resident and rancher Matthew

Joseph Connolly, 49, who died Monday at Sutter Tracy Community Hospital. Connolly was born in Stockton on 04/14/1958.

He was a longtime rancher near Tracy and was also an attorney and CPA. He was a member of the Tracy High Class of 1976. He graduated from Santa Clara University in 1980, was licensed as a CPA in 1986 and received his Juris Doctorate in Law in 1989. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Tracy Rotary, the State Bar Association of California, the California Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Toastmasters. He also taught at California State University, Stanislaus. He enjoyed being on his ranch and loved spending time with his family. He will be remembered as a loving father, son, brother and a friend to many.

Connolly is survived by his son, Joseph Robert Connolly, of Tracy; mother, Aileen Connolly, of Ťracy; siblings Patričk Connolly, and his wife, Diana, of Tracy, Molly and Peggy Connolly, both of Fremont and Mary Connolly of Seaside, and Mark Connolly, and his wife, Celeste, of Tracy; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert J. Connolly. Services were held at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church in Tracy on September

Donations in Connolly's name may be made to Tracy Interfaith Ministries, PO Box 404, Tracy 95376.

Sandra Day Santiago

Sandra Day Santiago passed away peacefully at ValleyCare Medical Center on September 27, 2007. She was 52.

She was born Oct. 23, 1954 in Baltimore, Maryland and had resided in Pleasanton for 20 years. Prior to that she lived in Vallejo. She graduated from Hogan High School in Vallejo. She was homemaker and employed by Ang Newspapers for 18 years.

Sandra was preceded in death by her husband Carlos Santiago of Pleasanton and father Charles W. Lanzar of Winston Salem, NC. She is survived by her mother Sonya Roberts, son Jason Santiago and daughter Carla Santiago, a sister Cheryl Asher of Vallejo, four grandchildren, two nieces and a nephews.

Services were held Oct. 2 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Vera Emma Carr

Vera Emma Carr died September 28, 2007. She was 88.

Carr was born in Middletown, OH Sept. 7, 1919. She made her home in Middletown and Monroe, Ohio for 81 years before moving to Pleasanton seven years ago to be near her family. She furthered her education at Business and Secretarial School, working several years at Armco Steel and 15 years with the Middletown School Distract. Vera played the cello for 15 years with the Middletown Symphony Orchestra and other ensembles. She also mastered the piano. She was an accomplished enameler and porcelain painter and enjoyed needlepoint. Other interests were reading, traveling extensively in Europe, and was an avid Wedgewood and antique collector.

Vera is survived by a son, Gary Edward Carr, daughters-in-law Ann Carr and Patti Carr, and grandchildren, Rebecca, Natalie and Kristen Carr. She was preceded in death by her parents Alma Schirmeyer and Albert Schirmeyer, her husband of 38 years, W. Gordon Carr, and a son W. Leonard Carr.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 4 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. Burial will be at North Cemetery in Monroe, OH.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Ernest William Bernard

Ernest William Bernard died September 30, 2007. He was 89.

He was born in Niles Jan. 1, 1918, then moved to Pleasanton as a young boy. He graduated from Amador Valley High School and afterwards served in the Army during World War II. He started the first Boys and Girls Club in Pleasanton. He retired after working for Lone Star for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Joni, daughter and son-in-law Margery and Frank Bupp of Las Vegas, NV, son and daughter-inlaw William and Stephanie Bernard of Las Vegas, NV, two grandsons and four great granddaughters. He is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law Alvin and Vicki Bernard and many

nieces and nephews.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 4 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Burial will be at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Carol Ann Dahl

After a courageous battle with lung cancer, Mom left us on Sept. 27, 2007, to be with her Mom, Dad; Brothers and Sisters Skip, Jim, Mary and Deanna.

Born on Dec. 12, 1943 in Michigan, Carol is survived by her hHusband, Jack; Sister Bobbie; daughters Starla, Lisa, Shelly, Stacey and 10 very precious grandchildren. She also leaves behind a large extended family and countless friends.

Carol was a devoted wife, mother and sister. She could light up a room with her beautiful blue eyes and was always generous with her warm and comforting hugs. She enjoyed holidays, sunshine, flowers on her front porch, making and "eating" goodies, and crocheting for her family and friends. She touched the lives of everyone who met her and she will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made in memory to the Lung Cancer Alli an c www.lungcanceralliance.org. Arrangements by Callaghan

Maria Anna Willcox

Maria Willcox died September 2007. She was born in Bad Kissingen, Germany, where she met, Lyman Screven Willcox. Lyman was born in Savannah, GA and graduated from West Point. Maria had learned English in high school and applied for and got a position as the secretary for the group where Lyman was assigned. This was at the end of the war in 1947. They were married on Valentine's Day in 1948.

Their first of many assignments in the coming years was at Ft. Sheridan, IL, where daughter Jule was born in 1948. Over the course of a 25 year military career, they were assigned to many military installations, including one in Germany and one in Naples, Italy. It was a wonderful life, living in new places and meeting many people. Maria was naturally outgoing and made friends in many places. They re-

tired in Savannah in 1972. Lyman passed away in 2003 and in 2006, Maria moved to the Cedar Grove senior apartments in Dublin, CA to live near Jule and her husband Walter Lee Smith. She attended the St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Dan-

Maria loved church and was a member of St. John's Church in Savannah where she was for many years active in the choir (she sang opera as a teenager in Bad Kissingen) and other church activities. She also volunteered as a Red Cross dental assistant for many years. She had a great sense of humor and was loved by many people for her generous and kind spirit. She was also very generous and never hesitated to offer a helping hand or give to others. Maria loved listening to classical music, sewing, walking, and enjoying each day to the full-

Maria was born in Bad Kissingen, Germany, on January 1929 to Margaretha Wertensteiner Lach and Willy Paul Lach.

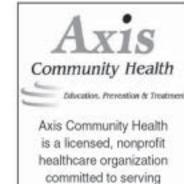
In addition to her daughter Jule Smith and son-in-law Walter Lee Smith of Danville, she is survived by her brother Wolfgang



Lach; another brother, Paul, preceded her in death in the 1960s. Other relatives living in Germany are two nieces, Geraldine Tkotz and Ulriche Bayerlein and two nephews, Andreas and Jochen Services will be held in Sa-

vannah, Georgia on October 6 and at a later date at the St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Danville.

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

6th Annual ArtWalk, Sat., Oct. 13 in

downtown Livermore. Over 150 artists and their works from photography to paintings to sculpture will be displayed from 11-5pm. There will be wine tasting from Livermore wineries, folk musicians and much more. Tour maps are provided of the Downtown Livermore exhibit area, running from L Street to McLeod, First to Third Streets. Visit www.tvag.org for more information, and the photo gallery to help plan a walking tour.

Diablo Symphony, Pianist Raymond Wang opens the orchestra's 45th sea-son 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. All artwork is available for purchase. Deer Ridge Vineyards is located at

1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednes-

day through Sunday.

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

Tuesday Tunes, June 5 to October 16, Livery of the State of the St

Livermore Downtown Inc. Free live music at the Flagpole Plaza and the Livermore Valley Plaza 5:00 pm -8:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com.

Comedy Showcase. Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm featuring 6-7 of the best comedians in the Bay Area. Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 8pm. Produced by Laugh-A-Lot Productions \$7.00 cover charge will be collected at the door. Full Restaurant and Bar menu available. No reserva-tions required. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106. Sunday Blues and BBQ from 4-8 pm on the Patio Pleasanton Hotel, 855

Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Blues on the Patio Thursdays 5:309:30 pm. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton,

925-846-8106. Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night: Wednesdays: Oct. 10 The Foods of Sicily. 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 wel-come. \$34.95 person. Two seatings from 5:30-7pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 371.8200. www.garrewinery.com. Reservations

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

www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

John Christopher Cellars Blacksmith Square events: October 13 - Art Walk. Art will be exhibited through out the downtown and Blacksmith Square will feature multiple artists. Stephen Dreyfuss will entertain playing his jazz saxophone playing from 1-4 p.m. In the evening, the Livermore Downtown Association will display and auction off 20 Art Banners painted by local artists. The will be at the all new Livermore Valley Arts Center at the Plaza in downtown Livermore. More information regarding the Art Banner Auction is available at www.livermoredowntown.com. Winery open from 12-5:30 p.m. at 25 South Livermore Ave, Suite 103, downtown Livermore.

Pacific Chamber Symphony presents Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, Liv-ermore, Thursday, October 11, 2007 8:00 p.m. Lawrence Kohl, Conductor; Livia Sohn, violin; Bankhead Theater, Livermore Performing Arts Center; \$38, \$32, \$26, 373-6800 www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Cantabella Children's Chorus is in its 16th season. Upcoming performances include the annual winter concert on December 8; Carmina Burana on March 8, 2008, and the spring per-formance in May. Cantabella Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization, under the direction of Bee Chow, which provides quality choral music education to children of the Tri-Valley. For more information about our concerts and concert dates or if you are interested in auditioning for the chorus, please visit our website at www.cantabella.org or call Bee Chow at 925-292-2663.

or call Bee Cnow at 925-296-2503.

Sierra Nevada Beer Dinner, Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Wed., Oct. 17. Pairing of Chef Neil Marquis' cuisine with the insights of Sierra Nevada's Brewmaster. 7:00 pm. \$50.00 plus gratuity and tax per erson Reservations required, 925-846-8106

www.PleasantonHotel.com. The Livermore Art Association Gallery, located at the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street, Livermore, is presenting an art show with the theme,

'Wine and Dine Me." The show runs October 6th through November 29th. The dates and hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 There is no admission charge.

The Calaveras Repertory Theater presents a dramatized version of the Maltese Falcon at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge. For more information, con-

tact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405. 9th Annual Art in the Park on Front Street Danville Fine Art Festival (Next to the Library and Community Center) 400 Front Street, Danville. Saturday & Sunday, October 6 and 7, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Cosponsored by the Town of Danville & Union Bank, Danville. Booths of fine art for sale, 50 artists will be showing varied examples of their work. Many of the artists will be demonstrating and will be available to talk with you. Fund-raiser for Art in the Schools, San Ramon School District. Live Jazz, Food and Wine and a Judged Indoor Art Show will be included in the event. The event is free to the public.

Tri-Valley Woodcarving Show, Oct.

7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasan-ton. Information, 462-6586.

Valley Dance Theatre, Oct 7, 2 p.m., Master Class/Demo at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-243-0927.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Oct. 11, 8 pm, Bach's Brandenburg Concer-tos. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 373-6100. www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Bay Area Dance Company, Oct. 12, 6 and 9 pm, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.livermoreperformingarts.org

www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Jazz Concert Series: Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., Elias Pereda Sextet at San Ramon Library. Sinatra-style vocalist Pereda, leads on trumpet and pi-ano. Charlie McCarthy on sax, flute and clarinet, drummers Harold Jones and David Rokeach, pianist Benny Watson and Al Bent on bass. Desserts by Café Esin. www.cclib.org/programs/jazz/events.html. For ques-tions, call San Ramon Library at 925-

All the World's a Stage: The Bard, Baritones and Bassoons, Sat., Oct. 13, Shakespeare's Associations, Livermore-Amador Symphony, and Livermore Valley Opera, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

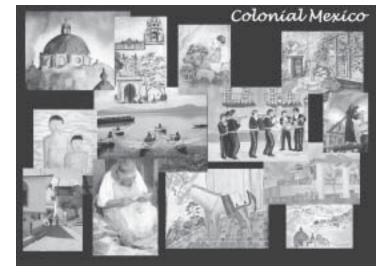
www.livermoreperformingarts.org. ivermore Valley Opera/Livermore-Amador Symphony/Shakespeare's Associates, Oct. 13, 8pm, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Pleasanton Ghost Walk, Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October

13th Guided tours leaving every half hour starting at 5:00pm through to 8:30pm. Adults - \$12 Non-Members Adults - \$10 Members Children - \$6 Non-Members (between ages 5 to 12) Children - \$5 Members (between ages 5 to 12). For information on upcoming events, lectures and the current exhibit, please visit www.museumonmain.org.

History - Ed Kinney Lecture series, October 18: Race Across America-The Transcontinental Train in Pleasanton featuring Chris Rizzoli, rail-road enthusiast. Presented the Museum On Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. Memberships available for purchase. Lynnewood Methodist, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

Images of America - Pleasanton, bookrelease party at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19 at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. There is no admission fee. No reservations are necessary. Wine and dessert will be served. Author Mary-Jo Wainwright, who is donating a por-tion of her book sales to the Museum, will be presenting a brief talk. Books can be purchased that night for \$21.75 each, including tax. Proceeds to benefit the Museum on Main and will help provide funds to ensure the preservation our rich local heritage. For information, 462-2766.



New Show Features Work Created in Mexico

The public is invited to the artists' reception on Sat., Oct. 6 for the Colonial Mexico art exhibit.

The reception will be from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

The exhibit includes drawings, paintings and photographs. Artists exhibiting include Charlotte Severin, Jerry Severin, Bonnie Bartlett, Kathleen Elm, June Ferreri, Justin Trent, Carole Hilton, Dorothy Maestas, Mort Mendelsohn, Marian Mendelsohn, Ralph Williams, Pat Williams from Pleasanton and Livermore, Wayne Mall and Martin Spellman from Fremont, and Trish and Larry Adams from

The group traveled to Guadalajara, Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, Morelia and Patzcuario in March 2007.

The exhibit will be available for viewing at the library Oct. 1 through Oct. 31. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m.

There is no admission charge.

Teen Films Featured in Special Screening

The Livermore Public Library is holding a screening and reception for the second annual Teen Film Festival: An Independent View. Festivities will be held Wednesday, October 10th at 7pm. The program is among 20 to receive the "Best of the Rest" Excellence Award in Library Service to Young Adults sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Associa-

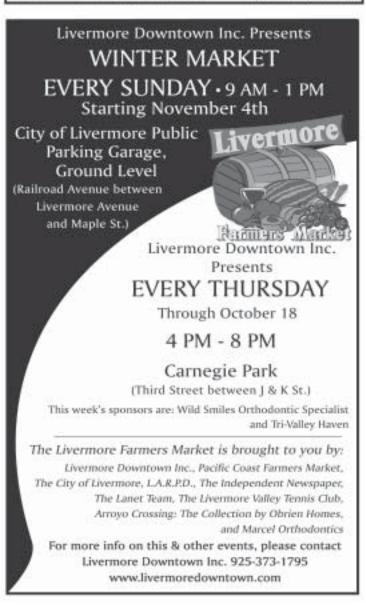
All films were written, directed, filmed and edited by teens between the ages of 12 and 18 and will have been viewed by local film-maker/producers. Selected films will be screened and critiqued by the film-maker panel the night of the festival reception. In addition, all films entered in the festival will be shown during Art Walk 2007 in downtown Livermore and at other community events.

For further information about the Teen Film Festival, please contact Mary Sue Nocar at (925) 373-5500 extension 5583.



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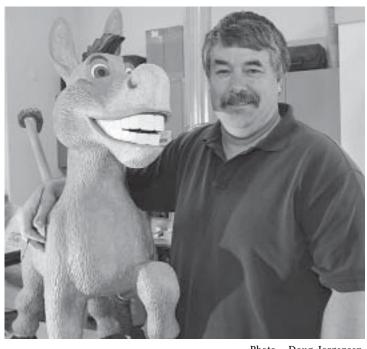


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ken Morgan with the rocking horse donkey.

Woodcarvers to Show Skills

Tri-Valley Woodcarvers are holding their annual juried carving show at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sun., Oct. 7.

Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. A variety of carvings will be displayed and sold. There will be a

whittling contest. Vendors will be selling carving tools, finishing supplies and carving supplies, as well as other wares related to wood carving.

Master carver Ken Morgan is donating a rocking horse donkey to be raffled off at the show.

Admission to the Oct. 7 show is \$2 per person at the door. Tri-Valley Woodcarvers meet every Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. and on the second Saturday of the month at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

For additional information, call Ken Morgan at 462-6586.

October 'Big Read' Events Set

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Hammett's The Maltese Falcon with special events held throughout the commumity in October.

These events are part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Events include the following:

 Calaveras Repertory Theater Presents The Maltese Falcon, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library. Free admission. "When a man's partner is killed, he's supposed to do something about it. It doesn't make any difference what you thought of him. He was your partner and you're supposed to do something about it." The Calaveras Repertory Theater presents a Readers Theater version of the Maltese Falcon at

the Pleasanton Library. • Children's Author-Bruce Hale, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. Pleasanotn Library. Free admission. "It was tall, dark, and chocolatey - the stuff dreams are made of. ...It was the Malted Falcon." Bruce Hale, author of the popular noir-lite Chet Gecko mystery series for children, will entertain children with his humorous take on hardboiled detective work as related by Chet Gecko, the "crime-fighting private eye and lizard of

mystery." • Hammett, Hellman and The **HUAC-Michael Shepler, Oct. 13,** 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library.

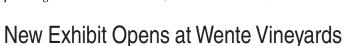
Pleasanton Public Library will Free admission. Michael Shepler launch its Big Read programs in discusses Dashiell Hammett's

> tive to mystery writer/ novelist to Hollywood scriptwriter where he met, fell in love with, and influenced the theatrical career of Lillian Hellman. Their politics brought them to the attention of the House Un-American Activities Committee, where McCarthyism paved the way for Hammett and Hellman's separate stands before the

Committee. • Film Noir Series, Oct. 5, 12, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. at the Pleasanotn Library. Free admission. Berkeley writer Michael Shepler and Dr. Candace Klaschus of Las Positas College will host four films noir: Friday, October 5th, Body and Soul; Friday, October 12th, Force of Evil; Saturday, October 20, The Killers; and Saturday, Oct. 27th, The

Asphalt Jungle. Author Panel: Joe Gores and Mark Coggins, Oct. 14, 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, Free admission. Joe Gores is the author of Hammett, a Novel. The author of dozens of novels, screenplays, and television scripts, he has won three Edgar Allan Poe Awards and Japan's Maltese Falcon Award. Gores spent twelve years as a San Francisco private investigator. Mark Coggins' private investigator August Riordan is a "worthy successor to the iconic Sam Spade...'

For more information on The Big Read events, please contact Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian at 925/931-3405 or go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

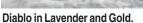


Danville resident Robin Purcell will host a reception for the opening of her one person exhibit at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting room on Sunday October 7th from 1 to 3

While best known for her bold watercolor landscapes of northern California, Purcell will also be showing her Award Winning floral paintings. "It is a honor to be invited to exhibit at Wente whose wines show a tradition of excellence I admire. I hope you can join me for the opening reception or come enjoy the art and wines any time during the month of October.'

Her paintings are also on exhibt at Studio 7 Fine Arts,





Pleasanton and at two National Exhibits in San Fransisco's Presidio and the National Watercolor Society Annual in La Brea

The Wente Estate tasting room is located at 5565 Tesla Rd, Livermore. It is open daily from 11 to 4:30. For more information contact Robin Purcell at





Children's Author Featured at Pleasanton Library

Well-known children's mystery author Bruce Hale visits the Pleasanton Library on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9 at 7:00pm to kick off this year's Meet the Author series for children.

Bruce Hale is an award-winning author, illustrator, storyteller and Fulbright Fellow. He began his career in children's writing in 1989 and has written or illustrated twenty books for young readers, including the very popular Chet Gecko Mysteries series. For this visit Hale will feature his book The Malted Falcon, nominated for an Edgar Award for best children's mystery by Mystery Writers of America.

This event is also part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. The library recently received a grant from the NEA to sponsor a city-wide "The Big Read" program, and selected for Pleasanton's participation Dashiel Hammett's famous detective novel, *The Maltese Falcon*. Hale's book pays tongue-incheek homage to the Hammett

The 45-minute program is free and no registration is required. This program is recommended for children in 2nd through 5th grades. Towne Center Books will be on hand with titles available for purchase.

For more information about library programs, visit the library website

www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-eventschild.html aor call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Musician on Theater Slate Legendary

A force in bluegrass, folk, and country music for more than half a century, and an acoustical music icon of legendary proportions, Doc Watson has inspired generations of musicians with his flatpicking and fingerstyle guitar. Doc performs with longtime friend and collaborator David Holt, master of clawhammer banjo and other instruments. Their *Legacy* CD won the 2002 Grammy for Best Traditional Folk Music Recording. Joined by Doc's grandson, Richard Watson, the Doc and David arrive at the Bankhead Theater on Wednesday evening October 10th at 8 pm. Tickets range from \$28 to

This event is a part of LVPAC Presents, a series of nationally recognized artists and ensembles being brought to the Bankhead Theater by the Livermore Valley

Performing Arts Center. Doc was born Arthel L. Watson in Deep Gap, NC on March 3, 1923, into a family already rich in musical tradition. His mother, Annie Watson, sang traditional secular and religious songs, and his father, General Watson, played the banjo, which was Doc's first instrument, as well. Then, at age thirteen he taught himself the chords to

"When the Roses Bloom in Dixieland" on a borrowed guitar, and his delighted father bought him a \$12 Stella. He later picked up some chords from a fellow student at Raleigh School for the Blind, and began to incorporate material that he heard on records and the radio with the music of his heritage. It wasn't until 1953 at age thirty that he met Jack Williams, a local piano player, and began to play gigs for money. Doc played with Wil-liams' rockabilly/swing band for seven years. In 1960, spurred by the growing folk revival, Ralph Rinzler and Eugene Earle came south to record Ashley and heard

Doc Watson in the process.

From then on, he was a full-time professional, playing a wide range of concerts, clubs, colleges and festivals, including the New-port Folk Festival and Carnegie Hall. As the late sixties brought a waning of the folk revival, Doc's son Merle Watson provided the musical and emotional companionship that he needed to continue touring. With Merle playing guitar and banjo and serving as partner and driver, the father-son team expanded their audience nationwide. . A series of remarkable recordings, including collaborations with Flatt &

Scruggs, Chet Atkins and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, helped make Watson the gold standard among traditional pickers.

For over three decades, David Holt's passion for traditional music and culture has fueled a successful performing and recording career. He has earned four Grammy Awards and performed and recorded with many of his mentors including Doc Watson, Grandpa Jones, Bill Monroe, Earl Scruggs, Roy Acuff and Chet Atkins. In 2002, Doc Watson and David won the Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Recording for *Legacy*, a collection of songs and stories reflecting Doc

Watson's inspiring life story.

Holt is host of public television's Folkways, a North Carolina program that takes the viewer through the Southern Mountains visiting traditional craftsmen and musicians. David can also be seen as a musician in the popular film, O Brother Where Art Thou.

The Bankhead Theater ticket office is open Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 6pm. 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: LVPAC www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Well Known Poets to Read

Guest poets for the next Century House Poetry Reading will be Armand Brint, Ukiah, California's first Poet Laureate, and Jan Steckel, an award-winning writer of both poetry and

City of Pleasanton Poet Laureate, Martha Meltzer, will host the reading on Sunday, October 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Admission is \$5.00 or free to students with identification.

Brint received a master's degree in creative writing from San Francisco State University and taught creative writing in universities and colleges in the Bay Area and Mendocino County. He has published widely in literary magazines and is the author of two books of poetry: Schools of Light and The League of Slow Cities. He is currently circulating a new manuscript, Talking

Brint served as Ukiah's first Poet Laureate from 2001-2004. He describes his work as "filled with gifted animals, shadows and



Jan Steckel (left) and Armand Brint.

cultural oddities-all in the service of spirit.

Steckel of Oakland is a Harvard and Yale trained pediatrician who left a busy medical practice in 2001. She is author of the poetry chapbook, The Underwater Hospital, and has published a hundred short stories, poems, nonfiction pieces and book reviews. She won the 2006 Triplopia Best of the Best Competition for poetry and the 2007 Jewel by the Bay poetry contest, sponsored by the Frank Bette Center for the Arts in Alameda. Her work has been nominated twice for a Pushcart Prize, once for poetry and once for nonfic-

Steckel has just completed a collection of short stories and is circulating a new poetry manu-

Following the guest readings, attendees may participate in an open mic segment. Each poet may read one favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less. Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

The next The Century House Poetry Reading, a "mega open mic," is scheduled for December 9, 2007. The series will continue throughout 2008 on designated Sundays of even numbered months.

For more information about all Civic Arts poetry events, contact Michelle Russo at (925) 931-

mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or visit www.civicartsliterary.org.

Wente to Promote New Musical Artists

Wente Vineyards has entered into a partnership designed to bring fine wine and emerging musical artists to new and diverse

"Discover the Wine, Discover the Music" will introduce each partner to new and diverse audiences. Featuring six artists from a mix of popular musical genres, Phase I will roll out in retail markets across the nation this fall. Wente Vineyards' Estate Grown wines will carry "Discover the Wine, Discover the Music" bottle-neckers, designed to replicate album cover art and liner notes. Inside, consumers will find Fifth Generation Winemaker Karl Wente's selected artists and a redemption code to download a free song from each artist. Additionally, all partners will promote the project to their fan bases through events, website postings and email campaigns.

"As winegrowers, we always seek to have new people taste our wines," says Karl Wente. "Artists also need every opportunity to have their music heard. This project brings together my passion for wine and music in a very exciting way, and allows new audiences to share in both great wine and music."

Phase I artists and songs include the pop, funk, dance, blueeyed soul sensation, Under the Influence of Giants' track "In the Clouds;" Brooklyn rapper and urban educator Talib Kweli's hip-hop-poetic cut, "Listen;" turbo rockabilly heartthrob Jesse Dayton and singer/songwriter Brennen Leigh's duet, "We Hung the Moon;" blues, soul, funkpunkers The BellRays' seductive, "Have a Little Faith;" the soulful psychedelic rockers Hopewell and their epic, "Beautiful Targets;" and electronic, jazz, trip-hop duo Bitter:Sweet with the Thievery Corporation remix of "Bittersweet Faith."

Wente Vineyards is integrating the project into its 125th anniversary celebrations in 2008, and upcoming in-market "Vindulgence" events in New York and Los Angeles.

"From the music industry's marketing perspective," says John Anderson, Senior Vice President of Film & TV Music/ Lifestyle at Windswept Pacific and project partner, "this is a great opportunity for our artists who continually fight to be heard and seen. We believe the eclectic and adventurous wine drinker is exactly who we want to be in-

teracting with. For twenty-two years, the Wente family has been producing The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, hosting the likes of Ray Charles, Buena Vista Social Club, Chris Isaac and ZZ Top. Project creator, Paige Poulos Communications, worked with Wente Vineyards, music publisher Windswept Pacific, HRMP Lifestyle Marketing & Promotion and Abbot Monroe to launch the project. The "Discover the Wine, Discover the Music" details, artists information, and free music downloads will be hosted at www.wentevinevards.com/discover beginning October 2007.

Volunteers Sought for Film Festival

Volunteers are needed for 10th Annual California Independent Film Festival and Associated Events

A volunteer meeting will be held at $6:00\ PM$ on Thursday, October 11th at the new California Independent Film Festival Office in downtown Livermore,t 171 South J Street, Livermore (Forrester Hall).

The California Independent Film Festival Association will hold the 10th Annual California Independent Film Festival from Wednesday April 16th thru Sunday, April 20th, 2008 in Livermore. Volunteers are needed to help at the film festival, as well as at the many other events held to support the film festival over the next 12 months.

Interested individuals are invited to call Stephanie Petermeier at (925) 462-6964 or her email at send spetermeier@comcast.net for more information.

California Independent Film Festival Schedule for 2007/ 2008: Horror Film Fest., Oct. 25-27 at the Vine Cinema; Holiday Movie Event, December 1 at the Vine Cinema; Annual Oscar Party, February 24 at the Village Theater in Danville; California Independent Film Festival, April 16-20, 2008 at various locations in Livermore and East Bay; 5th Annual Danville International Children's Film Festival, May 16-18, in Danville.

For more information about the event, visit the festival site at www.caindiefest.com.

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SHAOLIN

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ter of one. However, it is the daily practice of seated meditation which enables the individual performer to sustain a demanding physical regimen. Through a practice known as *Ch'an* (Chinese for Zen), they calm the body and focus the mind to a single collected point. It is in this quiet yet highly focused state of mind that they are able to sustain extreme physical discomfort and pain and to undergo the intense daily training required to achieve and maintain the level of proficiency for which they are so highly praised.

There are over 20 weapons used by the Shaolin Kung Fu masters today. Among all these weapons, the cudgel, spear, sword and broadsword, are known together as the four major weapons

of Shaolin Kung Fu. Traditionally, Shaolin Kung Fu masters weren't just armed with the major four. They had many hidden short weapons such as the dart, iron fan and flute, Bhodhidharma staff and others solely unique to Shaolin practices. In addition a Shaolin Kung Fu master can utilize virtually any common, everyday object as a weapon.

The Shaolin Warriors are the opening attraction in the second week of the Bankhead Theater's two week grand opening celebration. Additional activities include:

• Doc Watson and David Holt - Wednesday, October 10th at

• The Bach Brandenburg Concertos - Pacific Chamber Symphony - Thursday, October 11th at 8pm

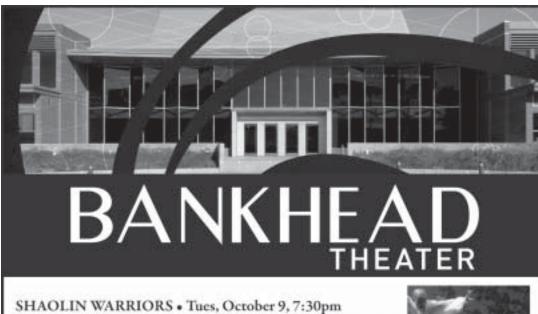
• Premium Blend - Bay Area Dance Company - Friday, October 12th at 8pm

• All the World's a Stage: The Bard, Baritones and Bassoons! -Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera and Shakespeare's Associates – Saturday, October 13th at 8pm

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.livermorperformingarts.org







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dynamic range of the ukulele from traditional Hawaiian music to jazz, funk, bluegrass, flamenco and rock. Tickets: \$41, \$36, \$31, \$28





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Signature of Registrant:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 400959

The following person (s) do-

ing business as Century Home

Loan Center, 1300 Bancroft

Ave. Ste., San Leandro CA

94577 is hereby registered by

Glen Peterson, 3010 Verdala

This business is conducted

The registrant commenced to

transact business under the

fictitious business name or

names listed above on Sep-

This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 12,

2007. Éxpires September 12,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 401409-401410

The following person (s) do-

ing business as 1)Paradigm

Coaching and Consulting,

2)Paradigm Coaching, 1612

Chervl Drive, Livermore CA

94550 is hereby registered by

Jennifer Backer, 1612 Cherv

This business is conducted

Registrant has not yet begun

to transact business under the

fictitious business name or

the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 24,

2007. Éxpires September 24,

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STATEMENT OF

ABANDONMENT OF USE

OF FICTITIOUS

BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 391746-391747

October 4, 11, 18, 2007.

Signature of Registrant

/s/:Jennifer Backer This statement was filed with

Drive, Livermore CA 94550

the following owner (s):

by:an individual

Signature of Registrant

Dr., Livermore CA 94550

the following owner (s):

by:an individual

tember 1, 2001.

/s/:Glen Peterson

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/s/:Diane Peterson

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 399820

The following person (s) doing business as Stella Che Bella Interiors, 579 Colusa Way, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Star Řusca Woodbridge, 579 Colusa Way, Livermore CA 94551

This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June

1. 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Star R. Woodbridge This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 16, 2007. Expires August 16, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2218. Publish September 13,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 400470

20. 27. October 4. 2007.

The following person (s) do ing business as Tech Support Guy, 1725 Shattuck Ave. #302. Berkelev CA 94707 is hereby registered by the following

Mark Giorgi, 1725 Shattuck Ave. #302, Berkeley CA 94709 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/:Mark Giorgi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 30, 2007. Expires August 30, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2219. Publish September 13. 20, 27, October 4, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400520

The following person (s) doing business as Awsome Apartment Leasing Services, 6485 Alvord Way, Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Robin Leanne Takata, 6485 Alvord Way, Pleasanton CA

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

fictitious business name or

names listed above on March

2012. 1. 2007. gnature of Registrant: /s/:Robin Takata

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 31, 2007 Expires August 31, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2220. Publish September 13. 20, 27, October 4, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400753

The following person (s) do ing business as Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd. Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following Daniel Davis, 5700 Greenville

Rd., Livermore CA 94550 Constance Davis, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore CA This business is conducted

by:husband and wife Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed Signature of Registrant:

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400858

The following person (s) do ing business as illtradeit.com 7310 Joshua Circle, Pleasan ton CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owne

Àmy Elizabeth Burchett, 7310 Joshua Circle, Pleasanton CA 94588 Jonathan Marc Burchett, 7310 Joshua Circle, Pleasanton CA

94588 This business is conducted by:husband and wife Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Amy Burchett and Jonathan

Burchett This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 11 2007, Éxpires September 11.

Registrant has not yet begun The Independent Legal No. to transact business under the 2222. Publish September 20. fictitious business name or 27, October 4, 11, 2007. names listed Signature of Registrant: CITATIONTO APPEAR

CASE NO. 1233396 INTHE MATTER OF THE PETI-TION OF: LINCOLN KRAUTKRAEMER ON BEHALF OF JACOB MICHAEL MUNOZ

Minor for Freedom From Parental Custody and Control

The People of the State of California BRIAN ANTHONY

GARCIA By order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before Department SM1 of the Superior Court of he State of California in and for the County of Santa Bar-bara on October 31, 2007 at 8:30am, then and there to show case, if any you have, why Jacob Michael Munoz should not be declared free from your parental control according to the petition on file

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herein to free the minor for

For a failure to appear without reasonable cause, and abide by the order of the Court, you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court. Dated August 10, 2007 By Julie A. Hernandez Deputy

The Independent Legal No. 2223. Publish September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401053

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hereby registered by the fol-

West Avenue Real Estate, Inc.

7070 Collier Canyon Rd., Liv-

This business is conducted

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the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 14.

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2012. The Independent Legal No.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 399920

The following person (s) do-

ing business as Antrim Con-

struction, Inc., 1635 Chestnut

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Antrim Engineering and Con-

struction, Inc., 1635 Chestnut

St., Suite A, Livermore CA

This business is conducted

Registrant has not yet begun

to transact business under the

fictitious business name or

This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda

County on August 20, 2007

The Independent Legal No.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 400419-400421

The following person (s) do-

ing business as 1)MLSDSD

2)ML/SD 3)MLSD Steel Detail

ing, 1560 Holmes St., Liver-

more CA 94550 is hereby reg-

istered by the following owner

MLSD Steel Detailing, LLC.,

1560 Holmes St., Livermore

This business is conducted

by:limited liability company

County on August 29, 2007,

The Independent Legal No.

2226. Publish September 20.

Expires August 29, 2012.

CA 94550

Expires August 20, 2012.

27, October 4, 11, 2007.

Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Jeffery B. Antrim

the following owner (s):

by:a corporation

names listed

Suite A, Livermore CA

27, October 4, 11, 2007.

lowing owner (s)

ermore CA 94551

by:a corporation

/s/:George West

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) doing business as @Link Communications, 4512 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Shochi Chan. 4512 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton CA 94566

This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

lowing owner (s):

cisco CA 94103

by:co-partners he registrant commenced to names listed above on Sep-

/s/:Kelly Copenhaver and Valentina Morales This statement was filed with

The Independent Legal No. 2228. Publish September 27,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) doing business as Baby Cakes, 3010 Verdala Dr., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Diane Peterson, 3010 Verdala Dr., Livermore CA 94550 by:an individual

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Signature of Registrant: s/:Shochi H. Chan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 28, 2007. Expires August 28, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2227. Publish September 20. 27, October 4, 11, 2007.

FILE NO. 400985

The following person (s) doing business as Gods Kingdom Now, 1934 Nicosia Court, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the fol-Kelly Copenhaver, 1934 Nicosia Court, Pleasanton Ca

Valentina Morales, 670 Natoma St. #209, San Fran-This business is conducted

transact business under the fictitious business name or tember 13, 2007. Signature of Registrant:

the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 13, 2007. Expires September 13,

October 4, 11, 18, 2007.

FILE NO. 401243

This business is conducted Registrant has not yet begun

The following person (s) have to transact business under the fictitious business name or

abandoned the use of the fictitious business name 1)Klickcar 2)Klickcar.com, 1412 Portola Ave., Livermore CA 94551 The Fictitious Business Name

Statement was filed on February 14, 2007 in the County of Alameda. Anthony V. Bell Jr. 813 Roma St., Livermore CA 94551 Rebecca S. Bell 813 Roma St., Livermore CA 94551 Martin Hernandez 1737 First St., Livermore CA 94550 This business was conducted by:joint venture Signature of Registrant: /s/:Martin Hernandez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 20, 2007 The Independent Legal No. 2232. Publish October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 401274-401275

The following person (s) doing business as 1)Klickcar 2)Klickcar.com, 1412 Portola Ave., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Martin Hernandez, 1737 First St., Livermore CA 94550 This business is conducted

by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 18, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/·Martin Hernandez

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2233. Publish October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2007. **ANIMALS/PETS**

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\$480,000 cross streets Marigold	2BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	1321 Hollyhock
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\$509,000 cross streets Vasco Rd No	3BD/2BA orth - It - Crestn	SUN 1-5PM	5903 Crestmont Ave
Owner		Chris Hollis	650-504-6590
\$509,000 cross streets Holmes - El (3BD/2BA Caminito	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	844 El Caminito
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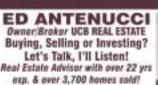
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