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Sharon Grant

### LARPD Staffer **Helps Create** Moscow Program

American swimmers in Moscow are receiving expanded water safety instruction, thanks to a

Livermore swimming supervisor. Livermore resident Sharon Grant, aquatics supervisor for Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), visited Moscow for three weeks this summer to create a group of instructors for water safety, lifesaving, and lifeguard classes at the Anglo-American school in Mos-cow. The 1200 students at the school are children of diplomats, business people, and others from English-speaking countries. The swimming director at the school wanted to establish a training program that could create a higher number of qualified lifeguards and other water safety and lifesaving personnel at the school's swim center.

Grant went to Moscow with (See PROGRAM, page 16)



### Variety of Halloween **Events Set**

Livermore Downtown Inc. will host the 21st Annual Downtown Trick or Treat today, Thurs., Oct. 25.

Hundreds of businesses will

# **Comprehensive Conservation Plan a Priority**

The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) has finished mapping the Tri-Valley and has put together a conservation plan for the entire area

Sharon Burnham, executive director of TVC, said that the different projects within the plan would cost about \$14 million to carry out. "The board has unanimously approved the plan and is ready to forward and implement

the priority projects." Among the priority projects is the creation of a comprehensive resource conservation plan for North Livermore. The plan would

help provide understanding of what areas are in the most need of protection, such as Doolan Canyon, said Burnham. Among those would be the alkali sink area. Some land and some easements would need to be purchased within the watershed for the sink.

Zone 7, in conjunction with other groups, is also preparing a resource plan for North Liver-more. Burnham said that the two plans have different goals. The Zone 7 led effort is strictly looking at mitigation. "That is very different than how we look at; the area. Their goal is to have regulatory agencies ease the permitting process to make mitiga-tion easier. TVC is looking at areas for protection, not just for mitigation," she explained.

Other areas of focus include the habitat and rangelands in the southeast Pleasanton hills, where there is a desire to establish regional trail connections. Burnham said the area is of concern. One of the reasons is its location within the urban growth boundary. The Pleasanton City Council recently approved a plan for 51 homes. The city

would receive 496 acres of permanent open space as part of the plan. A referendum of the approval was launched last week.

Burnham said the TVC would continue working on preservation in South Livermore. She anticipates an additional three easements over the next three years.

The TVC will work in part-nership to establish a trail corridor from Del Valle to Shadow Cliffs and work on a similar connection between Brushy Peak and Del Valle, she continued.

There will be an effort to raise

the visibility of conservation resources

The TVC will need to raise the money. Burnham said a consultant has been hired to help set up and has been miled to help set up a fund-raising plan. "Part of that will be asking the public to help. We will definitely need the help of the public to maintain the quality of life in the Valley." The map prepared by TVC identifies watersheds streams

identifies watersheds, streams, important habitat, vegetation, trails, habitat corridors, and high risk areas. Because of increasing urban pressures, the Conser-

(See PLAN, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen The Haag family goes all out decorating their home for Halloween. Testing the dining are Sally and Bill.

### Joe Michell Could Become a K-6 School

**By Patricia Koning** Last week trustees of the Liv-ermore Board of Education voted to move forward with a plan to establish a K-8 school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. In a 4-1 vote, the trustees decided to develop a plan to add the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Joe Michell Elementary School for the next school year.

Bill Morrison was the dissenting vote. Joe Michell is currently a K-5 school.

Meetings at Sunset, Rancho, and Jackson will be held in the coming weeks.

The curriculum would be the same as at other middle schools in the District, taught by highly qualified teachers. This means that teachers credentialed for and experienced with middle school would be hired, rather than giving existing staff sixth grade

size environment. The transition to middle school is extremely difficult for some children."

The program would likely consist of a three-period core class, including arts, reading, and history/social science with a single teacher. A two-period math/science Core class may be offered if a dual-credentialed teacher were hired. Bowers said an elective wheel which is in place at Junction, is also a possibility. The educational day will have the same number of minutes as at other District middle schools. However, the schedule might vary to match Michell's starting time, depending on parent input. Students may have to join with other District middle schools for extracurricular activities such as sports and band.

### **Pleasanton Wants More Transparency in** Campaign Financing

More transparency in election campaign finance reporting is needed.

That was the determination of the Pleasanton City Council's discussion regarding campaign finance reform last week.

The council directed staff to come back with some proposals as to how to post donations and expenditures in real time on the Internet as a way to achieve greater transparency.

There was no interest on the part of the council to raise the reporting threshold from the current \$25. The council also wanted more information on donations and expenditures to and by political action committees and similar organizations.

The council asked staff to look into voluntary spending limits. It was noted by staff that expenditure limits are considered a direct restraint on speech and association. The City of San Ramon has a voluntary spending limit of two mailings to registered voters. In the last election, the cost was \$21,544. Candidates pledge to adhere to the limits.

Livermore Council Asked

To Save 'Unique' Home

The discussion regarding election campaign reform was requested by Councilmember Matt Sullivan. He said he is concerned with the escalating costs of running for office.

Pleasanton does not have a limit on campaign donations. Members of the public agreed

that some changes were needed. Former Councilmember Kay Ayala said that San Ramon's method is a great idea. "I would love to see voluntary spending limits." She also wanted candidates to pledge not to accept money from political action com-mittees (PACs). "That would send the message that the vote of individuals is the most important thing in an election."

Mary Roberts asked for "lots of disclosure. Put finance statements on a website so everyone can see them," she said. She felt that reporting should include the year leading up to the election and any contributions and expenditures after the election.

**Councilmember Jerry Thorne** said the idea of posting contri-(See CAMPAIGN, page 3)

be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. They will be handing out candy and goodies. The event also includes a costume contest, games, photo opportunities, puppet performances, DECA's scream contest, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department fire safety trailer, haunted businesses and performances. and much more.

Livermore Downtown Inc.'s annual Costume Contest will be held on L Street between First Street and Second Street.

The following businesses have special events for the evening: "Mad Deli" at Tommie's Deli & Sandwiches, 2152 Second Street; "Spooky Old Theater Mall" on Second Street between J Street and K Street; "Ghoulish Dance Re-cital" at It's All About Dancing, 2247 Second Street; Carnival Games and the "Spooky Spider Buggy" at Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop, 154 S. J Street; and "Spooky Photo Opportunity" from ultra-spective photogra-phy: music: design at 156 S. Livermore Ave.

The Livermore Pleasanton (See HALLOWEEN, page 7)

### Wounded **Veteran Now** A U.S. Citizen

Wounded army veteran Mariela Mason became a United States citizen on October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Livermore. Every veteran who has served during an authorized period of conflict is eligible for U.S. citizenship. Ms. Mason's naturalization service took place in the dining room of the Livermore VA nursing home. The room was filled with friends, mostly those who have only known her since her accident like the Blue Star Riders, her family and several government representatives. They came to honor a woman who was never expected to come this far.

On December 19th 2004 Army Sergeant Mariela Mason was serving in Kuwait when she volunteered to help a woman change a tire on the side of the road. While helping the woman a car hit Ms. Mason along with three

(See CITIZEN, page 6)

To implement the program, at least 60 students must commit to enroll in the program next fall. The District will begin distributing Letters of Commitment in November and make a final decision in January.

Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services, said that at a recent meeting Michell parents had a positive response to the concept.

classes.

Superintendent Brenda Miller noted that Michell Prin-cipal Angela Ehrlich, who joined the District this school year, was hired in part because of her experience as a teacher and administrator at middle schools.

I am very excited. The staff at Michell is just waiting for the thumbs up," said Ehrlich. "We think this program is a win-win for everyone. A lot of kids will benefit from being in a smaller

"Parents interested in this pro-(See JOE MICHELL, page 3)

Residents asked the Livermore City Council to help preserve a home located at the corner of North L and Chestnut Street.

The home, built in 1926, is scheduled for demolition to make way for new housing.

Deborah Fields told the council, "I find it shocking and appalling that the home at 292 North Ľ is to be torn down. It is a Bothwell designed home. It is unique. Everything about the

home is original."

Fields added that she has enjoyed the changes in the downtown. However, she is concerned that the demolition will take another bite out of the number of heritage homes. "People come from all over to see historic homes. There is no reason why this home can't be moved," she stated.

She suggested that the city work with the developer in an (See HOME, page 4)

## Las Positas Programs **Cited for Excellence**

The Campaign for College Opportunity recognized Las Positas College by singling out three programs at the Livermore campus as exceptional. It was the only institution with more than one program in California that

was recognized for the honor. The programs are The Design Shop, Head Start on College, and the Integrated Learning Center. In its Practices with Promise

Report, the non-profit selected 15 programs across the state of California from four-year, two-year and kindergarten through 12th grade institutions that are working to address issues of college access and success.

"The recognition of these three exceptional programs demonstrates how our staff and faculty consistently work to put students first," said interim President Bob Kratochvil. "Two of these programs are part of our two-year curriculum designed to help students move rapidly into the work force. The third one—the Integrated Learning Center—serves students regardless of their shortterm goals and helps them succeed.

"The mixture of programs is typical of the Las Positas ap-proach to help all students reach their goals, whether it's to transfer with full credits to a four-year university or to update their skills or learn new skills to move into the work force," Kratochvil said.

The Campaign for College Opportunity analyzed 120 pro-grams submitted by high schools and colleges across Cali-fornia. It selected 15 programs to highlight the type of practices that best serve students.

The three Las Positas programs cited are:

• The Design Shop: Offered through the visual communications department and instructor Fredda Cassiday, the graphics program provides real-world experience to students once they've completed basic courses. Using state-of-the-art technology, the class functions as a full-service design shop for (See EXCELLENCE, page 4)

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Walnut Grove Elementary School's Go Green program and the Rotary Club of Pleasanton sponsored a Del Valle Creek cleanup on Saturday, October 20, along the stretch of the creek between Main Street and Harvest Circle in Pleasanton. Students and families from Walnut Grove and Alisal elementary schools, Harvest Park Middle School, and Amador Valley High School participated. The Pleasanton City Naturalist and a Zone 7 water education specialist were on hand. Participants were engaged in investigations, explorations, and activities, along with picking up litter. This event was made possible by a \$1000 donation from the Rotary club.



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### PET OF THE WEEK

Sammy is a five year old Shepard mix with a heart of gold. He is a big dog who thinks he is a little dog! He loves to play and will show you his belly for a tummy rub. He is fully housetrained and enjoys riding in the car. He is fine with children, but may be a little overwhelming for toddlers. He likes meeting new people and other dogs, and will shake your hand in greeting. For more information about Sammy, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM; dogs may be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at Valley Humane Society.

### **Lights of the Valley Illumination Ceremonies**

Hope Hospice will host illumination ceremonies for "Lights of the Valley" 2007. Lights of the Valley offers a

Lights of the Valley offers a unique way to honor or memorialize a loved one with a special evening of warm remembrances. Hope Hospice invites residents to light a bulb on a Tree of Life in memory or honor of a loved one. The tax-deductible donation of \$20 lights a bulb on a tree of choice. The light will burn throughout the holiday season.

Livermore Illumination Ceremony: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.; Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue; Guest speakers: Honorable Marshall Kamena and City Poet Laureate, Connie Post; Music by the Asbury Ringers and the Arroyo Seco Choir.

Pleasanton Illumination Ceremony: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.; Heritage Bank Lobby, 300 Main Street; Guest Speakers: Honorable Jennifer Hosterman and City Poet Laureate – Martha Meltzer; Music by the Golden Gate Boys Bellringers.

Dublin Illumination Ceremony: Thursday, November 29, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.; Dublin San Ramon Services District ; 7051 Dublin Blvd. (Lobby); Guest speakers: Honorable Janet Lockhart - Poetry Reading – Kirk Ridgeway; Music by Cantabella Children's Chorus, directed by Bee Chow.

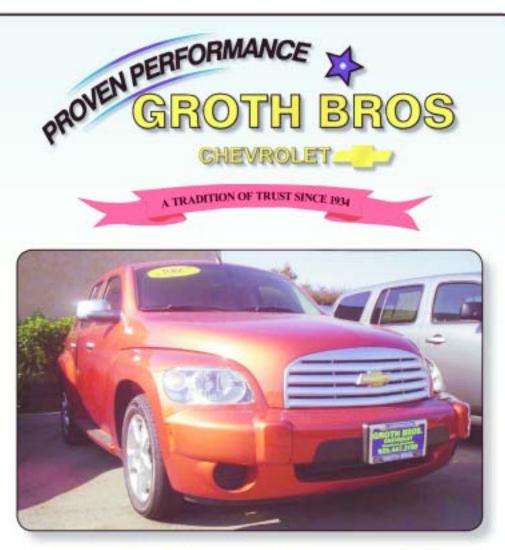
San Ramon Illumination Ceremony: Thursday, December 6, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.; San Ramon Regional Medical Center; Guest Speakers: City Representative; Music Entertainment by Honor Choir of Danville Children's Chorus and Contra Costa Children's Chorus – San Ramon For further information call: (925) 829-8770.





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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

### **Property Taxes Due**

More than 417,000 secured roll property tax bills for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 amounting to \$2.53 billion dollars were mailed in October 2007 by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector Donald R. White to all real property owners of record in the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The secured roll taxes due are payable in two installments. The first installment is due on November 1, 2007 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. December 10, 2007, after which a 10% delinquent penalty attaches. The second installment is due on February 1, 2008 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10, 2008, after which a 10% delinquent penalty and \$10 cost attaches. Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

There are now several payment options: by mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, Ca 94612, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted; by credit card, available 24 hours a day by telephone at 510-272-6800, or online at www.acgov.org; by Echeck, available 24 hours a day online at www.acgov.org; a KIOSK located in the Tax Collector's lobby area allows taxpayers who visit the office to make payments via credit card and/ or Echeck

Payment by mail, telephone or online is recommended to avoid delay at the cashier's window

Real property owners that do not receive their tax bill by November 15, 2007 should notify the Tax Collector's Office by calling (510) 272-6800, or by writing to the office. Tax bills received for property no longer owned should be forwarded to the new owner or returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

Supplemental tax bills are an additional tax liability due to a reassessment of your property value and are due on the date the bill is mailed to you. Check the supplemental delinquent dates to be sure to pay the taxes timely.

### **Robertson Park Planning**

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will host a second meeting on the Robertson Park Master Plan on Wednesday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. This marks the second of three public meetings designed to generate public input on the first update of the Robertson Park master plan in 20 years. The meeting is open to all members of the public and will be held in the Cresta Blanca South room of the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

The objective of the park Master Plan is to

### develop a series of goals for the use, management and development of Robertson Park. The existing master plan was completed in 1988. Since that time, Livermore has almost doubled in population size, with more residential housing surrounding Robertson Park.

The first public meeting to address a new master plan for Robertson Park was held in July. Public comment and ideas were solicited to form a direction for the park in the master plan development process. A final draft of the master plan will be presented to the Board of Directors by January 2008.

For more information, please contact Chiye Azuma, Project Manager, at (925) 373-5724. Residents who would like to be notified of subsequent planning meetings can contact Vicki DeBrum-Wiedenfeld by phone at (925) 373-5723, or email at vwiedenfeld@larpd.ds.ca.us.

Protecting Water Supply Local residents and land managers interested in learning how to help protect the local water supply are invited to attend two free workshops on November 3 and 14 in Livermore.

The Alameda County Water District, the Zone 7 Water Agency, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, in cooperation with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the South Bay Aqueduct Watershed Workgroup, are organizing the workshops. They will focus on land, home and livestock management for clean water. The South Bay Aqueduct system, which is part of the State Water Project, supplies drinking water to more than two million people in Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

The first workshop will be held from 10:30 to 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 3 at the Liver-more Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. It will feature speakers on fire safety and water pollution prevention. The second workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Livermore Čity Coun-cil Chambers, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. This session features speakers on grazing, erosion management and conservation ease ments. Interested parties are invited to attend and may also call (510) 668-6533 for more information.

Workshop attendees will learn about tools for protecting local waterways that benefit the environment, provide for recreation, and contribute to local drinking water supplies.

Financial support for the workshops is being provided through a Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant administered by the State Water Resources Control Board for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

### CAMPAIGN (continued from page one)

butions on the web was a "great one. One of the critical issues in an election is who gives what and when." He added that he is proud of his contributors and could use the postings as part of his cam-

paign. One speaker, Judy Symcox, wondered how to account for the value of volunteer time in an election. "Money is not the sole issue.

Reporting all contributions and expenditures prior to election day should be part of the reform. "Many large contributions come in after the election," noted Brian Arkin.

Resident Joe Ely said that elections and government should be about ideas and the common good, not big money. "The cam-paign finance system is ex-tremely unfair and unhealthy for our democracy." He felt that full public financing would be the only way to truly level the playing field to allow candidates to be accountable to voters, and not to wealthy contributors.

Former Mayor Tom Pico pointed out that there is no perfect system. There will always be loopholes. He called independent expenditures the wild card in any election. He noted, "What's important is not how much is raised, but how much is disclosed." He agreed that greater transparency is needed. For ex-ample, the final summary doesn't come out until almost January 31 of the following year. That doesn't provide voters with what could be important information.

Pico continued, "Don't set a cap on expenditures for candidates. That gives further advantage to independent expendi-

Pleasanton will proceed with

zones at grade crossings.

tures. There is no cap." If the council feels a need for a cap, select something already in place, such as the cap on expen-ditures by State Assembly candidates.

As for the San Ramon system, Pico said it works because the city is small. One mailing in Pleasanton would cost \$38,000 based on \$1 per registered voter. Councilmember Thorne said

that he felt spending limits tended to favor incumbents, who have the visibility and name recognition not afforded challengers. "We need to be cautious as to how we limit campaign finances," he said. He added that limits could result in funds going to PACs and independent expenditures. Thorne continued, "I do think there are reporting issues in terms of timing and re-porting. I hope we look at real time reporting. I would like to see it implemented as soon as possible.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern was interested in limiting PACs contributions to candidates. She also wanted the same level of reporting applied to PACs as to individual candidates. "I want extreme transparency."

McGovern said that when she ran for council in 2004, she had a budget and she stuck to it. She raised \$11,689 and spent \$10,260. "I was told I needed \$50,000 to run for council. That's scary. It takes time to raise that kind of money. I'd rather spend time talking to my constituents. Candidates can set a budget and work within it. Candidates need to have control of themselves. I think that's what voluntary controls accomplish.'

One of her concerns was last minute hit pieces by independent expenditures. She felt that candidates should be able to respond. Controlling when expenditures are reported could limit that possibility, McGovern stated.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio also felt that limits on donations to candidates could push the money somewhere else. She argued that candidates could refuse the large donations. She liked the idea of posting contributions on a website in real time.

"The effect money has on politics is bad for democracy at the state and federal level," said Sullivan. "It hasn't been an issue in Pleasanton until recently. My concern is the trend towards the increasing amount of money going to campaigns." He too talked about his 2004 campaign, dur-ing which he spent \$8000. "I didn't send out a mailer to the entire town. I had people walk-ing the streets handing out xeroxed fliers," said Sullivan.

"I think this goes beyond transparency. We need to look at all those tools and decide what makes sense for Pleasanton." Sullivan said he believes it is possible to put limits on direct contributions to candidates by PACs.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman agreed with speakers who felt that limiting contributions to candidates would push the money in another direction, to PACs and independent expenditures. It would also hurt the efforts of challengers to unseat incumbents. "The idea appears to be moving towards possibly providing more opportunity for the wealthy to run for office."

### **Pleasanton Wants Train Quiet Zones**

### approach.

plans to create railroad quiet Pleasanton Director of Public Works Rob Wilson said that the Federal law requires train horns are considered a safety horns to sound as they approach measure. If the city were to limit at grade crossings to warn mothe horns, it would have to protorists and pedestrians of their vide an alternative to make the crossings safe. The option would be to construct 4-quadrant gate systems at each of the four crossings. Currently, the gate systems are 2-quadrant. The 4-quadrant option prevents motorists from

going around the gates. The estimated cost at each crossing is \$400,000 for a total of \$1.6 million. Wilson said the project would not go out to bid. Union Pacific would construct the gates.

Wilson said that the work could be accomplished in conjunction with other train projects, such as the ACE improvements proposed as part of the regional rail plan. That could lower the cost to the city, because the funding would be part of the project.

Members of the public urged

Dennis Thompson there are sev-

eral thousand residents who live

within wake-up distance of the

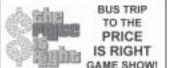
trains. "The biggest issue is not

just the cost to the city. There is the lost productivity and the loss in property values.'

Councilmembers agreed that the horns were a problem. Jerry Thorne said the trains wake him up at night, as well. He doesn't ive close to the tracks.

Cindy McGovern said there seems to be more trains today. "It's going to get worse, not better. I believe that makes building the new gates a pressing issue.

City staff will bring back the project for discussion during next year's mid-year review of the capital improvement project plan. At that time, there would be a plan proposed for financing the project.



JOE MICHELL

(continued from page one) gram need to know they are going to give up something," said trustee Kate Runyon. "We are trying to see if the community wants to make the trade-offs with this type of program, because there will be trade-offs.

The K-6 school would offer cross-age mentoring and tutoring opportunities, as well as whole-family activities.

Additional costs to the District's General Fund will be primarily in the areas of facilities and increased staffing, as the K-6 educational program will mirror the District urrent program. There will be additional one-time facilities costs, such as a science lab, which is projected at about \$75,000. Morrison described the program as "a wolf in sheep's cloth-ing." While the current plan is to add only sixth grade, he said that

parents will be expecting the pro-gram to continue through eighth grade.

"This is a significant financial investment. I heard estimates of \$1-2 million to go all the way to eighth grade," he said. "Do we have the money to open another middle school? We've had conversations about closing an elementary school and a middle school in the next few years. Those two ideas don't come together well."

Morrison also questioned the implications for Portola Elementhe school. I'm not sure I want to do that."

The other trustees supported the addition of sixth grade at Michell and questioned why Morrison was bringing up con-cerns 16 months after the K-8 concept was first introduced. The first meeting at which K-8 was discussed was on May 26, 2006, and it has been on the agenda at 10 subsequent meetings.

Trustees Tom McLaughlin and Runyon accused Morrison of changing his mind based on

Miller noted that in the meetings with parents, it was very clear that no decision has been made yet on adding seventh or eighth grade. "The parents aren't interested in committing to K-8 yet either. They want to see how it goes," she said.

million cost of the program that Morrison referenced as a Cadillac model." Those numbers, she said, can be brought down considerably. However, the District still wants to be accurate

She also described the \$1-2

tary School if a K-6 program were implemented at Michell.

"If you decide on K-8 at Michell, you are also making a decision that the school to be closed will be Portola," he said. "Portola is a Program Improvement school and one of the easiest ways to get out of PI is to close

"I sat here all last year when

Mr. Morrison pounded the table for K-8," said Runyon. "It's no secret that your daughter went off to middle school. As soon as that happened you lost interest. But it's not about your family."

in its projections.

At the Dec. 7 Board of Education, District staff will present a complete plan for a K-6 program, the council to move forward. which will include an estimate of enrollment and fiscal projections for eventually adding seventh and eighth grade.

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Dr. Salyapongse received his medical degree from the St. Louis University School of Medicine where he graduated with honors. He completed his internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at St. Mary's Medical Center in San

Francisco. He completed a Total Joint Replacement Fellowship at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, where he studied tissue preserving hip replacement, computer-assisted surgery, and complex hip and knee reconstructions. He specializes in utilizing minimally invasive techniques, promoting accelerated rehabilitation protocols, and providing comprehensive care for those who have already had their joints replaced.

Dr. Salyapongse has joined the Webster Orthopaedic Medical Group in their Pleasanton office, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 400, Pleasanton. For an appointment, please call 925-463-3400.



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# **EDITORIALS**

### So-Called Environmentalist

Lorraine Dietrich, seeking reelection to the Livermore City Council, has been promoting herself as an environmentalist.

A mailer shows her standing next to a Tri-Valley Conservancy land easement sign, attempting to convey the image of an activist for the Conservancy's cause.

Her supporters send letters to the editor pointing out that Dietrich as a planning commissioner helped pass the South Livermore Plan.

While it's true that Dietrich has cast a pro-environment vote every now and then, these votes have all come on "apple pie" type issues. The Conservancy's land acquisition work is opposed by no one. The same with the South Livermore Plan. On issues like that, Dietrich goes with the flow.

However, the defining land use votes during her time on the City Council and before that on the Planning Commission have involved North Livermore.

There, Dietrich has been one of the staunchest advocates for the development interests. She opposed the urban growth boundary. She supported Pardee in a wholehearted way. She stands prepared to get behind whatever North Livermore urbanization scheme comes

Harriet Cole, former chair of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, pointed out in a recent letter to the editor that during her (Cole's) 10 years on the Conservancy board, Dietrich was never involved in the group and contributed nothing to it, contrary to the image of that mailer.

Pointing to Dietrich's North Livermore record, Cole commented that the candidate's attempt to link herself with the Conservancy "does a great disservice to the Conservancy and to the citizens of Livermore.'

If Dietrich were truly pro-environment, she would have grassroots activists like Harriet Cole working behind her, rather than against her.

### Oak Grove 'Compromise'

Kay Ayala, former Pleasanton councilmember, heads a citizens group that opposes the "compromise" on the Oak Grove project. They've filed an initiative to bar new homes from the ridgetops and upper slopes of Pleasanton's southeastern hills. It would affect future projects, but not Oak Grove.

The compromise involves 562 acres owned by the Lin family. It permits 51 custom homes, with maximum sizes ranging from 9175 to 12,500 square feet. Depending on their location within the 562-acre area, homes can be as high as three stories. In return, the Lins will donate to the City of Pleasanton almost 500 acres to be preserved as permanent open space.

The City Council approved the plan three weeks ago in a 4-1 vote, with Cindy McGovern dissenting.

The agreement was forged through negotiations, a process Pleasanton officials hope will set the style for all the other properties in the area. They envision the southeastern landowners donating large swaths of open space in exchange for relatively limited development. It's estimated Pleasanton could gain close to 2000 acres of permanent open space this way.

The initiative also contains a provision that could limit affordable housing. We don't favor that concept.

On the other hand, we do strongly support the provisions affecting the southeastern hills. This initiative would see to it that the Oak Grove compromise would

## Zone 7 Board OKs Water Rate Increase for 2008

Zone 7 Water Agency will boost its water rate by an estimated \$27 per year per house-hold, beginning Jan. 1, 2008.

Directors voted unanimously at their meeting Oct. 18 in Liver more to impose the increase.

The board's action brings the price up 8.4 percent, to \$689 per acre foot (AF). An acre foot is the amount of water that would cover one acre to a one foot depth. It's enough to serve two typical Valley households for one year. Zone 7 sells the water to the Valley's water retailers — the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), and California Water Service, a private firm that serves three-fourths of Livermore. The retailers pass along the cost, and sometimes add their own increases, as they deem necessary.

A month ago, an 8 percent rise was the recommendation. However, a federal court ruling in Fresno added to the urgency of environmentally improving the Delta as a conduit for Zone 7 water. It will cost Zone 7 more money to contribute to that solution. Therefore, a 0.4 percent extra fee is being added to the water rate.

The 8 percent increase would cover increases in fixed costs such as chemicals and salaries, and of costs of projects that will improve water in the existing

### A Conversation about **Conservation Scheduled**

Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewagritourism venture. ardship (PLCS) in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation Service(NRCS) and Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) pre-

sents, "A Conversation with Hank and Scott Stone of Yolo Land and Cattle Company." This will be the first workshop in the series entitled, "Protecting Farms and Ranches with Easements.

The workshop will be held at the Martinelli Center at 3585 Greenville Road in Livermore on Monday, October 29, at 6 pm. RSVP is requested. Food is served: 925-371-0154 ext 111 or karen.sweet@acrcd.org.

The Stone Family, regional winners of the National Environmental Stewardship Award, will present their story about enhanc-ing their ranch's natural resources and developing a conservation easement to protect it forever. They will be available to answer local ranching families' questions about their easement

and decision-making process. In 2005 Yolo Land & Cattle Co., owned by Henry and Suzanne Stone, placed approximately 6,983 acres into a land conservation agreement (ease-ment) held by California Rangeland Trust. The ranch, studded with ponds and other wetlands, oak woodlands, natural streams, and unfragmented open space provides habitat for native common and rare plants. The conservation agreement with the family-owned and operated Yolo Land & Cattle Co will allow the owners to continue their stewardship practices and entrepreneurial agriculture marketing techniques. The easement was funded by the California Wildlife Conservation Board and the Great Valley Center. Yolo Land & Cattle Co is operated by Hank Stone, his sons and their families. For more than thirty years the Stones have been enhancing their natural re-sources with the help of Natural **Resources Conservation Service**, the Yolo County Resources Conservation District, Audubon California, CALFIRE, and others. Improvements include wildlifefriendly livestock ponds, fencing and plantings, brush control and rangeland improvements. They

water treatment plants, as well as adding to a replacement fund for pipes and other equipment. There arose a further issue of

water retailers predicting 6 per-cent less water demand for 2008 than they earlier expected. That is due mainly to the slowdown in building, according to one of the retailers, DSRSD general manager Bert Michalcyzk. That will mean less revenue than first projected by Zone 7

The wholesaler will make up for the drop in revenue from a special contingency fund, which was created using excess water sales revenue in past years when water demand was high. The offset's \$3 million will come from that \$5 million fund.

It is unlikely any new revenue will be going into the surplus revenue fund in the near future, in light of the Delta water crisis and Zone 7 general manager. The retailers, who are orga-

nized in a group to determine their needs and give feedback to Zone 7, said they don't oppose or support the increase. They do understand the wholesaler's reasons for doing it.

The board also approved raising the price of unfreated water, primarily for agricultural uses, to \$125 per AF, up from \$100 currently. The new price includes a \$1 charge as a contribution to solve the Delta problems. The

share these improvements with many tour guests as part of their

The ranch is one of six regional winners of the National Énvironmental Stewardship Award Program, sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Dow Elanco and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Bruce Hafenfeld, President of the CA Cattlemen's Association (CCA) states that the Stones manage to stand out among the state's rangeland owners, "expanding their ranching operation while paying close attention to conservation and the environment." The "Stone's conserva-tion ethic deserves recognition," says Darrel Sweet, Past President of CCA, "and we thank them for telling their story to other private landowners.

The Partnership for Land Con-servation and Stewardship program was formed by the Board of upervisors in 2006 to facilitate the land conservation objectives of the County of Alameda. It is designed to work with landowners and existing conservation entities to bring mutually-beneficial opportunities together to make voluntary land protection happen. PLCS is a cooperative effort between the County and the ACRCD, and supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

arm and ranch families and their advisors are invited to attend an informational workshop about land conservation easements that is designed to help local families understand land protection opportunities and how to plan for them. Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS) in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) and Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) presents an informational workshop series for rural landowners entitled "Protecting Farms and Ranches with Easements". For more information on this workshop or on the series, please contact Karen Sweet, Executive Officer at Alameda County Resource Conservation District at 925-371-0154 ext 111 or at karen.sweet@acrcd.org.

untreated water rate is based on how much the state charges Zone 7 for it, which primarily reflects the cost of delivery. The board vote was 6-0, with Jim Concannon abstaining because of a conflict of interest. He works for The Wine Group, which acquired the Concannon family's winerv

### **CÓNNECTION FEE TO RISE 3 PERCENT**

Directors also approved a 3.6 percent rise in the connection fee paid by developers. The vote was 6-1, with Jim Kohnen voting "no." He also was the lone vote against the board's approval of the 10-year capital improvement program (CIP

The board looks at the CIP annually, in a 10-year look ahead. Kohnen said he didn't want to approve documents which had not received sharper fiscal scrutiny by the board. He cited two examples. One was ex-penditure of \$20,000 for some equipment at the Zone 7 water quality lab. The other was what he called the failure of the Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) process installed by the manufacturer at the Del Valle water treatment plant. Kohnen suggested that Zone 7 could cut the \$20,000 lab equipment figure by one-half.

Asked by a reporter about the wisdom of doing that, Kohnen said that he visited the plant, and saw the equipment was not be-ing used. Kohnen formerly worked for Foremost McKesson labs in a science capacity. He said he knew by looking at the equipment that it was not being used.

Asked for clarification on Kohnen's point, Duerig said that in fact the equipment has been

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both on-campus clients and those in the business or non-profit worlds

Students deal face-to-face with clients and their expectations, timelines and budgets. The experience prepares students to enter their careers. The learn all aspects, by rotating roles from designer to the business and marketing focus.

The Design Shop students produced a bilingual website for TriValley HELP, listing all nonprofit services available in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton; redesigned the Livermore-Amador Symphony website in preparation for its move to the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore; and designed the Las Positas College Catalog which earned the Pro Award First Prize (PRO is the Community College Public Realtions Organization).

Founded in 2004, the Design Shop serves an average of 50 to 60 clients per year. Clients have paid the shop an average of \$20,000 the last two years.

• Head Start on College: More than 600 students from Tri-Valused from time to time. The board was told about the equipment before it was purchased, because it was one of the bigger items then. Previously Zone ? would have to send sample water to a lab, when it had certain odors in it. It might take as long as a week to obtain the analysis. Now, Zone 7 can assess the problem immedi-ately, and add the proper chemicals to deal with the odor, she said.

On the DAF process, Zone 7 set a high standārd, in terms of clearing up turbidity in the water. The goal was a turbidity standard of one, which is very clear. It has been coming in below the level of two. That's not enough to keep Zone 7 happy, so the manufacturer is still working with Zone 7 at no extra cost to bring it up to the desired standard.

The water retailers group was represented at the Zone 7 meeting by Pleasanton's staff mem-ber, Steve Cusenza. He said that as far as cost containment is concerned, the retailers support building the first phase of the Altamont water treatment plant and pipeline, because it meets the needs of growth and water qual-ity right now and in the near future.

As to the second phase, Cusenza said the board should look at postponing the timing, to coordinate better with the slowdown in growth, a point that Kohnen also raised. Overall, Zone 7 should look at other ways of saving costs, said Cusenza.

Duerig told the Independent that cost containment is an ongoing practice on the staff, including when dealing with consultants and the cost of building projects.

less at Las Positas to earn a certificate and start on a career six months earlier than starting at Las Positas without college credit.

Classes range in subject areas from auto mechanics to early childhood education to a variety of computer-related fields.

 The Integrated Learning Center provides instructors from a variety of disciplines who come together to help students who need assistance in the key areas of math, English and non-native speakers learning English as a second language. The center in-volves faculty from the English, math and English as a Second Language departments all working together to serve the student.

The variety of disciplines cooperating in one center focused on helping students improve set this approach apart from that offered at other institutions of high learning

"The Integrated Learning Center is a wonderful opportunity for students who may need extra assistance in math, English or English as a Second Lan-guage," said Laurel Jones, vice president of academic services. "Individualized and supplemen-tal instruction is provided for students in an integrated learning environment where they can work with faculty on particular areas of need in these very important subject areas. "Assistance not only helps the student do well in the course, but also helps them to succeed in other courses throughout their educational program," she added. The Integrated Learning Center has several dynamics leading to its success. The first is a student driven approach to learning in which the faculty members work directly with students on a lab hour attached to a math, English or English as a Second Language course. The second dynamic is the interdisciplinary learning that takes place in the center. Students are aware of a "hub" of academic activity going on around them. They can feel comfortable asking questions at any time. Last, faculty members also are learning at the same time. They learn more about the other disciplines and can see different teaching techniques at work. The Integrated Learning Center serves hundreds of students each semester and is growing as the student population grows at Las Positas College

not become the style setter for the area's other properties.

As Kay Ayala observed, "The developer is putting these mega-mansions on the visible hills and dedicating areas as open space that for the most part are not visible anywhere but to the homes on the project. There will be a ridgeline full of extremely large structures looming over existing neighborhoods and visible from many parts of the city."

Two thousand acres of open space won't be much of a prize if mansions take over the landscape. Those beautiful, gently rolling hills of southeastern Pleasanton deserve protection.

### **Meeting to Discuss Isabel** Ave. Widening Plans

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the City of Livermore, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), have completed environmental studies and released the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Route 84 Widening Project (Project).

A meeting will be held on October 30 to provide information to the public on the widen-

ing. The Project will widen a 4.8mile section of State Route 84/ Isabel Avenue through Livermore from Ruby Hill Drive to Jack London Boulevard. The southern portion between Ruby Hill Drive and the Stanley Boulevard Connector will be widened from two lanes to four lanes and the northern portion from the **Stanley Boulevard Connector to** Jack London Boulevard will be widened from two lanes to six lanes.

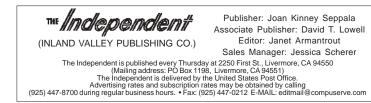
The Project also aims to im-

prove local traffic circulation by adding capacity and providing intersection improvements at Jack London Boulevard, Discovery Drive, Stanley Boulevard, Concannon Boulevard, Vineyard Avenue, Vallecitos Road, and Ruby Hill Drive.

The public meeting will be from 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at Smith Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 391 Ontario Drive, Livermore

For more information about the Project or to obtain a copy of the IS/EA, contact Brigetta Smith, Caltrans at (510) 286-5820, Arthur L. Dao, ACTIA at (510) 893-3347, or visit www.actia2022.com.

Recently completed environmental studies are available for public review and comment. Comments should be mailed to Ed Pang, Caltrans District 4 Office of Environmental Analysis, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 no later than 5 P.M. November 15, 2007.



### HOME

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effort to find a location where the house could be moved. Perhaps the funds that would have been used to tear it down, could be used to pay for the move. Fields also suggested that the city consider putting protections in place to avoid similar issues in the future.

**Community Development** Director Marc Roberts said that the Heritage Preservation Committee looked at the home. The developer did look at moving the home, but was unable to acquire a site. Asked about the condition of the house, Roberts said there is nothing wrong with it.

Roberts said there would be interest on the part of the city and the developer in knowing if there were a property available where the home could be moved. He noted that the approval for the nine units included a condition that the home would either be relocated or demolished.

Mayor Marshall Kamena pointed out that the home belonged to the Dutro family. The family operated a barbershop in downtown Livermore for many years. He said that it was his understanding that the developer would be willing to give the house away if it could be relocated within a time frame that matched plans for development of the property.

Others also spoke to the im-

portance of the home.

Loretta Kaskey said that the home had a rating of "5" on the historic preservation list. That means it is of local historic interest. "It was a custom home. You won't find another one like it. I implore you to work with those who want to preserve this home."

Kaskey raised another issue. "I also ask the council to pay attention to new zonings that may allow for changes in the charac-ter of neighborhoods, the monsterization or mansionization of homes."

John Stein pointed out that a number of homes have been lost to redevelopment. One of the goals of the downtown specific plan is to preserve the character of the area. He suggested setting aside a portion of the tax increment funds to help save historic structures.

**Councilmember** Lorraine Dietrich, at the end of the meeting, asked staff for a report on how the city considers preservation of "the older urban fabric' of the community, especially where there are conflicts with the downtown Specific Plan..

Roberts said there are a lot of protections in the specific plan. However, in areas north and south of downtown, there are few regulations. In those areas, very large homes on very small lots would be allowed.

ley area high schools and the **Regional Occupation Program** this year received credits for units at Las Positas College for classes they took while in high school.

Las Positas faculty and staff have worked with the high school instructors to ensure that the high school courses provide the curriculum equivalent to entry-level classes as Las Positas.

Once students pass the final exam, one that has content approved by Las Positas faculty as well as the high school teachers, the college will grant the students credit. Currently there are 20 courses offered in the high schools and the Regional Occupation Program that provide college credit as well as high school units.

Las Positas provides the units with no fee (typical fee is \$20 per unit) and no residency requirement that would mandate students enroll at Las Positas College to receive the credit.

'There's lots of research that shows if students have college credit when they graduate from high school they are much more likely to enroll in college," said Birgitte Ryslinge, the Las Positas dean who coordinates the articulation agreements with the high schools.

High school students focused in certain career areas can earn as many as 15 units of credit at Las Positas through their high school career. That means one semester

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vancy believes the next five years will be the key to protecting critical resource lands in the Tri-Valley Region. After that, opportunities for protection are likely to diminish rapidly.

Many scenic rural areas, farmlands, ranches, and wildlife habitats have been damaged or destroyed by subdivision and development projects that did not take into account natural and agricultural priorities and values, according to the Conservancy. The best development occurs when it is done hand in hand with the preservation of lands that provide for safe drinking water, productive farmland, and scenic beauty, according to TVC.

The Conservancy was estab-

lished as part of the South Livermore Area Plan.

The Tri-Valley Conservancy's early mission was focused primarily on protecting the valuable vineyard lands within the South Livermore Valley Area Plan. From its founding in 1994, most of that goal has been accomplished. At present, the Conservancy has completed the following: Ensured that over 4,100 acres are under agricultural conservation easements; Saw to it that 1,900 acres of the 4,100 acres support the South Livermore Valley Trail System; and Initiated an education program in support of local viticulture and the winemakers.

### MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

#### Looks Great Ellen Schaefer Livermore

I was skeptical about the plan to put multistory new residence structures in the heart of Livermore's downtown. Now that I see the infill developments sprouting up in many under-utilized parts of the city core, I'm very impressed. Rather than standing out like too-tall eyesores, they have been cleverly designed to seem an organic part of their total surroundings. Color schemes from a natural earth-tone palette have also minimized their size and helped them blend in quite attractively.

Even the new movie theater has been done in good taste, rather than the Las Vegas garish style of Dublin's cinema. I couldn't have asked for a more restrained and handsome structure.

Congratulations to those responsible for the long-range planning, especially Councilwoman Marj Leider. I'll be voting for her in November, along with Jeff Williams, who helped guide these projects as a member of the Design Review Committee.

#### The Environment Henry D. Shay Livermore

The selection of Gore to receive the Nobel Peace Prize should remind us inhabitants of the Tri-Valley of the role that we must play, right here, in preserving the environment.

Every day hundreds of thousands of commuters, many, if not most, of them from communities to the east of us, clog I-580 on their way to and from work in the Bay area. Immobilized in traffic jams they idle their engines, often sitting alone in their cars, consume gasoline, and foul the atmosphere with carbon dioxide. The remediation of this problem is not to be found within the boundaries of any one of our Tri-Valley cities. Solutions must address the regional issues directly - only through regional co-operation can this issue be successfully addressed.

What form can such solutions take? Regional planning of developments is needed. Highspeed east-west arterials on the northern and southern flanks of the valley (the Isabel off-ramp and the widening of Route 84 are minimal efforts) could convey traffic away from the I-580 bottlenecks. A viable mass transit network with BART extended to the far eastern edge of the Valley could reduce the number of single occupant vehicles. And, not to be overlooked, each community should build high density, affordable housing in intimate contact with the mass transit network.

As we enter yet another election season, let us not forget the overarching principles that must guide our responsible husbanding of the environment.

#### Vote for Williams Larry H. Thompson Livermore

I would like to comment on the Oct. 4 front-page article about cutting greenhouse gasses by "smart-growth" planning. At a recent conference in Oakland, legislators and environmentalists released the report "Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change." Essentially they con-cluded that reducing auto and industrial emissions would be insufficient to reverse atmospheric damage. (Although the article stated "ozone layer problems", I assume it should have referred to greenhouse gas emissions.) Gains in these areas will likely be quickly offset by the state's ram-

pant population growth. "A meaningful swing to smart growth is needed," according to the study, which strongly advocates compact development design along the lines of the "village concept." Reducing the outward spread of cities reduces the amount residents have to drive "by 20 to 40 percent," significantly lessening harmful vehicular emissions.

Readers should be pleased to know that this is exactly the farsighted policy that City Council candidate Jeff Williams has been advising for Livermore. His goal is to help make Livermore a more self-contained community where core development enables residents to shop and enjoy the city's downtown vitality, rather polluting their way to other areas.

Major visible steps toward this goal are the new downtown residential buildings, Livermore Cinema, Performing Arts Center, adjacent restaurants, and specialty shops. Jeff Williams, as a creative thinker on our City Council, will help sustain this momentum. After a career at Lawrence Livermore Lab, including leadership of the Mechanical Engineering Department, Jeff has both the practical background and the imagination to serve us well in the coming years.

The inevitable pressures for sprawling growth and wellfunded assaults on our Urban Growth Boundary mean that we need a Jeff Williams to fight for Livermore's best interests. I trust caring, thoughtful residents will want to preserve Livermore's character and current smartgrowth trend by electing Jeff Williams on November 6.

### InconvenientTruths Valerie Raymond

councilmember or as a planning commissioner, is the city's 1994 North Livermore General Plan Amendment. That plan was designed by smart growth guru Peter Calthorpe, won a State award for smart growth, and was supported by Greenbelt Alliance. The Independent wrote at least six editorials urging the plan's adoption.

Your editorial complains about "the kind of planning that has given us freeway gridlock, clogged city streets, vanishing open space and deenergized downtowns" - presumably the low-density, single-family homes that constitute most of Livermore. Most of that development resulted from the policies promoted by former councilmembers now active in Friends of Livermore.

The Independent apparently thinks that the thousands of new apartments, condos and townhomes now planned for inside the city's current boundaries will not result in more clogging of city streets. That is deluding both itself and the public. The new city General Plan anticipates a daily traffic increase around 480,000 car trips a day all on existing streets. This is one good reason why Lorraine refused to vote for it, although she continues to support judiciously planned in-fill.

I suggest that the main reason your newspaper wishes to see Lorraine defeated is that she is the only councilmember over whom you have no control.

(Editor's Note: The Independent controls no councilmember. The paper supports councilmembers and candidates who share what we believe to be a community-first point of view, as opposed to one that puts growth foremost.)

#### Dump Dietrich Paul Weiss Livermore

Livermore doesn't need Lorraine Dietrich on our City Council any more. She's been a disgruntled nay-sayer for the past few years, voting against some of the best innovations in Livermore's downtown redevelopment.

Prominent in her support for the unpopular Pardee project, she is continuing to represent all those who favored this plan.

Her supporters also include the unsuccessful candidates from the last election. Not one current popularly-elected official is on her side and for good reason. Livermore has clearly dumped all the Pardee boosters except for lame-duck Lorraine. Now it's time for her to leave the Council in favor of those who really represent public opinion, Marj Leider and Jeff Williams. Vote for Williams and Leider as an investment in Livermore's best interests for the future.

#### Re-elect Lorraine Dietrich Cathie Brown Former Livermore Mayor

Dear Editor, Several recent letters to the editor, regarding Lorraine Dietrich, are factually in error. I'd like to set the record straight. Lorraine Dietrich served on the Livermore Planning Com-mission from 1990 until 1999. During that time, she worked on the South Livermore Plan and served on the committee that established the by-laws and membership of the South Livermore Valley Land Trust which later became the Tri-Valley Conservancy. She was definitely part of our success in preserving lands in South Livermore.

Lorraine works hard as a Councilmember. She provides an independent voice. She's smart, dedicated and willing to roll up her sleeves and work for all of us. Lorraine has done a lot for Livermore and its families. She worked in youth sports, in the schools and in community nonprofits. Most notably, she co-

chaired the campaign for Measure L, the bond measure that passed with 82% approval. This measure funded the City's main library, the Robert Livermore Community Center, and the upgrades that are visible at school campuses around town.

I urge you to re-elect Lorraine Dietrich.

#### Two Viewpoints Brad Hirst Pleasanton

Two groups in Pleasanton advocate their respective position and vision regarding the future land use of Staples Ranch. It would be best for the two groups to merge their resources and viewpoints and put Pleasanton first to benefit all the residents of our community. Pleasanton First advocates that the County-owned property be annexed into the City of Pleasanton. Pleasanton First supports the Memorandum of Understanding signed by Alameda County and the City of Pleasanton. That M.O.U. proposes the city publicly consider the County's application. This will be done by our Parks & Recreation Commission, our Planning Commission, and our City Council.

The M.O.U. proposes that the 124 acre property include an upgraded Hendrick Auto Mall; a senior living congregate care facility; a community park with all-weather lighted sports fields, lighted tennis courts, lawn bowling, a dog park, and, hopefully, an ice skating facility; and an 11acre retail center.

The Friends of Pleasanton want the same land to have only the auto mall and the rest be permanent open space. The problem with that viewpoint is that Alameda County will not accept such a large reduction in value of this County taxpayer asset. The County Supervisor has publicly stated that if the minority viewpoint continues to delay the project, he will arrange to annex the property into either Livermore or Dublin. That would be a bad deal for Pleasanton residents.

Please respectively decline to sign any petition that would encourage the County to annex this land into any city other than Pleasanton.

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 26 "GRASSROOTS ISSUES" An opportunity for citizens to publicly broadcast an opinion on local issues Video-on-Demand at www.grassrootsissues.com



#### Livermore

I am bemused by the Independent's rants against Lorraine Dietrich, since they carefully ignore some inconvenient truths.

The only North Livermore development that Lorraine has ever voted for, as a city





KATHLEEN MINSER WASTE REDUCTION SPECIALIST OFFERS ADVICE ABOUT THE 4RS: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, ROT (COMPOST)

Q Do you know why I should recycle my motor oil? Clifford

 ${\sf A}$  There are many reasons to recycle used motor oil, including: 1) Used motor oil contains toxic substances such as benzene, lead, zinc, and cadmium. 2) One pint of oil can produce a one-acre oil slick. 3) One gallon of oil can ruin the taste of one million gallons of drinking water. (Source: USEPA) To ensure oil is legally and safely discarded, Waste Management provides oil jugs and collects used motor oil for curbside customers. To get started, call (925) 447-1300 to have up to two WM oil jugs delivered to your home. On service day, place no more than two WM oil jugs containing used motor oil at curbside for pickup. The driver will replace them with empty jugs-one for one. Use only Waste Management oil jugs to recycle oil. WM drivers will NOT pick up other types of oil containers.

Q Can you tell me what the three arrows on the recycling symbol mean? Gail

A ves. The arrows represent three components of the recycling process. The top arrow represents the collection of recyclable materials for processing. The bottom right arrow represents recyclables being processed into recycled products. The bottom left arrow represents consumers purchasing products made with recycled content.



Email Ask Kathleen questions to: AskKathleen@wm.com

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### María thedoctorforyou.com

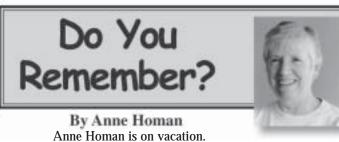
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### **Downtown Program Recognized**

The efforts of Livermore Downtown Inc. over the past year has earned it recognition for commercial district revitalization by meeting standards for performance set by the National Trust Main Street Center. Livermore Downtown Inc. joins 650 other Main Street revitalization programs nationally recognized as 2007 Accredited National Main Street Programs.

"The National accreditation means the local Main Street program is meeting the national standards of performance for what a Main Street program should be doing," said Doug Loescher, director of the National Trust Main Street Center. "The organizations we name each year as National Main Street Programs are those that have demonstrated the skills and comprehensive perspective needed to succeed in Main Street revitalization."

The annual accreditation process evaluates commercial district revitalization programs based on criteria ranging from having an active Board of Directors and paid professional manager to tracking economic progress and preserving historic Main Street buildings.

"Rebuilding a district's economic health and maintaining that success requires broad-based community involvement, active support from both the public and

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other people, two of whom died. It was an accident that left her laying in a coma in a German VA hospital for seven months. When she did wake up her doctors told her that she would never walk again.

The naturalization ceremony was brief. Ms. Mason modestly kept her eyes lowered. She seemed uncomfortable with all the attention. When the representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced that she was a citizen, Ms. Mason burst into tears. Her mother, only feet away, rushed over to comfort her. When I asked Ms. Mason how she felt about becoming a citizen she softly replied, "I feel that I was owed this when I first signed the paperwork [to enlist.]'

Mariela Mason was born in San Jose, Costa Rica. Her family moved to the United States in 1983 relocating to Livermore three years later. Her father, Emile Meylan, said they choose Livermore because the "houses were cheaper." They never guessed that in twenty years they would be paying \$2500 a month for their daughter's medical bills. Al-though the physical therapy Ms. Mason receives from the VA hospital is free, she regularly sees a private physical therapist and seeks alternative treatments. The Blue Star Riders, a nonprofit group dedicated to supporting wounded veterans, doprivate sectors, and sound man-agement," said Loescher. "Having a solid organization at the foundation of that revitalization effort is so important to long term success.

Livermore Downtown Inc.'s performance was evaluated by the California Main Street Alliance, which is the coordinating organization for Main Street programs in California.

"We are proud to once again be accredited as a National Main Street Program and are very thankful to the National Trust for the support and resources they provide our communities. Our community as a whole is committed to the development of the downtown as the heart and soul of Livermore." said Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor, Executive Director of Livermore Downtown

Inc. "Livermore has been partnering with the National Trust Main Street Center for 22 years now and our success at becoming the jewel of the East Bay is a tribute to the notion that the National Main Street Center's four point approach to revitaliza-tion works," she added. "We share this recognition with our city leaders, downtown businesses, volunteers and residents because our successes are due largely in part to the support of the Livermore community."

nated a cane to Ms. Mason. Ev-

ery week the group visits VA hos-

pitals, outreach centers and at-

tends memorial services for vet-

erans. They regularly visit Ms.

Mason. Richard Hamilton, the

group's founder was at the cer-

emony. "With Mariela there's

something special because she's

the first woman I met that was wounded . . . and she's just the

sweetest thing." Hamilton founded the group because he saw a need to support

veterans. He noticed that there

were local groups dedicated to

supporting current soldiers but

none that honored wounded vet-

erans. Hamilton said that some-

times the veterans his group sees

will not have any other visitors.

'These kids have scarified their life and they can't be forgotten."

Ms. Mason's medical bills,

paid by her parents, have recently

been augmented by local com-

### BULLETIN BOARD

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

### **BOUTIQUES & BAZAARS**

**35th Annual Holiday Bazaar**, held by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore, Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3, from 9am to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Handmade gifts, orna-ments, and holiday decorations. Homemade jams and jellies, baked goods and candies. Free admission

Holiday Boutique, Heritage Estates, Senior Retirement Community, 900 East Stanley Blyd., Livermore. Fri. and Sat., Nov. 2 and 2; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Hand crafted holiday gifts exclusively made by senior residents. There will be unique handbags, beautiful blankets and scarves, custom jewelry, holiday ornaments, etc. There will also be home baked goods and

There will also be home baked goods and candies. Information (925) 518-5752. **Circle of Friends Boutique**, Thurs., Nov. 8 from 4 to 10 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat., Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 20th anniversary event. Holiday, decor, gift items, homemade apple pie, jams and candy will be available. 3803 Muirwood Dr., Pleasanton. For information, contact Karen at 548, 1972 Karen at 548-1972. Golden Circle Seniors Annual Ba-

**zaar**, Tues. and Wed., Nov. 6 and 7 form 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Liver-more. Includes handmade baby items, kitchen items, scarves, hats, shopping bags, wine bottle covers, lap robes, doilies and many more items at reasonable prices. Golden Circle Seniors is a nonprofit club raising money for local charities, including Hope Hospice, the Senior Center, Friendship Center, and Open Heart Kitchen. REGULAR CALENDAR

Parenting Class Positive Discipline, a four-week course presenting tools for effec-tive relationships will be offered in Liver-more by Laurie Prusso M. Ed. Ms. Prusso is a professor of child development at Modesto Junior College and a Certified Positive Discipline Trainer. Sessions will be held at the Valley Chiropractic Center, 1046 East Stanley, from 7:00-8:30 on Thursday eve-nings from November 1, 8, 15, and 29. For more information, email Tchrlaurie@comcast.net. Class size is limited. The prepaid cost is \$125.00 per person, plus materials.

plus materials. **Golden Circle Seniors**, meets Mondays 12:30 to 2:30 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Liver-more. In January, the gorup will begin a new year making items for its 2008 bazaar. **National Survivors of Suicide Day Survivors of Suicide Day** 

conference, "Mending Hearts & Souls" on Saturday, November 17th from 9am-3pm at ValleyCare Medical Plaza. Keynote Speaker - California State Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, Survivor; National Broadcast from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention headquarters; Facilitated group discus-sion with experienced suicide survivor counselors;Healing resources, information, and activities. Conference registration is \$15.00, which includes continental breakfast and full lunch. Scholarships available. Space is limited — please register by November 12th

www.afsp.org. Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 27, 34 miles to the Petaluma Cheese factory, meet 10 a.m. at Safeway in Novato, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Oct. 28, 63 miles from Napa to Sonoma, meet 10 a.m. at Napa Valley College, Don Carpenter, 228-1096. Wed., Oct. 31, 24 miles Mt. Diablo ride, meet 10 a.m. at Diablo Vista Park, Bekki Livingston, 735-8327. Thurs., Nov. 1, 30 miles from Pleasanton to Sunol Regional park, meet 10 a.m. at Val Vista Park, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what

British Women come for a "cuppa" and a chat with sister Brits in the local chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. Meetings are 3rd Tues. of month in Pleasanton. Phone 875-0828 or 484-1273 for informa-

Phone 675-0826 of 484-1273 for mornia-tion. www.dbesociety.org or www.dbemca.org.
 Dessert-Dance, Fri., Oct. 26, Pleasan-ton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleas-anton. Dessert served 6:30 p.m., dance at 7 p.m. Music by the Treblemakers. Informa-tion. 921 5265 Eco.

tion, 931-5365. Fee. **The Emerald Forest** will be shown Sat., Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. In this lustrous

prizes. Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 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.

1st Annual Tri-Valley Basket Bri-gade, A special Thanksgiving *community* food drive that elevates giving to a personal level. Participants will gather together to create Thanksgiving Baskets from donated food and much-needed staple items. They will then have the opportunity to personally deliver the baskets to specially designated Tri-Valley and San Francisco Bay area resi-dents in need. Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. until baskets are filled and delivered. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopayrd Rd., Pleasanton. A hands-on way to reach out to the community and personally touch the life of another this holiday season. Volunteers are needed to donate food, assemble baskets, deliver baskets and help organize and execute the event. For more information contact Mimi Field at mimifieldpr@comcast.net or visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.

**Passport To Adventure**, The Pleasan-ton Senior Center's "Passport to Adventure" series continues as guest speaker Linda Almazan, from Pleasanton's Parks and Community Services presents "Alaska." DVD presentation includes images from her recent Alaskan cruise with stops in Juneau, Sitka, Katchican and Victoria's Buschart Gardens. Friday, Oct. 26 at 10:00am, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No charge. For more information, call 931-5365.

**Proper nutrition** in childhood can rein-force lifelong eating habits. Learn about your child's nutrient requirements. Some of them, such as the requirements for iron and calcium, change as your child ages. Tues., Nov. 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Livermore Multiservice Center, Livermore. Presented by Child Care Links. Registration is required. Please contact Me-lissa for more information. 417-8733. Space is limited so register early. No Cost for this workshop.

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 gen-erally end at 8pm. **RELIGION** 

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Topic for Oct. 28 is "How to Make the Minister Walk on Water," Rev. Carolyn Colbert, interim minister, will lead. Information 447-8747

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sun-day worship. Information 447-1950. **Congregation Beth Emek**, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-

1055 Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton. Two Sunday wor-ship services: 8:30 a.m. service will have a classic emphasis and nursery care for children under 3 will be provided. The 10:15 a.m. service will have a contemporary emphasis and nursery care, as well as Sunday school classes for preschool through high school age children will be provided. For more info, call the church office at 846-4436.

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. (nursery 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. Einet Church ac Christ Exicatifie Liv.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Liv-ermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and



Phto - Doug Jorgensen Gina Hawkin and Toby, age four and a half, were at the Del Valle Dog Club show at the fairgrounds over the weekend to learn about being a show dog. He is a boxer.

magazines for sale. For information, call

(925) 447-2946. **Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for

weekly programs. Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Services are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service at 7 p.m. 1020 Mocho St., Liver-more. Information, 447-8840. Ghost Bustin' Blowout, Wednesday

October 31 st, 6 to 9 p.m Celebration Chris-tian Center. Games for. preschool, elemen-tary, and youth. There will be bounce houses. It is all free. For more information, call Cindy Ihrig at 925-455-4250. 1135 Bluebell Dr. Livermore,

Hadassah Shalom Chapter presents "Living a Jewish Life in the Tri-Valley" with special guest Fruma Resnick. Nov. 15th, 7pm Beth Chaim Congregation, 1400 special Holbrook Drive. Danville Contact: Cherv

Bigman, cherylsb63@yahoo.com, (925) 968-9240.

Mirna Wati, an Indonesian Minister will be speaking on Tuesday, October 30, 7 – 8.45pm at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive in Dublin, CA 94568. She is devoting her life to Christian outreach, church planting and child development in the most dangerous and remote regions of Indo-nesia. Her visit is sponsored by Sisters in Service (www.sistersinservice.org), whose mission is to inform, equip and mobilize advocates to extend God's love to oppressed women and children through local partnerships in the least – reached places of the world. The Oct 30th program will include music and refreshments. Please call Gloria Gregory at 925-998-3785 for more information.

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Shelter Dogs and Cats **Available for Adoption** 

This Saturday, October 27th, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) is hosting an adoption faire at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) in Dublin from noon-4 p.m. The Faire is a component of TVAR's new Shelter Dog Program, which is aimed at saving local shelter animals.

"We couldn't take the ECAS dogs and cats to our Farmers Market and PetsMart adoption events, so we decided to bring the adoption events to the shelter," said Sue James, the program's manager.

At the last Faire, 8 dogs and 10 cats were adopted. Each dog adopter received a free leash, beds, toys and 3 free private, inhome training classes from a professional dog trainer. James comments, "Experience has shown that when TVAR provides professional training classes to new adopters, adoption success rates for dogs increase significantly. Without doubt, the Shelter Dog Program is a big step to-ward achieving TVAR's goal of giving ECAS cats and dogs another chance.'

Last year, TVAR rescued over 1,200 animals and provided many with life-saving veterinary care. For more information on the Faire visit tvar.org. The shelter is located at 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin.



munity support. The Livermore Valley Tennis Club hosted a fundraiser for her earlier this month. First Street Alehouse, also in Livermore, is currently accepting donations for Ms. Mason. On December 5<sup>th</sup> they plan to donate ten percent of their profits towards her care.

Ms. Mason encourages other veterans to "be strong in your mind. Show them that you can do it." Ms. Mason, who to her doctors disbelief started walking this year, seems to have done just that.

1985 film, Powers Boothe plays a dam engineer whose young son is abducted by an engineer whose young som is abducted by an indigenous tribe in the Amazon. This magi-cal tale weaves a spell, questioning our notions of what is civilized. Movie night is a non-partisan event, open to the public, free/ or \$3.00 donation. Food and beverages are served. Wheelchair accessible and conve-nient parking. Most & great begins at 6:30 nient parking. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Beating the Holiday Blues Feelings of sadness and depression are common during the holidays, but not inevitable. Help yourself or a loved one identify these feelings and address them. Discover a variety of practical tips to help keep the blues away during the holiday season. Discussion and



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### SHORT NOTES

#### Nature Program

Up Close and Personal is the theme of a nature program to be offered by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Oct. 27. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 2 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

What do leaves, rocks, feathers and butterfly wings look like up close? Join this program in a search for interesting objects in the park and use microscopes to obtain a closer look. Rangers describe the program as "an eye-opening experience for people of all ages." There is a \$3 per vehicle parking

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

### Youth Court Volunteers

The Tri Valley Youth Court is looking for youth volunteers to serve as prosecuting and defending advocates, court clerks, and jurors. Tri Valley Youth Court is scheduled to begin sessions January, 2008, the second Tuesday of every month at Alameda County Superior Courthouse in Pleasanton. Cases will be assigned by agreement between schools, police depart-ments and the youth court. In general, Youth Court cases will be limited to misdemeanors not involving weapons or major violence.

Training for the Tri Valley Youth Court is scheduled for Saturday, No-vember 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Livermore Police Department Community Room from 10 am to 4 pm. Please call Tonya Clenney (925) 337-7175 or email trivalleyyouthcourt@yahoo.com for applications and to RSVP to the train-

The general purpose of the Youth Court will be to help young people "by giving them second chances and becoming more responsible for their own through cooperation with their actions peers and their community and to experience restitution using restorative justice principles," according to Diane Jeronimo, Executive Director.

### Academy Nominees

November 1st is the deadline for students to apply for a U.S. military academy\_nomination from Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher. Last year, 24 students recommended by Rep. Tauscher for a service academy were accepted into West Point, Annapolis or the Air Force Academy. The nation's military academies offer a unique and esteemed educational opportunity for young men and women. Accepted stu-dents receive a free 4-year university education, room and board, medical and dental coverage and a stipend in exchange for a 5-year military service

commitment at graduation. To be considered, students must submit their applications to Congress-woman Tauscher's Walnut Creek office by November 1st. A complete list of requirements, along with the full application, is available on Congresswoman Tauscher's website at www.house.gov/tauscher/ application\_form.htm. For more information regarding Congresswoman Tauscher's Academy Program, contact Field Representative Remy Gold-smith at (925) 757-7187.

### Trail Adventure

The Mount Diablo Trail Adventure offers a Marathon, Half-Marathon, 10K Run, 10K Speed Hike, and Family Hike beginning at Castle Rock Park in Wal-

### **HALLOWEEN** (continued from page one)

Fire Departments "Fire Safety Trailer" will be on L Street between First Street and Second

nut Creek on Sun., Nov. 4. The adventure climbs the fire roads up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishes at Castle Rock. There will be a Summit Run starting at Castle Rock, climbing all the way to the summit of Mount Diablo. Summit runners will be shuttled back to Castle Rock. The event includes pre and post race entertainment by a live band and lunch for all participants.

Registration for the family hike includes registration for 2 adults and 2 children, T-shirts for the kids and lunch for all. Half of the registration fee will be donated to a school of choice. Race Participants Runners of all ages are welcome. Runners under 18

must be accompanied by an adult. Registration opens at 7:00 am. Start for the Marathon and Summit Run is 7:30 am. Start for all other events is 9 am. Registration fee is \$40 for all events, except the summit run, which is \$50. Information is at www.savemountdiablo.org or call 947-3535

### Ecology Software

Kids in Livermore, Castro Valley and Dublin are more interested in recycling than ever before thanks in part to award-winning ecology software distributed to elementary schools in the

The Altamont Education Advisory Board awarded a grant to Sound Ad-vice, makers of "Respect Our Earth" software, to supply elementary schools in Livermore, Castro Valley and Dublin with copies of the fun-to-play, ecol-

ogy software. Sound Advice, makers of the NoteNiks product line, created the software for kids ages 5 - 10, to teach them about environmental issues using 8 interactive games. Children learn about various forms of clean energy, recy-cling, composting, habitats and endan-gered animals, and where and how fuel alternatives such as wind and solar energy are used. The software recently won a Dr. Toy 100 Best Products award for 2007.

'This is the first software we've seen talking about environmental is-sues," said Principal Stephan Bering of Arroyo Seco Elementary School in Livermore. "Our students are already excited about recycling. This will help them with concepts around energy conservation and reusables. And when the kids take this information home, they get parents excited about it, too. The students at Arroyo Seco play the "Respect Our Earth" games during the school's lunchtime open computer lab. Not only does "Respect Our Earth"

contain games with eco-friendly mes-sages, it also provides teachers with age-appropriate curriculum and activity pages that can supplement existing lesson plans. Additionally, the software contains a built-in browser with current ecology news headlines, and printable award certificates for kids who thoroughly understand the environmental concepts.

Among the many activities "Re-spect Our Earth" offers are directions on building a classroom compost and ways to reuse common items like jars, newspapers and old clothing. The software also introduces kids to harder concepts including various clean en-ergy sources like wind, solar, and hy-

droelectric energy. The "Respect Our Earth" software is both PC and Mac compatible and available for purchase at www.noteniks.com. The cost is \$19.95. For more information, call: 510-547-0125 or visit www.noteniks.com.

#### Hats Off Run

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D Pleasanton) will attend the 9th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk on Saturday, to be held on Saturday, November 10. The walk begins at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine.

Hats Off America has extended invitations to local and state government officials to run in the event.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant . There is no entry fee for volunteers.

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Hats Off America was created by Sparky George, owner of Classic Car Auto Restoration and Repair in San Ramon, a Vietnam vet and the "Bear Flag Runner" of Danville. In honor of service personnel being deployed in Iraq, the Bear Flag Runner has been running six miles a night, five days a week with a five-pound weight, re-gardless of weather, since September 15, 2002. The Hats Off America orga-nization also takes donations and pledges for the miles run.

#### Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free fall immunization clinics for children on November 3 and De-cember 1, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasan-ton 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.

#### Meat and Seafood

Foothill High School Boys Soccer will hold a meat and seafood sale on Sat., Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Foothill High School Parking Lot, 4375 Foothill Rd., Pleasanton.

USDA inspected beef and quality seafood will be available at warehouse prices. The event will benefit the Foot-

hill Boys Soccer general fund. For more information, email: foothillsoccer@yahoo.com.

#### Free Flu Shots

Community Health Team 1-Public Nursing, of Alameda County Public Health Department, serving Southern Alameda County and the Tri Valley area, will be offering free Flu shots on Tuesday, October 30, from 10 am to 2 pm. The clinic will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. This clinic is offered to non-insured

or under- insured seniors and adults. Seniors age 60 years and older, or younger adults with chronic diseases such as heart disease or asthma, immunosuppression, or renal dysfunction should get this immunization. Adults who provide home care or work in places where there are infants below six

ation and Park District (LARPD) plays host to two seasonal Halloween events that have become a tradition in the Tri-Valley re-

The goblins and ghouls of Livermore's past give visitors a frightening tour through the dark avernous Haunted

### Gardening Workshop

Learn the least toxic methods of managing common garden pests such as snails, slugs, aphids and yellow jack-ets. The free gardening workshop will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 27 at Coyote Hills Regional Park, 8000 Peterson Ranch Rd., Fremont.

Registration is required. To regis-ter, or for more details, go to www.BayFriendly.org or call 510-444-7645.

#### Young Leader

Andrea Mahler has been selected to take part in the National Young Lead-ers Conference to be held February 2008 in Washington, D.C.

Mahler is a junior at Granada High School in Livermore. The program offers an opportunity for students to interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the

international community. Past highlights of the program have

### **Off-Mike Host to Speak**

In his new autobiography Off-Mike radio host Michael Krasny provides stories of celebrity interviews—such as literary luminaries Michael Chabon and Joyce Carol Oates.

Krasny hosts KQED-FM's award-winning "Forum." He will be speaking about his experiences Thursday, November 1, 8:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, in Pleasanton. The event is part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Contra Costa Jewish Book & Arts Festival, and includes a complimentary reception with festival books available for sale starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the presentation are \$10.

Despite the fact that Krasny's mother urged him to go into any profession other than literature,

included welcoming remarks by a cur-rent or former member of Congress, made from the floor of the House of

Representatives. Students will also participate in a number of leadership skill building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled, "If I Were presi-dent," students act as the President and cabinet members responding to an in-ternational crisis. Students also take part in "Testing the Constitution," in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The conference culmi-nates with the Model Congress, in which students assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

The event is sponsored by the non-partisan Congressional Youth Leader-ship Council. Mahler was recommended by Granada's administrative staff for the program. She maintains a 3.5 gpa. As a student in the advanced placement program, she is taking classes that will prepare her for college and further her ambition to become a veterinarian or a child psychologist.

his passion for the arts led him eventually to his highly respected position at KQED. Ignoring his mother's fears that writing wouldn't earn him a living, Krasny's love affair with words both written and spoken-has garnered for him a devoted audience of listeners who revel in his skilled interviews of both the known and unknown, the mighty and those who just might succeed.

The Contra Costa Jewish Book & Arts Festival runs October 30 through November 15. It is presented by the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay and the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center. For tickets, information, or to receive a festival brochure, contact marilyn@jfed.org or 510-839-2900, ext.256.

Scholarships Awarded The American Association of University Women, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin Branch has announced the recipients of the Local Scholarship Foundation's scholarships for 2007.

They are intended to assist a junior or senior woman pursue further educa-tion in an accredited four year college or university. Caitlin MacDonald, graduate of Amador Valley High School, is now enrolled as a junior at Dartmouth Col-

For more information call 925-462-5775.

lege. She received \$1000. Melissa Morgan, also an Amador graduate, received a \$1000 scholar-

hip. She is a senior at Sonoma State University majoring in psychology The Foundation selects awards

based on the applicant's career goals, significant achievements to date, and a personal statement. Contact the Local Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551, for an application

getting a flu shot.

Gem Faire The 18th Annual Gem Faire will be Oct. 26-28 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Admis-sion is \$5, valid for the entire weekend. Nearly 60 dealers will be offering welry, gems, beads, crystals, minerals, findings and much more. Finished and unfinished jewelry, rare gemstones, and jewelry making tools will be available. Prizes will be given away hourly. For information go www.gemfaire.com.



Granada High School Cheerleaders decorated the grounds of the Livermore Valley School District Offices with Red Ribbons on Monday. This is National Red Ribbon Week to promote the "Say NO to Drugs" campaign. The Cheerleaders will be going around to elementary schools through out the week to help the elementary school kids put red ribbons around their school.

months of age, seniors or high risk individuals should also get the flu shot. People who should not get a flu shot are people with a severe allergy to eggs and anyone who has had Guillain-Barre Syndrome within 6 weeks after gotting a flu shot

Street

Cooleykatz Toys is hosting its 2nd annual "Most Creative Pumpkin Contest." Decorate and bring a pumpkin to Cooleykatz Toys, 1959 Second Street by October 24th. Please print name on the bottom of the pumpkin so the winner can be contacted. All pumpkins will be on display during Downtown Trick or Treat. Contest is open to kids 5th grade and under or enter as a family project.

For More Information call Livermore Downtown Inc. at 925-373-1795.

Please note that no dogs or animals are allowed at the event. Parking is available at the free Livermore Valley Center Garage, 2350 Railroad Åve.

**HORROR FILMS AND** HAUNTED HOUSE

As part of the Halloween celebration in Livermore, the California Independent Film Festival presents the Horror Film Fest Haunted House, Oct. 25-27 at Forester Hall, 171 So. J Street. Ticket are \$5.00 each and available at the door. Hours are Thursday 4-8 PM, Fri and Sat 5-9 PM.

There will also be horror movie screenings at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street, Livermore. Tickets for evening screenings will be \$8 per person, per screening and available at the door. Each of the presentations includes horror film shorts. The schedule is Thurs., Oct. 25, 9 p.m., "Dead and Breakfast," a locally produced film shot in Livermore; Fri., Oct. 26, 9 p.m. "Frankenstein," the 75th anniversary edition; Sat., Oct. 27, 11 a.m. "The Little Vampire," and at 9 p.m. 'Carrie" and the short film, "Black Gulch." Tickets for Oct. 27 are 2 for 1 price, at \$8.00 for two.

nia Independent Film Festival at 925-371-4404. gion.

For more info visit

www.caindiefest.com/

gpage1.html or call the Califor-

#### **MONSTER MAYHEM IN PLEASANTON**

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth will host its annual Haunted House, Monster Mayhem, on Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Avenue, adjacent to the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

Tours of the Haunted House will begin on the half hour beginning at 5:30 pm. Suggested times for children under the age of nine (9) are 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to the Haunted House are \$5 per person in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission for children under the age of three (3) is free. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-sale ticket holders will be admitted during their assigned time slots.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Pleasanton's Department of Parks and Community Services, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. Civic Arts' Annual Haunted

House is presented by Halloween-loving teens and adults en-rolled in Parks and Community Services' Haunted House performance class. The classes meet weekly for six weeks during which time participants research classic films and stories in preparation for shaping their own monster characters.

For more information, call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340. HAUNTED BARN AND

MORE The Livermore Area RecreA Halloween Carnival for tiny

tots and young children, ages 2 to 6 will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. The event features candy and prizes, an air jump, a Monster Cupcake Walk, Ghostly Basketball, Spooky Bean Bag Toss, along with a haunted maze and mini-pumpkin patch. A traditional costume parade is also included. The fee is \$5 per child and accompanying adults are free. Pre-registration is required in advance of the event at the **Robert Livermore Community** Center. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The Haunted Barn, open to ages 10 and up is offered each year at 3131 Pacific Avenue. The historic barn was built in 1922, and originally served as part of the rodeo grounds purchased by the city for the city hall complex.

complete with a Mad Scientist Room and a Haunted Graveyard. Tres spooky. The entrance fee is \$7 per person and tours are offered on the following dates and times: Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 28, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, October 31 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

HEIFNER CARNIVAL The First Presbyterian Church in Livermore will host the annual Heifer Carnival on Sat., Oct. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Heifer Project International, an organization that helps make people self-sufficient by providing livestock.

The Carnival will include games, prizes and food. There will be a haunted house, raffle and silent auction.

The event will be at Fourth and K Streets in Livermore.





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### SPORTS NOTES

### Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U16 - Division 1 AC: After taking the early lead in the 23rd minute the Pleasanton Rage U16 Division 1 AC team fell short at the end, falling 2-1 to the Berkeley Mavericks. The first goal of the match came off a Suzanne Bateson shot that deflected off the Maverick goalie. Britany Carrolan directed the deflection into the goal for the early lead. The Mavericks came back with two goals off corner kicks; the first in the 29th minute and the second in the 43rd minute. Both teams played hard throughout the second half; but neither team was able to penetrate the goal.

Pleasanton Rage Division 3 U10 White Preasanton Rage Division 3 0 10 White and Livermore Elite Spirit battled to a 0 - 0 tie in a U10 girls soccer game at Robert Livermore Park last Sunday. Outstanding performances by Rage White goalkeepers Cassie Wood and Darcy Kron were instrumental in preserving the shutout, and Megan Martin contributed a strong defensive effort. Sophie Santos came close to breaking the scoreless tie with a couple of hard shots on goal for Rage White, but was unable to get the ball past a talented Livermore Elite Spirit

the ball past a talented Livermore Elite Spirit goalkeeper. Top Offensive Players: Sophie Santos; Top Defensive Players: Cassie Wood, Darcy Kron, and Megan Martin. **The Pleasanton Rage U10** White girls soccer team got a late goal from Emma Theroux to edge the Alliance FC Devils soccer club from Union City, 1 to 0. Rage White dominated field position throughout the contest, but had only a scoreless tie to show for it with approximately five minutes show for it with approximately five minutes remaining. Theroux beat the Alliance FC goalkeeper to the ball on a pass from Darcy Kron, who was credited with an assist. Jenna Crawford and Carly Israel contributed to the Crawford and Carly Israel contributed to the Rage White offensive attack with several strong shots on goal. Rage White goalkeep-ers Monica Martinez and Megan Shackley stifled the limited Alliance FC opportunities to score, and were helped by strong defensive efforts by Christina Echavia and Hailey Bouchard. Top Offensive Players: Emma Theroux, Darcy Kron, Jenna Crawford; Top Defensive Players: Monica Martinez, Megan Shacklev, Christina Echavia. Shackley, Christina Echavia,

Rage Division 1 U11 Broncos 5. Black Panthers 2: The Broncos played well on both offense and defense. First half was 2 to 0 for

offense and defense. First half was 2 to 0 for the Panthers. Goals were by Lauren West and Sophia Nekrawesh. Ming Coleman played awesome goalie, she blocked a great amount of shots coming from different angles. The Pleasanton Rage U15 D-3 team faced off against Fremont FC on the Fremont home fields. While the Fremont team played well, the Rage offense was not to be denied, coming away with a fot 1 victory. Coals were coming away with a 6 to 1 victory. Goals were scored by Casey Curtis (3 goals, one with assist by Noelle Malindzak), Heidi Johns (2

assist by Noelle Malindzak), Heidi Johns (2 goals), and Emma Caswell (goal headed in from Sara Quero corner kick). In Saturday's 3-0 win against the Mus-tang Earthquake, Casey Curtis scored 2 goals, and Sara Quero scored one goal. Every Rage player participated in the wins this weekend, with excellent passing, domination of the open space, and spotless defense. Goalkeeper Alex Villanueva held opponents scoreless through three halves. opponents scoreless through three halves. Ellie Kim was very impressive at mid-field, ably controlling her area of the field and

featuring in numerous plays. Rage Division 1 U11 battled the Mus-**Kage Division 1 UII** battled the Mus-tang Extreme. In the first half, Rage showed domination by keeping the ball in the Mus-tangs territory. Jessica Landas showed great footwork and pushed the ball forward towards the goal. Sammy Salustri made a jumping play to stop a goal and keep the game scoreless. Myranda Marzocco took the ball away from the Mustangs for a great effort towards the goal. Kendyll Woolsey and Sydney Smith worked tirelessly at defense. At the beginning of the second half, Alyssa Behiel gave a great effort with a big kick for a score. Top Offensive Players: Jessica Landas, Alyssa Behiel, Jacquelyn Gilbert; Top Defensive Players: Kendyll Woolsey, Sydney Smith, Sammy Salustri. In the first half in a match between Rage

In the first half in a match between Kage U11 and Livermore Elite Venom, there were some good moves by the teams. Myranda Marzocco dribbled the ball right to the goal for great try to score. Briana Marquez made some great stops and sent the ball forward. There was no score after the first half. In the second helf, after a pantidu was made by There was no score after the first half. In the second half, after a pentaly was made by Livermore, Kiana Rastrou scored a goal for Rage making the score 1 to 0. Top Offensive Players: Kiana Rastrou, Olivia Cotton, Myranda Marzocco; Top Defensive Players: Briana Marquez, Katrina Zhu, Jackie Tiongco. **Rage Div. 3 U14** continued its winning streak this weekend with wins over the Dublin Eagles and Livermore Earthquakes

Dublin Eagles and Livermore Earthquakes. Saturdays game against Dublin ended in a shut-out for the Rage 6-0. Jessie Hopson put the first two goals on the board, with Stephanie Little adding a third before the second half of play was complete. Danielle LaMarche started out the second half taking the ball all started out the second half taking the ball all the way down field and scoring another goal for Rage. Jessica Klahr and Megan Ash put the final 2 in the net for Rage. Sunday morning pitted Rage against The Livermore Elite Earthquakes. Again Rages defensive team consisting of Aria Crawford, Megan Clark, Kristen Dumanski, Cassi Scroggins, Devon Lutz, Autumn Whitney, Marisa Victor and Elena Victor kept their opponents scoreless. Jessie Hopson once again started off Rages scoring streak. Devon Lutz, Jessica Klahr and Danielle LaMarche added 3 more goals to make the final score 4added 3 more goals to make the final score 4-0. The Rage Div. 3 U12 split their games this weekend, winning one and losing the other. On Saturday it was the Ragedefeated the San Ramon Solar, 2 to 0. Rage started out strong and never looked back. Sami Williams was first to score for Rage after she maneuwerad pact the Solar defense and deilled Williams was first to score for Kage after she maneuvered past the Solar defense and drilled one in. The midfielders, Molly Grozier, Mackenzie Schoen and Ali Racer did a great job hussling and moving the ball up the field for the offensive attack. Kayla Bautista had a beautiful pass to Kendall Moore for the second and final goal of the game On Sunday the Rage took on the mighty Mustang Stampede. Mustang started out strong and scored twice early on. making it tough for a Stampede: Wilstang started out stong and scored twice early on, making it tough for a Rage come back. However, Rage never gave up the fight. With great offensive play by Mathea Turkalj, Cassie Santana and Kelli Wheatley, the Rage continually pressured the Mustang defense. The defense, lead by Patti Norcross, Lauren Fan and Olivia Deutschman provented awy further scoring after the juitial prevented any further scoring after the initial 2 goal! s. In the end, it wasn't enough and prevented any further scoring after the initial 2 goal! s. In the end, it wasn't enough and the Rage lost a tough game with a 2 to 0 score. Top Offensive Players: Molly Grozier, Mackenzie Schoen, Sami Williams and Kendall Moore. Top Defensive Players: Olivia Brown in goal, Patti Norcross, Lauren Fan and Olivia Deutschman. **Pleasanton Rage U12 Division 1AC** remained undefeated with a 1 to 0 win over teh ACC Mavericks. Rage held strong in the first half, finishing off with a tie 0-0. Rage came out strong in the second half scoring a goal with 2 minutes left in the game. Hailey Chow had an amazing shot into the lower left corner of the net finishing off the game with a 1-0 win. Top Offensive Players: Hailey Chow, Nikki Cerri, Hannah Stapp, Ariel Gershman, Anjali Rai; Top Defensive Play-ers: Marlo Aghazarian, Paige Hughes, Pre-cious Akanyirige, Hannah Menk. **Rage Division 1 AC U-17** improved to 7 - 0 in league play with a 6 to 1 victory over the Walnut Creek Mystics. Walnut Creek jumped out to a early 1 to 0 lead. Rage quickly responded on a goal by Gina Watkins assisted by Liina Potter. Another quick goal by Paige Ofstedahl gave Rage and 2 to 1 lead. In the second half Rage exploded for scored 4 goals, two by Tiffany Leung, assisted by Krista Bormann and Nicole Raines. Katelyn Golik Scored after a steal, and the final score was by Casey Tuoto. The Rage team defense contin-ues to shine, only allowing its 3 goal in 7 league games. The midfielder did a great job of controlling the field lead by Kelly Rowse, Christy Tadros and Megan Davidson. Gina Watkins - 1 Coal: Tiffany Leung - 2 Coals: Watkins - 1 Goal; Tiffany Leung - 2 Goals; Paige Ofstedahl - 1 - goal; Katelyn Golik - 1 Goal; Top Defensive Players - Kelly Rowse - Midfield; Casey Tuoto - Fullback/Midfielder also had a goal; Christy Tadros - Midfield; Megan Davidson - Midfield

### Pleasanton Rage Div. 4

Pleasanton Rage Div. 4 team results from last week:

Under-16: Renegades 1, Rascals 0; Tori Pollins scored in the first half to lead the Renegades to a closely fought win over the spirited Rascals. Only the crossbar prevented a second Renegade goal. As the game progressed, the determined defensive wall of Jessica Sin. Jillian Saffin. Heather Khourv and Eileen Adams worked together with keeper Logan Kvaternik to deny Rascals' scoring chances. Top Offensive Players: Sam Miller, Tori Pollins, Jessica Sin, Renegades; Top Defensive Players: Eileen Adams, Ashley Moreno, Logan Kvaternik, Renegades

**Under-14:** Panthers 0, Galaxy 2; Rockstars 1, Rage Explosion 2; Andrea Garcia was in goal for the shutout on Saturday for the Galaxy as they defeated the Panthers 3-0. Lanie Markert registered her first goal of the season on an impressive cross. Nichole Behiel kept the ball moving at a fast pace in the midfield. For the Panthers, Emily Hubbard had several close shots on goal. Also playing well for the Panthers was Olivia Strain and Dipti Rodgers. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Lanie

Markert, Nichole Behiel, Andrea Garcia, Galaxy; Nayo Clinchard, Kelsey Milligan, Rage Explosion; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: Emily Hubbard, Olivia Strain, Dipti Rodgers, Panthers

**Under-12:** Dynamos 4, Barracudas 1; Wind It Up 0, Velocity 2; Buccaneers 2, Blue Jays 6; Bandits 1, Bobcats 3; The Dynamo offense hit on all cylinders, with Soyeon Kim, Diane Hadley and Natasha Coelho all scoring goals. Izzy Perlman, Alexis Bianco, and Danielle Hammer backed up the offense with strong midfield play. Goalies Mikayla Ferrari and Natasha Coelho combined to hold a strong Barracuda attack to one goal. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Soyeon

Kim, Diane Hadley, Madison Gallagher, Dynamos; Ricki Albert, Shelby Richmond, Kailyn Sweeney, Velocity; Erin Walsh, Lexi Belleville, Anjali Wignarajah, Buccaneers; Jaewon Kim, Tara Ross, Kourtnie Sicam, Bobcats; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Mikayla Ferrari, Danielle Hammer, Natasha Coelho, Dynamos; Kyra Schwaninger, Marianne Fernandez, Corinne Valdix, Veloc-ity; Moira Andrews, Alexandra Sanchez, Madelyn Andrews, Buccaneers; Julia Padilla, Kaitlin Mlllie, Chloe Meyere, Bobcats.

**Under-9:** It was an exciting rematch of two teams who had previously battled down to the final minutes. This week Ariana Nino led the Porcupines in an all out attack as her fancy footwork and shear speed culminated in three goals. Her teammates Danielle Block and Maci Manos also played hard the entire game. The defense was spearheaded by the excellent goal-keeping of Julia Oltman and Tori Garcia, and by the clever maneuvers of Allison Andre. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAY ERS: Ariana Nino, Maci Manos, Danielle Block, Porcupines; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Tori Garcia, Julia Oltman, Allison Andre, Porcupines.

**Under-8:** It was a game of great team-work by the Monsters. Their defense was excellent. Even though they were down in the fourth quarter, they did not give up and scored great goals. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Megan Franciskovich, Sophie Traube, Fiona Hoopes, Monsters; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: McKenna Harris, Kaitlyn McGarrity, Audrav Cancer Monsters

Audrey Ganser, Monsters. Under-7: The "Reign" didn't stop the Tiaras on Saturday. Great saves by Ashley Schwilke and Tesia Toth as the Goalies. Ashley Lopez kicked in her first goal. Great offensive plays and goals by Lauren Hsu, Haley Roundtree and Isabel Mayfield. Great defensive assistance by Emma Monsen, Rochelle Cloward and Stephanie Dunlop. Everyone played well with their passes and kicks. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Lauren Hsu, Ashley Lopez, Haley Roundtree, Tiaras; Sarah Baxter, Peyton Cook, Emily Getters: Offensive Players: Lexi Borgna, Brooklyn Pehargou, Lauren Breazeale, Mighty Tigers: Alyson Machi, Claire Wiedenfeld, Audrey Curtis, Goal Getters; Defensive Players: Anana Racanelli, Alexa Clatt, Taylor Bond, Mighty Tigers; Pascale Badders, Grace Hall, Camryn Gray, Goal Getters.

Getters. Sneaky Cleats vs Blazing Stars; Offen-sive Players: Alyssa Monastiero, Caitlyn Quartaroli, Kailee Haskins, Sneaky Cleats; Madison Hood, Emily March, Kyle Muzzall, Malison root, Enny March, Nie Mulzzah, Blazing Stars; Defensive Players: Isabella Cusimano, Jasmin Lopez, Ashley Cole, Sneaky Cleats; Jodi Bryant, Amanda Craft, Rachel Myers, Isabella Quintana, Blazing Stars.

Livermore Kittens vs Soccer Chicks; Offensive Players: Gabriel, Samantha, Liv-ermore Kittens; Isabella Mayo, Catherine Linney, Soccer Chicks; Defensive Players:

Linney, Soccer Chicks; Defensive Players; Skylar, Alexis, Livermore Kittens; Gracey Walke, Jessica Warren, Soccer Chicks. Under-7 Girls Dolphins vs Fireballs; Offensive Players: Kendall Yamamoto, Hayley Thompson, Dolphins; Emma Dillin, Hannah Yamamoto, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Ashley Yamamoto, Dolphins; Emily Turner, Fireballs.

Turner, Fireballs. Spirit vs Soccer Angels; Offensive Play-ers: Mary Griffin, Courtney Hayes, Noelle Rizzo, Spirit; Mikaela Allison, Janessa Sanchez, Kinnon Vest, Soccer Angels; De-fensive Players: Maritza Espinoza, Alyssa Silva, Miranda Heckman, Spirit; Josie Bretz, Julia Rocha, Amber Thomas, Soccer Angels.

Julia Rocha, Amber I nomas, Soccer Angels. Dolphins vs Daisies; Offensive Players: Alexha Nava, Allison Scher, Dolphins; Angelique Marino, Emily Trask, Daisies; Defensive Players: Lindsey Phillips, Dol-phins; Brianna Wheelock, Daisies.

Under-8 Girls Shooting Stars vs Ti-gers; Offensive Players: Melinda Miller, Claire Andersen, Shooting Stars; Sophia Pearson, Kaitlyn Oki, Tigers; Defensive Players: Brianna Clatt, Shooting Stars; Sudnay, Mandaga, Tigers

Players: Brianna Clatt, Snooting Stars; Sydney Mendoza, Tigers. Soccer Divas vs Eagles; Offensive Play-ers: Madison Jackson, Hunter Neu, Kirsten Sorenson, Soccer Divas; Tori Borgna, Emma Zika, Eagles; Defensive Players: Tessa Mullins, Sarah Passannate, Kierstan Hutcheson, Soccer Divas; Madison Stewart,

Huicheson, Soccer Drass, Madison Stewart, April Kennedy, Eagles. Bubblegum Girls vs Wild Cats; Offen-sive Players: Heather Woelk, Andrea Sommer, Emily Harrison, Bubblegum Girls; Jessica Bonfiglio, Ellie Deuell, Maggie Sneed, Wild Cats; Defensive Players: Destiny Bandy, Kiley Beard, Ciara Martinez, Bubblegum Ciele Girlš

Girls. Soccer Puppies vs Fireballs; Offensive Players: Tara Collier, Jamie Freitas, Siena Gibbs, Soccer Puppies; Allyson Badger, Julia Campbell, Sierra Bolar, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Morgan Waugh, Claire Abele, Yesenia Diaz, Soccer Puppies; Katie Fournier, Sierra Dean, Arina Vanschoonenberg, Fireballs. Lightning Bugs vs Sneaky Cleats; Of-fensive Players: Alexis Ibarra, Avery Perreault, Jightning Bugs: Alvesa Monastiero Pavton

Lightning Bugs; Alyssa Monastiero, Peyton Fields, Jasmin Lopez, Sneaky Cleats; Defen-sive Players: Ashley Lamb, Kalea Bartolotto, Lightning Bugs; Caitlyn Quartaroli, Isabella Cusimano, Ashley Cole, Kailee Haskins, Swady: Cleate

Cusimano, Ashley Cole, Kailee Haskins, Sneaky Cleats. Cheetah Girls vs Lightning Bugs; Offen-sive Players: Lauren Moore, Kylle Karter, Cheetah Girls; Megan Brooking, Carly Schindler, TylerRene Enderlein, Lightning Bugs; Defensive Players: Lauren Moore, Cheetah Girls; Kalea Bartolotto, Ashley Lamb, Lightning Bugs. Goal Getters vs Leopards; Offensive Players: Katie Marcel, Isabella Miano, Allison Murphy, Goal Getters; Ragan Demo, Sarah

Murphy, Goal Getters; Ragan Demo, Sarah Morgan, Julian Santos, Leopards; Defensive Players: Kaylee Brist, Ashley Geary, Madelyn

Players: Kaylee Brist, Ashley Geary, Madelyn Krueger, Goal Getters; Alexis Rivera, Ashley McKinzie, KiJa Ordoune, Leopards. Lightening Bolts vs Hot Shots; Offen-sive Players: Riley Altman, Jacob Winslow, Lightening Bolts; Justin Kundred, Connor Sweeney, Hot Shots; Defensive Players: Kenny Mayfield, Lightening Bolts; Zack Stewart, Hot Shots. The game started slowly with strong; Defensive play highlighting the first half of play. Each team turned away aggressive; Offensive effortand only once did the offensee goal the ball. In the second half the offenses took over continually challengthe offenses took over continually challeng-ing both teams' defenses. USA Girls vs Diamond Dolphins; Offen-

USA Girls vs Diamond Doipnins; Orren-sive Players: Katie Carmichael, Christina Saunders, Emily Hewitt, USA Girls; Elle Tanner, Faith Nordvik, Luciana Romero, Diamond Dolphins; Defensive Players: Madison McCallister, Miriam Brown, Daniela Walker, USA Girls. Wildcats: Offense: Sydney Duncan (2), Taylog Cultures (1) Verietre Ulicop Deficience (2),

Taylor Sullivan (1), Kristen Heise; Defense: Laura George, Victoria Dishong, Stephanie Wilkinson

Wilkinson. **Under-9 Girls** The Earthquakes (2) vs Dolphins (1); Offensive Players: Olivia Schormann, Chloe Rodriguez, Lindsay Welles, Earthquakes; Tatiana Hernandez, Olivia Olsen, Morgan McMahon, Dolphins; Defensive Players: Vanessa Quinteros, Kaelin Adams Madison Camon Farthquakes: Jessie

ThunderBalls: Carla Perez, Sophia Compton. Madeline Schmitz, Pressure; Goals & As-sists: Elyse (2G), Bianca (G), Emily (G), ThunderBalls Isabelle (G)

**Under-14 Girls** The Blaze (3) vs The Cougars (1): The game was between the two teams with the best records so far and first place was at stake. It started fast with both teams playing tough defense. The half ended in a scoreless 0-0. The second half was furious with the Blaze scoring first to lead 1-0. A free

win the Biaze scoring first to lead 1-0. A free kick for the Cougars tied the score 1-1. In the last 8 minutes of play the Blaze scored twice to take the lead 3-1 and won the game. **Under-5 Boys** Pokemon vs Sharks; Offensive Players: Dylan Baxter, Brendan Patterson, Sean Olgardt, Pokemon; Michael Anolin, Colby Cairel, Patrick Curulla, Sharks.

Under-6 Boys Thunder vs Pirates; Offensive Players: Ryan Mackall, Jacob Peterson, Shane Grimes, Jason Desantis, Thunder; Ben Morrisroe, Jack Bosso, Ryan

Wenzel, Paimon Goulart, Pirates. Under-7 Boys Decepticons vs Preda-tors; Offensive Players: Derek Eijansantos, Dillan Martinez, Matthew Hall, Decepticons;

Billan Martinez, Matthew Hall, Decepticons;
 Cameron Moghadam, Jarrett Jorgenson,
 Aarom Grimm, Predators; Defensive Players: Colby Brocklesby, Gregory Short, Nicholas Puso, Decepticons; Noah Van Atta, Harry
 Rose, Ethan Payne, Predators.
 Mad Dogs vs Dynamos; Offensive Players: Drew Marples, Emory Larson, Kevin
 Lee, Mad Dogs; Harrison Meadows, Marcus
 Robles, Calvin Freeman, Forest Bishop,
 Dynamos; Defensive Players: Sebastian Lee,
 Michael Nowaczyk, Westley Gladen, Mad
 Dogs; Christopher Irwin, Calvin Freeman,
 Rascals vs Barracudas; Offensive Players: Zackary Macintire, Logan Greenough,

ers: Zackary Macintire, Logan Greenough, Rascals; Emilio Lopez (Happy Birthday!), Alex Patterson, Barracudas; Defensive Players: Caleb Hardesty, Rascals; Seungjoo Lee, racudas

Bullets vs The Dinosaurs; Offensive Players: Ethan Dreger, Daniel Pryor, Ben-jamin Knuth, Bullets; Jeremy Theobald, Cameron Meier, Jarred Persson, Dinosaurs; Defensive Players: Eric Moody, Andrew Choumas, Trey Strout, Bullets; Devin Yarnell, Joshua White, Alex Johnson, Dinosaurs

Saurs. Under-8 Boys Dynamite vs Transform-ers; Offensive Players: Lucas Owen, Ray-mond Borden, Samuel Miller, Dynamite; Kyle Switzer, Quinn Smalley, Zachary Ridenour, Transformers; Defensive Players: Coltar Courst Kulo Comic Logarch Musch Colton Casey, Kyle Correia, Joseph Murphy, Dynamite; Scott Strafford, Cameron Priest,

Dynamite; Scotf Strafford, Cameron Priest, Ryan Heise, Transformers. Ball Hogs vs Red Hot Fireballs; Offen-sive Players: Trevor, Tyler, Troy, Ball Hogs; Chase Dunn, Zach Kiser, Cole Meyers, Red Hot Fireballs; Defensive Players: Nick, Kinaar, Ball Hogs; Tristen Mulrooney, Ryan Nostrand, Leif Greene, Red Hot Fireballs. Strikers up Rockets: Offensive Players:

Strikers vs Rockets; Offensive Players: Wes Williams, Sean Constable, Bailey Kemp, Strikers; Zack Oliverio, Philip Kneinlem, Zack Voisin, Rockets.

Kneirhem, Zack Voisin, Rockets. Sharks vs Lightning; Offensive Players: Joshua Rudolff, Will Hansen, Logan Myhre, Sharks; Harrison Kepp, Francis Contarciego, Lightning; Defensive Players: Emmanuel Rivas, Edward Robles, Sharks; Braden Jack-con, Lightning.

son, Lightning. Rockets vs Wildcats; Offensive Players: Brandon Ruley, Kyle Conrad, Jorden Buress, Nick Bouillerce, Rockets; Aiden Worley, Omar Jesus, Victor Puintero, Anthony Kumar, Wildcats; Defensive Players: Garardo Cabassa, Jared Hubert, Dallin Harwood, Ryan Carlson, Rockets; Ryan Wright, Chris-tian Moreno, Jace Roberts, Isaiah Lopex, Wildcats.

Wildcats. Under-9 Boys Hornets (2) vs Clash (0); Offensive Players: Michael Heckman, Noah Kluball, Jason Flores, Hornets; Nathan Tabaracci, Peter Vance, Robert Sutter, Clash; Defensive Players: Grayson Pringle, Morgan Velle, Zoherich, Eng. Harmete, Brander, Morgan Kelly, Zachariah Eme, Hornets; Brandon Ramos, Patrick Schwartz, Nathan Fish, Clash; Goals & Assists: Josh Harlan (G), Jason

Flores (G), Morgan (A), Hornets. Thunderbirds (4) vs Scorpions (0); Of-fensive Players: Raymond Carlson, Grant Riddiough, Kevin Spence, Thunderbirds; Zachary Scribner, Ethan Shang, Andy Solorzano, Scorpions; Defensive Players: Michael Puso, Nathaniel Sproul, Kyle Wohlgemuth, Thunderbirds; Colten Sofonio (GK), Michael Grant, Kevin Emerson, Scorpions

Cobras (4) vs Panthers: Offensive Players: Connor McCormack, Connor Glasco, Jack Walker, Cobras; Donivan Winters, Anthony Lopes, Justin Pettis, Panthers; Defensive Players: Garrett Slone, Ryan Durrant, Mark Foreman, Cobras; Robbie Hoff, Lui Sangel Ortiz, Brandon Montoya, Panthers

The Dragons (3) vs Tiger Sharks (1); Offensive Players: Dillon Eng, Conner Gib-bons, Kyle Parsons, Dragons; Joshua Forshaw, Landon Lorace, Spencer Kramm, Tiger Sharks: Defensive Players: Anthony Garcia Sharks; Defensive Players: Anthony Garčia, Ryan Myers, Trenton Wiedner, Dragons; William Antonio, Parker Hall, Ethan Wageck, Tiger Sharks; Goals & Assists: Conner Gibbons (G), Sean Slabaugh (G), Dillon Eng (G), Dragons; Joshua Forshaw (G), Tiger Sharks. Scorpions (2) vs Thunderbirds (2); Of-fensive Players: James Pryor, Hector Salcedo, Andy Solorzano, Scorpions; Harrison Dunn, Chad Hemming, Kevin Kim, Thunderbirds; Defensive Players: Colten Sofonio. Rvan Defensive Players: Colten Sofonio, Ryan Hipple, Dominic Carrano, Scorpions; Chris-topher Machi, Jordan Mello, Caled Nale, Thunderbirds; Goals & Assists: HectorSalcedo (G), Ethan Shang (G), Scorpions; Chad Hemming, Raymond Carlson, Thunderbirds. Excellent defense from both teams Initialerbitik, Goals & Assists: Frector Safeed Algorithms, Raymond Carlson, Thunderbirds. Excellent defense from both teams.
 Under-10Boys Wolverines (1) vs Gladiators (0); Wolverines (4) vs Gladiators (0); Offensive Players: Sal Opipari, Connor Lovoi, Luis Ceja, Wolverines; Antonio Moyo, Andrew Kettenhofen, John Regglardo, Gladiators; Defensive Players: Daniel Byrnes, Kevin Gilmore, Oliver Grajeda, Wolverines; Justin Ahn, Alex Tellez, Aaron Collins, Gladiators; Goals & Assists: Luis Ceja (G), Connor Lovoi (G), Sal Opipari (G), Kevin Gilmor (G), Wolverines.
 Strikers (4) vs Bulldogs (1); Offensive Players: Dominic Mingione, Brandon Brocklesby, Max Wigginton, Strikers; Edgar Alvarez, Robert Soto, Omar Suarez, Bulldogs; Defensive Players: TJO'ferrall, Harrison Goold, Alexander Gonzales, Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Mingione (2G), Brocklesby (G), Wigginton (G), Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Mingione (2G), Brocklesby (G), Wigginton (G), Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Mingione (2G), Brocklesby (G), Wigginton (G), Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Mingione (2G), Brocklesby (G), Wigginton (G), Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Mingione (2G), Brocklesby (G), Wigginton (G), Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Mingione (2G), Brocklesby (G), Wigginton (G), Strikers; Richard Warner, Graham Yeremian, Park Turk, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Strikers League record 5-0-1 with this win.
 Under-12 Boys Spartans (1) vs Eagles (1); Offensive Players: Tyler Crevelt, Spartans; Jacob Kerling, Austin Roeder, Joel Udoutch, Eagles; Defensive Players: Sam Marco, Spartans; Kieran Hill, Will Mullins, Julian Mylius, Eagles; Goals & Assists: Tyler Crevelt (G), Spartans; Zac Turner (G), Jacob Kerling (A), Eag

Raul Hernandez, Kevin Seigel, Warriors; Alex McCollum, Kevin Amaral, Steven, Stealth; Goals & Assists: Jose Gonzales (G), Pancho Reyes (G, A), Connor Salazar (G), Dalton Miller (G), Brandon Howard (G), Warriors.

Warriors (6) vs Stealth (0); Offensive Players: Jesus Prado (A), Dominic Carlson (A), Warriors; Nate Durant, JT Brisco, Kevin Amaral, Stealth; Defensive Players: Chris-tian Arana, Connor Salazar, Dominic Carlson, Warriors; James Wilker, Zachary Stevens, Robby Porcella, Stealth; Goals & Assists: Dalton Miller (3G, A), Pancho Reyes (2G, A) Jose Gonzales (G, A), Blazers (4) vs Ballistic (0); Offensive Players: Matthew Well, Jacob Ryan, Blazers; Chase Henderson,Matther Aubel, Ballistic; Defensive Players: Trent Dadalt, Peter Lalor, Blazers; Stephen Hahn, James Horgan, Bal-Warriors (6) vs Stealth (0): Offensive

Blazers; Stephen Hahn, James Horgan, Ballistic.

Stompers (5) vs Phantoms (4): Offensive Stompers (5) vs Phantoms (4); Offensive Players: Noah Lux, Reagan Brunner, Blake Richards, Stompers; Trevor Bradley, Klayton Brauer, Eric Hammons, Phantoms; Defen-sive Players: Hector Romo, Salvador Alatorre, Roman McDaniel, Stompers; Trevor Brad-ley, Nico Pinelli, Justin Walker, Phantoms; Goals & Assists: Anthony A.(2G), Noah W. (G) Noah L. (G) Reagan B. (G) Stompers; (G), Noah L. (G), Reagan B. (G), Stompers; Klayton B. (G), Llewelyn S. (G), Trevor B. (G), Eric H. (G), Phantoms.

#### Livermore Elite Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite team results:

Under-9 Girls Gold Livermore Elite Rampage '98 (0) vs Gryphons Diamond (0): A tough game resulting in a tie. Though Rampage out shot the Gryphons 22-2, but couldn'tget one in the net. The Gryphons had otherwork deforme out although Dempared a strong defense and although Rampage controlled the majority of the game, they just couldn't finish. A stressful Penalty Kick for the Gryphons was "shut-down" with an excellent save by Rampage Goal Keeper, Ashley Morton. Both teams played hard and did their best.

Livermore Elite Rampage '98 (1) vs Fremont Extreme (0): An exciting game resulting in a win over the Fremont Extreme. The Extreme defense was strong as Rampage pounded shot-after-shot. Extreme Goal Keeper Jointee Side Test Carteries Contraction - packed first-half keeping the score at 0-0. 21-seconds into the second half, Rampage's Ashley Morton barreled down the field, moving in & out of defenders and stuffed one in the net. It was a nail-biting game and the crowd was going wild. Then, Fremont Extreme had a preakaway with a nice shot on goal but going Wild. Infen, Fremont Extreme had a breakaway with a nice shot on goal but Rampage Goal Keeper Isabella Neads dove to the rescue, punching the ball to the side. It was a spectacular game to watch and both teams fought hard.

**Under-10Boys** Bronze Livermore Elite Strikers (4) vs Sonoma Avalanche (4): The Livermore Strikers played the Avalanche of Livermore Strikers played the Avalanche of Sonoma in a State Cup game up in Petaluma Saturday afternoon. The Avalanche were first to score on a high volley kick that took off in the wind and over the head of the Strikers goal keeper, Erik Martin. Shortly after, Jose Vides was fouled just outside the Avalanche goal box and Carson Painter took the penalty kick which ricocheted off of an Avalanche player and into the back of the net. There were several defensive plays by the back three player and into the back of the net. There were several defensive plays by the back three defenders, Miguel Suarez, Preston Hasting and Jack Shoendinst who used their speed to keep scoring threats to a minimum. Before the half ended each team scored additional goals to keep the score tied going into the half. The Strikers' second goal came from a strong kick into the back of the net by Kyle Emrich, his first goal of the season. To begin the second half the Avalanche marched right through the defenders and went up 3 to 2. There was about 10-minutes of hard fought soccer when Jose Vides broke free from his soccer when Jose Vides broke free from his defender and was passed the ball from Osiris and managed to sneak the shot by the waiting goal keeper. The Avalanche weren't done yet. They effectively passed the ball through the defense, and in congestion in front of the goal, deflected a shot into the net. With 3 minutes left the pressure was on for the Strikers. Wyatt Pennybacker dribbled the ball to the right corner and centered it where Carsen Painter was well positioned to kick in his second goal of the game and tied the game at 4 a piece. The last minute produced quite a bit of drama as well. With less than a minute left in the game the Avalanche had a corner kick attempt that landed right in front of the goal. Preston Hasting rushed toward the ball and was able to boot it 30 yards down field and the referee

blew the whistle to end the game. **Under-11 Girls** Gold Pleasanton Rage (1) vs Livermore Elite Venom (0)s: Liver-more Elite Venom lost a heartbreaker on Saturday to Pleasanton Rage. They con-trolled the action for much of the game, but were unable to get the ball into the net. Grace Lara seemed to appear in the middle of every Rage attack, ending up with the ball and just missing on a pair of shots from her midfield position. Kylie Long, playing hurt much of the game, kept all but a few shots away from her keeper. Shannon Rosemark (GK) had another great game in the goal box, making a pair of great saves and shutting out the Rage a pair of great saves and shutting Out the rage with the exception of a late penalty kick. Livermore Elite Venom (4) vs Pleasan-ton Rage (0) Offensive Players: Alyssa Floris, Breanna Hernandez (2A), Haley Houts (2G), Venom Game Summary & Highlights: Liv-ermore Elite Venom beat the Pleasanton Rage Orange suud 4. of in a great team effort on version Gunto Summu Schnights Law ermore Elite Venom beat the Pleasaniton Rage Orange squad 4 - 0 in a great team effort on Sunday. Breanna Hernandez had her best game at forward, notching two assists and keeping pressure in the offensive zone. Haley Houts alternated great crossing serves with shots from the right wing, scoring twice, and Alyssa Flores had another great effort, con-trolling the action and maintaining constant pressure up the left side. **Under-16Girls** Bronze Mustang United (2) vs Livermore Elite Crush '91 (0): Offen-sive Players: M. Clements (PK), K. McBride (G), E. Calder, Mustang; A. Christian, C. Trujillo, A. Hawkins, Crush Defensive Play-ers: J. Zumbo, R. Barker, A. Potter, Mus-tang; M. Donovan, J. Clark, A. Velsko, Crush. Mustang scored 30-minutes into the first half with penalty kick that managed to get into the net despite Crush goal keeper K. James getting a piece of the ball. After some more strong back and forth play at the 37-minute mark K. McBride struck the upper left side of the net inside the 18 for Mustang. In the second half goal keeper K. James made two spectacular saves that kept Mustang scoreless in the second half. Crush came back with ferocity in the second half determined to get the ball into the net, but the Mustang goal keeper made 3-saves in the second half that kept the Crush scoreless.

kept the Crush scoreless. **Under-16 Boys** Gold F.C. Livermore United (3) vs San Ramon (2) F.C. Livermore United (3) vs Heritage Velocity (1) Offensive Players: Jesus Moreno, D.J. Rashe, Devon Mah, Alex Garcia, Defensive Players: Ian Coolbear Scan Carutti Doug Bradchaw Coolbear, Sean Cerutti, Doug Bradshaw, Kevin Fread Goals & Assists: Albert Muscat, Jonathan Ramirez, Richie Howard.

F.C. Livermore United won two games this week to clinch first place in the Golden State Soccer League Bronze Division. On Saturday, United defeated San Ramon 3-2 on goals by D.J. Rashé, Ian Coolbear, and Sean Cerrutti. After falling behind 1-0 in the early minutes of play. United countered with a nice minutes of play, United countered with a nice sequence of passes down the right side of the field. Jesus Moreno took the ball at the end line and made a nice pass to the middle of the box where D.J. Rashé collected the pass and ripped the ball to the back of the net to even the score. Several minutes later, United took the lead on a goal by Ian Coolbear who side stepped several San Ramon defenders and stepped several San Ramon defenders and goal keeper to place a nice pass into the goal. After San Ramon tied the game at 2 all, sweeper Sean Cerutti took a free kick from midfield that sailed high to the top of the penalty box that the San Ramon goal keeper was able to knock high into the air but with a degree of english where it continued int o the net for the 3-2 win.

In their second match of the weekend, In their second match of the weekend, F.C. United wrapped up the league champi-onship with a hard fought win against second place Heritage Velocity. United jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Albert Muscat and Jonathan Ramirez. On the first goal, United beat the offside trap on a nicely placed flick that split two Heritage defenders right to the feet of the oncoming Muscat. Muscat then placed a nice shot to the back of the net. The second goal came a few minutes later when second goal came a few minutes later when United took a free kick from about 30 yards out. The shot came across the middle of the out. The shot came across the middle of the box, skipped over the defensive wall where Jonathan Ramirez positioned himself per-fectly to head the ball past the Heritage goal keeper for the 2-0 lead. In the second half, Heritage came out with a great deal of pressure on the United defense. Heritage made the score 2-1 on a play that could have been called for the Heritage player running into the United goal keeper played by Ian Coolbear. Instea d, the referees called it 50/50 play and the Heritage player got to his feet first and placed the ball into the United goal. Later in the half. Richie Howard put the game on ice the half, Richie Howard put the game on ice with great play through and made a 25 yard shot to the left side of the net. Securring it's second league championship in as many years, Livermore F.C. United consists of goal keepers Jason Trumpp and Ian Coolbear; defenders Kevin Fread, Sean Cerutti, Richie Howard, Doug Bradshaw; midfielders C.J.Salazar, Jesus Moreno, D.J.Rashé, De-von Mah, Alex Garcia and Cody Hoster; strikers Albert Muscat, Geovani Carbajal, Jonathan Ramirez, Dillon Miller and Enrique Gonzalez

The first place Livermore U12 Crew **'55** defeated the second place Castro Valley Green Machine 3-0 on Sunday, giving the Crew a two-game lead in GSSL's Silver division. The game, delayed for a week due to inclement weather, was a physical affair on both sides. Amanda Crabb scored the first goal of the game on a free kick. With the score 1-0 at the half, Crabb increased the Crew's lead to 2-0 when she drilled a free kick into the back of the Green Machine's net. Rachel ecored the third and final goal of the Leonard scored the third and final goal of the game. Haleigh Atkinson, Kylie Diaz, Danica Egelston, Hannah Gooby, Jenna Hatch and Jessica Hopkins also played well for the

The Livermore Elite Fury U12D3 girls lost two tough matches. Against the Mus-tang Eagles, the Fury's defense gave up a goal in the 12th minute. Marissa Scheid, Alyssa Stevenson and Mikayla Molien played well defensively to limit the Eagle rushes. The Fury offense was led by Katilyn Bulhoes and Rebekah Johnson who each had shots on goal in the first half. Scoring chances were limited in the second half as Morgan Brandt and Skyler Kriz provided good defensive support for the Fury. The Eagles stopped the Fury from any shots on goal and held on to win 1-0.

In the second game against the Mustang Tigers, the Fury gave up an own goal in the 2nd minute off a hard left cross from the Mustang forward. Forwards Katie Lortie and Alison Pierson responded with some strong rushes into the Mustang box. Erin Winegarner, Ryley Landreth and Morgan Brandt worked hard to stop the Tigers' counterattacks and Callie Crowe battled the

Tincher, Tic-Tacs; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: Ashley Schwilke, Tesia Toth, Emma Monsen, Tiaras; Emma Klopatek, Emily Claridge, Julianna Pereira, Tic-Tacs.

Under-6: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAY-ERS: Kennedy Leong, Michaela Riter, Megan Reilly, Dolphins; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Gianna Varner, Carsyn Gilbert, Jaesa Crangingr, Dolphing. Jesse Groeniger, Dolphins.

### Halloween Tennis Fun

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Lifetime Tennis and the City of Pleasan-ton 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 931-3449

### Little Leagues Signup

Livermore Little Leagues 2008 Season Baseball Registration is Saturday, Novem-ber 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\_ (http://www.eteamz.com/LALL) Granada 

### Under-10Team

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.

#### Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League House

under-5 Girls Tinkerbells vs Jaquars; Offensive Players: Kayla Remund, Hailey Graham, Tinkerbells; Eliana Miano, Sophia Anderson, Jaquars; Defensive Players: Mor-gan Kibbe, Tinkerbells; Madelynn Riddle, Jaquars.

quars. **Under-6 Girls** Mighty Tigers vs Goal

### Adams Madison Gannon Earthquakes: Jessie Wilker, Alyssa Ramirez, Alysha Raj, Dol-

Wilker, Alyssa Ramírez, Alysna Raj, Dol-phins. Under-10 Girls Green Goblins (5) vs Soccer Chicks (1); Offensive Players: Briana Lima, Carly Martinez, Miranda Lima, Green Goblins; Lauren Cairel, Cora Campbell, Jazmynn King, Soccer Chicks; Defensive Players: Cella Fuentes, Tiana Japp, Carmen Best, Green Goblins; Nadia Ranagan, Jocelyn Hart, Soccer Chicks; Goals & Assists: B. Lima (2G), C. Martinez (2G), C. Fuentes (G); Lauren Cairel (G), Soccer Chicks. Thundercats (1) vs Crushers (1); Offen-sive Players: Amanda Starsiak, Megan Fairbanks, Jenna Remund, Thundercats; Ashlyn Hutcheson, Macy Murphy, Caitlin Rokov, Crushers; Defensive Players: Annika Landreth, Heather O'Brien, Kiran Bora, Thundercats; Jenna Dobson, Kasyn Fisher, Ashley Schiopu, Crushers; Goals & Assists:

Thundercats; Jenna Dobson, Kasyn Fisher, Ashley Schiopu, Crushers; Goals & Assists: Jenna Remund (G), Thundercats; Macy Murphy (G), Crushers. Green Goblins (1) vs Cool Cleat Kickers (1); Offensive Players: Miranda Lima, Carly Martinez, Brianna Lima, Green Goblins; Shoshana Cohen, Emily Lundquist, Paige Susie, Cool Cleat Kickers; Defensive Play-ers: Genie Rose, Tiana Japp, Peyton Woelk, Green Goblins; Meghan Lawrence, Kayla Lindsay, Monique Porcella, Cool Cleat Kick-ers; Goals & Assists: Miranda Lima (G), Green Goblins; Lainey Hibbard (G), Cool Cleat Kickers.

Cleat Kickers. Under-12 Girls Net Rippers (2) vs Sneaky Cleats (0); Offensive Players: Nicole Mingione, Gabriella Cole, Casey Schindler, Net Rippers; Michelle Pacheco, Christy Bryant, Maya Barnum, Sneaky Cleats; De-Bryant, Maya Barnum, Sneaky Cleats; De-fensive Players: Lauren Sweeney, Kelly Borden, Kayla Fitzgerald, Net Rippers; Kayla Shepod, Cirin Cassarino, Alicia Craft, Sneaky Cleats; Goals & Assists: Nicole Mingione (2G), Net Rippers. ThunderBalls (5) vs ThunderBalls (0); Offensive Players: Elyse Codiroli, Emily Byrnes, Isabelle Johnstone, ThuderBalls; Kristin Paulazzo, Hannah Mata, Samantha Walter. Pressure: Defensive Players: Ellen

Walter, Pressure; Defensive Players: Ellen Kiser, Tatiana Jansen, Isabel Futral,





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counterattacks and Callie Crowe battled the other Mustang midfielders for possession. Keeper Emily Kalantar played a solid half as she saved every shot and challenged the Tiger forwards to shoot early. Livermore opened the second half with good pressure and a couple of scoring chances. Midway through the period, the Tigers scored on a loose ball shot near the goal for a 2-0 lead. The Fury then mounted its best sustained offense of the match. Brittany Abrbeck and Amanda match. Brittany Ahrbeck and Amanda Fairclough each had shots that just went wide of the goal. Fairclough also sent a well-placed free kick for a Katie Lortie header that went wide. In the final minute, goalie Skyler Kriz came out to block a close shot to prevent any further Mustang scoring in the Tigers 2-0 victory

The Livermore Elite Fuego U15 team celebrated home coming weekend with two back-to-back wins against the Walnut Creek Cosmos and the Dublin Extreme.

The Livermore Elite Fuego led the Wal-nut Creek Cosmos 6 to 3 and the Dublin Extreme 7 to 2. Team Captain Garrett Foster continued to show his leadership on field by playing both ends of the field. Starting in the



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## SPORTS NOTES

sweeper position and switching to striker, Garrett contributed a dominating 5 goals over the weekend. Adding new strength to the team is Eduardo (Lalo), showing his skill at midfielder and striker with 3 goals on Sunday against the Extreme. Veterans Christian Gonzalez added 2 more and Mitch Lowrey chipped in one on Sunday to round out the scoring

Both games were physical, demanding the speed and determination from Ted Rudish, Chris Torres and Steve Schultz to close down continual attacks and focused commitment to play the ball. Dramatic slide tackles and power kicks sending the ball forward for continued attacks were the trade mark moves of the weekend, Jean Carlo Padilla and Kurt Cofer held the sweeper position with strong defense and long sends up the to the mid fielders for renewed attacks. Austin Vile and Chris Freitas were stunning in the middle with short bursts disrupting attacks and turning the ball for strategic runs up the sides from Alex Milinkovich and Brandon Fread. Connor Runnels had long rushes sending the ball into scoring position, with Alex Barto showing his patent moves defending the net.

The Livermore Elite Explosion Division 1 U13 Girls soccer team defeated both of their opponents this past weekend in

Golden State Soccer League Play. Livermore Elite Explosion 3, Benicia Arsenal 0. Livermore's offensive game was on the money in this match with nice passing and ball control. Taylor Roach scored first for the Explosion after Danielle Lacombe assisted with a nice pass back for Roach to launch in over the keepers reach. Alexa Hubbs found the back of the net with her shot after receiving a cross from Brooke Rittmann and Carli Floris sent a long ball in for the third score of the game. Strong defense for Liver-more by Kylee Southwell, Sierra Cassels, Kerry Stein, and Jessica Floyd with great pressure keeping the Arsenal at bay and scoreless.

Livermore Elite Explosion 3, San Ramon Xpress 2. Fans were treated to an exciting well-played game as both teams battled back and forth fighting hard to vic-tory. The Xpress scored first early in the game but the Explosion stayed on their passing game and tied it up as Brooke Rittmann assisted Kassidy Peters who shot a beautiful ball in the net for the score. Before the first half ended Livermore had the lead 2-1 as they scored again when Rittmann took control and dribbled up against her defender and found the back of the net. In the second half, the Xpress tied the game but the Explosion sealed the win when Mandi Alvarez finished and scored off a Taylor Roach shot attempt. Danielle Lacombe, Jenni Harmison and Audrey Walke were key controlling the midfield for the Explosion. Livermore keeper Victoria Case earned the win for her team; as she played outstanding with her continuous composure

outstanding with her continuous composure and aggressive style of play. **The Livermore Elite Blast Girls U9D3** team defeated the Mustang Heartbreakers 3-1 on Sunday. The Blast girls fell behind 0-1 although they were controlling the game in the first half. In the second half Jennifer Connolly tied the game and had an assist for the 2-1 scored by Jenny Gibson. Jenna Sunnergren made it 3-1 for the Blast girls. Amanda Silveira played great in midfield and Amanda Silveira played great in midfield and Hanna Carlson blocked two shots on goal to save the win for Livermore.

Livermore Elite Arsenal U13 Division **3 Girls** 1, Mustang Flash 1 In the first half the Mustang Flash played solid offense and defense against the fired up Arsenal. The play was concentrated on the Arsenal side of the field. Jenna Kadlec goalie, and the defense held off the early Flash effort. The Flash scored first as the result of a perfectly placed PK, the result of an inadvertent handball call on the Arsenal just outside the 18. The Arsenal did not let up. The Arsenal displayed excellent passing and ball control that lead to several shots on goal by Brianna Hill and Jenni Smith. The half ended with the Flash leading 1-0. The second half was dominated by a strong, relentless Arsenal team. The defense was playing up do to the play of Rachel Tabaracci and the defense. Kaley Olsen and Julie Walsh continued to put pressure with shots on goals. Holly Lamb took advantage of the offensive pressure with took advantage of the oriensive pressure with two excellent corner kicks that placed the ball perfectly onto play in front of the net. The second kick found Gabi Macias in perfect position for the game tying goal with only a few minutes left in the game. Arsenal shut out the San Ramon Blast 2-0. The Arsenal defines of Mdiane Creb.

0. The Arsenal defense of Madison Crabb Rachel Tabaracci, and Gabi Macias with the fast moving mid-fielders of Kira Torretto and Jessica kept the ball in Arsenal territory. The

a game of two halves. Black made a few minor changes at halftime that led to a vastly improved performance. Mustang took a 1-0 halftime lead when GK Jacob Buchenauer, who had a strong game, made two stops but a failure of BUSC gave Mustang a third attempt and they converted. In the second half, the backfield of Willie Berger, Bryant Dante, Nate Weber and Jay Guilmart shut the door. Meanwhile, the Black got their short game going with great success. Rodolfo Gonzalez got the Black on the scoreboard with a great individual effort, beating two defenders before rocking a shot for the goal. Buchenauer made another big save to keep the game tied until a brilliant effort by Eric Lobao Garret Clark, Lobao had two defenders hang-ing around but he patiently waited for the keeper to commit. He then slid the game winner home with 2 minutes left for the 2-1 final

The home BUSC Black U14 defeated the Livermore Elite Inferno, 1 to 0 on Saturday. The BUSC Black nearly scored in the 2nd minute when Livermore's keeper came out of the box and Nick Bayley took a shot that missed just outside the right post. The game was evenly matched with the first half ending scoreless. The BUSC Black maintained ball possession for the majority of the second half. Nick Bayley scored the winning goal in the 39th minute which was a solo shot after several ball exchanges in front of the net. The BUSC Black had a total 13 of the net. The BUSC Black had a total 13 shots on goal in the match. Keeper Lukas Moses had 3 saves in the match. Top Offensive Players: Nick Bayley, Cade Debenedetti, Jake Lorentz; Top Defensive Players: Eric Brooks, Vik Aulakh, Randy

Copeman. The Ballistic Black Class 3 U11 team came up just shortIn a battle of unbeaten teams against the Newark Earthquakes, dropping a tightly contested game 2-1. The Black answered the Earthquakes opening goal in the first half when Ben Smedley scored on a breakaway, assisted by Roberto Beard. In the second half the entire Black team gave maximum effort in holding the Earthquakes at bay while creating several good scoring chances to tie or lead but in the end came away empty handed. Top Offensive Players: Ben Smedley, Roberto Beard; Top Defensive Players: Francis Dunne, Andrew Griehshammer, Peter Schlachte.

The Ballistic Black Class 3 U11 appeared to struggle in bouncing back from a disap-pointing loss, losing to the Newark Arsenal 2-1. Alex Lee scored the Black's lone goal on a penalty kick midway through the second half. The Black team turned up the pressure from that point on, yet was unable to score the equalizer. Top Offensive Player: Alex Lee; Top Defensive Players:;-Andrew Griehshammer, Peter Schlachte.

Ballistic U-14 United travelled to Brentwood on Sunday hoping to make up ground on the East Diablo Lightning who had emerged 1-0 winners from their previous league encounter. Ballistic opened with a very strong wind to their backs and proceeded to exert almost constant pressure on the East Diablo goal for the whole of the first period. East Diablo defended galliantly and at one point cleared three successive corner kicks until Ballistic defender Justin Lui saw his corner kick curl directly into the goal. BUSC conceded the equalizer after only eight min-utes. Ballistic could have retaken the lead when Jason Chow blasted a shot over the cross-bar. Goalkeeper Michael Viebeck saved the Pleasanton side on a couple of occasions In the end a 1-1 draw was probably a fair result. Top Offensive Players: Justin Lui, Jason Chow, Dane Shaffar; Top Defensive Players: -Michael Viebeck, Chris Franzella, Suchi

Kuo. BUSC U-14 United played host to Wal-nut Creek on Saturday looking to preserve itsunbeaten run. The match was 0-0ti eat half-time. In the second half Ballistic simply wore down the Walnut Creek resistance. Edgar Henriquez broke the deadlock with a tap-in goal after an assist by Toby Harvey. Soon afterwards Ballistic went further ahead when Erik Knaggs lashed the ball home past the diving keeper from inside the penalty area. From this point on it became a question of how many goals BUSC would score, but despite creating many chances they failed to add to their tally and ran out winners by a score of 2-0 Top Offensive Players: Baron Kim, Erik Knaggs, Edgar Henriquez, Toby Harvey; Top Defensive Players: Suhau Kuo, Justin Lui, Frank Morley.

#### Youth Soccer The Mustang Strikers U-17 Boys team

### Amador Freshmen

Turnovers, penalties, injuries, and spe-cial team mistakes are the bane of every football team and, despite making plenty of all of these; the Amador Valley High Freshmen found themselves trailing only 14-7 mid-way through the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately for the Dons, Granada took advantage of a turnover to put together a 4 play 32-yard drive to ice their 21-7 win over the Dons. "We turned the ball over a lot and had trouble blocking guys, you're not going to win doing that, 'said Coach Chris Murphy. "We lost Brian Hill and Cameron Ashtianti to injuries, that obviously hurt us, but injuries are a part of the game." The errors started early for the Dons as

they had trouble with a squib kick on the opening kickoff and Granada started possession at the Amador 35. Only a big fumble recovery by Cameron Seams in the end zone kept Granada from scoring on the opening

The turnover energized the Dons, and they went 80 yards on nine plays to open the scoring. Ashtiani and David Camerena took turns carrying the ball, both had runs of over 20 yards, to give Amador a first and goal at the five. On the next play, Alex Osterholt carried the ball on a sweep to his right, starting wide and then cutting up to find pay dirt. Osterholt added the PAT to give Amador 7.0 lead but the order continued to mount

a 7-0 lead, but the errors continued to mount. On their next drive, a bad snap on an Amador punt gave the Matadors possession on the AV 23 and the Mats scored two plays later. The PAT went wide and Amador retained the lead 7-6.

On the Dons next drive, a long run by Carson Ewanich, deep into Granada territory, was called back on a penalty, and the punt a after the next play was returned 35 yards to the Don 41. Five plays after that, Granada had the lead and a two point conversion to make the score 14-7.

The Dons moved the ball well on the ensuing drive getting to the Granada 22 with the clock running down, but an interception killed that drive and the scored remained the same at the break

Things started out looking good for the Dons in the second half. After Amador forced a three and out on Granada's first drive, they got a huge break when the punt took a 25 yard bounce for the Dons and, for the only time in the game, they took over in Granada's end of the field at the 43.

On the first play Ewanich went off left tackle for an apparent game tying score, but in the middle of the field was a penalty flag. The play came back, and three plays later the

Dons punted. A Cameron Rowland interception gave the Dons their last, best, chance in the game, but once again a penalty hurt and they started at their 11 instead of near the 40. With 6:15 remaining there was still plenty of time left, but after two plays went nowhere, an intercep-tion by Granada set the Matadors for their final scoring drive and, with only 3:34 remaining the Dons didn't have enough time to complete a comeback.

In fifth quarter action, Chris Nespor intercepted a pass and John Lewis recorded a sack on defense. Offensively, Nespor connected to Joe Moroney on the final play for a 5-yard touchdown pass, Patrick O'Brien ran for 13 yards around right end and Jason Abranches carried the ball twice for 23 yards.

#### Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics team members com-peted in the 2007 Hollywood Invitational hosted by North Bay Athletic Association Napa, on October 20. Level 4 Age Group: Younger: Vault: Rhianne Khweled, 1st, 9.55; Tessa Wolfgram, t 3rd, 9.4; Miriam Gemmell, 6th, 9.05; Julia Pflugger t Zh & 9.0 Morran Leone, 10th 9.5

Pfluger, t 7th, 8.9; Morgan Leone, 10th, 9.05, Julia Pfluger, t 7th, 8.9; Morgan Leone, 10th, 8.5. Bars: Wolfgram, 1st, 9.4; Pfluger, 2nd, 9.15; Khweled, 5th, 8.725; Gemmell, 6th, 8.5; Leone, 8th, 8.15, Beam: Wolfgram, 1st, 8.5; Leone, 8th, 8.13. Beam: Wolfgram, 1st, 9.525; Leone, 3rd, 8.85; Gemmell, t 4th, 8.8; Khweled, t 4th, 8.8; Pfluger ,9th, 8.275. Floor: Pfluger, 2nd, 9.25; Khweled, 3rd, 8.925; Gemmell, t 4th, 8.9; Wolfgram, 6th, 8.85; Leone, 8th, 8.6. All-Around: Wolfgram, 1st, 37.175; Khweled, 4th, 36.0; Pfluger, 5th, 35.575; Gemmell, 6th, 35.25; Leone, 8th, 34.1.

8th, 34.1. Level 4 Age Group: Middle: Vault: Dana Kudelka, 1st, 9.425; Shannon Bagot, 4th, 9.1; Hannah Nguyen, 5th, 9.05; Kelsey Smith, 7th, 8.95. Bars: Bagot, 1st, 9.25; Kudelka, 2nd, 9.175; Nguyen, 3rd, 8.8; Smith, 4th, 8.4. Beam: Kelsey Smith, 1st, Smith, 4u, 6.4. Deam. Refsey Smith, 1st, 9.35; Nguyen, 3rd, 9.25; Kudelka, 4th, 8.925; Bagot, 7th, 8.1. Floor: Bagot, 1st, 9.025; Smith, 2nd, 8.9; Kudelka, 3rd, 8.85; Nguyen, 4th, 8.825. All-Around: Kudelka, Ist, 36.375; Nguyen, 2nd, 35.925; Smith, 3rd, 35.6; Bagot, 4th, 35.475.
 Level 4 Age Group: Older: Vault: Isabella
 Book, 1st, 9.4; Kirsten Trout, 3rd, 9.2; Julia Morgin, 9th, 8.55. Bars: Trout, 1st, 9.175; Morgin, 4th, 8.675; Book. t 5th, 8.55. Beam: Trout, 1st, 9.25; Book, t 2nd, 9.0; Morgin, 4th, 8.825. Floor: Trout, 2nd, 8.95; Book, 3rd, 8.75; Morgin t 4th, 8.725. All-Around: Trout, 1st, 36.575; Book, 3rd, 35.7; Morgin, 6th. Chiong, 15th, 7.2. BEAM: Andrews, 7th, 9.025; Hebert, 10th, 8.8; Vukojevic, 12th, 8.6; Chiong, 14th, 8.2. FLOOR: Hebert, 5th, 8.75; Vukojevic, 8th, 8.5; Andrews, 13th, 8.275; Chiong, 15th, 7.65. ALL-AROUND: Hebert, 5th, 34.75; Vukojevic, 6th, 34.475; Andrews, 10th, 33.95; Chiong, 15th, 30.1. Middle - VAULT: Rebecca Meister, 2nd, 8.425; Amy Morrison, 8th, 8.075; Rachel Pombo, 10th, 7.95. BARS: Meister, 1st, 9.5; Morrison, 9th, 8.75; Meister, 1st, 9.5; Morrison, 9th, 8.75; Pombo, 12th, 8.425. BEAM: Morrison, 7th, 8.85; Meister, 13th, 8.125; Pombo, 15th, 7.7. FLOOR: Morrison, 3rd, 9.075; Meister, 5th, 9.0; Pombo, 14th, 8.1. ALL-AROUND: Meister, 5th, 35.05; Morrison, 6th, 34.75; Pombo, 14th, 32.175. Older -BARS: Sabrina Chaco, 5th, 9.0. BEAM: Chaco, 12th, 8.1. FLOOR: Chaco, 10th, 8.175

Level 6 - Middle - VAULT: Angelica Leporati, 2nd, 8.925; Gabriella Lemoine, Leporati, 2nd, 8.923; Gabriella Lemoine, 5th, 8.575; Kaitlin Hausmann, 7th, 8.35. BARS: Lemoine, 2nd, 8.55; Leporati, 7th, 8.05; Hausmann, 11th, 7.65. BEAM: Lemoine, 1st, 8.9; Leporati, 3rd, 8.85; Hausmann, 8th, 7.925. FLOOR: Leporati, 2nd, 8.7; Lemoine, 6th, 8.5; Hausmann, 8th, 8.125. ALL-APOLIND: Lemoine and 2nd, 8.7; Lemoine, 6th, 8.5; Hausmann, 8th,
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9.1. BARS: Honig, 3rd, 8.225. BEAM:
Honig, 2nd, 8.575. FLOOR: Honig, 8th,
8.3. ALL-AROUND: Honig, 2nd, 34.2.

#### Studios of Self Defense

On Oct. 21, many of the martial artists from United Studios of Self Defense in Livermore competed in a martial arts tournament at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Students from over 30 schools, some as far away as Connecticut competed at this tournament.

Students were eligible to compete in as many as three categories: sparring, forms (kata), and weapons competition. Livermore's 6<sup>th</sup> place finish represented a strong showing in this tightly contested contest. Livermore was also one of the top 3 schools when ranked points scored per student. Many students recently moved up in rank

or age categories in the last month, creating a significant extra challenge.

I<sup>st</sup>Place Finishes: Kegger O'Neal: Junior Men's Sparring: Brown and Black Belts; Kylie McKee: Women's Sparring: Brown and Black Belts; Dakota Kleven: Boys Sparring: Orange Belts 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kegger O'Neal: Junior Kata:

Brown Belts; Kegger O'Neal: Weapons Event: 13-Above: Brown and Black Belts Jennifer Portillo: Girls Sparring: Purple, Blue, Blue with Green Stripe; Gabrielle Drewes: Jr. Pee Wee Girls Sparring: Purple, Blue and Blue with Green Stripe; Jonathan Weiss: Pee Wee Boys Sparring: Green and Green with Brown Stripe <sup>3rd</sup> Place: Kylie McKee: Men and Women Kata: Brown Belts; Jacob Wilkes: Jr. Pee

Wee Boy's Sparring: Purple, Blue, Blue with Green Stripe; Dakota Kleven: Boys and Girls Kata: Orange Belts; Sean Kotta: Pee Wee Boys Sparring: White and Yellow Belts; Lucas Coppock: Pee Wee Boys Sparring:

Orange Belts 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Gabrielle Drewes: Jr. Pee Wee Kata: Blue and Blue with a Green Stripe; Ethan Briggs: Pee Wee Boys Sparring: Orange Belts; Kevin Taylor: Boys Sparring:

Orange Belts; Kevin Taylor: Boys Sparring: Brown and Black Belts Livermore also saw strong showings from the following: Skyler Goddard: Men's Sparring: Brown Belt; Lous Napolitano: Men's Sparring: Blue Belt; Frank Ferrel: Men's Sparring: Purple Belt; Michael Butterfield: Pee Wee Boys Sparring and Kata: Blue Belt; Sam Caldwell: Boy's Spar-ing and Kata: Blue Belt; Sam Caldwell: Boy's Spar-ring and Kata: Blue Belt; Sam Caldwell: Boy's Sparring and Kata: Blue Belt; Jason DeSantis: Jr. Pee Wee Boy's Sparring and Kata: Purple Belt; Mattea Maroney: Boys and Girls Kata: Blue Belt; Steven Sunseri: Boys Sparring: Green Belt; Garren Weiss: Boys Sparring and Boys and Girls Kata: Green Belt; Jonathan Wilkes: Boys and Girls Kata, Boys Sparring: Blue Belt

### Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League highlights: The Cardinals put together their highest

scoring of the season, 28 points, against the Colts. The Colts came into the game undefeated. It was the most points any team has been able to score against the Colts' tough defense. The Colts scored 58 points. In the first quarter, Ryan Knowles took session of the kick off at the 35 and then chel Acton caught a pass and ran to the 50

position all game. Andrew Hays had a nice thirty two yard punt return and a two point conversion. Jake Kauffman also had a great return. The Jets defense was dominating the last three quarters of the game. This was a break out game for Henry Jones and Jake Kauffman, Jones and Kauffman each had 9 tackles and a fumble recovery. David Montgomery-Saenz once again put up an amazing effort with 9 tackles and a blocked punt. This game also marked the return of Brandor Robello to the defense. His efforts produced two sacks and he was in on almost every tackle. Sam Ogee, Michael Midkiff, Sam Richardson and Nick Ketcham kept pressure on the Saints QB. The defensive backfield of Jacob Bichford, Clayton Frieders and Kevin Humes kept the Saints passing game in check. Final score Jets 28 and Saints 8.

#### Livermore Youth Football Livermroe Youth Football League re-

sults **Pee Wee Division:** The Livermore War riors lost to the San Ramon T-Birds by the score of 20 - 0. The Warriors offense was led by Danny Troutman with 47 yards rushing. The line of Breaden Zeitler, Gage Kolman, Devin Sturgill, and Justin Martin opened some nice holes for the Running Backs. Clayton Bueno made a couple of nice catches at the tight end position. The Defense played a good game against San Ramon as the linebacker trio of Brian White, Jeffrey Brinkley and Doninex Kovacs made made running the football hard for the T-Birds. Tony Galindo made a couple of good tackles and Nick Campiotti had a great interception to stop a San Ramon drive. Jr. Midgets: The Livermore Norsemen lost 30-14 to the San Ramon Valley T-Birds

in Junior Midget action. The Norsemen dominated the line of scrimmage but lost due to several big plays by the T-Birds. The offensive line including Jacob Kirby, Derek Granados, Mikey Walls, Zac Rosas, Joshua Johnson, Marshall Peters, Bryan Brinkley, Zac Sturgill and Salvatore Glaviano opened holes in the T-Birds defense all day. Kevin Kutchera ran for two touchdowns and 156 yards behind the lead blocking of Rio Castillo, Riley Draa, and Kyle Campiotti. Campiotti also scored an extra-point.

Midgets: After a tough loss last week and loosing their starting quarterback to a foot injury, the Livermore Vikings found them-selves in the win column Saturday beating the San Ramon T-Birds 30-8. The Vikings got off to a slow start allowing the T-Birds to come on their first necessarism. The Vikings score on their first possession. The Vikings answered back quickly with Damariay Drew finding the end zone and tying up the game 8-8. Livermore finally woke up in the second half. Jahar Staples would score twice and finish the game with 222 all purpose yards. Jack Jensen would score the other Livermore touchdown when he punched one in from the one yard line. Drew would finish the day with 125 yards rushing. Quarterback Brandon Hall had great support from his O-line, Tyler Leasau, Luc Hamilton, Greg White, Austin Nelson, Joe Wood, Frankie Robles, Jensen nd Jele Kommu. On defense it was the and Jake Kearney. On defense it was the Damariay Drew show. Drew would have 14 tackles, 3 for loss, and 2 force fumbles. Staples had 10 tackles followed by Kearney 9 tackles and Jensen 6. Bra ndon Mori had an on side kick recovery, and Wood would recover a fumble.

**Gladiators:** Zach Ostander had a great game on both offense and defense, almost coming up with more than just one intercep-tion, as well as numerous defensive tackles He also caused a few fumbles and a stopped a TD against San Ramon. Terry Watts was all over the field this Saturday with solid defen-sive skills. He had a huge tackle in our 3rd defensive series causing a loss of yardage. While Miles Higgins was a huge help on offense out at the wing position.

### Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results:

Contact Division: Dolphins 14, Steelers 12: Michael Brdar's 22 yard touchdown run with only 37 seconds left in the game powered the Dolphins to a 14-12 win over the Steelers, and clinched at least a first place tie in the PJFL Senior Contact Division. Nick Griffen scored on a 20 yard touchdown, and Casey Cummings caught a PAT that contributed heavily to the win. Brdar was 5 for 9 in the air, two passes to Cummings and three to Jonathan Camello. Max Kurth led the Dolphins running game with 94 yards on 11 carries and also had the most tackles on defense, with 9.5. Brandon Arace had another

margin was complete. The Rams tried to make a comeback, but pressure from the Niners defensive line of Joey Nath, Kyle Stark, and Aaron Silva forced a short pass and Joe Casados made the final play to end the game

game. **The Texans** came from behind to defeat the Chargers, 20 to 6. The short-handed Chargers - playing with just 17 players -turned in a gutty effort, led by defensive performances by the likes of Marc Luey, Dylan Thrush, and Mitchell Schena. The Charger stopped the Texans on their first possession when Brian Delnevo recovered a fumble. Chargers tailback Tyler Bussani converted two key third-down runs and also proke free for a gain of nearly 40 yards to the broke free for a gain of nearly 40 yards to the Texans' 17-yard line. Bussani then scampered 12 more yards to give the Chargers first and goal on the 5-yard line. Quarterback Clayton Carter kept the ball on a bootleg, racing to the corner of the end zone to give the Chargers a 6-0 lead. Keyed by several strong blocks from fullback Zach Wilhite, Bussani finished the day with 139 total yards! Momentum suddenly shifted to the Tex-

ans when they connected on a 4th down bomb just before halftime. The 45-yard pass play tied the score at 6 at the half. The Texans tool the opening kickoff of the second half and again broke a big play - a 55 yard touchdown run to give the Texans a 12-6 just 34 seconds into the third quarter. Once again, the Chargers defense kept them in the game as Adam Silvia broke up a pass on an attempted fake punt, and Travis Haverland stopped another Texan drive with an interception. The Texans put the game away by blocking a punt

and punching it in a few plays later for the final score as the Texans prevailed 20-6. **Ravens** 28, Patriots 0: The Raiders defense played strong all game allowing approximately 51 yards of net offense by the atriots. The defensive line was led by DT Alexander Farfan, DT Connor Daly, DT Kevin Keys, DT Ethan Williams, DE Andrew Imhof and DE Gregory Gamble. The Patriots passing game only could muster approx. 14 yards due to the roaming of LB Nicholas Gilfillan, LB Joshua Pariera, CB Ryan Holmes and CB Thomas Sabatini. The game was tight when Ravens LB Logan Azelton intercepted a pass and took it to the house for a 14 to 0 lead.

house for a 14 to U lead. The Ravens offense looked extremely sharp behind a super effort by the offensive line. Leading the blocking charge was C Jackson Kovacs, RG Jose Trujillo, LG Jacob Leyman, RT Michael Iglesias, LT Clayton Marceau and WR Ben Thompson. The Ravens offense passed early with TE

The Ravens offense passed early with TE Jushan Samra catching 3 passes for 16 yards. QB Zane Pedersen on the Ravens fourth offensive possession hit Dakota Daniels for anica 16 word workle. The offensive a nice 16 vard ramble. The offensive line took over and parted the Patriots defense for a 4 yard QB sneak by Petersen to take the lead 6

to 0. The third quarter found the Ravens of-fense red hot. RB Jax Pedersens elusive running racked up big chunks of turf with scampers of 15 and 14 yards. WR Trevor Ibanez took a double reverse and bolted all the way to the one yard line. The offensive line took over and RB Dakota Daniels tip-toed in for a TD. The two point conversion was successful with WR Michael Pangelinan scoring the first of his two conversion receptions

On the next Ravens possession QB Pedersen hit WR Trevor Ibanez for 52 yard catch and sprint to the end zone. Ravens lead 28 to 0. The Ravens coaches switched offensive players to defensive players in the fourth quarter and the Ravens players main-tained their dominance. Notable plays in the fourth were Dakota Daniels making some big hits on defense. RB Greg Gamble rumbled for 5 yards and QB Logan Azelton for 8 yards. RB Kevin Key scampered for a big 21 yard gain. The coaches and parents had some fun cheering for such a wonderful effort by the Ravens

#### Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball is now accepting Regis-tration for the Spring 2008 season. Register online at www.pleasantonpony.com or call 600-PONY for more information.

#### 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 oper to boys and girls grades 3 thru 8. Visi www.phantomlacrosse.com. for more infor mation and links to our registration site, or call Bob Mezeul at 925- 425-9901

Arsenal offense was fired up with numerous shots on goal from Holly Lamb, Julie Walsh, Megan Thompson, Bri Hill, Kaley Olson, and Alyssa Ray. The San Ramon Blast defense put up a great fight and allowed only 2 goals. Kaela Moehnle's with her quick and aggressive moves scored the first goal. The defense also had a few shots on goal with Rachel Tabaracci sending one from mid-field and Gabi Macias charging up the side lines. The final score of the game was a beautiful corner kick from Julie Walsh with a determined Gabi Macias ready to send it into the

### **Pleasanton Ballistic**

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) Class 1 U11 continued league play on Saturday with a 4-0 victory over Mt. Diablo. Collin Richardson had a nice shot on goal, that rolled over the keepers hands, and Blaz Perko was there to tap it in. Sahit Menon had a great cross to Jackson Still, for the second goal. Daniel Payne brought the ball up the field, and had a nice shot on goal. Jackson Still was there to guide the ball into the net. Ballistic's final goal came on a penalty kick which Ballistic missed, but Stephen Dougherty passed it to Alex Krause, for the goal. The defense of Collin Alexander, Cameron Casby, Erik Johnson, Jeff Klei and Daniel Rodriguez again played a strong defense and didn't allow their opponents to score. Goalie Sam Musbach. and Érik Johnson had some nice saves. Top Offensive Players: Jackson Still, Stephen Dougherty, Collin Ricardson, Alex Krause; Top Defensive Play-ers: Daniel Rodriguez, Jeff Klei, Erik Johnson,

Cameron Casby. **The BUSC U19 Black** completed an outstanding weekend, topping the previ-ously undefeated Patterson Palmeiras 2-1. The Palmeiras had handled the Black easily in the opening day of the season. In the 7th minute, Brent Cambra lofted a direct kick into the box, where Bryant Dante got a head on it to the opposite post. Tim Gaisor was there to clean it up. As Patterson ratcheted up the intensity, Ballistic countered and struck again in the 12th minute. Cambra again sent a ball to the middle of the box that Kamrom Behzadi flicked and again Gaisor drove home. Patterson almost halved the lead in the 28th minute, but GK Jacob Buchenauer slid over quickly to cover the near post and make a sliding save. In the second half, Patterson attacked hard and got a deflection off a free kick to put pressure on the Black. The Black were led by ferocious midfield play by Eric Lobao and Aaron Scott. and the defensive standouts were Willie "MFT" Berger and Garrett "Flying Wallenda" Clark. Buchenauer and the defense thwarted a late rally in the box. A Patterson red card sealed the deal and Ballistic tallied the 2-1 final.

The BUSC U19 Black pulled out a big win over A strong Mustang United 2-1. It was

came away with a tie and win in Golden State Soccer action this weekend. October 20 &n 21,2007 In Saturdays action, Mustang tied DVSC Black Pearl with a score of 2-2. Emrah Klimenta scored assisted by Chris Bernardi and Gerardo Garcia added a Penalty Kick. In Sundays action versus Ballistic United. Mustang shut out Ballistic with a score of 5-0. Chris Bernardi had a hat trick for Mustang with Emrah Klimenta and Gerardo Garcia

adding goals also. Ryan Rivera was solid in the nets for Mustang. Michael Janjigian, Nick Feeney, Tory Joregensen, Patrick Watson and Dominic Daley provided sold defense in shuting out Ballistic. George Mayer, Jose Garcia, Shawn Daut, & Scott Brensel controlled the midfield play for Mustang creating scoring opportunities for the offense of Gerardo Garcia, Chris Bernardi, Justin Chew and Emrah Klimenta.

Dublin Fighters Girls U-13, Keeper Heather Seeley recorded her 2nd shut-out of the season in the Fighters 2-0 win over the Walnut Creek Twisterz. Megan Zummo struck first for the Fighters on an assist by Hailey Zummo, and Amanda Garcia assured the victory with a beautiful header into goal off a perfectly placed corner kick by Monique Hamon. The Fighter back line of Annie Jones, Christine Laymon and Joanna Giron kept the Twisterz offense contained, while Fighter mids Adrianna Nugen, Veronica Bossio & Veronica Highsmith kept the pressure on while getting the ball on to forwards Rebecca Beasley and Danielle Carothers who had over 10 shots on goal ween them

The U15 San Ramon Santos defeated the ACC Aztecas, 2 to 1, Saturday in GSSL Gold Division play. The Santos found themselves down by a goal at half time. In the second half, Matheus Menezes shot a rocket at the ACC keeper who deflected the ball to a waiting Guillermo Rivas who scored to bring the game level at 1 each. Shortly thereafter, Menezes made a magnificent run with the ball from mid-field in to the 18 and beat the keeper for the game winner.

In a game made for the movies, the Santos and Danville Mustang battled to a 2-2 tie in Sunday afternoon GSSL Gold Division play. After 40 minutes of back and forth soccer, the first half ended scoreless. Within minutes of the start of the second half, Mustang scored first and before long, the Santos found themselves down 2-0. With 15 minutes left in the game, Guillermo Rivas took a free kick from about 30 yards out and found Matheus Menezes who beat his mark and brought the Santos to within 1. Just after the referee signaled 1 minute remaining, Menezes brought the ball up the left sideline and beat two defenders to send in a last chance cross which found Andrew Graves who slotted the ball past the Mustang keeper for the last second goal. The 2-2 tie score kept the Santos in first place in the division with only two games left and their eight game unbeaten streak alive.

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### Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 4,5 and 6 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at the Hollywood Invitational held in Napa October 20 and 21. The level 5 team placed third and the level 6 team placed second in the team competition. In level 6 competition, Allison Honig vaulted to first place with a 9.1 and Gabriella Lemoine shined on beam with an 8.9 to bring home the beam title. Rebecca Meister placed

home the beam title. Reflecta Meister piaced first on bars in level 5 with an amazing 9.5. Level 4 - Younger - VAULT: Katie Mathers, 4th, 8.925. BARS: Mathers, 4th, 8.925. BEAM: Mathers, 11th, 7.575. FLOOR: Mathers, 12th, 7.9. ALL-AROUND: Mathers, 7th, 33.25. Middle -VAULT: Payloe 411, 4th, 0.55. Scheme -VAULT: Baylee Hill, 4th, 9.05; Shannon Payne, 7th, 8.95; Savannah Chrupalo, 11th, 8.8. BARS: Hill, 9th, 8.85; Chrupalo, 10th, 8.8. BARS: Hill, 9th. 8.85; Chrupalo, 10th, 8.725; Payne, 11th, 8.65. BEAM: Hill, 3rd, 9.075; Payne, 9th, 8.675; Chrupalo, 11th, 8.45. FLOOR: Chrupalo, 8th, 8.525; Payne, 9th, 8.425; Hill, 10th, 8.375. ALL-AROUND: Hill, 7th, 35.35; Payne, 9th, 3.4.7; Chrupalo, 10th, 34.5. Older - VAULT: Michelle Kunelli, 2nd, 9.075. BARS: Kunelli, 4th, 9.35. BEAM - Kunelli, 15th, 8.0 ELOOR - Kunelli, 9.87. ALL-

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 8.0. FLOOR - Kunelli, 9th, 8.75. ALL-AROUND - Kunelli, 11th, 35.175.
 Level 5 - Younger - VAULT: Kelley
 Hebert, 2nd, 8.475; Sara Vukojevic, 6th,
 8.15; Isla Andrews, 14th, 7.45; Mariel Chiong,
 16th, 7.05 PAPS: Vukcionic 2nd 0.292; 16th, 7.05. BARS: Vukojevic, 2nd, 9.225; Andrews, 3rd, 9.15; Hebert, 5th, 8.725;

yard line. Soon after, Alec Grabarek scored the Cards' 1st touchdown with a run from the 28 yard line. Acton galloped down the field again from the Cards' own 35 to score the 2nd TD. Then Greg Anderson caught a pass in a sea of blue and ran into the end zone for the Card's 3rd TD in the game's opening quarter. Ryan Knowles stepped up again and had a nice tackle at the closing buzzer of the 1st. During the 2nd quarter, Acton had an 18

yard run and we saw another great tackle by Ryan Knowles. Josh Sprugasci fielded a Colts' kick off and brought the ball out to the And then over the next series of downs as QB, Sprugasci was able to get a 1st by running around the Colts' D. Ryan Viano had a great tackle before the end of the 1st half. At the start of the 2nd half, Matt Richards gained a lot of yards on the kick off return. A pass to Greg Anderson from QB Sprugasci gave the Cards great field position. Tyler Johnson caught a pass for a 40 yard gain. In the 4th, Brent McGarvey had a fierce TD defying tackle after the Colts intercepted

a pass. Mitchel Acton bulleted down the field to the 48 on a kick off return and Brent McGarvey had a fantastic reception for large yardage. In the last 2 minutes of the game, QB Sprugasci ran the ball to less than a yard from paydirt and on the next play was able to score the Cards' final touch down and even the extra points. In the last 12 seconds of the game, never giving up, Luke Quesada had a hugh hit which allowed Max Renga to recover a Colts' fumble on their 37 yard line. Jets vs. Saints: It took seven games, but

the Jets picked up their first when of the season the offense, defense, and special teams put it all together in their game against the Saints on Saturday. QB Jack Trudeau took control of the offense which scored four rushing touchdowns all by Travis Ceglio, who rushed for over 140 yards. Chris Harker, Daniel Ocasio and Zach Harlan were included in the offensive rushing attack. An amazing effort was recorded by the Jets offensive line of Mario Putnam, Kevin Hayes, Adam Harlan, Chris Messenger, and Anthony Lagorio. Special teams kept the Jets in good field

strong game with 9 tackles, followed by Anthony Prieto (5.5), Anthony Viveiros (5), Wayne King (4.5), Anthony Grant (3.5), Zach Parella (3) and Cummings (3). Cummings also had a key interception for the Dolphins

Flag Football: The Senior 49ers used a bend but don't break defense, combined with a big play offense to post a 20-8 win over the Rams in PJFL action. The Niners allowed the Rams to run twice as many plays on offense, but posted touchdown plays of 30, 45 and 76 yards to more than make up the difference. After the Rams scored on the game's opening drive, the Niners were facing a fourth-and-10 and the Rams' 30. On a play-action pass, Taylor Disbrow hit Ben Rittler just across the line-to-gain. Rittler avoided tacklers and sped down the sideline for the score. The conversion failed and the 49ers trailed 8-6. On the next drive, Rittler intercepted a pass at the goal line. Neither team could score again in the first half. The Niners forced a punt on the Rams' first drive of the second half. on the second play from scrimmage, Rittler took a short pass behind the line of scrimmage and bobbed and weaved through almost the entire Rams defense for a 45-yard score. The conversion failed, but the Niners had a 12-8 lead.

However the Rams wouldn't go away that easily and they once again put together a drive, getting as far as the Niners 5. On fourth down, Brent Ramos stopped the quarterback on a scramble and the Niners took proceeding with time survival down. Twing possession with time running down. Trying to get the ball out of their own end, Jacob Storti hit Disbrow on bootleg pass behind the Rams defense and Disbrow sped 76 yards for the score. The Storti-Disbrow connection was also good for the conversion and the final

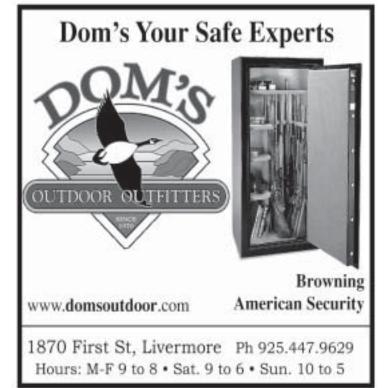
### Tigers Baseball

Tigers Baseball is now accepting re sumes for experienced coaches interested in managing one of their 2008 Tigers tournament teams. Tigers Baseball is a non-profit baseball training program that works in cooperation with well know collegiate coaches and professional players to teach dedicated young players who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The Tigers Baseball mission is to provide an opportunity for young players is to provide an opportunity for young players to develop and learn the sport of baseball from some of the finest teachers in our area. There are managerial openings for the14U tourna ment team. Interested parties should fax a resume to Tigers Baseball - 925-215-2285. All resumes must be received by November 1, 2007 to be eligible. For more details about the Tigers Baseball program go to www.rteamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball.

### PGSL Registration

2008 Registration is open for all divi-2008 Registration is open for all divi-sions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Soft-ball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA M4566 (download a registration form from 94566 (download a registration form from our website). Registration deadline is January 1, 2008. For more information visit the PGSL website located at www.pleasantonsoftball.org.







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Quartetto di Venezia

### **Quartet Performs Varied** Program in Del Valle Concert

The 2007-2008 season marks the thirtieth year that Del Valle Fine Arts has been bringing professional concerts to Livermore. The first of five season concerts will be presented on on Saturday, Nov 3 at 8 p.m. in the new Bankhead Theater at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

Quartetto di Venezia will be featured. The program for the evening includes the Quartet in D Major, Op. 64, No. 2, "Unfinished" by Boccherini; the Quartet No. 1 in E-Flat Major by Cherubini; Zobeide & Federico II from "Viaggio in Italia" by Sollima and the Quartet in e minor by Verdi.

Musicians with a common vision founded the Quartetto di Venezia over twenty years ago. These artists have concentrated on the qualities of sonority, balance, and technique that give this ensemble its distinctively Italian charm and flair. Their artistic conception derives from two important schools of string quartet interpretation. They studied at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana di Siena, where they were awarded the prestigious Diploma d'Onore. They were equally influenced by the central European school of the renowned Vegh Quartet, through their work with Sandor Vegh and Paul Szabo.

In addition to appearances in Italy, the Quartetto di Venezia has toured in Europe, the United States, Canada, Latin America, Japan and Korea. The ensemble has had the honor of playing for the late Pope John Paul II, the President of the Italian Republic and in a private concert for the president of the European Union. Its extensive discography includes recordings for Dynamic, Koch, Ermitage, Hommage, Aura, Musical Heritage Society, Fonit Cetra, CD Classic and UNICEF.

Tickets are \$29, \$24 and \$19. They can be obtained at the LVPAC box office, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org. All seating is reserved. Free tickets for school age youth through high school and specially priced tickets for college students may be obtained at the box office on the day of the performance.

Parking is available in the Livermore Valley Center Parking Garage on Railroad Avenue across the street from the theater. Wheelchair seating can be arranged by calling or visiting the box office. Handicapped persons may be dropped behind the theater on Railroad Avenue or in the parking lot west of the theater on Livermore Avenue.

Additional information is available at the website www.delvallefinearts.org or by calling 447-2752.

### Orchestration! Concludes with Auction of Instruments

Livermore Valley Performing Art Center's (LVPAČ) Orchestra*tion!* project invited artists, individuals, businesses and organizations in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, and Sunol to create their own unique or whimsical masterpiece - an artistic musical instrument.

Submissions were painted, decorated or creatively transformed through a variety of artistic means and ranged from a violin transformed into a magical bird, to a guitar made of glass, to John Cage's Cello to a "You are My Sunshine" Banjo and almost very conceivable idea in between! The instruments have been on display throughout the Tri-Valley for the past year to raise awareness of the Livermore Vallev Performing Arts Center's new Bankhead Theater and the Firehouse Arts Center. Orchestration! was coordinated by representatives from the Performing Arts Center, the Livermore Art Association, the Pleasanton Art League, and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, as well as citizens from each community. Artists were selected through a jury process.

ments will come together again for a final, one-day exhibition and auction at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. The pieces will be on display and part of a silent auction from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by a live auction.

Auction proceeds will support the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton and the Performing Arts Center with a percentage returned to each of the artists in muon of their work on be half of LVPAC and the Firehouse Arts Center. The event reception will include hors d'oeuvres and Livermore wines as well as an opportunity to meet some of the participating artists. Tickets are available at the Bankhead Theater ticket office. General admission is \$10 per person and free for LVPAC Charter Members. Orchestration! is a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center in conjunction with the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Downtown Inc, and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation. For more information, please contact Kimberly Moore at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, (925) 373-6100 or send an email to kmoore@livermoreperforming arts.org

## Manring Kassin Darter Trio Performs in Livermore

Tom Darter, whose *One-Step (at a Time) Rag*, a concerto for piano and orchestra, debuted at the Bankhead Theater on October 13 will appear with Manring Kassin Darter on November 2 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

Manring Kassin Darter, a trio comprising piano, flute, and bass, is known for provocative complex compositions that tear down stylistic walls. While listeners can hear echoes of classical, jazz, rock, folk, avant-garde, and world music in their performances, the net result is something completely new: chamber music for the new century.

"Wow, are these guys tight!" Says Ray Manzarek, co-founder of The Doors. "If you like J.S. Bach, you are going to love the intricacies and delicacies of Manring Kassin Darter. They work together with much simpatico, and each musician is a sensitive master in his own right. And, of course, I love the piano!"

Tom Darter, Michael Manring, and Larry Kassin have extensive, multi-faceted careers as musicians.

Darter (piano), founding editor of Keyboard magazine, established the Contemporary Music Ensemble at the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, where he also taught music theory and composition. He has arranged two albums of music for the Kronos Quartet — Monk Suite and Music of Bill Evans — played keyboards on numerous Jerry Goldsmith film scores, and won several composition awards. Darter, who was born and raised in Livermore, returned in 2001. He was commissioned by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to write a piece for piano and orchestra,

which was premiered by the Livermore-Amador Symphony (with Darter playing the solo piano part) on October 13, as part of the culminating event in the grand opening celebration of the new 500seat theater.

Manring (bass), known for his innovative approach to the bass and adventurous solo concerts, has appeared on approximately 200 recordings, and toured throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia. He has received Grammy and Bammie nominations, the Berklee School of Music Distinguished Alumni Award, two Gold Records, and the Bassist of the Year award from the readers of Bass Player magazine.

Kassin *(flute)* founded the internationally recognized Noe Valley Music Series in 1981, at the acoustically superb Noe Valley Ministry in San Francisco, California. His wide-ranging performance style has led to appearances with Bobby McFerrin, Jessica Williams, SF Klezmer Experience, Rhiannon, Šonia, and Box Set, plus a recent CD release with Doors keyboardist Ray Manzerek and Beat poet Michael McClure.

The trio released its first CD, Scatter, in 2002. Scatter is available from Amazon.com and CD Baby. Copies will be available the night of the concert as well.

The performance in Livermore will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at \$13 general admission and \$8 senior/student/military through brownpapertickets.com or from Fine Fretted Friends, 2175 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the door will be \$15 general admission and \$10 senior/student/military.

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Ruthless, Danville Role Players En-semble production is a well-known semble production is a well-known spoof of Broadway musicals like Gypsy and Mame. The play runs from Oct. 12th - Nov. 3rd, Thurs -Sat at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. in the Village Theatre 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets at \$20, \$25 & \$15 for the the the Hand for students with ID and groups 10 are available from the Community Center, 420 Front St. Danville, online at www.villagetheatreshows.com or call 925.314.3400.

Cantabella Children's Chorus is in its 16<sup>th</sup> 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. The Livermore Art Association Gal**lery**, located at the Carnegie Build-ing, 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 p.m. There is no admission charge. Author John Lescroart will be at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 2 p.m. Oct. 25. Towne Center Books will sell Mr. Lescroart's books at the event. For more infor-mation, contact Penny Johnson, 925/ 931-3405. Puccini's "La Boheme" Presented by

Livermore Valley Opera Saturday, October 27 - 8:00 pm and Sunday, October 28 - 2:00 pm. Pre-opera lecture, one hour before curtain time. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets or information 925-960-9210 or

www.livermorevalleyopera.com/ Bank On It Art Show at US Bank, Livermore, October 23-Nov. 6,

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925/931-3405. Sponsor: Livermore Art Association

& US Bank Pleasanton Playhouse, Little Shop of Horrors, Oct. 19-Nov. 4, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Livermore High School Theatre, 458 Maple St., Liv-ermore. Tickets 462-2121,

www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. Jake Shimabukuro, one of the world's top ukulele musicians, Oct. 25 8pm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.livermoreperformingarts.org, California Independent Film Festival Horror Festival on October 25-27; Vine Theater, Livermore. 558-2797. Jazz Concert Series: Friday, October 26, 8 p.m. Hot Club of San Francisco at the Front Row Theatre. Back by popular demand! Gypsy Swing, led by Paul Mehling on violin, mandolin and banjo, recreates Django Reinhardt and 1930's Hot Club of Paris. Known worldwide, group also features gui-tarists Jason Vanderford and Jeff Magidson, bassist Ari Munkres and Evan Price on violin. Desserts by Mudd's Restaurant. www.cclib.org/ programs/jazz/events.html. For ques-tions, call San Ramon Library at 925-973-2850.

**Children's Theater Show**, Friday, October 26 at 7 pm & Saturday, October 27 at 2 pm. Room 601, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Can-yon Rd., Livermore. Free Admission. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

Foothill High School Band Review, Oct. 27. Day of competition includes concerts at Foothill High School; parade competition in downtown Pleasanton; and field competition at the high school. Information at

www.foothillband.org. Writers' Workshop with Robert Dugoni will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Learn and understand what makes a judge, an agent, editor, and, reader pick up a story and keeps them from putting it down. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, Jazz Concert Series: Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m., "Brotherly Jazz: The Heath Brothers;" Viewing & Q&A by Producer Danny Scher at the San Ramon Library. Documentary gives insight into the lives of the legendary Heath Brothers: Percy, Jimmy and Albert Heath. Bay Area producer Danny Scher provides commentary and answers questions about his film Free admission. Information, 973-

2850. Pleasanton Senior Players old-time melodrama, "Dr. D.K. Molar, The Devious Dentist." Fri., Nov. 2, 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 3, 2 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. Senior Players reprise their roles in a new episode of The Return of the Golden Girls of Pleasanton." The evening includes a light dessert. The performance will be at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$9.00R/ \$10.00N (advanced reservation), \$10.00R (advanced reservation),
 \$10.00R/\$11.00N at the door. For more information, call 931-5365.
 Painted Porcelain by Eugenia Zobel,
 Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tast-

ing Room. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of November. October 31 to November 29, 11:00am to 4:30pm. Recep-tion with Artist on Sunday, November 4, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. For more information please call 456-2305. **Cutting Edge Books**, a juried exhibi-tion by Artist members of Pacific Center for the Book Arts (PCBA) and Student Books, a companion show by Cal State East Bay art students, will share the University Art Gallery from Oct. 22-Nov. 29 (except Nov. 22). The exhibit is open from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the Art & Education Building, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, Admission is free. The professional show includes work of 31 artists that goes beyond traditional books to include pages unencumbered by binding, nontra-ditional materials, free form shapes and interactive media. Student Book Art, by 25 Cal State East Bay art students, utilizes a range of book structures from simple pamphlets, to

accordion folds, to scrolls, to unique bindings of the student's own devis-ing. class.csueastbay.edu/artgallery/ or 510-885-3299.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, Maestro Duane Carroll conducts, "Ameri-can Landscapes," a concert of Americana and pops favorites and an en-core performance of "Mt. Diablo: A Symphonic Portrait," with Bill Will-A. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$18 general admis-sion, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. 943-

 Valley Concert Chorale presents: Concert Pianist Daniel Glover on Saturday, November 10, 7:30pm-200m. 9:30pm. First Presbyterian Church, Livermore, 4th and L Streets, Liver-more. www.fpc-livermore.org. \$25. www.valleyconcertchorale.org/ or 925-866-4003. Winemaker Dinner with Karl Wente,

The Nth Degree wines paired with a gourmet four-course dinner. Karl will share the stories behind the will share the stories benind the wines.Wed., Nov. 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m. The Event Center at Wente Vine-yards; S99 per person, plus tax, S89 Club Wente Members. For reserva-tions call 925.456.2400 or go online at Ticketmaster.com.

Les Chenes Estate Vineyards will host its first winemaker dinner on Nov. 10, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Menu includes Winter Greens, Caramelized Onion, Pear, Hazelnut and Gorgonzola with Balsamic Vinaigrette paired with Les Chenes Deux Blanc; Ricotta Gnocchi and Sauteed Pumpkin on Creamed Spinach Sauce paired with the 2003 Estate Syrah; Tuscan Style Garlic Rosemary Roast Pork Loin with Jus Seasonal Winter Root Vegetables, Wild Mushroom Rice paired with 2004 Estate Syrah; Old Fashion Chocolate Cake with a Gingered Plum Sauce paired with the Deux Rouge. Each guest will be given a gift of a Les Chenes Estate Vineyards Etched Glass. Limited seating, \$110. Call for reservations (925) 373-1662; Visa, Mastercard or Discover Cards wel-

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Pleasanton Playhouse Debuts in Livermore with Winning Musical \$20 for juniors 18 and younger.

On Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Orchestration! instru-



Jake Shimabukuro the "Jimi Hendricks of the ukulele" appears at Livermore's Bankhead Theater on Thursday, October 25th at 8pm. For tickets, call 925-373-6800.

### Magic Show On Bankhead Stage

Magic & Illusions of Gerald Joseph will be the featured performance on Friday November 2, at 7 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Magician Gerald Joseph has been performing magic for private events and corporate parties in the Bay Area for twenty years. During his show, Gerald offers a bird act, cuts an audience member in half, shrinks a lady, levitates an assistant plus much more.

Tickets are adults \$16, seniors \$13, shildren \$11. For tickets or information, call 925-373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org. They may also be purchased at the box office at the Bankhead Theater.

buted its new season in Livermore last Friday with the musical spoof on B-movies, "Little Shop of Horrors.

It's a production with humor, a love story, a touch of science fiction and a rockin' score performed by a cast fit perfectly to the parts. The main characters are a blood-thirsty plant, Audrey II; a nerdy flower shop employee, Seymour; and the love of his life, fellow employee Audrey.

The show runs weekends through Nov. 4 at the Livermore High School Performing Arts Theater.

The play is set in skid row. Seymour (Stephen Foreman) finds an unusual Venus fly-trap plant. He names it Audrey II, after, who else but the woman he loves. It doesn't take long for the plant to convince Seymour to feed it first blood, then human flesh. In exchange, the plant agrees to help Seymour win the love of Audrey and to rescue her from a violent relationship with a sadistic dentist (Tom Reardon).

Audrey II makes Seymour famous and at the same time, the shop owner, Mushnik (John Sellen), rich.

The play is not just about satisfying dreams. It is also about the consequences that result from choices people make. There is a point where Seymour must make a decision between more killings and, he believes, Audrey. He is convinced Audrey only likes him because he is famous.

Director Mike Kasin notes, "This adaptation lampoons a plethora of things. Science Fiction "B" Movies musical comedy, romance novels and even the Faust myth itself are all hilariously



Photo - Eric Wood

The cast includes (from left to right) Carissa Hatchel (Chiffon), Stephen Foreman (Seymour), Sara Barreto Worthing (Ronette), and Vanessa Lucero (Crystal).

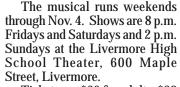
satirized to create a commanding commentary on the cost of success.'

Adding to the entertaining value of the musical, is a trio of singers who introduce the various themes. The trio, a combination of the Supremes and Hairspray, is comprised of Sara Barreto Worthing, Vanessa Lucero and Carissa Hatchel.

The plant, Audrey II, as you might expect, is a show stealer with its booming demands to "feed me," and loud, rocking musical renditions. Marcus Silva takes on the role. The voice is provided by Michael Strelo-Smith.

It is a fun evening of theater. The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld and directed by Mike Kasin. Musical direction is by Michael Strelo-Smith and choreography Victoria George and Shawnel Buitrago-Herbst.

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Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older and reat

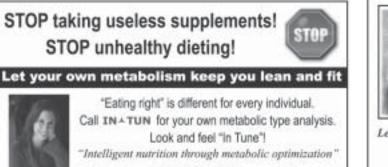
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Livermore Valley Opera's production of 'La Boheme' opened last Saturday.

## 'La Boheme' Captivates Listeners

### by Nancy O'Connell

On Saturday night, October 20th, "La Boheme," as presented by the Livermore Valley Opera, was performed at the new Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The production will be repeated on October 26 and 27 at 8 PM, and on Sunday, October 28th at 2 PM. It looked as though this performance was sold out, so reserve seats soon if you wish to g0.

There was a pre-performance lecture by Philip Manwell. Hearing his talk enriches the experience. He pointed out that the importance of Puccini lay not only in his glorious music, but that this composer was one of the first to write about real people instead of the nobility or characters based on myths or fairy tales. In "La Boheme," four young impoverished Bohemians live on their art in a Parisian garret. The love story between Rodolfo and Mimi transcends their life of bitter poverty with a joyous outpouring of music which has endured for over 100 years.

A young Arturo Toscanini conducted the world premiere in the Teatro Regio in Turin in 1896. and it was first performed in Los Angeles a year later by the visiting Dal Conte Company. After the success of "La Boheme" and the earlier "Manon Lescaut," Puccini composed only for opera the rest of his life.

Sung in Italian with English super titles over the stage, the scene opens with the painter, Marcello, and Rodolfo, the poet, in their garret. It is Christmas Eve. They are bitterly cold. Marcello, as sung by Nicolai Janitzky, baritone, wants to rip apart a chair to give them some fuel for their "lazy, good-for-nothing" stove. Rodolfo feeds the flames with a manuscript of his for a new drama - act by act. When he consigns his precious work to the fire, it is implied that this is his sole copy. (This is long before copy machines and computers existed.) He is sacrificing his masterpiece so that they can live. The two other artists enter. Schaunard, the musician, has procured food and firewood for them. He tells his friends that a wealthy English Lord hired him

to play and sing until a neighbor's parrot drops dead. After making music for three days he persuades a servant girl to give the parrot parsley, which had the same effect on the parrot as hemlock had on Socrates.

After his three friends leave, Rodolfo returns to his writing. Soon Mimi enters. Their first duet is very beautiful. Kimarie Torre's soprano voice and Darron James Flagg's tenor wove a spellbinding portrait of the two young people swept up by the power of love. Flagg's strong voice filled the entire theater. His intonation and his enunciation of the Italian were flawless. Her very familiar aria was filled with hope and longing, and her high soprano notes were glorious.

Throughout the opera the orchestra in the pit sounded professional. Alexander Katsman, the conductor, directed the small, chamber orchestra so that the balance was excellent. The orchestra never overpowered the soloists, even when only one person was singing an aria. Katsman, of course, was also directing the singers on stage, and they followed his beat carefully.

Although the story is set in 1830 and is based on Henri Muger's novel, Scenes de La Vie *de Boheme*, the costumes, as designed for this production by Nancy Peacock, were inspired by the 1930's. Mimi's, understated to emphasize her poverty, contrasted with the flamboyant red sequined gown of Musetta's. The highly imaginative costume for Kenny Louis as Parpignol, the one who sold toys to the children of Paris, demonstrated Nancy Peacock's creative genius.

Rodolfo loves her, yet avoids her because of his extreme jealousy. Marcello explains that he and Musetta are happy together because they don't take love seriously, yet before the end of the act both couples split apart. The farewell scene between Mimi and Rodolfo has some haunting melodies and is very touching. It contrasts with the noisy quarrel between Marcello and Musetta as she accuses him of acting like a jealous husband when they're not even married.

Marcello and confides in him that

In the last act, Marcello and Rodolfo's duet reveals the depth of their loneliness. Their voices are filled with pathos and longing. Rodolfo holds the pink hat that he bought for Mimi when they first fell in love. When Colline and Schaunard bring in a small meal, the four act as though it were a feast. They get up and dance, there is a mock duel, and then all attempts at humor vanish as Musetta breaks in. She has brought Mimi, who is too weak to climb the stairs. Rodolfo helps her to lie down. Phrases from Mimi's aria in Act One are heard in the orchestra as she sings of her happiness to be reunited with her love.

As Musetta removes her earrings, she entreats Marcello to sell them to buy medicine and bring a doctor to treat her dying friend. Everyone leaves, so that the lovers can be alone. She sings again the touching phase from the first scene, "I'm always called Mimi, But I don't know why...

They recall their happiness at first falling in love. Suddenly she is racked by coughing. Musetta returns with a warm muff for Mimi's cold, cold hands, and as Mimi thanks her, she sighs that now she will sleep. When others realize she has died, Rodolfo rushes over to her, heartbroken. Somber chords sound forth as the orchestra plays, now in a minor key, Mimi's phrase which she had sung earlier to Rodolfo - "I only was pretending, not really sleep-

### Next in Ravenswood Poetry Series on Nov. 4

The Ravenswood Poetry Series continues with a reading on Sunday November 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Featured readers are Fady Joudah Zaid Shlah. They will read beginning at 2 p.m. An open mic will take place after the featured readers after a short break (poems to be one page and forty lines or less). Light refreshments will be served.

Joudah is a physician of internal medicine. His poetry and translation have appeared in Poetry, Kenyon Review, Iowa Review, Paraire Schooner, The Nation, The New Yorker, among others and also in several anthologies. His translation of Mahmoud Darwish's most recent poetry is collected in The Butterfly's Burden from Copper Canyon Press. Marilyn Hacker

says of the translation that "In the brilliant bilingual poet, Fady Joudah, Darwish has found a translator capable of rendering English his unflinching, questing, and above all loving poems." Fady Joudah has also served two six-month missions with Doctors Without Borders, in Zambia and Sudan.

Shlah, of Iraqi heritage, was orn in Canada. He now resides in Walnut Creek, CA. He obtained his MA in English from San Francisco State University. His poetry has appeared in literary magazines and journals in both Canada and the U.S. In May of 2005, he was awarded the American Academy of Poets Award. His first book of poetry, Taqsim, is currentlyin its second printing (Frontenac House, 2006). His poetry is forthcoming in the anthologies Voices of the Eastern World: An Anthologyof Poems, edited by Tina Chang, Nathalie Handal, and Ravi Shankar (W.W.Norton and Co. in 2007), and in Inclined to Speak: Contemporary Arab American Poetry, edited by Hayan Charara (2008 by the University of Arkansas Press, 2008). He teaches English literature and composition at Solano Community College and creative writing at New College of California, San Francisco.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Admission is \$5 (free to students with I.D.).

For more information, contact Connie Post connie@poetrypost.com or go to www. Poetrypost.com & go to 'upcoming events" page.

### Livermore Idol Contest Taking Entries

The Livermore Youth Advisory Commission presents the Fourth Annual Livermore Idol Show on Saturday, November 17. The popular take-off on the television hit show will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Cresta Blanca Ballroom at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue.

First round auditions are scheduled for Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Larkspur Room of Robert Livermore Community Center, with call-back auditions in the same location on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. to

grouped into teams, have only 48

hours to create a 4 to 7 minute mystery film, from being handed

the 'secret required elements' to

handing back a finished DVD. The contest is open to all film-

makers and/or creative people of

any age. Pick up contest rules at Towne Center Books or the Pleas-

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ite, and Final Cut Express soft-

ware will be awarded to the Judges' Choice for the best over-

The winning films will be screened at The Big Read Library

Party on November 10, and again

at the official Mysterious Pleas-

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On November 2, 6pm, at

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12:00 noon. There is a \$3 entry fee to attend auditions and a final performance fee of \$5 for students with ID. Admission is \$7 for adults.

All participants must be in the 6th through 12th grade of a Livermore middle school or high school and be prepared to show a current Livermore school identification card. Up to 20 participants will be brought back for the second round of auditions. The top participants selected will perform at the main show on November 17. Participants will sing without background music at the auditions, and must provide their own background music for the main show on a CD. All audition and performance songs must be appropriate. Winners will receive prizes. For more information, please call (925) 373-5728.

The 15-member Livermore Youth Advisory Commission is a joint commission between the City of Livermore and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. It serves as a forum for Livermore youth to voice concerns and to plan recreation and community based youth events.

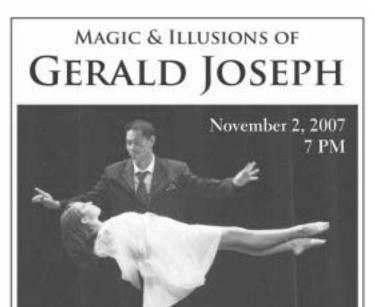
### Film a Mystery in 48 Hours

Mysterious Pleasanton is a 48annouced: a Pleasanton landmark, a prop and a line of diahour film contest, held in connection with The Maltese Falcon Big Read. It is planned for Fri., Nov. 2 logue. These elements must appear in your film in some way. starting at 2 p.m. and ending Sun., All teams will have the same re-Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Competitors, single, or quired elements.

This event is 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.

For more information, call Penny Johnson, Pleasanton Library Programs Librarian, at 925/ 931-3405, or Judy Wheeler at Towne Center Books, 925/846-8826.



The sets designed by Jean-Francois Revon were rich and varied and did much to recreate Paris's famous Latin Quarter. Kudos also to Robert Anderson, Light Designer. When Musetta, as portrayed by Krista Wigle, began to sing her brilliant aria to woo Marcello back, her red gown has as a backdrop a rose-colored lit sky - with the rosy lighting diffused over all.

In the Third Act, opening at the gates of Paris, the snow falling over the stone-grey columns is another moment of effective staging. Mimi appears, seeking ing...." The artists discover that the power of love has transformed them, that they can no longer create. Mimi is the angel who has transformed them.

Alexander's Main Street Gallery, comments, "Downtown art adds

so much to a community. It brings

beauty, culture and visitors

which stimulate our economy.

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in our community who appreci-

by Alexander's Main Street Gal-

lery, Clover Creek, Gary Winter

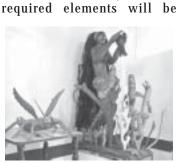
**Collectibles and Pleasanton** 

Downtown Association. For

more information on PDA's Mu-

This fund-raiser is sponsored

ate art.'



Carvings by Jesus Sosa Calvo

### Folk Art Demonstration

Worthington Gallery West will host artist Jesus Sosa Čalvo from Oaxaca Mexico. He will demonstrate the carving and painting of his figures and animals on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at Worthington Gallery West, 739 J Main Street in Pleasanton.

Jesus hails from the region of Mexico world famous for intricate carvings that are uniquely colorful and finely detailed. For more information, call 485-1183, go to the sebsite or www.worthingtongallerywest.com. The gallery is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, except Fridays from Noon to 8 pm and other times by appoint-





LA BOHEME Livermore Valley Opera October 26 & 27 · 8 pm/October 28 · 2 pm \$26, \$36, \$46, \$56

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### ORCHESTRATION! Art Exhibit & Auction November 4 · 2 pm · \$10, Charter Members Free

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PDA Raising Funds for Firehouse Arts Center

The Pleasanton Downtown November. Association (PDA) is coordinating a fundraiser to support the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Mural Project. A decorated Christmas tree will be raffled. Participants will also have a chance to win a floral arrangement, or a Gary Winter downtown miniature. All prizes will be on display in the window at Old Republic Title Company (450 Main Street) beginning in

Raffle tickets. at a cost of \$5 or three for \$10, can be purchased at Alexander's Main Street Gallery (610 Main Street), Clover Creek (670 Main Street) or at the Pleasanton Downtown Saturday Farmer's Market on West Angela through the month of November. The winner will be announced Monday, December

Rosalinda Herrera, owner of

### Porcelain Painter Shows Work at Wente

Livermore resident Eugenia Zobel will host a reception for the opening of her one-person exhibit of Porcelain Painting at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery tasting room on Sunday November 4th from 1 to 3 p.m.

While best known for her china-painting of grapes, Eugenia will also be showing other various works of "Art on Porcelain."

The Wente Estate tasting room is located at 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. It is open daily from 11 to 4:30. For more information contact Eugenia Zobel at 443-7266. There is no admission charge.

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## BITUARIES

### **David Clark Conrad**



David Conrad

David Conrad, co-founder of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation, died Oct. 12, 2007 in Tennessee after a series of strokes. He was 59.

Conrad led the drive to set up the foundation in 1991 when his children were in middle school and high school in Livermore. A funding crisis resulted in the school board deciding to make drastic cuts in sports and music programs and the eliminate counselors at the high schools.

Current school trustee Bill Dunlop and Conrad spearheaded the effort that raised about \$150,000 in that first year to maintain programs. Over its 16 years, the foundation has raised about \$2 million for the Livermore schools.

Conrad kept the foundation going by doing the financial work behind the scenes. That became particularly important when Livermore faced another funding crisis a few years ago. The foundation raised enough money to maintain the 20-student class-size in the elementary schools.

"The really important thing was that he kept the organization going so it was available when the funding crisis hit again. Without having the foundation already in place, I don't know if we could have been successful raising the money," said Kate Runyon, the foundation president during that time.

That year the foundation saved 69 jobs with its "Dollar a Day" campaign that brought in more than \$200,000.

"I didn't have to worry about any of the treasurer and tax details because David took care of all of it. All we had to do is go raise the money," Runyon said.

Long after his children had graduated and moved on, Conrad continued to volunteer as a board member and the treasurer. He served for 15 years. That involved not only the required government filings, but he handsigned notes on all the tax receipts.

Victoria Schellenberger, cur-

Lyle is survived by his wife Dulce, son Greg and wife Carol, daughter Kelly and partner Carolyn, daughter Zel and husband Brian, and grandchildren Astryd, Soren, Makai and Kaelo.

The family is holding a private service as per Lyle's wishes.

### Carol Ann Dahl

Carol Ann Dahl died September 27, 2007 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was a Livermore resident.

Born on Dec. 12, 1943 in Michigan, Carol is survived by her husband, Jack; sister Bobbie; daughters Starla, Lisa, Shelly, Stacey and ten 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 Ali a n c e www.lungcanceralliance.org.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Gregory A. Rochin, Jr.

Gregory Rochin, a native of Livermore, died Monday, October 15, 2007 after a long illness. He was 77.

Greg was a graduate of Livermore High School. He served with honors in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening and all sports. He was named best all around athlete in high school. Greg enjoyed refinishing and restoring antiques. He had a soft heart for children in need and adopted many children over the years through the "Save the Children" organization.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Kathy Rochin, sons: Michael Rochin, of Dunlap, and Craig Rochin of Livermore; and daughters, Vera Terbeek of Pleasanton and Monica Bily of Vacaville. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Michael Jr., Benjamin, Vanessa, Natalie, Ehren, Krista, Ashley, Kassandra, and Candice, Kayla and Chase and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 20th in Livermore, with Burial immediately following at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Donations may be made in his

### **Ray Steven Wells**

Ray Steven Wells died September 24, 2007 in Walnut Creek of cardiac arrest. He was 52.

The Livermore native was born Sept. 1, 1955 to Paul and Zelda "Sissy" Wells. He gradu-ated from Livermore High School. He worked as a maintenance engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 24 years.

He is survived by his sister, Paulette Isernhagen of Riverbank, sister-in-law, Debbie Wells of Oakdale, his uncle Cecil Wells of Livermore, a niece, seven nephews, one great nephew and two great nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rick Wells.

At his request, no formal funeral services were held. Inurnment was at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### **Elias Pinheiro Rosa**

Elias Pinheiro Rosa died October 18, 2007 in Livermore after a long battle with cancer. His family was at his side. Elias was 68 years young.

He worked in the produce department at Lucky Stores for 32 years. He enjoyed ocean fishing and was a good soccer player in Portugal. Elias enjoyed watching all sports.

He is survived by his wife, Divina Rosa, children Joe Rosa and Lisa Henson, sisters, Leontine Silveira and Maria Vargas; brother Carlos Pinheiro; eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Jose and Francisco Pinheiro and Tomas Rosa

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Oct. 22 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore. Entombment followed at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### **Rosemary Cecilia Mecozzi**

Rosemary Cecilia Mecozzi's journey came to an end on October 14, 2007. She was 84.

Her husband Frank Mecozzi declared, "As it must come to all, it came to a gallant lady.

She was born in the mining town of Lead, South Dakota on May 13, 1923 to Jesse James Lathrop and Catherine Ann Caretto Lathrop. As a child of the Depression with an unwavering Catholic faith, she would forever be compassionate to all. Catering to the needs of others and deferring personal wants was the very core of her existence.

After her family relocated to

requests donations be made to Hope Hospice.

### Laurel Alice Williams

May 18, 1946 and moved the

family west in 1964. Rosemary

raised her three sons, James, Paul

and Jeffrey, while developing a

career with the school district in

Pleasanton. With her son's

Grandma Kate keeping close

watch on the boys, she accepted

a clerical job with the school dis-

trict in 1967 at the Camp Parks

School site. She also served sev-

eral years at Walnut Grove El-

ementary School as the secretary

and ultimately retired in 1989 as

the district office personnel sec-

retary. Often dubbed, "the First

Lady of Personnel," Rosemary

continued her compassionate

ways as a caregiver by assisting

countless district employees in

maintaining certification status

and maximizing their benefit

joy her grandchildren, Vincent,

Joseph, Daniel and Cara (James

and Donna Mecozzi of Liver-

more), Frank and Carlo (Paul and

Carolyn Mecozzi of Soquel), and

Kate (Jeffrey and Carlye Mecozzi

of Livermore), and volunteer at

St. Augustine Catholic Church,

the Pleasanton Museum, and the

October 20 at Št. Elizabeth Se-

donations be directed to Hope

Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd.,

Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

ton Church in Pleasanton.

A celebratory mass was held

The family has requested that

Arrangements by Graham-

Jerrold Radtke passed away

Jerry was born January 10,

1944 in Chicago, IL. He attended

St. Joacum Elementary School

and Mendel Boys Catholic

School in Chicago. He served in

the U.S. Navy from 1962-1966.

He retired from the Alameda Na-

val Air Station in 1995 after 29

years of civilian service. He lived

in Livermore from 1969 to 1996

with his wife, Bernadette Radtke

and daughters. He had a quick

wit and loved to travel. He was

known to his family as "Mr. Ha-

He is survived by his mother,

Valerie Radtke, wife Billie

Clough-Radtke, brother Mark

Parrot, Daughter Amy Radtke-

Bagby, son-in-law Steve Bagby,

daughter and son-in-law Kelly

and Jeff Peters, stepchildren,

Renee and Steve Travis, Ann

Clough and Ron Clough. Grand-

children include Kassidy and

Sheridan Peters, and Matt and

Friends and family are invited

to attend a memorial at the home

Marissa Travis.

October 14, 2007 at John Muir

Mt. Diablo in Concord. He was

Pleasanton Library.

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Jerrold Radtke

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Retirement allowed her to en-

profile.

Laurel Alice Williams died unexpectedly on October 20, 2007. She was 19.

She was the daughter of Ken Williams and Kathy (Pace) Williams. Laurel, who graduated from Foothill High School in 2006, enjoyed her life growing up in Pleasanton. She was a people person. Her contagious smile and exuberance for life will be greatly missed. Laurel was finishing her last year at Las Positas College and was planning to transfer to San Diego State to finish her education.

Laurel loved life and spending time with family and many friends. She was a parishioner at St. Elizabeth Seton Church and also belonged to Jobs Daughters. She worked as a teller at Wells Fargo Bank in Dublin.

She is survived by her parents, Kathy (Pace) Williams of Pleasanton and Ken Williams of San Ramon, grandfather Robert Pace of Pleasanton, aunts and uncles, Robert Pace II and wife Sally of Pleasanton, Clyde and Fran Ortiz of San Leandro, Lee and Elaine Williams of Kennewick, WA, Jim and Pam Williams of Danville, IL and Karen Bergendahl. She also leaves behind a sister, Quinn Williams of San Ramon, brothers Adam Brisentine, Paul Brisentine and Evan Brisentine, all of San Ramon, and many loving cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Alice

Pace and Boyd Williams. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 25 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. She will be laid to rest at St. Augustine Cemetery, 5750 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any remembrances in her name be made to the Greater Bay Area Make-a-Wish Foundation to help spread Laurel's love and joy to others. The family would like to extend their appreciation for the love, support and prayers offered by many.

### **Sharon Bernard-Fraser**

Sharon Bernard-Fraser died October 6, 2007. She was 65.

Sharon was born Oct. 18, 1941 in Oklahoma City, OK and moved to California as a teenager. She lived in Pleasanton for most of her life where she worked as a cellular site acquisition manager with Bechtel Corp. She loved dancing, golf, gourmet cooking, oil painting, and fashion-state-ment attire. Sharon will be remembered for her radiant smile, beautiful costuming, and happy spirit.

She was the mother of William Bernard, Jr. of Discovery Bay and the late Ernest Bernard of Pleasanton, sister of Harold D. James of Hayward and grandmother of Brittany Bernard of **Discovery Bay.** 

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 1 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 27 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

Donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

# Rotary Foundation to Host 'Autumn Gala' Fundraiser

The annual Rotary Foundation of Livermore charity dinner and auction, "Autumn Gala," will be held Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. This event is presented by Valleycare Health System. All proceeds will go to Foundation charitable projects in the coming year, such as the purchase of the Mobile Health Unit, which supports health screening for local children and senior citizens. Tickets are \$85 each.

The black-tie-optional event is open to the public. The gala features a cocktail hour with hor d'oeuvres, followed by an elegant three-course dinner with wine. The evening also features a silent auction and drawings.

A live auction will feature such items as the use of a weeksix at the home of the purchaser, golf packages, a week's stay in a Gas Lamp District time-share in San Diego, a Gourmet Murder Mystery Dinner for 8, and a week's stay for 2 in Cancun to name but a few.

The evening concludes with dancing to live classic rock music from "Ace High." A limited number of major sponsorships are still available. For tickets, sponsorships or more information, contact Tom Bramell at (925) 243-2003 or email at tbramell@wecare.net.

### Correction

Correction, the Livermore Auto Group's ad of Oct 18 had the incorrect price for all 2007 Jeep Commanders. The ad should have read \$8,000 off MSRP: \$4,500 Factory Rebate and a \$3,500 Factory Rebate equals a \$8,000.00 Net Savings From MSRP.

rent foundation president, said, "For someone like me to jump into an organization that already is well established is easy-to start an organization like this takes energy, dedication, commitment and attention to detail. It's (the foundation) a gift he's given to the community forever."

Conrad stayed active with the foundation from a distance after he moved east. He helped with the mini-grant process as well as answering treasurer questions.

A memorial service will be held in Livermore Thursday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church 557 Olivina Avenue where Conrad and his family attended during the three decades they lived in Livermore.

Conrad retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as deputy associate director of electronics engineering and was a former test director at the Nevada test site.

He is survived by wife Janet Strong Conrad of Columbia, Tenn.; daughter Sally J. Conrad of Broomfield, Colo.; son Timothy P. Conrad of Livermore; mother Jeralean S. Conrad of Tallulah, Louisiana. and brothers Teddy Joe Conrad of Broken Arrow, **O**kla. and Neal Conrad of Albany, Ore. He was preceded in death by his father, David Curclin Conrad, and grandson Parker Neville Conrad.

The family prefers donations in his memory to Veterans of Foreign Wars-Department of Tennessee P.O. Box 41042 Memphis, TN 38174-1042.

To donate to the education foundation, go to www.lvef.org and click on the link.

### Lyle V. Helstrom

Lyle V. Helstrom died unexpectedly on October 3, 2007 at his home in Manteca.

He was born in Hibbing, MN and moved with his family to Vallejo during WWII. He served in the army in 1946 as a glider/ parachutist. Lyle was employed for 24 years as a Purchasing Agent at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He was an Exalted Ruler and charter member of the Elks Lodge #2117 in Livermore.

name to the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, CA.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Harvey, IL, she met her future husband, Frank. Their budding courtship was interrupted by World War II. They married on

of Billie Clough-Radtke to be held at a later date. Please contact the family for directions. A private family burial is to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family

end cabin in Lake Tahoe including use of a new BMW Z3 Roadster for the trip, Dynamite Champagne Brunch for six, wine pairing with five- course dinner for

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE **OF FICTITIOUS** BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 391746-391747

The following person (s) have 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 Februarv 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:ioint 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 NAME STATEMENT 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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 20. 2007. Éxpires September 20,

The Independent Legal No. 2233. Publish October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401669

The following person (s) do ing business as, The House Whisperer, 566 Escondido Circle, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Glenn Stewart, 566 Escondido Circle, 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 October. 1. 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Glenn Stewart This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

County on October 1, 2007. Expires October 1, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2234. Publish October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 400936 The following person (s) doing business as, Cal Reporting, 5622 Paseo Navarro, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Stacy Leigh Lozano, 5622 Paseo Navarro, Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted y:an individual Registrant has not yet begun transact business under the fictitious business name or ames listed. Signature of Registrant: s/:Stacy L. Lozano This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 12 2007. Éxpires September 12, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2235. Publish October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2007.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO

ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

STEPHEN P. JEDYNAK

Case No. RP07348864

To all heirs, beneficiaries,

creditors, contingent creditors,

and persons who may other-

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE

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JEDYNAK in the Superior

Court of California, County of

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE

requests that ANDREY

JEDYNAK be appointed as

personal representative to ad-

minister the estate of the

decendent. THE PETITION requests au-

thority to administer the estate

under the Independent Admin-

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#### 157)SPORTS NOTES

BASEBALL: Livermore Lightning U-11 boys travel team will be holding tryouts as follows. November 3rd from 3 to 5 p.m. and November 10th( time pending). For more mation, contact Todd Ruley @ 606-4363

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NOTICE OF PETITIONTO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICIA J. FERREIRA Case No. VP07349110

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: PATRICIA JANE FERREIRA, PATRICIA J. FERREIRA A PETITION FOR PROBATE

has been filed by: JOHN R. FERREIRA In the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN R. FERREIRA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the de-

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# **Historic Mosaic Faces Uncertain Future**

**By Patricia Koning** A large mosaic depicting historical Livermore that has graced the entrance of East Avenue Middle School for nearly 50 years will be removed as part of an up-coming renovation. The mosaic might have been heading for the trash heap. However, East Avenue Principal Vicki Scudder is deter-mined not to let that happen.

"This mosaic is worthy of real attention. You can see its historical relevance," she says. "I'd love to know more about its history."

The mosaic covers most of the wall opposite the multipurpose room before the hallway into the school. A plaque to the right of the mosaic states that it was created in 1958 by 820 students.

The mosaic includes a windmill with cows, biplane, grapes and barrels, atoms, the sun rising over the hills, U.S. and California flags, the old train depot, a church, the rodeo grounds with a cowboy on a bucking bronco, a farmer on a wagon filled with hay bales, and other images.

Mike Morgan, owner of the Morgan Insurance Agency, and Linette Smith, who works for him, were sixth graders at East Avenue in 1958 and helped create the mosaic.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen East Avenue Middle School student body president Ashley Holtz talks about one of the drawings

"First they asked us to draw pictures of Livermore or something that reminded us of California. There was a school-wide contest. The winning pictures

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were used in the mosaic," recalls Smith. Smith's older sister, Henrietta

Haynes, was one of the winners of drawing contest. She drew the poppy and part of the quail.

**Everyone** in the entire school helped, even the youngest students. We were given time during the school day," says Morgan. "The mosaic is the result of thousands of hours of work by the teachers and students."

In 1958, East Avenue had been open for two years and served students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

Both Morgan and Smith remember how exciting it was when the mosaic was finished. It was something that every student at

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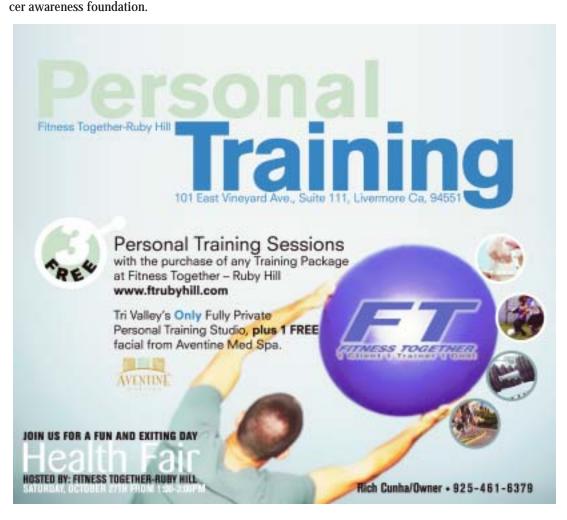


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Smith. "Some of the guys I knew, they wouldn't be caught dead doing an art project. They were just thrilled," says Morgan. Scudder is seeking former East

the school was proud of, says

Avenue students who worked on the mosaic in 1958. She's planning to have the mosaic, which is mounted on plywood, removed during the renovation and hopes to have it placed in a suitable location.

Morgan says he'd like to see the mosaic placed on the exte-rior of a building downtown, in the library, or in the Robert Livermore Community Center.

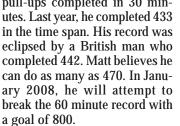
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"They were all excellent swimmers. They had done their homework in the reading assignments they were given. They were well prepared for class," said Grant. Creating a new program was quite a challenge "There was lots of pressure, because we had to open a full-service program immediately," said Grant.

The two women spent long afternoons and evenings instructing youths. Grant didn't mind the time, because it got her back to the role of instructor, something she left at LARPD for her administrative duties. Grant also enjoyed the cultural diversity in the classes. The people they instructed were from Australia, Canada, Russia, Brazil, and the United Sates.

The visit to Moscow was not all work. Grant and Mironov had time in the mornings to tour the traditional sights of the city, such as Red Square, the Kremlin and the Cathedral of Christ Our Savior. One of the big attractions for Grant was the Moscow subway.

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It was a busy travel summer for Grant. She also went to Brazil, to see her son Andy compete in the Pan American games. Andy was captain of the Stanford swimming team before he graduated last year. He plans to be in Omaha next June to try to qualify for the 2008 U.S. Olympic team.

He posted several qualifyinglevel times by virtue of his performance in U.S. team events at the Pan American games. Andy swam in water sports at Livermore High School, as did his brother and sister. His brother, David, has gone on to play water polo for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

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