





Taylor Sirset

Pleasanton Resident Competes at Junior Figure Skating Championship

By Victoria Kamerzell

Taylor Sirset is not your ordinary eleven year-old. The young Pleasanton resident is already a figure skating phenomenon. On November 26th she will represent the Central Pacific Team at the Junior Nationals. As one of fortysix skaters competing at this level, Taylor Sirset has the opportunity to become the highest rated junior skater in the coun-

Taylor Sirset has been skating since the age of five. She practices figure skating four hours a day, six days a week in San Jose. Despite her packed schedule,

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Amador Band Marches in

Competitions
The 2007 Amador Valley High School Marching Band and Colorguard is preparing for two back-to-back weekend competitions in southern California. The first is the Bands of America (BOA) Regional Championships, taking place on November 10 in Monterey Park at East LA College. The Marching Dons will compete in a Class AAA field during the Preliminary Competition. Ten of the 19 bands participating in all classes, who are from California and Texas, will be chosen to participate in an evening Finals Competition, all competing in a single class. In 2006, the Amador Marching Band and Colorguard placed 7 overall in the finals of BOA.

Just five days after they return from the BOA event, the Dons will return to Monterey Park for the Grand Championships of the Western Band Association

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Workshop **Addresses Easements**

Farm and ranch families and their advisors are invited to attend the second in a series of informational seminars about land conservation easements. These seminars are designed to help local families understand land protection opportunities and how to plan for them.

The seminar will be held on

Nov. 16 starting at 6 p.m.
Alameda County Partnership
for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS) in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation District (NCRS) and Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) presents "Making Easements Happen, A Conversation with the

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UGB Helped to Revitalize the Downtown

A variety of factors have come no one magic piece." together to create the revitalization of downtown Livermore.

According to Marc Roberts, Livermore Director of Community Development, one of the most important was establishing an ur-ban growth boundary (UGB) around the city. Roberts said during an interview, "The UGB has focused development interest in the downtown area. The most dramatic impact has been the increase in housing. In addition to the UGB, the new general plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, incentives and the streetscape have all played critical roles. There is

Roberts said he made those observations while speaking to members of the California State Conference of American Planning Association during a visit to Livermore in October. The planners were in Livermore specifically to see and hear about the downtown.

Roberts pointed out that housing is considered part of the recipe for revitalization. People who live within walking distance tend to spend a disproportionate amount of their income in the downtown.

There has been a slowdown

in building. As the market stabilizes, Roberts expects to see more building activity in the downtown. In the meantime, developers are acquiring property and proceeding with pre-planning. Smaller housing and mixed use developments are replacing gas stations and used car lots.

Developers undertake redevelopment as opposed to greenfield development when there are no alternatives. "Generally land is more expensive in redevelopment situations. It is more complicated to fit a new building into an existing urban fabric. A UGB focuses a much

larger proportion of development into the downtown," said Rob-

"Over time, small scale developments will make a real difference in the downtown," said Roberts. "They are looking

Larger development is still outside the downtown. The largest is 350 units near the ACE station on Vasco Road.

While there have been some who wondered why restaurants appear to be the most prominent type of business, Roberts was not surprised. He commented, "Our downtown is revitalizing in a very traditional way. Generally restaurants are the first businesses. The reason is they react the most quickly to the increase in pedestrian activity. The next step will be small boutiques and small scale service providers.

"You don't get large and medium box businesses, although that is starting to change. Some of the medium box retailers are finding they can make money in a suburban setting. However, that trend is recent and rare," according to Roberts.

The lack of national brand stores isn't bad. "Livermore is (See DOWNTOWN, page 4)



Produce offered at the Livermore Farmers' Market makes a colorful display. The market is now open Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking garage on Railroad Avenue.

Pleasanton Asked to Give up Bottled Water

Theme of the annual Pleasanton Mayor's Awards Dinner was "Celebrating Our Open Space."

The annual event includes a clared. program and the announcement of the winner of the Mayor's Award. This year, the award went to Friends of Kottinger Creek for their work in convincing the city to restore the creek to a more natural state.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman took the opportunity to ask those in attendance to make a statement regarding the environment by

giving up bottled water. "I want to make Pleasanton the greenest city in the country," she de-

Hosterman commented that global warming is changing the climate. The predicted results from doing nothing to stop it are scary, she stated. "We do need to pull together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A lot of us have this habit (drinking bottled water)," according to Hoster-

She then noted that a great

deal of money is spent by cities to provide drinking water. Instead of drinking that water, people spend millions more on the purchase of bottled water. Hosterman noted that according to the Conference of U.S. Mayors, more than one-fourth of bottled water comes from the tap. It travels many miles from its source. The plastic water bottles go to landfills. About 1.5 million gallons of petroleum are used each year to make the bottles.

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Referendum of Oak Grove Plan To Move Forward

Backers of the Save Pleasanton Hills initiative announced plans to move forward with a referendum of the Oak Grove development plan.

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday approved a second reading of both the development plan and a development agreement for Oak Grove. The plan includes 51 custom homes and 496 acres of permanent open

The vote was 4 to 1 with Cindy McGovern opposed. She did not like the size of the proposed homes. McGovern was also concerned about fire safety, as well as the potential for non-native species to contaminate the natural areas. "I think we have prob-

lems that have not been addressed in the PUD," she declared.

The council added a "poison pill" provision in each of the ordinances providing that if one were overturned by a referendum, the other would be nullified as well. The vote on this was 4 to 1 with Cheryl Cook-Kallio voting "no." She said that if the development were referended, she wanted to be able to preserve the development agreement.

With the development agreement left in place, the city would still receive the 496 acres of permanent open space as part of any future development proposal. The developer would have an entitlement, even if the referen-

(See REFERENDUM, page 4)

ELECTION RESULTS (100% counted) Livermore Mayor MARSHALL KAMENA8,458 Livermore City Council (2 elected) LORRAINE DIETRICH 4,601

McNerney Bill Would Aid Ranchers, Small Businesses on Inheritance Tax

Pleasanton) has introduced a Congressional bill known as the Family Farm, Small Business, and Home Tax Relief Act. It would create a higher estate tax exemption for family farms and small businesses.

Currently, the exemption in the inheritance tax, which is available to everyone, is \$2 million. McNerney's bill would

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D- boost that to \$3.5 million as soon as the bill would become law. The current law is due to increase the exemption to \$3.5 million in

McNerney's bill would also index the \$3.5 million, so it rises with the cost of living, thereby preventing exempt inheritors from losing part of their exemption because of inflation. The

(See INHERITANCE, page 4)

Group Rates Houston As 'Perfect' On Farm Legislation

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R - San Ramon) has a perfect tally on nine rated issues by the California Farm Bureau Federation's Family Farms Scorecard.

A press release from Houston, whose 15th Assembly District includes Livermore, quoted Doug Mosebar, president of the Farm Bureau, as saying that the scorecard is based on "policy objectives that uphold California's agricultural heritage." Further, the objectives were tied to legislation that "would impact California family farmers and ranchers ability to provide a safe and abun-

dant food supply."
A key piece of legislation mentioned by the Farm Bureau was AB 1074. The bill was written by Houston, and passed the Assembly in June by a vote of 77-0. It was sent to the Senate, and assigned to a committee. The measure won't be taken up until the next regular session, which will begin in January.

Several environmental groups are watching the measure closely. The bill intends to create a framework for cutting red tape in the review of grant applications for agricultural landowners' habi-

tat restoration projects. Typically,

the projects include such things as cleaning up a stream or pro-tecting a pond that's an environment for an endangered species.

These kinds of restoration projects have nothing to do with providing habitat mitigation for development. The federal money comes from the Environ-mental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

East Bay and California agriculture have been failing to gain the state's fair share of EQIP dollars, according to Terry Huff. He is district conservationist in the Livermore office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which educates agriculturalists about the program, and handles their applications.

Figures were not available for Alameda County, but for Contra Costa, the numbers are dramatic. Contra Costa received eligibility for \$411,791 in EQIP funding in 2005, but could spend only \$24,896, or 6 percent of the total, because of the red tape slowing down the applications, said Houston's office. Instead, the money went to applicants in other states.

The federal government sup-(See LEGISLATION, page 4)



Brownies were among those marching in the annual Pleasanton Veteran's Day Parade last Sunday.

Comments Sought On Plan To Cut Carbon Levels, Traffic

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) wants to gain public feedback about its plans for helping the Bay Area meet clean air and anti-congestion goals set for 2035.

MTC has set a facilitated workshop for Nov. 14 at Centre

Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord. It will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be the only Eastbay forum scheduled in a series of three meetings to be held on the topic. The others will be in San Jose and San Rafael.

At the heart of the workshop

are MTC's ambitious, far-reaching goals set for achievement in 2035. For example, the plan envisions a cut in carbon dioxide levels to a level that's 40 percent below the 1990 levels. That's far more dramatic than

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PET OF THE WEEK

Daisy's family moved to a new house and left her behind. She is nine years old and a total sweetheart. She talks to everyone, and is always looking for a good head rub! She has never lived with dogs but would probably be okay with them. She would also be good with children, and would prefer to be an indoor

kitty. To learn more about Daisy, call Valley Humane Society at 925.426.8656. VHS cats and kittens can be seen Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. Dogs are kept in foster homes and can be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

Granada High Dance Team to Go Hungry for a Cause

The Granada High School dance team plans to take part in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

Theme for the 30 hour focus is "Be Hungry." The goal is to draw attention to the hunger

around the world. On Nov. 16 and 17, the dance team will join the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who will set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. They will go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face everyday. Prior to the event weekend, students raise funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for a child for a month.

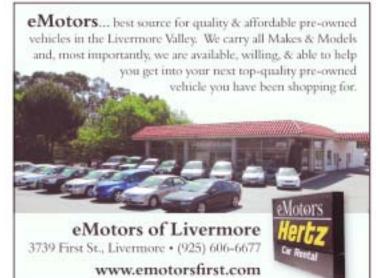
As part of the Famine, The Dance Team will also be doing a hands-on service project with Tri-Valley Basket Brigade to help put Thanksgiving baskets to-gether for families in need in the area. Anyone who would like to donate to the Basket Brigade, can do so at www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.

"The 30 Hour Famine has a lasting impact, not just on the children and families receiving life-changing food and care, but also on participants who view their own potential to affect change very differently afterward," said Debbie Diederich, national director of the World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe. 30 Hour Famine funds contribute to World Vision's response in areas where famine,

conflict, and other crises make children vulnerable to hunger and preventable disease. Since 1992, 30 Hour Famine has raised more than \$100 million, repre-

senting countless saved lives. Visit www.30hourfamine.org or call 800-7-FAMINE for more information.





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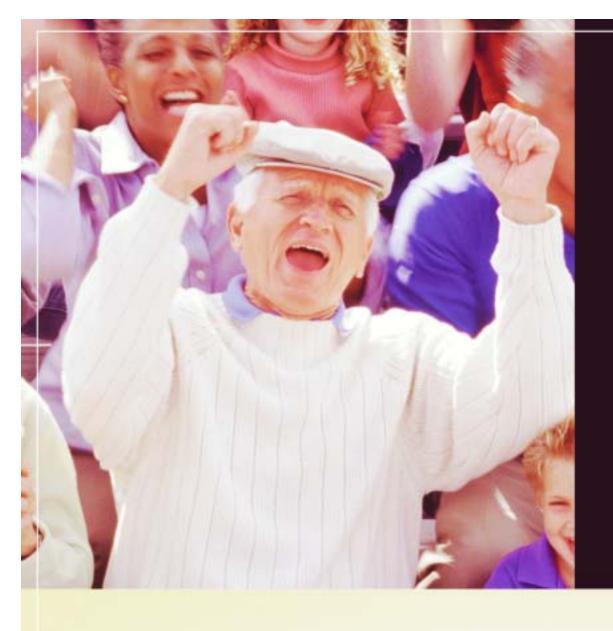
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Fewer New Homes

Home production in California continued to decline in September as homebuilders sold off existing inventory and looked for signs of a balancing market, the California Building Industry Association reported last week.

Total housing starts in California, as measured by building permits issued, dropped to 6,447, 46 percent lower than September a year ago, according to housing permit data supplied by the Construction Industry Research Board. Production of single-family homes fell 50 percent, while construction of multifamily units decreased 40 percent when compared to September of 2006.

During the first nine months of the year, production began on 91,394 homes and apartments, down 31 percent from the same period last year. Single-family housing permits for the year are down 36 percent, while multifamily starts are down 20 percent.

Campaign News

The Alameda County Democratic Party will present a free workshop for people interested in running for public office Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Peralta Community College Board Room, 333-8th St., Oakland,

Workshop panels will address personal and family impacts, campaign structure and components, fundraising, legal issues, and what to do first. Panelists include current and former elected officials, successful campaign consultants, fund raisers and Democratic Party officials. The sessions will allow ample time for questions, answers, and audience dialogue.

This workshop is open to the public. Anyone considering a run for office, or just curious about what it takes, is welcome to attend.

Kamena endorsed: Contra Costa political icon Jean Meredith pledged her support to Re-

publican businessman Scott Kamena's campaign for State Assembly. A veteran of uphill political challenges, Meredith is widely known for her successes in managing the campaigns of 15th District Assemblymembers Bill Baker, Lynne Leach and Gib Marguth. Meredith also managed Bill Baker's successful re-election to the U.S.

Kamena was born and raised in Livermore, the largest city in the 15th Assembly District. Scott and his wife Jennifer currently reside in Livermore where they are focused on raising their young daughter Audrey.

Roa Endorsed: Thirteen-year San Joaquin Delta Community College District Trustee and Central Valley Republican Ted Simas added his endorsement to Republican businessman Robert Rao in the open 15th Assembly District.

Robert Rao described himself as a a fiscally conservative business owner who, over the past thirty years, has founded and owned three highly successful Bay Area automotive dealerships.

Robert is a member of the Livermore, Pleasanton and Brentwood Chambers of Commerce, as well as a member of the Pacific Research Foundation, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the Churchill Club, the Contra Costa Cattleman's Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Robert currently lives on Rao Ranch in Livermore with his wife Linda and his two children, Tori and Cole, who are students at Valley Christian in Dublin.

LARPD Board

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 14 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For information, call 373-5700. The meeting agenda will be available at www.larpd.dst.ca.us starting Sat., Nov. 10.

First Minimally Invasive Hip Replacement Surgery Performed at ValleyCare

ValleyCare Health System orthopedic surgeon Aaron Salyapongse recently performed the first surgery in Northern California using a minimally invasive technique for total hip replacement that does not require dislocation of the hip to insert the prosthesis.

Úntil now, all hip replacement surgery, whether minimally invasive or the traditional open method, required the dislocation of the hip in order to implant the artificial hip. Since a hip replacement increases the chance of a dislocation, Salyapongse, thinks this latest technique is a boon for patients. "With less anatomy disrupted during surgery, the joint is more stable and the potential for future dislocation is significantly reduced," he said.

The use of minimally invasive surgery also enhances outcomes. The traditional open method 12" long, depending on the size of the person, which often results in longer healing time. The use of less invasive surgical techniques, during which not a single muscle is cut, offers patients a smaller incision, less pain and shorter recovery times.

Dr. Salyapongse (pronounced Saiyapong), completed a total joint replacement fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. In doing so, he studied under Dr. Stephen Murphy, the surgeon who developed this latest technique. "He is a brilliant surgeon and I am confident the Superior Capsulotomy Technique could soon be the standard practice," Salyapongse said. ValleyCare is an incredible facility, and to be able to offer the

community such revolution surgery is something in which we can all be proud.

Dr. Salyapongse is in the Webster Orthopaedic Medical Group. The group recently opened a new office on the ValleyCare Medical Center campus in Pleasanton, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 400. They also have an office at the ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore.

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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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Forum to Address Questions about Theater

There will be an opportunity to have questions answered about a proposed regional theater in downtown Livermore.

The question and answer session will be held Thurs., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.

Representatives of the City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will discuss the project and respond to questions.

This is the second public forum presented on the regional theater.

The regional theater is designated as the second phase of LVPAC's commitment to bringing world-class arts and entertainment to the Tri-Valley. The regional theater is currently scheduled to open in 2010. This second, larger theater will offer residents and visitors Broadway, classical and popular attractions along with headline entertainers now only seen in San Francisco. The theater will also present family and educational programming and provide a large venue for conferences, meetings, community events and topical speak-

At present the theater is projected to cost \$73 million. It is a collaborative partnership be-tween LVPAC and the City of Livermore. LVPAC will be responsible for funding the annual operating cost of the new theater.

When completed, it is estimated that both theaters will generate over \$20 million in economic impact each year.

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EDITORIALS

Old Home Needs Help

One of Livermore's historic old homes may become a victim of downtown redevelopment.

The home, located at 292 North L, at the corner of L and Chestnut, was built in 1926. It was designed in an original style. The Dutro family of barbershop fame lived there. It is on the city's list of buildings deemed to have local historic worth. However, it's to be demolished to clear the way for nine units of new housing.

A group of residents went to the City Council a couple weeks ago, requesting relocation of the old residence to another site where it could be preserved. They urged the council to work with the developer.

Deborah Fields further asked the council to adopt protections to prevent this kind of issue from recurring in the future. Another citizen, John Stein, suggested setting aside a portion of downtown redevelopment funds to help save historic structures.

We applaud the residents for raising the issue. We can't help but observe that an old town theme is helping drive downtown Livermore's exciting resurgence. What a sad irony it would be if the renewal sweeps away many of the residences that make such a theme pos-

Help! This issue needs the City Council's involve-

Water Workshop Scheduled

Local residents and land managers interested in learning how they can help protect their local water supply are invited to attend a free workshop on November 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 workshop, which 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

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Livermore City Council Chambers, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. It will feature speakers on grazing, erosion management and conservation easements. Interested parties are invited to attend and may also call (510) 668-6533 for more

Workshop attendees will learn about fools for protecting local waterways, which benefit the environment, provide for recreation, and confribute 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.

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plies 50 percent of the cost of the habitat project, with the landowner covering the other onehalf. However, it's possible on some projects to obtain additional money from the federal Fish and Wildlife agency, bringing the government participation to as much as 90 percent, said

Environmentalists have had reservations about AB 1074. However, Houston's chief of staff, Aaron Bone, said that the assemblyman has been working with them and the other stakeholders to ensure a fair framework for approving projects.

The most visible protest came from Vote the Coast, an environmental group based in Malibu. The group serves as a watchdog on legislation affecting coastal protection. It ran a statewide letter campaign against the bill when it was before the Assembly appropriations committee, which is chaired by San Francisco Assemblyman Mark Leno, a Democrat.

Vote the Coast aimed the campaign at Leno. He wound up voting for the bill. Vote the Coast's web page contends that AB 1074 is an attempt at "permit streamlining" to avoid environmental and public review. The group says that by putting the separate jurisdictions of such agencies as Fish & Game and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and a dozen other agencies into one "consolidated conservation permit," the process loses safeguards for the environ-

Further, the bill is "unfunded, which will mean important staff will be diverted from the regulatory agencies to work on these permits which will mean that other important work will suffer,'

said the web page.
Bone said that the bill's details are still being worked out. However, streamlining doesn't mean all of the regulatory agencies won't be a part of it. Many of the regulatory agencies may be incorporated into setting the framework for creating the per-

Funding for the process "hasn't been determined yet. That's a point of negotiations," said Bone.

As to Vote the Coast's concerns, Houston amended the bill before it cleared the Assembly so that the coastal areas are left out of the new permitting process, said Bone.

Paul Mason, a legislative rep-

resentative for the Sierra Club, said the club agrees with the overall concept of streamlining the process to enable more EQIP funding. However, the club shares some of Vote the Coasts's concerns about potential weakening of the regulation process. The Sierra Club has lobbying letters ready to go, if necessary, but so far has preferred to work with Houston's office to come up with

a bill that everyone can live with. Houston's bill won overwhelming passage in the Assembly not because it had overwhelming support on specifics, since they haven't been discussed yet, said Mason. It passed in order to send it on to the Senate, where a policy committee could look at it closely, and try to create the specifics that would find agreement. Such diverse parties as the California Farm Bureau and the Sierra Club agreed with Houston's office that a Senate committee would be a good forum to work on it, he said.

Sierra Club and other environmental groups have the power to kill the bill in the Senate, if they don't like what evolves there. said Mason. "We are willing to let discussions go forward, and see ways to address the issues that don't limit any agency's existing authority. The bill won't move, unless the significant con-

cerns are addressed," said Mason. One concern is that much staff time of existing agencies may be consumed just creating the framework. Ironically, it could take away the ability of agencies to review EQIP applications, he said. To date, much of the delay in EQIP applications has occurred "because there is not enough staff to act promptly."

Asked whether agencies might expand staff, Mason said that with the lean revenue this year for the state budget, he has no hopes of that happening.

The key activity now is for all interested parties to "figure out how to make it easier to do a restoration project," said Mason. It really boils down to the need to have enough staff to complete whatever is needed, he said.

Mason said that since the changes are in the conceptual stage, it's not clear to him whether there would be an improvement. It's also unclear whether there would be any detriment to public input in a new framework. "It's hard to speculate. You can raise these concerns on a list of things to be addressed. It's hard to be specific when (so far) the proposal is so general," he said.

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DOWNTOWN

(continued from page one) looking for unique businesses, not a predominance of chain retailers," continued Roberts, adding, "Having some chains, such as Starbucks, is very important. They bring a tremendous amount of retail knowledge, as well as people to an area. An area needs a critical mass of activity to take-

off."
The movie theater and Bankhead Theater bring in different types of traffic. Movies are classic generators of pedestrian traffic, including weekends, early afternoon and in the evening. Performing arts facilities have peaks that are more dramatic. They attract larger audiences at fewer times. There tends to be activity before and after performances, Roberts stated. "Small boutiques can do well with walkby traffic. People may not stop in immediately, but they will become aware the business is there." Roberts doesn't see the Prime Outlets on El Charro as competing with downtown. Rather it will be a complementary use. "The shopping experiences are different. When outlets are very successful, they are a regional draw. Very few people stop by an outlet mall to make a quick purchase. It's more shopping as an event. Almost none of them would locate in a downtown. People who walk into The Gap know what they are going to get. In the downtown, shoppers don't know what the next specialty shop will have in it.' Negotiations are underway

for a hotel in downtown Livermore. The city council approved an exclusive negotiating rights agreement with Pinn Brothers Construction at its last council

meeting. The vote was unanimous. The hotel would be built on 1.7 acres of land owned by the city at Railroad Avenue and Livermore Avenue. The Downtown Specific Plan calls for a boutique style hotel on the site.

Pinn Brothers has developed two similar hotels, a 72-room Los Gatos Hotel in Los Gatos and a 79-room Moorpark Hotel in San Jose. Among the issues to be discussed during the negotiations are the number of rooms, land acquisition price, timing of construction, as well as the inclusion of amenities, such as a restaurant and health spa.

Economic information shows the city can support the hotel in the downtown according to Rob-

It's true that some current businesses won't do well, Roberts admitted. As a downtown revi-

talizes, the biggest difference is that rents go from being the most affordable to the most expensive. That's good for the landowner. For a tenant, the change can be dramatic. The greatest challenge is for businesses that occupy larger square footages. Roberts suggested that they could adjust the business to take advantage of walk-by traffic or perhaps relocate elsewhere in the down-

"In the future, we can expect that most of the retailers in the downtown will be smaller scale. Tenant spaces are small and close together to create a reason for people to keep walking. Shopping malls are designed in a similar manner. It changes the feel of a place. People will find lots of small and new interesting things in the downtown," Roberts de-

REFERENDUM

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dum were successful. Unless the poison pill were included in each ordinance, both ordinances would have to be referended in order to nullify the entire project. City Manager Nelson Fialho suggested adding the poison pill to both to keep the process clean.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan said he felt that a good compromise had been worked out for Oak Grove. "Not everyone agrees. I fully support the right to referend. I've done it myself.

"The rhetoric is already flying. I ask that information on both sides be presented accurately and fairly," Sullivan stated. "These kinds of issues are easily argued in sound bites. This project is very complicated. I ask that citizens review the project before signing any petition.

A group opposed to the referendum has been formed. "Keep Our Park" representatives urged voters not to sign either the initiative or the referendum petitions. Members include Becky Dennis, Sharrell Michelotti, Tom Pico, Jerry Thorne, Kathy Narum, Jerry Pentin, Joe Jones, Christine Steiner, Otis Nostrand, and Ron

Pentin addressed the council Tuesday. He noted that Oak

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current inheritance tax rate of 45 percent would remain in effect.

McNerney's bill creates an \$8 million exemption for owners of family farms and small businesses. Currently, they use the \$2 million exemption that is available to everyone. The aim is to preserve family farms and local agriculture, as well as small busi-

The bill also would create an inheritance tax exemption of up to \$2 million on an inherited family home, provided the owner has lived there at least five years. The exemption is not now avail-

The inheritance tax is due to be eliminated in 2010. It has been escalating downward since passage of a reform bill ten years ago. However, part of the compromise in then was that the inheritance tax would be back at its original strength in 2011. McNerney's bill does not propose to tackle that huge issue.

McNerney aide Andy Stone said that feedback on the bill from other congressional members "has been very positive, across the board. Everyone recognizes the value of keeping land in agriculture. The same is true about keeping small businesses. which grow roots in communi-

Asked about prospects for passage, Stone said, "The congressman is hopeful, and is talking to other members about it." Stone said that California Farm Bureau members, some of whom serve on McNerney's district agricultural committee, are "supportive of the concept in the bill. They've raised the issue with

Grove was approved after years of negotiations. He said that members of Keep Our Park are willing and ready to help residents understand both sides of the issue. "We believe that if they know all of the issues, they will decline to sign.

Former city councilmember Kay Ayala spoke for the Save Pleasanton Hills group. She said that the process used to produce the plan left people out.

She objected to the grading plan and the size of the homes. There is a need to reduce the impacts of grading on the habitat, Ayala stated. She suggested that the city put up story poles that would show what the proposed "mega mansions" would look This room would be packed if people had any idea of what these monster homes will look like," Ayala declared.

She continued, "If you chose to go ahead with the Oak Grove plan, we will definitely referend it. The referendum will go hand-in-hand with the initiative."

During the public hearing, residents spoke both for and against Oak Grove.

Those opposed objected to the size of the homes, which could be up to 12,500 square feet and three stories tall, and the

One of the McNerney district

agricultural committee members,

Sunol rancher Tim Koopman, has

been on record for years in the

local press as working to reduce

and eliminate the inheritance tax

for agricultural families. He was

able to keep his 850-acre ranch

in the Koopman family by going

through an 11-year process to

obtain conservation easements

that helped him pay bank loans that enabled him to cover the in-

the inheritance tax on farm lands,

Koopman wants to make it finan-

cially feasible to pass along his

land to the next generation of his

sembles other family ranchers

and farmers. The land they in-

herit is the highly-valued asset

that creates the high inheritance

tax sum for them. However, they

can't sell the land to pay the tax,

because it would defeat the pur-

pose of keeping the family on the

McNerney press release as say-

ing, "I applaud what the congress-

man is trying to achieve. When

my father passed away, we made

a conscious decision not to sell

the ranch, but faced a huge es-

tate tax burden as the ranch land

had grown in value. Keeping this

land open and active provides

society with a real benefit, but it

is difficult to do given increas-

ing pressures, including the bur-

den of the estate tax liability. I

want to make sure there's a piece

of ground here for the next few

generations."

Koopman was quoted in a

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him."

amount of grading required. There was concern about fire safety with only one entrance in and out of the project. Impact on the endangered Callippe Butterfly was another issue.

Proponents said that Oak Grove represented a fair compromise. They want the open space, trails and staging area that come with the project.

As for the butterfly, Planning Director Jerry Isersoň noted that the environmental impact report requires an entomologist to conduct a further study to determine whether the host plant and the butterfly are present on the site. In addition, a biologist would look at the site to determine the presence of other special status species. Iserson said that no construction or grading could take place without a permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Based on input from the scientists, Fish and Wildlife would make a determination as to what mitigations would be required.

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

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

and the treatment of open space.
The "Save Pleasanton Hills and Housing Cap" initiative was filed with the city clerk last month. It would protect the hills and ridgelines in southeast Pleas-

Backers said that the goals of the initiative are to protect senic hills from development that destroys the character of the town; and to direct development and development speculation away from lands with environmentally sensitive features, lands with primary open space values, and lands difficult to service by

existing jurisdictions. The initiative would prohibit housing and structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline. It exempts housing developments of ten or fewer units on a single property that was a legal parcel of January 1,

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YMCA Alive and Well Dave Melander Tri-Valley YMCA **Board of Managers**

We would like to thank James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Business Park, and his staff for the outstanding newsletter, "Hacienda Network," published monthly. Not only does Hacienda Network introduce us all to what is going on in the Hacienda Business Park, but it also brings us up to date on important things happening in the Tri-Valley area. The article included in the October newsletter, YMCA is Alive and Well in the

Tri-Valley," is a perfect example. Members of the Tri-Valley YMCA board and staff were very pleased that many of the Y programs were enumerated in the article. Sometimes people comment that the "Tri-Valley Y is the best secret in town." This very positive and informative article helps to let the community know the contributions and importance of its presence in the community. YMCA programs include Y-Guides and Y-Princesses Parent/ Child Programs, after-school programs provided at local elementary and middle schools, youth government teen programs, and summer day camps.

The YMCA not only thanks the Hacienda Business Park for its newsletter article, but also for announcing a special "get-to-know-the-Y" event to be held at

Stacey's Restaurant at Waterford in Dublin on Wed., Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. For information about the event, contact Colin Proudfoot at colinp55@aol.com or 475-

Candidate Photo Barbara Hickman

Host of "Grassroots Issues"

While the Independent's editor/publisher is probably amused at the very unflattering photo of candidate Lorraine Dietrich which appeared on the front page of the recent Election Issue of Nov. 3, we at Grassroots Videos were and are appalled. Choosing to use that photo demonstrated very poor taste and, more than that, it was cruel.

Our organization's nonprofit rules do not allow us to endorse or oppose candidates in an election. However, because we ran an ad in that issue and previous issues to publicize our television program, "Grassroots Issues," which airs on cable channel 26 on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., we fear that the Independent's readers were given the false impression that we support such shameful, sleazy, and mean-spirited behavior. We want to make it clear that we most certainly do not. We were embarrassed to have an ad in the paper that day.

Therefore, to avoid further misinterpretation and risk to our reputation, we want our viewers to know that our Vice-President of Publicity and Public Relations has cancelled all plans for future advertising in the Independent.

(The photos, with the exception of Mayor Kamena, were action photos taken during the Chamber of Commerce candidates forum. Others have described the photo of Lorraine as showing intensity during the response to a

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the goal set by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose target has been perceived as a big step by both supporters and opponents. Schwarzenegger wants the state to return to the 1990 level by 2020. The Governor has not called for reduction below the

Another goal is to reduce traffic congestion in 2035 by cutting the waiting time in traffic by 20 percent from today's levels. Going along with that is a call for a 10 percent reduction below today's levels for the daily per capita vehicle miles traveled.

There is also an economic component in the plan. MTC aims to reduce by 10 percent the share of low-income and lower middle income residents' income that is consumed by transportation and housing.

ABAG has a focus on the Bay Area's housing supply. Families of four who earn less than \$70,000 annually spend 45 percent of their income for housing and 22 percent for transportation, said MTC public information officer John Goodwin. "We are the most expensive housing area in the country. The combined 67 percent (of the two figures) is 10 percent higher than the national average," said Goodwin.

It will be important at the workshop to hear from the public about the priority of development areas, mostly along transit lines, said Goodwin.

The public likely will also be interested in discussing parking surcharges and HOT lanes, too. Congestion pricing on freeways, as has occurred elsewhere in the state will be discussed, said Goodwin.

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"I am asking you to kick the habit. It's going to be a tough one to break. However, breaking it will be a huge service for future generations," declared Hoster-

Her gift to those present was a recyclable, environmentally friendly bottle that could be used to carry water taken from the tap.

The program consisted of a series of slides depicting areas of open space in and around Pleasanton that have been preserved. "Healthy open space is part of a healthy city," stated Hosterman. "We in Pleasanton have a very special quality of life, I think, because of the open space that

surrounds us. She commented on several efforts that have led to preservation of open space. One was the battle to save the Pleasanton Ridgelands from development. A second was the Bernal property, which will provide 318 acres of wonderful parkland for the people of Pleasanton. Just recently, the city acquired 500 acres in the southeast hills, referring to the approval of the Oak Grove development. "If we do it right, we will acquire an additional 1500 acres in the area," declared Hosterman.

Her final act of the evening was the presentation of the Mayor's Award to the Kottinger Creek organization, which Hosterman described as a "caring group of people.

selves to find a way to restore the creek. They led the way to preserving this little bit of Pleasanton," stated Hosterman.

Members of Friends of Kottinger Creek receiving the award were Earl Mincks, Cheri Puls, Pat Griffin, Tom Gallagher, Phil Filbert, George Reed, Mark Smith, Mary Smith and Ron Taylor.

They organized in 2000 in response to the removal of five mature willow trees from the banks of the creek, followed by ditching. The Friends learned there were plans to remove all of

Last year, the Pleasanton City Council approved the Kottinger Creek Restoration Project, agreeing to spend over \$1 million to restore and rebuild the park and creek alongside Kottinger Drive. The project was completed this past summer.

"They took it upon them-

1990 level.

MTC is working jointly with ABAG on that goal, because

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Downtown Livermore Arts Hub Grows a Little Richer

Welcome to Firehouse Bistro

Owners Sandi Gutierrez and Stephanie Becker are determined to create a community gathering place where people can enjoy good books and good food.

Capitalizing on the renaissance currently happening in downtown Livermore, the two young women have selected a location right in the middle of it all. They're in the old historic firehouse at 2369 First Street. Directly across the street are the newly opened Bankhead Performing Arts Theater and Livermore Cinemas.

"The concept behind our bookstore/bistro is that it be a place Stephanie and I ourselves would like to go to," Sandi explained.

"We very strongly feel a sense of place. What we're trying to do, it's all about place and community," she said

"Livermore is blessed with such cultural richness," she added. "We see ourselves as a conduit for it. We're not here for us, but rather for the commu-

Stephanie has a doctorate in Spanish literature. Sandi's studies have been in Spanish, German and international environ-mental policy. Both women are married and have children. Sandi's include a pair of three-year-old twins. Her husband, Dennis, grew up in Livermore and owns a small construction

When the two women decided to go into business together, they

had no idea it would be this kind of business. They knew that location was important. They didn't want to be in a strip mall. They liked what they saw downtown and sought the assistance

of Livermore Main Inc. Sandi says, "They were amazing. Doors started opening for us. We felt pulled in an inexplicable way to the Firehouse. We told ourselves we'll keep going 'til we run into a roadblock. But the

doors kept opening."
Dick and Doris Ryon, firehouse owners, were enormously supportive. Their tenant then, Book Oasis, a secondhand bookstore, had its stock up for sale. Sandi and Stephanie bought it out, some 10,000 books, and added new books. They leased the firehouse in January and opened last month.

Sandi reports that business has been good — repeat business es-

The place has a cozy reading room in the back. Browsers are

welcome to pick a book from the shelves and sit back for a leisurely read, perhaps with something from the bistro.

A couple of readings have been held since the bookstore

opened and more will be scheduled for the upcoming months.

In hiring serving staff, the two women make a point of asking them about their experience with

Sandi explains, "It's important that our servers be able to talk knowledgably about books with the customers. We want our staff to be individuals who genuinely like books. This is really basic.

The bistro has a full menu, with dinners (Atlantic salmon, etc.) soups ("better"nut squash, etc.), salads, sandwiches, appetizers, and more. Drinks include wine, beer, tea, coffee, etc.

Bookstore hours are 10 to 10 Tuesday through Sunday, with later hours Thursday through Saturday depending on the crowd. The bistro is open the same days, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 9:30 p.m. They may be called at 449-FIRE or www.bistrobooks.com.





Sandi Gutierrez and Stephanie Becker

SHORT NOTES

Big Read Bash

To round off the Big Read celebration of The Maltese Falcon, the Pleas-anton Library invites the public to The Big Read Bash!, a wine and dance party at the library on Sat., Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.
Come as you are or dressed as a character from The Maltese Falcon.

Music is by Sara and Swingtime, a 5-piece band that specializes in swing from the '30s and '40s. There will be a swing dance demo and lesson by dancers from the Carla and Kevin Dance Studio in San Francisco.

Wines from Fenestra Winery and Livermore Valley Cellars will be

Tickets (adults only, please) are \$10.00, adults, \$5.00 seniors. They can be purchased at Towne Center Books and the Pleasanton Public Library. 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 information, call Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian, 925/931-

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will offer

two programs this weekend.
On Sat., Nov. 10, there will be a "Hike in the Dark." Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 6:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

There will be a new moon the night of November 10th. That's just perfect for a hike in the dark. The winter for a hike in the dark. The winter constellations are starting to come into view. Participants will be hiking to a hilltop overlooking Livermore to look at the stars and the lights of the town. Bring comfortable hiking shoes and no flashlights please.

"Cats" are the topic of the Sun., Nov. 11 program Meet Ranger Dawn

Nov. 11 program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. Learn about the different types of wild cats that share this continent with us. The program will pay particular attention to the wild cats in this area. 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 informa-

New Wines

Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge Wineries, both owned by Rick and Pam Corbett, will introduce a total of five new wines on Nov. 15.

The Crooked Vine wines are a 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 Merlot and a 2006 Chardonnay

Stony Ridge will debut a 2006 Chardonnay and a special grape stomp

Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wines can be sampled and purchased at the winery tasting room, 4948 Tesla Road in Livermore. The tasting room is open 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends and noon to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays except for Tuesdays when it is closed. Wine club membership is free Those interested in more information can call the wineries at 925-371-8156

Raiders vs. Bears

Heritage Estates in Livermore will host a tailgate party on Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon

There will be free hot dogs, pretzels and beverages. KKIQ will be on hand for a live remote broadcast of the Oakland Raiders vs. the Chicago Bears. Two sets of tickets to the game will be given away. A private limousine will whisk the winners to the game and

bring them back.
Heritage Estates is located at 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. For information, call 373-3636 or go to www.HeritageEstatesRetirement.com..

Food Collection

Over 40,000 Bay Area Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers and Explorers will be out in neighborhoods collecting food for the annual "Scouting for Food" on Saturday, November 18. This year's theme is "Good Turn for America" and is the largest one-day food drive of the year for the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Scouts will be distributing door-hangers on Saturday, November 10 to remind residents to leave bags of nonperishable food on their porch for the following Saturday pick-up. Canned meats and fish, peanut butter, powdered milk, canned stew, dried beans, rice, oatmeal or other healthy cereal, pasta and tomato sauce are the Food Bank's ten most wanted items.(No glass

items, please.)
On the 17th from noon - 4 pm, the Coast Guard will team up with the Food Bank to transport food from the various Boy Scout collection sites back to the Food Bank warehouse. Over 200 volunteers will be on hand at the warehouse to sort food on Saturday from 1

- 7:30 pm, and Sunday from 9am - 2:30 pm, so that the items are ready for distribution to community organiza-tions serving clients for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Local collection sites for "Scouting for Food" on November 17th are Lucky's, 2000 Portola Blvd., Livermore; and Walmart, 4501 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton.

Winter Wonderland

Alden Lane Nursery at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore will unveil its annual Holiday Winter Wonderland on Friday, Nov. 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with its Tuscan Vineyard Open House

There will be Italian Music, sparkling cider, grapes, and cheese and crackers. There will be 25 themed trees each decorated with a different motif. The event will continue all weekend on Nov. 10 and Nov. 11 with the Open House itself during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no additional charge for

guests to browse Alden Lane's Christmas Room and see trees decorated to celebrate wine, families, sports, bird watching, and, of course, gardening. Ornaments on the trees will be available

for purchase.
Those interested in more information can visit www.aldenlane.com or call the nursery at 925-447-0280.



Questions / Answers

The LVPAC Regional Theater

You are invited to attend a public forum to learn more about the Livermore Valley Performing Art Center's Regional Theater. Representatives of the City of Livermore and LVPAC will discuss the project and respond to your questions.

> Thursday, November 15, 2007 - 7 PM The Bankhead Theater ~ 2400 First Street Information: 925-373-6100 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org

"Last year over 350,000 people died from the same cause"

Yet nobody built them a monument...

Dear Friend

It's hard to believe, I know, but it's true. Last year, more Americans were killed by prescription drugs than by guns, AIDS, suicides, and terrorists combined... But we'll get to that in a minute.

You see this photo... I'm showing my children with me because chiropractic is a family affair. Mateo, he's 3 years old and Dominic, he's 16 months old. These are my children and they have been adjusted regularly since birth. Not for back pain or neck pain - we wouldn't want it to get that bad! They are adjusted to keep their health potential at its fullest. They rarely get so much as a cold and have never taken antibiotics.

When I tell other parents about my healthy boys, they say that it's a miracle in itself. I have to say, Chiropractic has been a blessing to our family.

Years ago something happened that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

It happened one evening while driving home, I'll never forget that day. Out of nowhere, BAM! I was in a horrible head-on collision. The accident left me with severe pain in my neck and upper back. It was so bad that when I tried to use my left arm, I just couldn't. I had no strength and the pain was unbearable. At 19, weight lifting and sports were my life, but that stopped after the accident. The pain forced me to quit the things I loved. I had to use my left arm as little possible due to the pain. I was embarrassed by it and tried to hide the pain. Being a young man, I figured that the pain would just go away. But, after some time, it didn't seem to be getting any better. It doesn't stop there.

My medical doctor had me on some really powerful drugs. But nothing was helping. I started to get pretty scared. Here I was, just a young guy, losing the use of my left side and in awful pain everyday. Would I have to live like this forever? But, listen to this.

That's when a friend of mine convinced me to try his doctor. I was skeptical at first. That new doctor did an exam, ran a few tests, and then "adjusted" me. The adjustment didn't hurt, it actually felt pretty good. And guess what? I started to get better right away. The pain

Oh, did I mention that doctor was a chiropractor? Chiropractic worked so well for me, and I was so excited and impressed with all the "miracles" I saw from chiropractic, that I finished my undergraduate school and headed to chiropractic school. And that's how it happened!

A healthy family does NOT rely on medication to make them



well. If drugs made people well, then those who took the most drugs would be the healthiest, but this simply isn't the case. In an average year, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported over 1.5 million hospitalizations due to medication. Last year, the WHO also reported 350,000 deaths due to medications people took... and 160,000 of these deaths occurred when the drugs were prescribed correctly. More people died last

I had been living with dramatically decreased. I felt so much year from medications than at Pearl Harbor and Vietnam. Amazing, huh?

> People are now beginning to understand that health comes from within. This is why chiropractic helps so many people. You see, God created a body that can heal itself. Your body doesn't need any help; it just can't have any interference. With chiropractic, we don't add anything to the body, or take anything from it. We find interference in the nervous system and remove it, as a result enhancing the healing abilities of the body. We have helped numerous people with chronic pain, headaches, migraines, low back pain, neck and shoulder tension, sciatica pain, numbness and tingling in the arms and legs, and fatigue, and the list continues on. We get tremendous results...it really is as simple as that.

Here's what some of our patients have to say:

"I am definitely thankful to Dr. C for actually being the first doctor to help me." Charity S. of Livermore

"Today, after the help of chiropractic, the pain in my back has gone. I am more flexible. I don't take pain pills anymore. Before I also always had headaches, but I do not have them anymore. I sleep so much better now then I did before my treatments. I have more energy daily. I feel so much more alive!" Garry C. of Livermore

"I really appreciate the personal attention I've received. I feel like Dr. Contreras and the staff truly care that my health improves." Monica N. of Brentwood

NOW...Find out for yourself and benefit from our AMAZING OFFER. When you mention this letter by November 28, 2007, you'll receive a complete new patient consultation and examination for only \$27 (regular cost \$129). *Call us about our special financing options.

Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home here. Our office is called Contreras Chiropractic and is located at 4200 East Ave, Livermore. Our phone number is (925) 606-5490. Call Brittany or me today to make an appointment.

God Bless, Dr. Gerardo Contreras Chiropractor of Children and Adults

YEAR-END SAVINGS EVENT!

SPORTS NOTES

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Division 1 U11 2, Dublin Fighters 1: In the first half the Dublin Fighters got off to an early lead of 1-0 but a great assist by Kianna Rastrou to Myranda Marzocco for a goal tied itup 1-1. Pleasanton Rage dominated the second half with many shots for goal. Jessica Landas brought the ball forward and made a great kiek for another forward and made a great kick for another score for the Rage team. There were some nice plays on defense by Kendyll Woolsey and Sydney Smith. Sammy Salustri at goalie for Rage, made a great diving stop to keep Rage in the lead. Top Offensive Players: Myranda Marzacco, lassical Landas Bagin Hamilton. Marzocco, Jessica Landas, Berin Hamilton;

Marzocco, Jessica Landas, Berin Hamilton;
Top Defensive Players: Kendyll Woolsey,
Sydney Smith, Radhika Balagopal.

Rage Division 1 AC U-17 improved to
9 - 0 in league play with an offensive
explosion this weekend scoring 15 goals
while recording their 5th and 6th shutouts in
league play with their two wins over this
weekend. On Saturday an 8 - 0 victory over
fast Diabla aftera slows start Lina Potter got East Diablo, after a slow start Liina Potter got the first goal off of a deflection by an East Diablo defender at 21 minutes into the first

the first goal off of a deflection by an East Diablo defender at 21 minutes into the first half. Rage got 2 more quick goals from Paige Ofstedahl and Marie Shier gave Rage a 3-0 halftime lead. Rage came out in the second half on fire scoring 5 goals, 2 a piece from Katelyn Golik and Megan Davidson, and 1 by Tiffany Leung.

In the second game Rage jumped out to a 2-0 lead at halftime on two goals by Gina Watkins. Rage wore down the defense and exploded with 5 goals again in the second half, with 3 by Megan Davidson and one each by Paige Ofstedahl and Marie Shier rounding out the 7-0 Victory. More impressive the Rage defensive back field of Megan Leone in Goal, Krista Bormann at Sweeper, Nicole Raines at stopper, with Mikayla Swinkels and Jill Blandino at fullbacks recorded their 6th shutout in 9 league games. With one league game to go, the Rage has only allowed 3 goals all season.

Top Offensive Players: Megan Davidson - 5 Goals; Gina Watkins - 2 Goals; Marie Shier, 2 Goals; Paige Ofstedahl 2 Coals;

Top Offensive Players: Megan Davidson
- 5 Goals; Gina Watkins - 2 Goals; Marie
Shier - 2 Goals; Paige Ofstedahl - 2 Goals;
Katelyn Golik - 2 Goals; Top Defensive
Players - Nicole Raines - Stopper; Krista
Bormann-Sweeper; Jill Blandino-Fullback;
Mikayla Swinkels - Fullback.

Rage U14-Div 3 ended the season on a
high note with a win 2 to 0 over Mustang
Blast. The evenly matched game saw Rage
controlling the game during the first half with
several good shots on goal. Mustang came
out strong the second half, but was unable to
score against the Rage's strong defensive score against the Rage's strong defensive team. Megan Ash, Megan Clark and Autumn Whitney were standouts. With only 3 minutes left on the clock, Rage took the lead with an incredible penalty kick from Danielle Homan which floated over the goalie's head. With renewed energy, Rage put another shot in the goal as Danielle LaMarche scored with an assist from Katey Cloonan.

Early Saturday morning play matched Rage against Walnut Creek Fusion. Both teams battled hard and the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Danielle LaMarche scored the one goal for Rage. Strong weekend play cemented a second place finish for Rage for the season.

The Placeanton Rage 1114 Premier

The Pleasanton Rage U14 Premier team concluded GSSL league play with a convincing 3-0 victory over the Hayward Cyberrays, cementing 1st place with a perfect 10-0-0 record. Rage struck quickly in the 2nd minute, with Kathleen Wagner sending a nicely touched through ball to Bria Outland, who sent a beautiful cross 5 yards in front of the goal, where Megan Tabler finished with the goal, where Megan I abler Timished With a strong shot. Soon after, Gabe Stange made a 20 yard run through 3 defenders to launch a shot for Rage's 2nd goal. Stange finished the scoring in the 2nd half when she rebounded Erika Emmanuel's 30 yard rocket that hit the crossbar. Intense defensive pressure by fullbacks Bratt Scheckla Courtes. sure by fullbacks Brett Scheckla, Courtney Stonesifer, Sabrina Unglaub, and Lindsay Rigel, combined with the steady, sure-handed play of GKs Ani Nahapetian and Phoebe Brown, extended Rage's shutout streak to 355 consecutive minutes over 6 games. Helping with the overall team defense and offensive charge were midfielders Rachel Charkowicz, Kiley Zeitler, Melissa Atkis, Alexa Espinosa, Erin Schoendienst, Haley Paxton, and Jillian Beck. Rage U16 - Division 1 AC: After taking

the early lead over the Delta Force with two goals in the first ten minutes the Rage hung on to a 2-2 tie in a second half that more resembled rugby than soccer. The Rage scored in the 7th minute on a pretty through ball from Sarah Ramirez to Julia Barlow. ball from Sarah Ramirez to Julia Barlow. Barlow defeated several Force defenders before blasting her shot past the goalie for the opening score. The Rage came back immediately with their second goal in the 9th minute. Ailsa Smith received a free kick deep in the right corner. Her crossing pass found the left foot of Britany Carrolan who drove the shot past the Force goalie. The remainder of the first half was scoreless. The Force changed the tempo of the game in the second half, literally tempo of the game in the second half; literally and in the process accumulated 12 fouls. They and in the process accumulated 12 fouls. They scored two quick goals and threatened throughout the second half. It was only a result of great defensive play from the Rage and more than a little luck that the score remained tied until the final whistle. Defensive standouts for the Rage were, Julia Barlow, Amanda Bonetti, Morgan Dorsey, Jill Johnson, Samantha Lysaght, Danielle Paxton, Sarah Ramirez, Taylor Schoonover and Laura Yoshida. First half goalie. Chelsea Skinner held the Force half goalie, Chelsea Skinner held the Force

Rage Division 3 U11 Energy squeezed out a 2-1 victory over Livermore Storm to end league play with a win. The Storm scored first with a penalty kick 45 minutes into the game, but the Rage Energy came back quick getting a great goal from Jaimie Thomas, consecutive passes from Rachel Barta, Emmalee Lancaster, and Sarah Pease. The Rage took the lead a few minutes later when Brianna McGraw was taken down from behind on a break-away taken down from behind on a break-away outside the box, and Kate Berrigan converted the direct kick from 20 yards out. The Rage Energy received excellent defending from their back line of Katelyn Kramer, Natalie Reichenbach, and Whitney Carter all game. Outside of the PK, Maddie Aston was tremendous in goal for 50 minutes, not allowing another goal. Sydney Nethery kept the Storm off the sheet for 10 minutes in goal. Isabel Ivey played well at outside mid and Devon Buteau was strong at left forward. Taz Rad and Anna Copenhagen were excellent at their inside mid nositions. Ton Offensive Radand Alind Copenhager Weterchelm at their inside mid positions. Top Offensive Players: Jaimie Thomas, Brianna McGraw, Sarah Pease, Rachel Barta; Top Defensive Players: Natalie Reichenbach, Whitney Carter, Vetabus Vennus Chap Bod

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The Rage Division 3 U12 lost a hard fought battle this weekend to the Mustang Tigers, 2-1. Rage played a tough game, but the Tigers took an early lead in the first half. Thanks to 2 amazing saves by goalie Olivia Brown, and some strong defensive play by Dani Leedeman and Lauren Fan, they were Dani Leedeman and Lauren Fan, they were able to keep the score at 1-0 at the half. Rage rallied a comeback in the second half when Mathea Turkalj drilled a 16 yard goal in, to make it a 1 to 1 tie, but the Mustangs answered back with another goal midway through the half. Despite strong offensive play, the Rage was unable to come up with the tieing goal. Top Offensive Players: Molly Grozier, Kayla Bautista and Cassie Santana. Top Defensive Players: Olivia Brown at goal, Dani Leedeman and Lauren Fan.

Players: Olivia Brownat goal, Dani Leedeman and Lauren Fan.

The Rage U15D3 team ended its season this weekend, taking first place in the Division III Al Caffodio League with a 7-1-2 record. Their standings were sealed this weekend with two wins against opponents also in the running for top placements in the league

On Saturday, Rage faced off against the Mustang Spirit, winning 2-0. Both teams played their top games, knowing that first place leagues standing was at stake. Noelle Malindzak scored in the 10th minute, and Chalsea Loewenstein scored with ten minutes remaining in the game (Stephanie Boggs assisted). With the exception of those two scores, the game was one of strategy and hard-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School's Diana George pulled away from other competitors, finishing first in the East Bay Athletic League cross country championship last Saturday. The Livermore women's team won the overall title. In the men's division, Amador Valley High School captured first place. The Dons were led by Shawn Daunt.

fought defense. Ellie Kim stood out for her effectiveness against the Mustang defense. Emma Caswell withstood several punishing fouls to rebuff the Mustang offense. Goal-keepers Alex Villanueva and Heidi Johns played top games to hold Mustang scoreless.

The Rage 5-2 score against Newark Magic in Sunday's game did not come easy. In their final games of the season, both teams knew this was the time to play all out. Niki Gotelli held firm in defense, through aggressive play that earned Magic three yellow cards for intentional fouls. Casey Curtis scored the first Rage goal of the game. Heidi Johns scored two goals (one on assist by Chelsea Loewenstein), one headed in from the edge of the box. Noelle Malindzak scored on a fast break, and again in a battle at the net (assist by Ellie Kim). Madeline Weber was superior in pressing the offense, supported by a hard-charging talls price Magare Blesing Hayed. in pressing the offense, supported by a hard-charging Julia Price. Maggie Blasing played a confident role in defense, providing some well-placed shots for the Rage offense. Two players stood out for strong play over the weekend: Vicki Binder, on defense, and Sara Quero in mid-field. These two

players were involved in many of the signifi-cant plays and performed their best in the

cant plays and performed their best in the Rage wins.

Pleasanton Rage Division 3 U10 White ended the season on a high note in U10 girls soccer league play, with a come from behind 3 to 1 victory over Newark Crush at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Trailing 1 to 0 at halftime, Rage White unleashed a second half scoring attack, featuring goals by Carly Israel, Megan Shackley, and Megan Martin. Jenna Crawford assisted on two of the scores. Goalkeepers Carly Israel and Sophie Santos Jenna Crawford assisted on two of the scores. Goalkeepers Carly Israel and Sophie Santos were outstanding in the net for Rage White, and were assisted by another strong defensive effort by Cassie Wood. Top Offensive Play-ers: Carly Israel, Megan Shackley, Megan Martin, Jenna Crawford; Top Defensive Play-ers: Sophie Santos, Cassie Wood, Carly Israel

Rage Division 3 U10: A goal by FC Fremont Frenzy with two minutes to play broke a 2 to 2 tie with Pleasanton Rage White, and Fremont Frenzy held the lead for a U10 Girls Soccer league victory on its home field. Fremont took a 2 to 1 lead into halftime, but Emma Theroux's second goal of the game for Pleasanton Rage White tied the score midway through the second half. The Rage White offense was also aided by strong play from Sophie Santos, Hailey Bouchard and Darcy Kron. Christina Echavia contributed a good defensive effort against a relaufless Fremont defensive effort against a relentless Fremont Frenzy attack, and goalkeepers Cassie Wood and Jenna Crawford made several good saves. Top Offensive Players: Emma Theroux, Darcy Kron, Hailey Bouchard, Sophie Santos; Top Defensive Players: Cassie Wood, Jenna Crawford, Christina Echavia.

The Pleasanton Rage U-13, D-3 soccer team defeated the Dublin Hurricane, 4-0 on Sunday. A recent Rage scoring drought was quickly eliminated as Sarah Cohen scored unassisted in the 12th minute of the game. Strong midfield play by Madison Nethery, Shannon Malindzak and Lindsey Allen kept the ball in Hurricane half of the field, as the Rage offense forced the Dublin goalie into numerous saves. A late goal by Nicole Henninger, assisted by Alex Dickinson, completed the first half scoring. In the second half, the Rage continued their strong play, controlling all attacks from the Hurricane offense. Two second half goals from Rachael Kapp, assisted by Cohen and Jamie Bodmer finished off the Rage scoring. Top Offensive Players: Rachael Kapp, Ellie Jurich, Isabela Castaneda; Top Defensive Players: Alyssa Keiner, Maddie Martin, Olivia Climent. Pleasanton Page results:

Pleasanton Rage results:

Under-19: Pleasanton Rage Rascals 5,
Fremont Explosion 3: Even with no subs
available the Rascals swarmed the field and
had good pressure at both ends. Excellent
passing had the Rascals in control and gave them a decisive win. Top Offensive Players: Sara Saberi, Katie Robichaud, Kirsten Carlson, Rascals; Top Defensive Players: Lyndsey Collier, Courtney Gangnuss, Jessica Torres,

Under-16: Ravens 4, Renegades 0; Top Offensive Players: Kyana Heravi, Jessica Sin, Tori Pollins, Renegades; Top Defensive Players: Nicole Ginn, Heather Khoury, Sofia

Players: Nicole Ginn, Heather Khoury, Sofia Castaneda, Renegades;
Under-14: Galaxy 2, Red Hot Chili Peppers 0; Red Hot Chili Peppers 0; Red Hot Chili Pepper goalie Gabrielle Azevedo turned in a strong performance with over 10 saves, aided by sweeper Lindsey Collins and counterattacking forward Madeleine Smedley who had several fine shots on goal. Galaxy defender Kylie Manos led a defense that largely kept the ball out of the Galaxy half of the field. She teamed with midfielders Nicole Behiel and Mary with midsied active the state of the Galaxy half of the field. She teamed with midfielders Nicole Behiel and Mary Gruen to keep the pressure on the Chili Peppers with about 15 shots on goal. Mary Gruen and then Camille Lusher scored the goals to secure the Galaxy's win. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: NICOLE Behiel. Mary Gruen, Kylie Manos, Galaxy; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Gabrielle Azevedo, Lindsey Collins, Madeleine Smedley, Red Hot Chili Peppers;

Under-12: Boomerangs 8, Buccaneers 3; Dynamos 4, Strikers 1; Velocity 2, Barracudas 0; TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Moira Andrews, Brittany Trevor, Lexi Belleville, Buccaneers; Madison Eacret, Kylie Cardozo, Madison Gallagher, Dynamos; Shelby Richmond, Shandis Bemanian, Alexa Hanson, Velocity; Corinne Valdix, Kyra

Hanson, Velocity; Corinne Valdix, Kyra Schwaninger, Annelise Dutcher, Velocity; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Madelyn Andrews, Stephanie Jeffrey, Alexandra Sanchez, Buccaneers; Andie Bright, Makayla Ferrari, Diane Hadley, Dynamos; Under-10: Thunder 0, Tea Cups 3; The

Thunder played another strong game, showing improvements on both offense and defense, particularly in keeping the opposing team out of their goalie box. TOP OFFEN-SIVE PLAYERS: Cori Jackson, Lyndy Ludwig, Ali Greth, Thunder; TOP DEFEN-SIVE PLAYERS: Hannah Johnson, Bri Mohr, Molly Griston, Thunder;

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Under-9: The Porcupines were led by an offensive force including players Ariana Nino, Maci Manos, and Danielle Block, while on defense, Tori Garcia, Julia Oltman, and Allison Andre kept the Panthers away from the goal. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Ariana Nino, Maci Manos, Danielle Block, Porcupines; Kyler Juarez, Brianna Sobrero, Abby Hester, Power Puppies; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Tori Garcia, Julia Oltman, Allison Andre, Porcupines; Gemma Schiaffino, Eleni Piliotis, Saachi Keswani, Power Puppies;

Power Puppies; Under-8: The Minnie Mouse's played their best game of the year this Saturday. Their offense spread the field, passed the ball to create open shots, and scored a season number of goals. Katherine Delevaux scored her first goal of the year, while Grace Gundermann and Katie Judson added to the totals. Katherine Eurlang Morgan Harris Gundermann and Katie Judson added to the totals. Katherine Furlong, Morgan Harris, and Katherine Jackson played tireless defense, making it difficult for the Magic to get inside of the goal box. Brenna Adams and Paige Alexander both Played goal, allowing only one ball a piece to get past them. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Grace Gundermann, Katherine Delevaux, Katie Judson, Minnie Mouses; Paige Quinton, Megan Franciskovich, Mikayla Tran, Monsters; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Katherine Jackson. Katherine Furlong. Katherine Jackson, Katherine Furlong, Jordann Klien, Minnie Mouse; McKenna Harris, Kaitlyn McGarrity, Fiona Hoopes,

Under-7: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAY-Under-7: 10F OFFENSIVE FLATERS: Maryann Spears, Sarah Mirr, Grace Himsl, Tweety Birds; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Steffanie Angelo, Erika Lipscomb, Makenzie Firpo, Tweety Birds; Under-6: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Kanada Lipscomb, Michaela Pitor, Alavie

Under-6: 10F OFFENSIVE LEATERS: Kennedy Leong, Michaela Riter, Alexis Gundermann, Dolphins; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Megan Reilly, Carsyn Gilbert, Kristina Allard, Dolphins.

Livermore Elite Soccer

U16 Boys Div III Livermore Elite Force: Livermore Force 5 vs FC Fremont Strikers 2: Sunday's win over Fremont was another great team effort securing the league Championship for the boys from Livermore and their Head Coach, Paul Kline. Goal shots by Eric Smyth (2), Zach Addington, Jared Silver and Peter Morrow put the Force in a dominating position very early on. Addington and Morrow, along with Alay Contrales are and Morrow, along with Alex Gonzalez are also credited each with an assist. Keepers Kyle Kline and Peter Cabeceiras shared the net and each played well making important

Livermore Force 3 vs Mustang Alliance O: Upagainst Mustang earlier in the week, the Force offense hit its stride in the game's second half scoring three unanswered goals. Assists from Kyle Kline and Silvano Lopez were finished off with goal shots from Zach Addington, Alex Gonzalez and Eric Smyth. Nick Crusco, Brandon Bauer, Scott Trummer and Joseph Van Fossen had a great night working the lines at midfield. Up front for the

working the lines at midfield. Up front for the Force, Chad Berghoff and Alex Gaspar both moved the ball well. Wrapping up their fourth shut out in eight games of league play, Cody Lutz, Jared Silver, Peter Cabeceiras, Jeff Felker and Peter Morrow in goal were awesome on defense for Livermore.

The Livermore Elite U-11 Clash closed the Al Caffodio season with a 2-1 loss to Ballistic Black. Playing in Livermore, Ballistic capitalized in the first half when a long shot bounced off the hard turf and over the Clash keeper's head for a 1-0 advantage. Ballistic extended their lead to two midway Clash keeper's head for a 1-0 advantage. Ballistic extended their lead to two midway through the second half. With just seven minutes to go, Kent Greene ignited the Livermore side, scoring on a spectacular bicycle kick to bring the Clash within one. Livermore, however, could not find the net a second time and the match ended in a loss. Jacob Woll played shutdown defense at stopper for the Clash.

The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12D3

The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12 D3 The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12 D3 team closed out its regular season against two of the top league teams. In the first game versus the Alliance FC Diamond, the Fury gave up an early goal but its defense kept the game close. Emily Kalantar made a couple of nice saves while Morgan Brandt, Erin Winegarner and Ryley Landreth stopped several Alliance rushes. In the second half, the Fury offense put more pressure on the Alliance. Fury offense put more pressure on the Alli-ance as forwards Kaitlin DaDalt, Kaitlyn Bulhoes, and Katie Lortie had a couple of good runs into the box. A spin and shot within the Fury box by the Diamond's top forward resulted in the second goal and the Alliance controlled play the rest of the game

Alliance controlled play the rest of the game in its 2-0 win.

Against the Mustang Stampede at Gopher Fill, the Fury played another tough match. Mikayla Molien and Allyssa Stevenson played well defensively and Fury midfielders Rebekah Johnson and Amanda Fairclough each had shot attempts in the first half. Both teams traded scoring opportunities but neither could finish as the game remained scoreless. The Fury opened the second half with some nice play as Skyler Kriz battled hard to gain possession and Marissa Scheid had a shot on goal. In the 42nd minute, the

Stamped broke the tie on a corner kick which deflected off a Fury player. A minute later, Emily Kalantar made another great save to thwart a Mustang break-away. Seven minutes later, the Stampede got an open shot in the Fury box and scored for a two-goal lead. The Fury tried to mount another comeback as Brittany Ahrbeck made a nice move to move inside the Stampede box and Callie Crowe worked hard in the midfield to stop the Mustang advance. This time, the Fury was not able to repeat its dramatic, come-from-

behind win of the previous week as the Stampede prevailed 2-0.

Livermore Venom Girls U-11 played the Mount Diablo Soccer League Shock Wave to a hard-fought 0-0 tie. In a well-played, physical match each team had opportunities but couldn't find the net. Kaitlyn

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Livermore Venom Girls U-11 played their league finale on Sunday at home against the Mustang Extreme FC. In a great team effort to close out the season, Venom got a terrific game in goal from Shannon Rosemark and an outstanding game in midfield from Grace Naylor. Kylie Long roamed the midfield in her usual style, exploding numerous Mustang attacks, but in the end Extreme's relentless pressure carried the day 2-0. Still, it was a solid effort to carry Venom into post season tournament play.

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Livermore Elite Rampage 98 Div 1 U9 girls (1) lost to the San Ramon United (2) in a very tough match. Ashley Morton deflected a perfect pass into the net for Rampages only goal. Both Ashley Morton and Isabella Neads did an amazing job in the goal saving many shots. Jessey Espana, Hunter Vice and Lauren Sandy all played strong defensively keeping the score down. Livermore Elite Rampage 98 were on fire Sunday as they defeated the Walnut Creek Piranhas 7-1. Rampage 98 had a suffocating defense with great passing to offense. Katie Rademann stuffed one in the net for the early lead. Ryan Murphy deflected a cross into the net for the second goal. Leslie Jimenez scored the third goal. Lauren Sandy pushed through two defenders and sunk the fourth goal into the corner of the net. Ashley Morton played strong with two goals back to back. And lossey Espans had the finel goal. Morton played strong with two goals back to back. And Jessey Espana had the final goal with a beautiful outside shot that sailed into the back of the net. Isabella Neads did a fantastic job in the goal. Both teams played hard until the last second. Piranhas' Vanessa Lamoureux had a nice shot and scored the only goal for the Piranhas.

Under-9 Girls Bronze Alliance FC 'Under-9 Girls Bronze Alliance FC
Crush (1) vs Livermore Elite Blast (0)
Offensive Players: Jenny Gibson, Jenna
Sunnergren, Kayla Brisco, Blast Defensive
Players: Carly Bond, Morgan Vonderach,
Amanda Silveira, Blast Game Summary &
Highlights: Despite the loss, the Livermore
Elite Blast girls played a great game against
Union City. Carly Bond, Morgan Vonderach
and Amanda Silveira worked very hard in
defense and won almost every ball; Kayla
Brisco ruled the midfield, and the Jen-team
produced a lot of chances for a goal.
Under-9 Girls Gold San Ramon United
(2) vs Livermore Elite Rampaee '98 (0) Game

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Under-11 Girls Gold Mount Diablo Soccer League Shock Wave (0) vs Livermore Elite Venom (0) Offensive Players: Kaitlyn Lipman, Venom Defensive Players: Rachel Braun, Hailey Shultz, Venom Game Summary & Highlights: Livermore Venom Girls U-11 played the Mount Diablo Soccer League Shock Wave to a hard-fought 0-0 tie. In a well-played, physical match each team had oppor-tunities but couldn't find the net. Kaitlyn Lipman kept pressure on throughout the game, backed by great defensive play from Rachel Braun and Hailey Shultz. In the end, the score was reflective of an even match, well

played by all involved.

Mustang Extreme FC (2) vs Livermore
Elite Venom (0) Offensive Players: Kylie
Long, Venom Defensive Players: Grace
Naylor, Shannon Rosemark, Venom Goals & Assists: Game Summary & Highlights: Livermore Venom Girls U-11 played their league finale on Sunday at home against the Mustang Extreme FC. In a great team effort to close out the season, Venom got a terrific game in goal keeper Shannon Rosemark and an outstanding game in midfield from Grace an outstanding game in midfield from Grace Naylor. Kylie Long roamed the midfield in her usual style, exploding numerous Mus-tang attacks, but in the end Extreme's relent-less pressure carried the day 2-0. Still, it was a solid effort to carry Venom into post season tournament play

tournament play. Under-16 Girls Bronze Livermore Elite Crush '91 (1) vs Newark Arsenal (0) Offen-sive Players: Arielle Sallai, Kelsey Wheeler, Andrea Hawkins, Crush; Ashley Sandoval, Jessica Sandoval, Diana Garcia, Arsenal Jessica Sandoval, Diana Garcia, Arsenai Defensive Players: Ciarra Trujillo, Anna Velsko, Margaret Donovan, Crush; Tatiana Arteaga, Megan Avril, Lenica De La Peña, Meghan Catalano (GK), Elizabeth Garcia (GK), Arsenal Goals & Assists: Kelsey Wheeler (G), Arielle Sallai (A), Crush Game Summary & Highlights: A remark of a game Summary & Highlights: A rematch of a game earlier in the season, the Newark Arsenal were out to win this one! The game was hard fought throughout with many shots on goal with the first half ending scoreless. The beginning of the second half looked to be the same with lots of body and forth action until the 37th minute. of back and forth action until the 37th minute of the half when Arielle Sallai broke free on the right side of the field driving toward the goal and fired a solid cross landing inside the box that Kelsey Wheeler tapped in past the Newark goal keeper. A second shot on goal just missed with less than a minute left to

play.

Under-16 Boys Gold F.C. Livermore
United (1) vs SACYSL Cruz Azul (0) Game
Summary & Highlights: F.C. Livermore
United U16 Boys won its ninth consecutive league contest with a 1-0 win over SACYSL Cruz Azul. United scored the lone goal on a set play after a striker took a hard foul near the top of the penalty box. Departing from the

usual chip over the wall, Alex Garcia surprised the Cruz Azul defense with a hard pass on the ground through two walls right to the feet of Enrique Gonzales who two-touched the ball past the diving Cruz Azul goal keeper. Playing with a different lineup due to two players sitting out with broken noses, Jason Trumpp, Cody Hoster, Geovani Carbajal, Jonathan Ramirez, Devon Mah, and Garcia played well filling in; out of their normal positions. The shutout was the tenth this season and earned the United defense dinner with the coach. The league win is the nine-teenth consecutive for United who looks to complete their second undefeated season in a row next week against Newark.

Livermore Elite Arsenal U13 Division 3 Girls played a solid game, coming away prised the Cruz Azul defense with a hard pass

Livermore Elite Arsenal U13 Division 3 Girls played a solid game, coming away with a 7 to 0 victory over a determined Fremont Fuego in their final league game. Kaley Olsen had an incredible game with 4 goals. She was assisted by the great offensive teamwork of Jessica, Holly Lamb, Julie Walsh, Karley Luce, Kira Toretto and Gabi Macias. The strong defense of Madison Crabb, Alyssa Ray and Jenna Kadlec ensured the ball stayed in Arsenal territory. Bri Hill, Rachel Tabaracci and Megan Thompson each scored goals in the 7-0 victory over the Fremont Fuego.

Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19Black continued their run with a convincing 5-1 victory over Fremont. Ballistic controlled the ball for the first 8 minutes, connecting passes and firing shots at will, but without a finish. Fremont countered with a shot that GK Jacob Buchenauer had to make a big save on. In the 11th minute, Eric Lobao slid a pass to Rodolfo Gonzalez, who powered one in from 25 yards for the 1-0 lead for the Black. Later in the half, Garrett Clark blocked a shot at the top of the box and it ricocheted out to Jay Guilmart. He brought it under control and led Tim Gaisor, who was off to the races. Gaisor deposited his shot into an open net for a 2-0 halftime lead. Clark and Nate Weber led a O halftime lead. Clark and Nate Weber led a suffocating defense that generally kept Fremont far away from the Black goal. In the second half, it was all Black. Rene Portier created all kinds of havoc with the Fremont defense. Pressure created a Ballistic corner kick in the 60th minute. Willie Berger deftly placed it on the head of Bryant Dante, who powered it home for a 3-0 lead. The Black were able to substitute at will and Fremont were able to substitute at will, and Fremon scored a goal later in the half. However, the Black answered with a vengeance. Aaron

scored a goal later in the half. However, the Black answered with a vengeance. Aaron Scott fed Gonzalez for his second goal of the game at the 85th minute. One minute later, Jason Ash fed Buchenauer, who got some field time, and he rocketed one for the 5-1 final. Top Offensive Players: Rodolfo Gonzalez, Rene Portier; Top Defensive Players: Garrett Clark, Nate Weber.

The BUSC U19 Black completed its run through the D3 schedule with a dominating 4-1 victory over the Walnut Creek Celtic. It took a diving save by Garrett Clark on the Celtic's first counter attempt to keep the game scoreless. In the 11th minute, Kieren McEntee sent a laser pass far post. Jay Guilmart was in perfect position for a header, and he nailed it for the 1-0 lead. Celtic were able to score in the 17th minute and went in tied at the half. In the second half, Bryant Dante launched one of his patented "corner kick" throw-ins and found the head of Tim Gaisor, who flicked it far post to an onrushing Eric Lobao who put it into the back of the net for the 2-1 lead. In the 55th minute, Joey Hallim slid a perfect pass down the left sideline and Gaisor left his mark in his wake. A bizzarre foul call disallowed Gaisors's goal Howeyer Gaisor conmark in his wake. A bizarre foul call disallowed Gaisors's goal. However, Gaisor converted the PK and the Black led 3-1. Later, Gaisor drew 3 defenders and fed Lobao top of the box who finished for the 4-1 final. Willie Berger, Nate Weber, and Kurt Lenamon led a fierce defense that kept the Celtic off the board. Midfielders Kamron Behzadi, Rodolfo Gonzalez, Aaron Scott, and Jason Ash were Gonzalez, Aaron Scott, and Jason Ash were punishing any Celtic attempt to control the midfield. Rene Portier at forward led many entertaining attacks and just missed on several attempts. Injured Brent Cambra and Jacob Buchenauer led moral support, and Kris Tayyeb was out of town but with the Black in spirit. After an 0-1-2 start, the Black rang up 7 consecutive victories by a combined score of 22-4.

The BUSC United U18 scrapped to a 2-2 tie with DVSC. BUSC got on the board quickly with Trevor Danielsen making a across to the box, where Nestor Negrete kept it going to David Norton far post for the 1-0 lead five minutes in. In the 41st minute, DVSC somehow snaked a long roller into the net for the 1-1 tie. Shortly after, they almost polled an own goal past their keoper late in the rolled an own goal past their keeper late in the half. Mike Florian was controlling the midfield defensively and Matt Carlucci was owning his sideline for United. In the second half, Carlucci then made a steal, juked his mark twice, and found Norton far post, who again just missed. The half continued in this fashion with GK bobbles, corner kicks, and phantom whistles, DVSC scored on a far post header in the 76th minute. BUSC tied it ir the 90th minute. GK Brett Webber got off a long goal kick that Carlucci headed up to Stefan Rabrenovich, who headed it on to

Stefan Rabrenovich, who headed it on to Norton. He outran his mark and finished oneon-one with the keeper shortly before the final whistle for the 2-2 tie.

The BUSC United U18 took the first half of the home and home match-up against DVSC 3-0. United kept the pressure up and it finally paid off in the 17th minute when Jeff Squier squeezed one through to a charging Nick Cherne, who dribbled around the keeper and finished for the 1-0 lead and halftime score. United kept DVSC away from serious threats until a curling direct kick in the 71st threats until a curling direct kick in the 71st minute had to be knocked away by GK Brett Webber. Later, pressure on the Black Pearl back line led to the final two scores. David back line led to the final two scores. David Norton took a ball down the right sideline and put it into the mix, where it glanced off the GK's hands and into the net in the 86th minute. In the 90th minute, Norton took a lead pass from Trevor Danielsen, went around the charging keeper and put it away for the

Ballistic United Class 1 U15 enjoyed its first shut out of the season, beating Mustang Fire 3-0 on Sunday. Ballistic's first goal came late in the first half when Evan Larsen's free kick found the head of James Metz who knocked it past Mustang's keeper. The second and thirds goals were scored by striker Zack Savoy, the first assisted by Ryan Clark and the second on a break-away as Savoy juggled and dribbled past three Mustang defenders in his successful pursuit of the goal. Ballistic keeper Adam Bailey saved 12 shots in the shutout. Top Offensive Players: James Metz, Zack Savoy; Top Defensive Players: Ryan Clark, Evan Larsen, Adam Bailey. Ballistic United U11 soccer team had a busy soccer weekend. Their first game was free kick found the head of James Metz who

busy soccer weekend. Their first game was against Mustang Internazionale. Ballistic fought hard but came out short with a 4-1 defeat. Sunday's first NorCal game was against SCC Breakers. Ballistic lost 7-1. In the final NorCal game of the weekend, Ballistic came away with a victory. Stephen Dougherty scored the first goal, with a nice cross from Jackson Still. On the second goal, Jackson Still completed a beautiful sliding pass to Sam Musbach for the second goal of the game. Daniel Rodriguez placed a penalty kick directly in front of the net, and Matt Powell was there to finish for the third and final goal of the game. The mid-fielders of Collin Richardson, Jared Siegel, Alex Krause, Daniel Payne, and Gabriel Thurner played very well. The defensive play of Jeff Klei, Cameron Casby, Collin Alexander, Eric Johnson and Daniel Rodriguez kept Barcelona from scoring. Top Offensive Players: Jackson Still, Alex Krause, Erik Johnson; Top Defensive Players: Cameron Casby, Jeff Klei, Daniel Rodriguez.

The Ballistic U-14 United team travelled to Berkeley this weekend knowing that they needed a result against the ACC Broncos to stand any chance of finishing in the top two in their division. The first period opened with the Broncos looking the more impressive side and they were soon in the lead. Ballistic fought back and were very unlucky not to equalize when an ACC defender cleared the ball off the goal-line just before halftime.

ought back and were very unturkly not to equalize when an ACC defender cleared the ball off the goal-line just before halftime. Ballistic's momentum continued to grow as they levelled the score. Chris Franzella robbed an ACC player on the edge of the penalty area and fed Jason Chow who fired past the ACC keeper. ACC weathered the storm and retaliated with a flurry of shots on the Ballistic goal which keeper Michael Viebeck somehow managed to repulse. The Broncos eventually succeeded in scoring the winner. Ballistic's impressive unbeaten streak came to an end and the Broncos probably assured themselves of first place in the division. Top Offensive Players: Jason Chow, Toby Harvey, Alex Lutz; Top Defensive Players: Michael Viebeck, Justin Lui, Suchi Kuo.

The Ballistic Black Class 3 U11 team completed the league season in fine fashion with a 2-1 victory over Walnut Creek United. Joey Repac opened the France Divense Fellwins.

with a 2-1 victory over Walnut Creek United. Joey Repac opened the scoring with a first half goal, assisted by Francis Dunne. Following a second half Walnut Creek goal, Collin Blaney scored the game winning unassisted goal to secure sole possession of 3rd place in the final league standings for the Black team. Top Offensive Players: Joey Repac, Collin Blaney, Brian Kinnee, Alex Lee, J J Nelson, Ben Smedley, Justin Taylor, Roberto Beard; Top Defensive Players: David Acosta, Francis Dunne, Jack Geasa, Andrew Griehshammer, Joshua Cole, Chris Goldhawk, Peter Schlachte.

BUSC Class 3 U11: Coming into the final weekend of the regular season, the Ballistic Black team needed to win their final two games to finish alone in 3rd place in the league standings. They took the initial step with a hard fought 2-1 victory over the Livermore Elite Clash. Brian Kinnee opened the scoring with an unassisted goal in the first period. Joey Repac answered a second period Clash goal with the game winner, assisted by Alex Lee and Justin Taylor. Top Offensive Players: Brian Kinnee, Joey Repac, Alex Lee, Justin Taylor; Top Defensive Players: Francis Dunne, Andrew Griehshammer, Peter

DIVISION 4:

Under-8: The Chargers came out strong and ready to play. With great offensive moves by Alex Repetto, Nathan Williams and James Kroll, the Chargers had fun playing the Cougars (their Donlon friends). Defense was also stellar and lead by Brandon Kinsey, Cole Lukas and Thomas Gibson. Top Offensive Players: Alex Repetto, James Kroll, Nathan Williams - Chargers; Top Defensive Players: Brandon Kinsey,-Cole Lukas, Thomas Gibson - Chargers.

Youth Soccer

The Dublin Fighters Class I, U-13 Girls finished off league play in blowout fashion with a 7-0 win over the Heritage Gold Rush. Adrianna Nyugen had a hat-trick, while Megan Zummo contributed 2 goals and 1 assist, and Rebecca Beasley also scored twice and had 3 assists. Danielle Carothers had an assist and narrowly missed scoring on an outstanding shot on goal. Also recording shots on goal for the fighters were Amanda Garcia, Allison Mitchell, Monique Hamon, Mikaila Constable, and Hailey Zummo. Mids Veronica Bossio & Veronica Highsmith created many of the scoring opportunities while goalie Heather Seeley recorded her fourth shut-out of the season behind the defensive might of Joanna Giron, Christine Laymon & Annie Jones.

Livermore Youth Soccer Livermore Youth Soccer League House

team results:

Under-5 Girls The Quakes vs The Jag-

uars; Offensive Players: Emily Rakestraw, Jenna Lawrence, Katie Keenan, Delaney Richards, Katie Wilson, The Quakes; Kaleigh Castillo, Sophia Anderson, Annette Rizzo The Jaguars; Defensive Players: Caitlin

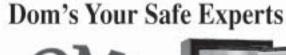
The Jaguars; Defensive Players: Caitlin Sobrepena, April Phillips, Madison Sullivan, The Quakes; Madelynn Riddle, Eliana Miano, The Jaguars.

Under-7 Girls Super Dolphins vs Soccer Angels; Offensive Players: Abby Fraser, Zaret Zamora, Kennedy Griffith, Jordan Kennedy, Super Dolphins; Madison Wright, Janessa Sanchez, Makaela Allison, Kinnon Ves, Soccer Angels; Defensive Players: Aislinn McElderry, Steff Boschee, Theresa Lalor, Tally Soto, Super Dolphins; Amber Thomas, Olivia Claypool, Josephine Bretz, Soccer Angels.

Thomas, Olivia Claypool, Josephine Bretz, Soccer Angels.

Under-8 Girls Leaping Leopards vs Shootin' Sharks; Offensive Players: Ashley McKinzie, Marissa Carpenter, Leaping Leopards; Samantha Dukes, Emily Robinson, Katie Dabney, Shootin' Sharks; Defensive Players: Sophia Michaels, Leaping Leopards; Savannah Stevenson, Sophia Schrodi, Laura Di Simone, Shootin' Sharks.







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SPORTS NOTES

Wildcats vs Fireballs; Offensive Players:
Ellie Deuell, Bubba Farro, Makenzie Farro,
Wildcats: Celica Opiari, Kira Katter, Kylie
Moore, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Paige
Sutter, Lindsay Gill, Maggie Sneed, Wildcats; Krissy Keller, Sierra Stone, Jasmine
Arias, Fireballs
Shooting Stars vs USA Girls; Offensive
Players: Sheylynne Holsen, Claire Andersen,
Shooting Stars; Daniela Walker, Christina
Saunders, USA Girls; Defensive Players:
Brianna Clatt, Shooting Stars; Madison
McCallister, Miriam Brown, USA Girls
Soccer Puppies vs Bumble Bees; Offensive Players: Tara Collier, Jamie Freitas,
Sierra Gibbs, Soccer Puppies; Sydney
Franklin, Sophia St. Claire, Tori Diehl,
Bumble Bees; Defensive Players: Morgan
Waugh, Mackenzie Wallace, Claire Adele,
Soccer Puppies; Chelsea Warner, Amanda
Zeck, Olivia Volpuni, Bumble Bees
Soccer Puppies; Chelsea Warner, Amanda
Zeck, Olivia Volpuni, Bumble Bees
Soccer Puppies; Krie Karter, Opipari Clelia, Chrissy Keller, Fireballs; Defensive
Players: Morgan Waugh, Siena Gibbs, Tara
Collier, Soccer Puppies; Sierra Stone, Kiley
Moore, Teagan Borg, Fireballs
Wild Cats vs Bubblegum Girls; Offensive Players: Stephanie Wilkinson, Cydney
Duncan, Alyssa Silvetti, Wild Cats; Heather
Woelk, Andrea Sommer, Marley Lake,
Bubblegum Girls; Defensive Players: Kristin
Heise, Victoria Dischong, Sierra Miller,
Wild Cats; Destiny Bandy, Mariah Ortiz,
Marie Linney, Bubblegum Girls.

Under-9 Girls The Earthquakes (5) vs
Mad Dogs (1); Offensive Players: Chloe
Rodriguez, Lindsay Welles, Olivia
Schormann, Earthquakes; Daniel Hoefner,
Brianna Haskins, Amanda Eijansantos, Mad
Dogs; Defensive Players: Jamie Zogaric,
Kellie Hughes, Madison Gannon, Earthquakes; Kelly Peralt, Cynthia Celeste, Hannah
Owen, Mad Dogs.

Under-10 Girls Scorchers (3) vs Crushers (0); Offensive Players: Alex Fraser, Alyssa
Alvarez, Brianna Ruloma, Scorchers; Caitlon
Rokov, Ashley Schiopee, Aiden Tardoff,
Crushers; Defensive Players: Anjali Vachhani,
Alyse Pereira, Sarah Person, Scorchers; Macy
Murphy, Shaiwaa Fakiri, Jenna Dobson,
Crusher

Alyse Pereira, Sarah Person, Scorchers; Macy Murphy, Shaiwaa Fakiri, Jenna Dobson, Crushers; Goals and assists: Sara Graves (G), Jordan Stewart (G), Shruthi Sukir (G), Scorch-

Green Goblins (3) vs Thundercats (0) Green Goblins (3) vs Thundercats (0); Offensive Players: Brianna Lima, Carly Martinez, Megan Kalantar, Green Goblins; Amanda Starsiak, Shelby Rocereto, Katie Reddick, Thundercats; Defensive Players: Kayla Pinelli, Genie Rose, Tianna Japp, Green Goblins; Megan Fairbanks, Jane Tabrett, Annika Landreth, Thundercats; Goals and assister Brianna Lina (20); Carly Martinez and assists: Brianna Lima (2G), Carly Martinez (G), Green Goblins Green Goblins (3) vs Thundercats (0);

Offensive Players: Brianna Lima, Carly Martinez, Megan Kalantar, Green Goblins;

Martinez, Megan Kalantar, Green Goblins; Amanda Starsiak, Shelby Rocereto, Katie Reddick, Thundercats; Defensive Players: Kayla Pinelli, Genie Rosa, Green Gobblins; Megan Fairbanks, Jane Tabrett, Annika Landreth, Thundercats

Under-12 Girls** Net Rippers* (2) vs Terminators* (1): Offensive Players: Megan Cinquini, Katelyn Lovoi, Kayla Fitzgerald, Net Rippers; Sarah Wilkenson. Alexandra Hernandez, Mikaela Priest, Terminators; Defensive Players: Lauren Sweeney. Haylie Hill, Nicole Mingione, Net Rippers; Ashlyn Tadokoro, Sierra Clark, Khushboo Desai, Terminators; Goals and assists: Megan Cinquini (G), Katelyn Lovoi (G), Kayla Fitzgerald (A), Net Rippers; Sarah Wilkinson (G), Terminators; Net Rippers kicked the winning goal about 10 minutes before the end of the game.

Under-14 Girls Blaze (4) vs Kickin It (0); Goals and assists: Paige Bauer (2G), Lauren Boultier 1(G), Liz Sanchez (G), Blaz. Lauren Boultter 1 (G), LIZ Sancnez (G), Blaz. The game was close in the first half with a defensive battle going on. The Blaze score by Liz made the game 1-0 at the half. In the second half Paige scored 2 goals and Lauren added another for the Blaze to go ahead 4-0. The game ended with that score as the Blaze stayed undefeated.

stayed undefeated.
The Blaze (3) vs The Jaguars (2); Offensive Players: Liz Sanchez, Ashley Lois, Jessica Lois, Blaze; Defensive Players: Angela Evans, Deena Malaeb, McKenzie Hubert, Blaze; Goals and assists: Paige Bauer (G), Ramsey Schmitt (G), Lauren Boultier (G), Blaze. It was a battle between the top two,



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One of the participants competes on the balance beam during the Zone 7 Championship Meet, California Gymnastics Academy hosted the meet in Livermore last weekend.

undefeated teams. The Jaguars scored first, then the Blaze tied it with a goal by Paige. The Jags scored again to take a 2-1 halftime lead. The play was furious in the second half with a goal by Ramsey to tie the game 2-2. With five minutes left Lauren scored the go ahead goal for the Blaze and the game ended 3-2 with the Blaze staying undefeated.

Under-16Girls Livermore Swarm (2) vs Newark (0); Offensive Players: Katrina Hickman, Crystal Prather, Danielle Sheets, Swarm; Lizzy Clements, Paige Scheving, Angelica Pallais, Newark; Defensive Players: Sunde' Edwards-Stewart, Julie Blaze, Muriel Gallardo, Swarm; Katlyn Rudy, Kalicia Duque, Yvette Del Rio, Newark; Goals and assists: Katrina Hickman (G), Danielle Sheets (G), Paige Anaya (A), Swarm. Newark's stingy defensive play led to only a few chances for the Swarm. The scoreless tie was broken in the first half on Katrina Hickman's direct kick, giving the Swarm a 1-0 lead. Newark's goal keeper Katlyn Rudy stopped nearly 20 shots until Swarm's Danielle Sheets put home a goal off of Paige Anaya's perfect cross. Newark led a furious, offensive charge late in the game with several scoring chances before the final whistle.

Intensity (4) vs Livermore Strikers (2); Offensive Players: Sarah Felicitas, Brooke Betts, Kayla Mayo, Intensity; Michelle Bachem, Adrienne Call, Kelly Brynildson,

Strikers; Defensive Players: Courtney Duff, Katelyn Bradford, Erika Schultz, Intensity; Jennifer Herrington, Jaime Zenger, Bianca Rutherford, Strikers; Goals and assists: Kelsey Barger (G), Alyssa Amaral (G), Strikers Under-5 Boys Dinosaurs vs Sharks; Offensive Players, Tanner Lewis Declan

Offensive Players: Tanner Lewis, Declan O'hara, Aiden Bartlett, Dinosaurs; Aidan DeMello, Drake Devine, Peyton McKenzie,

Sharks

Under-6 Boys Sharks vs Thunder; Offensive Players: Brandon Martin, Blake Burrell, Joshua Martin, Nathan Jones, Sharks; Ryan McCall, Jacob Peterson, Thunder; Defensive Players: Philip Weaver, Will Nordvik, Dylan Breesch, Scott Pagel, Sharks; Saul Buendia, Ethan Jones, Thunder Tigers vs Transformers; Offensive Players: Michael Quinteros, Zachary Hollingshaus, Noah Zika, Tigers; Thomas, Cian, Calvin, Evan, Transformers; Defensive Players: Zachary Parodi, Ricardino Alvarez, Ethan Clark, Tigers; Tamur, Ryan, Johnny, Owen, Transformers

Craik, Tigets, Fahiti, Ryali, Johniny, Owen, Transformers
The Fireballs vs Pirates; Offensive Players: AJ Morais, Ryan Lortie, Luke Moylin, Jacob Hoggatt, Fireballs; Connor Campbell, Ryan Wenzel, J.J. Knight, Ben Morrisroe, Pirates; Defensive Players: Paimon Goulart, Max Higgins, Ivan Ceballos, Pirates. Firebolts vs Cougars; Offensive Players:

Antonio Chavez, Joseph Hager, and Matthew Larson, Firebolts; Noah Woll, Cole Niermeyer, Jack Volponi, Cougars: Defensive Players: Jacob Hager, Evan Sire, and Tyler Morano, Firebolts; Miles Rasmussen, Mate Miskella, Jesse Wolfson, Cougars Under-7 Boys Dragons vs Barracudas; Offensive Players: Zachary MacDonald, Gabriel Parrish, Ryan McCusker, Dragons; Sie Arciszewski, Casey Wortham, Emilio Lopez, Barracudas; Defensive Players: Roberto Iacomini, Adam Murphy, Nathan Kamm, Dragons; Alex Cirina, Seung Joo, Grant Dufek, Barracudas.

Fireballs vs Decepticons; Offensive Players: Brandon Yocham, Brodie Wolf, Hayden Glasco, Fireballs; Alec Lewis, Nicholas Puso, Matthew Hall, Decepticons; Defensive Players: Kobe Cortez, Kyle Packard, McClain Minton, Fireballs; Gregory Short, Derek Eijansantos, Aiden Ackerman, Decepticons Dynamo vs Barracudas; Offensive Players: Harrison Freeman, Marcus Robles, Foret Bisben, Calvin Freeman, Duragone, Emilia

ers: Harrison Freeman, Marcus Robles, For-est Bishop, Calvin Freeman, Dynamo; Emilio Lopez, Alex Cirina, Casey, Barracudas; Defensive Players: Jack Burke, Josh Freitas, and Raymon Montes, Dynamo; Sie Arciszewski, Alex Patterson, Baracuda. For Dynamo team, Josh Frietas and Raymon Montes played very well keeping the ball out of their zone. And Forest Bishop scored the team's first goal. The Barracudas scored their first goal by player, Casey. Sie Arciszewski and Alex Patterson played good defense as

and Alex Patterson played good defense as well.

Under-8 Boys Red Hot Fireballs vs Bombers; Offensive Players: Tristen Mulrooney, Zach Kiser, Chase Dunn, Red Hot Fireballs; Michael Hallock, Conner Johnston, Bobby Payne, Bombers; Defensive Players: Elias Hamid, Ryan Nostrand, Cole Meyers, Red Hot Fireballs; Miles Gomez, Reid Heffron, Kai Berkey, Bombers Strikers vs Wildcats; Offensive Players: Sean, Wes, Zach, Strikers; Aiden Worley, Omar, Luke, Victor, Wildcats; Defensive Players: Alex, Bailey, Drew, Jack, Strikers; Ryan Wright, Jace Roberts, Chrittian Moreno, Anthony, Wildcats.

Lightening Bolts vs Dynamite; Offensive Players: Jacob Winslow, Christian Petrie, Ryan Robinson, Lightening Bolts; Sam Miller, Joe Murphy, Lucus Owen, Dynamite; Defensive Players: Andrew Strupeni, Trey Olsen, Lightening Bolts; Kyle Correia, Raymond Bordon, David Rider, Dynamite, Under-9Boys Thunderbirds (2) vs Grizzlies (0); Offensive Players: Grant Riddiough, Christopher Machi, Kevin Spence, Thunderbirdes: Nathan Coats Ralph Miller

Ziles (0); Offensive Players: Grant Riddiough, Christopher Machi, Kevin Spence, Thunderbirds; Nathan Coats, Ralph Miller, Alex Katusich, Grizzlies; Defensive Players: Michael Puso, Kevin Kim, Sean Croghan, Thunderbirds; Garrett Almeida, Tyler Henderson, Jay Robinson, Grizzlies; Goals and assists: Grant Riddiouh (G), Christopher Machi (G), Thunderbirds.

Hornets (3) vs Tiger Sharks (2); Offensive Players: Morgan Kelly, Noah Kluball, Pierce Kadlec, Hornets; William Antonio, Landon Grace, Anthony Schultz, Tiger Sharks; Defensive Players: Luke Hottinger, Mikes McPeek, Steve Mohler, Hornets; Parker Hall, Spencer Kramm, Colin Schenone, Tiger Sharks; Goals and assists: Jason Flores (G), Zachariah Eme (G), Josh Harlan (G), Evan Armstrong (A), Morgan Kelly (A), Ja (A).

Cobras (2) vs Panthers (0); Offensive Players: Ethan Aboumrad, Jack Walker, Mark Foreman, Cobras; Roman Vasquez, Leonardo Ramirez, Darrell Staley, Panthers; Defensive Players: Sikander Haider, Troy

Defensive Players: Sikander Haider, Troy Forward, Garrett Slone, Cobras; Isaac Arteaga, Luis Angel Ortiz, Robbie Hoff, Panthers Under-10 Boys Raptors (3) vs Strikers (1): Offensive Players: Emil Brown, Max Pruett, Eric Lopez, Raptors; Kaleb McTear, Alex Gonzalez, Max Wiggington, Strikers; Defensive Players: Weston Nale, Logan Brist, Clayton Franklin, Raptors; Nicholas Badders, Nikita VanSchoonenberg, Jonathan Short, Strikers; Goals and assists: Eric Lopez (A), Max Pruett (G), Thomas Triantos (2G), Raptors; Max Wiggington (G), Strikers.

Under-12 Boys Warriors (6) vs Eagles (1); Offensive Players: Dalton Miller, Jesus Prado, Dominic Carlson, Warriors; Austin Armstrong, Kieran Hill, Jacob Kerling, Eagles; Defensive Players: Connor Salazar, Brandon Howard, Christian Arana, Warriors; Jeff Mullins, Zack Kline, Joel Udoutch,

Jeff Mullins, Zack Kline, Joel Udoutch, Eagles; Goals and assists: Jose Gonzales (G), Panco Reyes (G), Dalton Miller (3G), Chris-tian Arana (G), Warriors; Jacob Kerling (G),

Stompers (5) vs Ballistics (1); Offensive Players: Hector Romo, Anthony Aguilar, Stompers; Danny, James, Ballistics; Defen-Stompers, Danistics, Definition of the Country of t

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Warriors (7) vs Stompers (1); Offensive Players: Raul Hernandez, Dominic Carlson, Jose Gonzalez, Warriors; Noah White, An-thony Aguilar, Blake Richards, Stompers; thony Aguilar, Blake Richards, Stompers; Defensive Players: Michael Doczy, Austin Harrison, Christian Arana, Warriors; Brian Romo, Reagan Brunner, Craig Mains, Hayden King, Stompers; Goals and assists: Dalton Miller (3G), Pancho Reyes (2G, 2A), Bran-don Howard (G), Jose Gonzales (G, A), Warriors; Anthony Aguilar (G), Noah White (A) Stompers

(A), Stompers
Phantoms (3) vs Stealth (1); Offensive Phantoms (3) vs Stealth (1); Offensive Players: Austen Gibbs, Justin Walker, Austin Youk, Phantoms; James Wilker, JT Brisco, Allen Trigg, Stealth; Defensive Players: Trevor Bradley, Spencer Saing, Michael Duterte, Phantoms; Kevin Amaral, Chris Hill, Kenny Williams, Stealth; Goals and assists: Austen Gibbs (3G), Bobby Griffin (A), Phantoms; James Wilker (G), Stealth. Stealth took the lead in the first half of the match. The Phantoms answered back with 3

Stealth took the lead in the first half of the match. The Phantoms answered back with 3 goals all scored by Austen Gibbs (excellent hat trick for the young man).

**Under-14 Boys Arsenal (2) vs Strikers (0): Offensive Players: Mitch Meyer, Justin Meyer, Daniel Replogle, Arsenal; Defensive Players: John Wilker, Zach Swinford, Scott Gragg, Arsenal; Robert Nguyen, Anthony Cadera-Queseda, Troy Gomez, Strikers; Goals and assists: Daniel Replogle (2G), Sam Burnett (A), Arsenal.

**Tournaments: Redding 1st Annual "Very Nice" Soccer Tournament The War-

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'Very Nice' Soccer Tournament The Warriors (3) vs Redding Galaxy (0) The Warriors
(6) vs Trinity Roughnecks (1) The Warriors
(7) vs Shasta Lake Eagles (0) BAC Pumas (4)
vs The Warriors (2) Game Summary &
Highlights: The LYSL Under-12 Boys feam
Warriors want to Redding CA for the 1st Warriors went to Redding, CA for the 1st Annual Rip Ash "Very Nice" Soccer Tournament the weekend of October 27-28, 2007. The Warriors went on to the Championship Match to play BAC Pumas and took second

place. River City Shoot-Out Tournament The Under-14 Boys Livermore Arsenal took First place in the River City Shoot Out tournament place in the River City Snoot Out fournament in Sacramento this past weekend. Game Summary & Highlights: Game 1: Livermore Arsenal (1) vs Rocklin Bulldogs (1) Daniel Replogle scored Livermore's only goal in the first half, off of a nice wall pass from Fernando Cortez. Livermore's defense gave up the equalizer to Rocklin in the 2nd half but the equalizer to Rocklin in the 2nd half but the remainder of the game was played to a 1:1 tie. Livermore goal keepers Justin Meyer and Diego Brambila made numerous quality saves to preserve the tie. Defensively, Scott Gragg, Zack Swinford, Jesse Romero, John Wilker, and Eddie Rusniak played well. Attacking midfielders and forwards Jacob Lopez, David Bierwith, Mitchell Meyer, Shuaib Amiri and Sam Burnett made several Shuaib Amiri, and Sam Burnett made severa

strong scoring attempts.

Game 2: Livermore Arsenal (3) vs Elk

Game 2: Livermore Arsenal (3) vs Elk Grove Tigers (0) Daniel Replogle scored two goals, while David Bierwirth added one for the Livermore Arsenal. The defense played exceptionally well in logging the shutout. Livermore Arsenal (1) vs Castro Valley Falcons (0) Sam Burnett hit the game winner midway through the 2nd half from 20 yards out, a rocket shot into the upper left corner of the net, to carry the Livermore Arsenal into the points lead in the tournament against a very tough opponent, a rematch of the championship game from the Castro Valley Tournament one month ago. Defenders Zack Swinford, Scott Gragg, Jesse Romero, Devin Rodriguez, John Wilker, and Eddie Rusniak combined with goal keepers Justin Meyer and

combined with goal keepers Justin Meyer and Diego Brambila for another shutout win. Game 4: Livermore Arsenal (5) vs Vacaville Predators (0): Devin Rodriguez scored two spectacular goals in the first half, Sam Burnett tallied a header into the net off set play from Davill Roblogue, Fornando a set play from Daniel Replogle, Fernando Cortez nailed a Penalty Kick, and Scott Gragg scored the fifth goal for championship clinching points in the fourth game of the tourna-ment for the Livermore Arsenal. Jacob Lopez, Mitch Meyer, Shuaib Amiri, David Bierwirth, played well, while once again, the Livermore

Arsenal defense held for another shutout win. Livermore Boys U12 Div 4 Warrors ompeted in the 1st Annual Rip Ash "Very lice" Soccer Tournament. They came home

with the second place trophy, losing 4 to 2 to the BAC Pumas in the championship match. In the opening game, the Warriors defeated the Redding Galaxy 3 to 0. Other results: Warrors 6, Trinity Roughnecks 1; Warriors 7, Shasta Lake Eagles 0.

CYO Basketball

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8th Grade Girls St. Michael's/St. Charles (SMSC) Team 8005, the Pride, defeated SMSC Team 8006 28-24 in a hard fought battle in CYO basketball action. With only 6 active players, the Pride used teamwork both offensively and defensively to hold off the larger SMSC team. Every player scored, Hayley Gamaza led the offense with 13 points & 4 steals. Erin Walthall, Katie Gannon & Cassidy Sherman each had 4 pts and combined for 2 steals and 14 rebounds. Niki Lupo had 2 points 4 rebounds & 5 steals. Kris Spalasso scored a free throw and was the team leader with 11 rebounds. Excellent ball handling in the final minute solidified the win for the Pride. win for the Pride.

SM/SC 8th grade boys (#808) vs Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) (#807) SM/SC won the league opener 53-31. Justis Olsen led the way for SM/SC with 17 points. He had plenty of help on offense from Spencer Mead, Nadeem Gross, Adam Sylvia, Michael Noble and Ricky Sarrica as each hit timely shots throughout the game. Chris Benavidez anchored the undersized aggressive defense of SM/SC.

CCOP 8th grade girls (team 8001) defeated St. Isidore (team 8002) in their season opener. It was an all out team effort for the commanding win. CCOP was only up by three at the end of the first period but continued their offensive attack with a 17 to 7 lead at the end of the half. The polished zone defense held St. Isidore to only 3 points in the second half - enroute to a 26-10 victory. The top scorer was Nicole Ponzini with 6 points (10 rebounds, 2 steals) followed by Lyndsay Godwin with 5 points. Key assists from Ellen Freitas and Kelly Parsons fed the offensive attack. Contributing with 2 points each were Lauren MacDonnell, Jessica Morosoli, Nicole Torquato, Sydney Okumura, Jessica Woodruff, Kim Beaudin and Brittany Bicomong with 3 points. Top defensive players were Beaudin 9 rebounds, Woodruff 8 rebounds, Okumura, Freitas and Bicomong with 7 rebounds and Torquato with 4 steals.

SM/SC 6th grade (610) defeated St. Isidore (609) 34-31 in two overtimes in the CYO opener for both teams. St. Isidore unmed out to a 8-2 lead in the first quarter, but SM/SC battled back for a 12-10 halftime edge. The teams traded leads throughout the second half and ended regulation deadlocked. edge. The teams traded leads throughout the second half, and ended regulation deadlocked at 26. Each team managed only a single basket in the first overtime, but SM/SC broke through with six points in the second extra period to secure the game. Darin Anderson led SM/SC with 16 points and 5 assists. Marcus Marr-Clark had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

SM/SC 5th grade girls (#5013) defeated St. Raymond's (#5014) by a score of 26 to 10 to open the CYO basketball season. Kelly Borden with 12 and Alyssa Gonzalez with 4 led the scoring for SM/SC. Also scoring for SM/SC were Dana Anex, Ashley Breyer, Jessica Elfin, Julie Maruskin, and Samantha Schwartz. St. Raymond's was led by the scoring of Carly Glassie, Makenna Elias, Molly Digirolamo, and Madeline Maguire. Carly's and Makenna's Strong defensive play also deserves mention.

SM/SC 5th grade boys (#530) took on St. Joan 8 (#529) and lost 18 to 35. St. Joan took an early lead and held SM/SC to 23-6 halftime score. Top offensive player for SM/SC was Keith Tyser and top defensive player was Kaleb McTear. It was a great game and everybody did a good job. everybody did a good job.

SM/SC 5th grade boys won a nail biter against St. Joan 6, 12 to 11. Tied 8-8 at halftime this game was neck and neck until the very end. Top scorer for SM/SC was Joseph Carrillo with 4 pts. Helped out by

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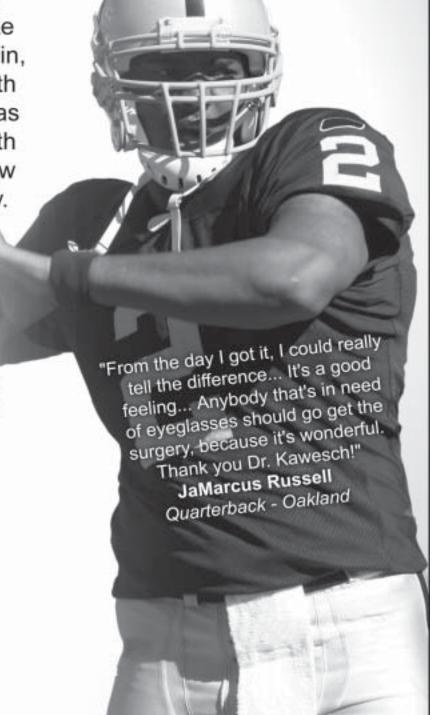
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Devin Bernacil with 2 pts. and 6 rebounds. Matt Kirby, Aidan Dang, and Jordan Dowd also contributed to the score with 2 pts. each.

SM/SC 5th grade boys (#521) lost a close battle to St. Isidore (#522), 28-34. Great first game for SM/SC, tied at the half the boys played hard to the very end. Top offensive players Jacob Woll 8 pts & 7 steals and Devin 8 pts & 3 steals. Top defensive players for SM/SC Ryan Holmes (2 pts), Brandon Cory (4 pts) and William Johnson (2 pts).

SM/SC third grade boys (#321) defeated St. Raymond's (#322) 23 to 14. CJ Malski of the SM/SC Bulldogs led all scorers with 13 points. Griffin Bateson, Sam Grassano, Dominic Parodi, and Patrick Schwartz all contributed baskets to round out the SM/SC scoring. For St. Raymond's, Jack Nielsen played a tremendous game on both sides of the court with Brandon Schmuck and Elijah Bell chipping in with hard fought efforts.

SM/SC 3rd grade boys (#325) edged out St. Joan (#324) to win their opening game of the season by a narrow margin, 19-18. SM/SC offense was led by Kevin Garcia with 8, while Zachary Heinz and Jordan Buranis added 4 points each. Top defensive player for SM/SC was Jack Lutz. St. Joan's Reiley ecored 12 while Mac added 3 points An scored 12 while Mac added 3 points. An exciting start to the season for all.

SM/SC 2nd grade girls (Wildcats) vs SM/SC 2nd grade boys (Warriors) played a great opening season game. Top defensive players for the Wildcats were Regan Wiedenfeld and Madison Kahwaty. Top offensive players for the Wildcats were Tolina Quezada and Kira Karter.

Baseball Camp

Tri-Valley Baseball Camp is set for December 2nd, 10:00am-3:00pm. Camp is for Boys and Girls ages 5-13. Camp is run by Diamondback Scout Brian Kohndrow along with College and Pro Players. For further information springtrainingcamp@comcast.net.

Baseball Clinic

A baseball clinic featuring Minor League Pitcher of the Year Chuck Lofgren will be held Nov. 10. Livermore High is hosting this one day clinic for ages 13-18 year olds from noon to 3 p.m.. The clinic will be held at Livermore High. It will cover pitching and hitting. The cost is \$30. Everyone will personal instruction in both pitching and hitting from Chuck Lofgren and Dave Salter of America's Game. Please contact David Perotti at (925) 606-4812 x2438 or dperotti@livermore.k12.ca.us for more info or you can just show up the day of the event.

Amador Freshman

Facing a fourth-and-two on the Califor-nia High 39, and leading 27-26, Amador Valley only needed a first down to clinch the victory, but a toss sweep to the left ended up in a 14 yard loss and Cal took over on the Dons 47 with 1:22 to play. Six plays later, aided by a pass interference call, and a great catch for a 25-yard gain, Cal connected on a 15-yard fade in the left corner of the end zone with 19 seconds remaining to steal a win from the seconds remaining to steal a win from the

Dons 32-27.

The second half of the game was a wild one with both teams getting three touch-downs and with both teams having problems

downs and with both teams having problems with extra points.

Trailing 14-7 to start the second half, the Dons tied the game on their second possession. Starting at the Cal 40, Amador rode Ewanich on three of four plays with the halfback bulling into the end zone from a yard out. Ewanich finished the game with 134 yards on 20 carries and four touchdowns while teammate David Camarena posted 109 yards on 11 carries giving the Dons a pair of 100 yard runners.

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Cal's next drive when three and out and Amador then took the lead for the first time. With 50 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Ewanich used his speed to return a punt down the right sideline for a 70-yard score. Osterholt's extra point made the score 21-14

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The Grizzlies appeared to tie the game when Calscored on the first drive of the fourth quarter. The extra point attempt went through the uprights, but the line had failed to get set and they had to re-kick. On the next attempt, David Ellison broke through and blocked the kick and Amador retained a 21-20 lead.

It didn't take long for The Dons to

It didn't take long for The Dons to increase their lead. On the fourth play of the following drive, Ewanich busted a 51-yard run for the score. Running on a trap play to the right, the speedster broke two tackles up the middle, cut to the right sideline, and outran the secondary for the score. The extra pint failed, but the Dons had a 27-20 lead with 4:16 to play.

It wouldn't be so simple however, Cal

went 55 yards in just under two minutes to draw within one 27-26. Amador stopped a run around left end, just short of the goal line, on a fake kick setting up the Dons attempt to run

The game started off auspiciously for Amador as Alex Osterholt intercepted a pass on the Grizzlies first drive. The Dons overon the Grizzhes first drive. The Dons over-came a holding call on the second play off of the game with a 36-yard run by Camarena around left end on the play following They then proceeded to complete a 54-yard, 13 play drive that took up most of the first quarter. Ewanich capped the drive on a 3-yard toss sweep on which he started right and cut up the middle for the score. Osterholt's PAT made the score 7-0.

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It would be the last positive play for Dons for the rest of the half.

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Cal took the ball, starting at the 30 and drove for a score, on seven plays, to knot the game 7-7. The ensuing kickoff hit one of the Dons on the front wall setting up a scramble after the loose ball. Cal came up with the pigskin, recovering at the Amador 40. Four plays later the Grizzlies had a 14-7 lead.

A penalty on the kickoff pushed the

A penalty on the kickoff pushed the Dons back to their 15, but Amador got a first down and looked headed for another one when Cameron Ashtianti had the ball punched loose and Cal, once again, recovered. This time starting at the Dons 37, the Grizzlies moved to the 10 before attempting a field goal that work wide left. that went wide left.

In fifth quarter action, Amador got double digit runs from Patrick O'Brien, Jake Isabel and Jason Abranches. Defensively they got big hits from Adir Magadish, John Lewis and O'Brien.

Baseball Bricks.

The Livermore High School baseball field is undergoing some major renovations. It will have is a new brick backstop. The team is selling engraved bricks to help raise funds for the project. Bricks are 4x8 or an 8x8. They will be engraved with whatever you wish installed at the field forever. The cost is \$50 per small brick and \$100 per large brick. There are discounts for multiple bricks. Please go towww.eteamz.com/LHSCowboysBaseball for more info or contact David Perotti at (925) 606-4812 x2438 or dperotti@livermore.k12.ca.us. The deadline

is November 30.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 4, 5 and 6 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at Zone 6 Championships held this past weekend in Livermore. The level 4 and 5 teams each placed fourth in

Individual highlights for Gymfinity in-cluded Michelle Kuneli bringing home first place on vault in level 4 competition and Allison Honig vaulting to first place in level 6. Isla Andrews placed first on bars in level 6. Isla Andrews placed first on bars in level 5, while Rebecca Meister placed first on vault on her way to winning a level 5 all-around title. The following level 5 is and 6's for scored high enough at zone championships to earn a spot in the upcoming state championships: Isla Andrews, Kelley Hebert, Amy Morrison, Rebecca Meister, Gabriella Lemoine, Allison Honig, Angelica Leporati and Haley Brott. Gymfinity level 4's Katie Mathers, Michelle Kunelli and Baylee Hill previously qualified
Full results: LEVEL 4, Age 6-8: VAULT
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Full results: LEVEL 4, Age 6-8: VAULT - Katie Mathers, 10th, 9.125. BARS - Mathers, 5th, 9.075. BEAM - Mathers, 4th, 9.0. FLOOR - Mathers, 7th, 8.925. ALL-AROUND - Mathers, 6th, 36.125. Age 9: VAULT - Baylee Hill, 9.075; Savannah Chrupalo, 8.975. BARS - Chrupalo, 8.6; Hill, 8.175. BEAM - Hill, 7th, 9.0; Chrupalo, 8.4. FLOOR - Hill, 8.775; Chrupalo, 8.25. ALL-AROUND - Hill, 14th, 35.025; Chrupalo, 16th, 34.225. Age 10+: VAULT - Michelle Kuneli, 1st, 9.6; Shannon Payne, 2nd, 9.4. BARS - Kuneli, 2nd, 9.3; Payne, 8.8. BEAM - Payne, 6th, 8.8; Kuneli, 7.75. FLOOR - Kuneli, 6th, 8.8; Payne, 8.475. ALL-AROUND - Payne, 6th, 35.475; Kuneli, 7th, 35.45.

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LEVEL 5, Age 7-8: VAULT - Isla Andrews, 7th, 8.3; Kelley Hebert, 8.1. BARS - Andrews, 1st, 9.425; Hebert, 2nd, 9.4.

BEAM - Hebert, 2nd, 9.05; Andrews, 5th, 9.0. FLOOR - Hebert, 3rd, 9.175; Andrews, 6th, 8.65. ALL-AROUND - Hebert, 2nd, 35.725; Andrews, 3rd, 35.375. Age 10: VAULT - Sara Vukojevic, 7th, 8.775. ALL-AROUND - Vukojevic, 6th, 8.6. BEAM - Vukojevic, 8.1. FLOOR - Vukojevic, 7th, 8.775. ALL-AROUND - Vukojevic, 10th, 3.3. Age 10-11: VAULT - Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.775; Amy Morrison, 3rd, 8.525; Rachel Pombo, 7.85. BARS - Meister, 3rd, 9.35; Morrison, 7th, 8.8; Pombo, 8.0. BEAM - Morrison and Meister, T2nd, 9.2; Pombo, 9th, 8.45. FLOOR - Meister, 2nd, 9.125; Morrison, 3rd, 8.975; Pombo, 7.8. ALL-AROUND - Meister, 1st, 36.45; Morrison, 3rd, 35.5; Pombo, 12th, 32.1.

LEVEL 6, Age 7-10: VAULT - Gabriella Lemoine, 8.625. BARS - Lemoine, 10th, 8.35. BEAM - Lemoine, 9.0. FLOOR - Lemoine, 8.75. ALL-AROUND - Lemoine, 8.75. ALL-AROUND - Lemoine, 12th, 34.725. Age 11-12: VAULT - Haley Brott, 5th, 9.15; Angelica Leporati, 8.85; Kaitlin Hausmann, 7.95. BARS - Brott, 3rd, 8.925; Leporati, 6th, 8.75; Hausmann, 8.25. BEAM - Brott, 6th, 8.95; Leporati, 8th, 8.9; Brott, 8.7; Hausmann, 6.7. ALL-AROUND - Brott, 7th, 35.725; Leporati, 10th, 35.4; Hausmann, 16th, 31.35. Age 13+: VAULT - Allison Honig, 1st, 9.325.

10th, 35.4; Hausmann, 16th, 31.35. Age 13+: VAULT - Allison Honig, 1st, 9.325. BARS - Honig, 5th, 8.15. BEAM - Honig, 8.375. FLOOR - Honig, 5th, 8.625. ALL-AROUND - Honig, 5th, 34.475.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy team members competed in the Zone 6 Championship Meet hosted by CGA in Livermore. Level 4 state qualifiers are Karissa Haubert and Katherina Weissbach. The Level 5 team placed third. Level 5 State Qualifiers are Jessica Fineran, Morgan Fiske, Elizabeth Higa, Dori Lucero, Celina Moufarrej, Isabella Orecchia, Rachel Yang. Level 6 State Qualifiers are Jaime Gray, Tiana Hodzic, Amy Tilson-Lumetta.

RESULTS (by event):
LEVEL 4: Age Group: 6-8 yrs old
VAULT - Katherina Weissbach, T8th place
(9.15) BARS - Weissbach, 3rd place (9.25) BEAM - Weissbach, 2nd place (9.125) FLOOR - Weissbach, T3rd place (9.2) ALL AROUND 9 yrs old VAULT - Karissa Haubert, T2nd 9 yis old VAULT - Raits8a Haubert, 12ind place (9.5) BARS - Haubert, T8th place (9.0) BEAM - Haubert, T3rd place (9.125) FLOOR - Haubert, 3rd place (9.225) ALL AROUND - Haubert, T4th place (36.85);

LEVEL 5: Age Group: 10 yrs old VAULT-Isabella Orecchia, 5th place (8.825); Morgan Fiske, 9th place (8.025) BARS - Fiske, T3rd place (9.025); Orecchia, 5th place (8.8) BEAM - Orecchia, 4th place (9.1); Fiske, T6th place (8.8) FLOOR - Orecchia, 3rd place (9.175); Fiske (8.45) ALL AROUND - Orecchia, 4th place (35.9); AROUND - Orecenta, 4th place (33.9; Age Group: 11 yrs old VAULT-Celina Moufarrej, 5th place (8.525); Elizabeth Higa, 8th place (8.325); Rachel Yang, 9th place (8.25); Dori Lucero (8.15) Yang, 9th place (8.25); Dori Lucero (8.15) BARS - Higa - 1st place (9.55); Moufarrej, 3rd place (9.275); Lucero, 4th place (9.25); Yang, 10th place (8.375) BEAM - Lucero, 1st place (9.325); Yang, 6th place (8.675); Higa, 10th place (7.8); Moufarrej (7.15) FLOOR - Moufarrej, 1st place (9.3); Lucero, 2nd place (9.025); Yang and Higa, T4th place (8.7) ALL AROUND - Lucero, 1st place (35.75); Higa, 5th place (34.375); Moufarrej, 7th place (34.25); Yang, 9th place (34.0); Age Group: 12+yrsold VAULT - Jessica Fineran, 3rd place (8.4) BARS - Fineran, 3rd place (9.1) BEAM - Fineran, 1st place (9.45) (9.1) BEAM - Fineran, 1st place (9.45) FLOOR - Fineran, 3rd place (9.125) ALL

AROUND - Fineran, 2nd place (36.075); LEVEL 6: Age Group: 7-10 yrs old VAULT - Shannon Gray (8.6); Tiana Hodzic (8.575) BARS - Hodzic, T5th place (8.7); S. Gray (7.85) BEAM - Hodzic (9.1); S. Gray (8.875) FLOOR - Hodzic, 7th place (9.1); S. Gray (8.4) ALL AROUND - Hodzic, T6th place (35.475); S. Gray (33.725); ge Group: 11-12 yrs old VAULT - Amy Tilson-Lumetta (8.95) BARS - Tilson-Lumetta, 5th place

(8.8) BEAM - Tilson-Lumetta, T4th place 125) FLOOR - Tilson-Lumetta, 5th place (9.125) ALL AROUND - Tilson-Lumetta VAULT-Jaime Gray, 4th place (8.925); Jacy Rasnick, 7th place (8.6) BARS - J. Gray, 1st RASINICK, /tn piace (8.6) BARS - J. Gray, 1st place (8.65); Rasnick, 7th place (8.05) BEAM - J. Gray, 4th place (8.75); Rasnick, 8th place (8.35) ELOOR - J. Gray, 4th place (8.75); Rasnick, 8th place (7.6) ALL AROUND - J. Gray, 2nd place (35.075); Rasnick, 8th place (32.6).

Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics competed in the 2007 Zone 6 Championships hosted by California Gymnastics Academy in Livermore on November 4. The Level 4 team placed second.

Level 4 Age Group: Ch 6 - 8: Vault: Rhianne Khweled, t 8th, 9.15; Tessa Wolfgram, 11th, 9.075; Morgan Leone, 12th, 9.025; Julia Pfluger, 14th, 8.9 Bars: Pfluger, 1st, 9.550; Khweled, 2nd, 9.375; Wolfgram, t 10th, 8.75; Leone, 17th, 8.275. Beam: Wolfgram, 3rd, 9.075; Khweled, t 4th, 9.0; Pfluger, t 7th, 8.9; Leone, 12th, 8.75. Floor: Khweled, 1st, 9.4; Pfluger, t 3rd, 9.2; Wolfgram, t 12th, 8.7; Leone, 14th, 8.65. All-Around: Khweled, 1st, 36.925; Pfluger, 3rd, 36.55; Wolgram, 10th, 35.6; Leone, 14th, 34.7.

Level 4 Age Group: Ch 9: Vault: Hannah Nguyen, t 2nd, 9.5; Shannon Bagot, 5th, 9.425; Dana Kudelka, 6th, 9.375; Kelsey Smith, 10th, 9.225; Monique Shah, t 12th, 9.075; Miriam Gemmell, 17th, 8.75; Roya Garakani, t 18th, 8.6. Bars: Nguyen, 2nd, 9.5; Kudelka, 4th, 9.425; Bagot, t 5th, 9.4; Gemmell, t 8th, 9.0; Shah, t 12th, 8.6; Smith, 14th, 8.575; Garakani, 15th, 8.55. Beam: Smith, t 3rd, 9.125; Bagot, t 5th, 9.075; Kudelka, t 5th, 9.075; Gemmell, 9th, 8.875; Nguyen, 11th, 8.6; Shah, t 13th, 8.5; Garakani, 18th, 8.0. Floor: Nguyen, 5th, 9.5; Garakalli, 18tli, 8.9. Floor: Nguyen, 3tli, 9.3; Bagot, t 7th, 8.975; Kudelka, t 7th, 8.975; Gemmell, t 11th, 8.8; Smith, t 11th, 8.8; Garakani, t 13th, 8.775; Shah, 17th, 8.575. All-Around: Bagot, 3rd, 36.875; Kudelka, t 4th, 36.85; Nguyen, 6th, 36.675; Smith, 10th, 35.725; Gemmell, 12th, 35.425; Shah, 15th, 34.75; Garakani, 18th, 33.925.

Level 4 Age Group: Jr/Sr 10+: Vault: Natalie Mauch, t 7th, 9.0; Julia Morgin, 11th, 8.85. Bars: Mauch, 1st, 9.35; Morgin, 3rd, 9.225. Beam: Morgin, 9th, 8.625; Mauch, 10th, 7.9. Floor: Morgin, t 4th, 9.0; Mauch, 7th, 8.775. All-Around: Morgin, 4th, 35.7; Mauch, 9th, 35.025.

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football scores: Pee Wee division The Livermore Warriors finished the season on a high note as they beat the Concord Cobras by a score of 31 - 0. Livermore got off to a fast start on Concords first possession when Danny Troutman inter-cepted a pass and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown. On the Warriors second offen-sive series, Jacob House followed the blocksive series, Jacob House rollowed the blocking of fullback Jason Barrow for a couple of nice runs, ending with a 7 yard run for a touchdown. On Concords next play, Brandon Self made a great interception by stepping in front of a Cobra receiver. Self then took a hand-off from Tyler Offill and scampared 40 yards to the Neverlatine. They always pered 40 yards to the 9 yard line. Two plays later, Nick Campiotti ran a counter for a 8 yard score. Campiotti got the Warriors on the board again in the 3rd when he went unboard again in the 3rd when he went din-touched for a 12 yard touchdown run. Nate Burke finished the scoring with a 1 yard run in the 4th. The Blocking of Javon Williams, Joseph Inzerillo, Justin Martin, Breaden Zeitler, and Jeremy Edwards created many holes for the Livermore running game. The Defense was led by Self with two interceptions, one returned for 32 yards. Bryan White, Jeffery Brinkley, and House led the team with 6 tackles. Devin Sturgill, Clayton Bueno, James Moore and Tony Galindo played well on both Offense and Defense.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League re-

sults:

Flag Football: The Senior 49ers gave up a couple of early touchdowns to the Raiders and could not overcome the early deficit, falling 24-12. After trailing 12-0 in the early going, the Niners got their offense going Facing a fourth-and-10, Taylor Disbrow completed an out to Drew Novak for a first days. On the part play Novak west for 15 down. On the next play Novak went for 15 and then Disbrow carried around right end for

In the second half, trailing 18-6, Disbrow went to work again. After a four-yard run by Aaron Silva, Disbrow ran a keeper around left end, somehow popped out of a crowd and went 38 yards for the score. The score narrowed the deficit to six points, but the

Niners could get no nearer.

Senior Contact: After losing team leader and quarterback Michael Brodar to a season ending injury, the Dolphins turned it up a notch to beat the Titans 26-14 in the first round of PJFL playoff action. Max Kurth had another big game, running for 271 yards and touchdowns of 48, 83, 5 and 24 yards. Nick Griffen rushed for 43 yards, as once again, the Dolphins powerful running game was led by its outstanding O-Line of Nathan Perreira, Vincent O'Brien, James Frair, Robbie Nolting and Drake Kissinger. Jonathan Camello added a PAT to round out the scoring for the Dolphins. In the defensive secondary, Nick Covert led the way with two key intercentions, and Casey Cummings also secondary, Nick Coverted the way with two key interceptions, and Casey Cummings also had an interception to snuff a Titans drive. Brandon Arace (5 tackles) and Anthony Prieto (4.5) led a swarming defense, making several touchdown saving tackles. Ravens 42, Patriots 6: Ravens contin-

Rayens 42, Patriots 6: Rayens continued unbeaten with a 42 to 6 win over the Patriots. The Patriots got the ball first but found very little running room with Rayens DE Gregory Gamble, DT Alexander Farfan, DT Kevin Key and DT Conner Daly making tackles. The Patriots punted and the Ravens

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offense went to work on a nice 50 yard drive. QB Zane Pedersen rocketing the ball to TE Jushan Samra for 8 yards and WR Michael Pangelinan for another 28 yards. This set up TB Jax Pedersen 10 yard sprint to the end zone. The 2 point conversion was completed by RB Dakota Daniels 4 yard blast. Score 8 to 0. The Patriots QB and WR made sure there was no shut out this week. With a 47 yard deep ball down the sideline for a TD. Score 8 to 6

The Ravens' C Jackson Kovacs, RG Jose The Ravens' C Jackson Kovacs, RG Jose Trujillo, LG Jacob Leyman, RT Michael Iglesias, WR Ben Thompson and WR Trevor Ibanez all had key blocks during the game. RB Andrew Imhof rumbled for 24 yards with QB Pedersen hitting fleet footed WR Michael Pangelinan for a 26 yard strike to put the ball on the 2 yard line. TB Jax Pedersen found daylight and hit the end zone untouched. Score 16 to 6. On their next possession the Ravens out ran the Patriots defense with a 63 yard book un from QB Pedersen to WR yard hook up from QB Pedersen to WR Pangelinan. RB Joshua Pariera bulled his way in for a 2 point conversion. Score 24 to

The Ravens defense held tough with LB Joshua Pariera, DT Ethan Williams and DE Ryan Holmes making key tackles for losses. The Ravens defense shut down the passing routes with an INT by CB Thomas Sabatini. LB Nicholas Gilfillan jumped a sideline route and sped down the sideline for a 20 yard interception return for a touchdown. Score 30

The Ravens switched offense to defense The Kavens switched offense to defense and defense to offense. Unfortunately forthe Patriots the results were the same. QB Dakota Daniels lead a 43 yard drive with RB Greg Gamble and Luke Hazen scampering for 7 and 10 yards a piece. QB Daniels found a seam and streaked in for a 10 yard TD run. Score 36 to 6

36 to 6.

The Ravens next offensive series found RB Ryan Holmes stiff arming two tacklers to scamper 30 yards for a touchdown. Score 42 to 6. The Ravens offense now playing defense made some great plays DE Jushan Samra knocked down a pass and DT Jackson Kovacs, DT Jacob Leyman tackling runners for losses.

Agua Cowboys

Thirty-nine swimmers from Livermore Aqua Cowboys attended the 2007 Pumpkin Splash swim meet in Livermore on October 27-28. The Aqua Cowboy team put in an impressive showing with all swimmers achieving new best times in most races. The Aqua Cowboys were led by five swimmers aqua Cownoys wete ter by five symmetric earning new Junior Olympic qualifying times: Hayden Christensen (50 Free), Kylie Clark (50 Breast). Nina Hayes (50 Free), Eric Santin (100 Breast) and Shelby Swanson (200 Free and 200 IM). New "A" times were achieved by Taylor Brennan (100 IM, 25 Back), Evan Carlo (100 Free 50 Free) Hayden Christensen Carlo (100 Free, 50 Free), Hayden Christensen (100 Free), Paige DaCosta (100 IM), Mat-thew Hayes (100 IM, 50 Back), Nina Hayes

(100 Free), Paige DaCosta (100 IM), Matthew Hayes (100 IM, 50 Back), Nina Hayes (100 Free, 50 Free), Eric Santin (100 Breast) and Shelby Swanson (100 Back).

Leading the Aqua Cowboys in team spirit was four year old Tabor DeCosta, swimming in his first USA swim meet.

Results: Annabelle Bentley (8): 2 new best times, 2nd place (25 Back), 5th place (50 Breast), 6th place (25 Free); Ethan Bentley (7): 1 new best time, 3rd place (25 Back); Grant Billings (11): 3 new best times, 7th place (50 Free); Cody Brennan (8): 2 new Atimes, 1st place (100 IM and 25 Back); Elizabeth Bukus (9): 3 new best times, 8th place (100 Back); Ashley Burton (7): 4 new best times, 3rd place (25 Free, 50 Free and 25 Fly), 6th place (25 Back); Evan Carlo (15): 3 new best times, 2 new A times, 3rd place (100 Free and 50 Free), 6th place (100 Breast); Matt Carlo (11): 1 new best time, 5th place (50 Breast and 50 Free), 7th place (100 Back and 50 Back); Hayden Christensen (16): 1 new JO, 1 new A time, 1st place (100 Free, 50 Free, 50 Free), 3rd place (100 Breast); Allie Clark (9): 2 new best times, 6th place (50 Free), 7th place (100 Breast); Kylie Clark (12) 5 new best times, 1 new JO, 6th place (50 Breast); Katrina Curbelo (8): 7 new best times, 4th place (15) 5 th place (50). The west times, 4th place (10) 5 th place (50).

Clark (12) 5 new best times, 1 new JO, 6th place (50 Breast); Katrina Curbelo (8): 7 new best times, 4th place (25 Fly), 5th place (50 Back), 6th place (50 Free), 7th place (25 Free); Taber DaCosta (4): 1 new best time (25 Fly); Paige DaCosta (6): 5 new best time (25 Fly); Paige DaCosta (6): 5 new best times, 1 new A time, 1st place (100 IM, 50 Fly, 100 Free, 50 Free), 5th place (50 Breast);

Alexa Danner (16): 1 new best time, 2nd place (100 Free), 3rd place (50 Free, 500 Free); Kate Danner (13): 1 new best time, 1st place (50 Free), 3rd place (100 Free); Catherine Elliott (10): 2 new best times, 8th place (100 Free); Alex Gonzalex (9): 2 new best times, 1st place (50 Back, 100 Back), 2nd place (50 Free), 3rd place (200 Free, 100 IM), 4th place (100 Fly); Adriana Harris (10): 5 new best (100 Fly); Adriana Harris (10): 5 new best times, 3rd place (50 Free), 4th place (100 IM), 5th place (50 Breast), 7th place (50 Back); Matthew Hayes (7): 6 new best times, 2 new A times, 1st place (50 Fly, 50 Back, 25 Fly), 2nd place (100 IM, 25 Back), 3rd place (25 Free), 7th place (50 Free); Nina Hayes (12): 5 new best times, 1 new JO time, 2 new A times, 1st place (50 Free, 100 Free), 5th place (50 Breast) 6th place (100 IM). (100 Fly); Adriana Harris (10): 5 new best

times, 1st place (50 Free, 100 Free), 5th place (50 Breast), 6th place (100 IM)
Kate Hottinger (6): 2 new best times, 4th place (50 Fly), 5th place (25 Back); Luke Hottinger (8): 1 new best time, 1st place (25 Back); Katie Johnston (10): 3 new best times, 4th place (100 Breast), 7th place (100 Free); Kevin Johnston (13): 4 new best times, 1st place (100 Fly, 200 Free), 3rd place (200 Fly), 6th place (200 IM); Katie Kulp (11): 6 new best times, 2nd place (200 Back): Patrick both place (200 INI), Ratie Killp (1): 6 liew best times, 2nd place (200 Back); Patrick Kulp (15): 2 new best times, 4th place (500 Free), 7th place (50 Free); Andy Lee (7): 2 new best times, 6th place (25 Free); Bobby Lee (12): 2 new best times; Desiree McConn (11): 3 new best times, 7th place (100 Back, 50 Breast, 200 Free) Breast 200 Free)

Jessica Paul (11): 6 new best times, 5th place (50 Breast), 6th place (200 Free, 50 Free), 7th place (100 IM); Adrianna Rocha (11): 5 new best times, 8th place (100 Back); Julia Rocha (6): 4 new best times, 4th place (100 Back); Julia Rocia (b): 4 new best times, 4th place (50 Back), 7th place (50 Free); Eric Santin (15): 3 new best times, 1 new JO time, 1 new A time, 1st place (100 Breast), 5th place (50 Free, 100 Free); Moriah Simonds (9): 2 new best times, 4th place (100 Fly), 5th place (100 IM); Sarah Swanson (9): 6 new best times, 4th place (100 Free), 5th place (50 Breast), 7th

place (100 Breast); Shelby Swanson (12): 5 new best times 2 new 10 times place (100 Breast); Snelny Swanson (12): 8 new best times, 2 new JO times, 1 new A times, 2nd place (200 Free), 3rd place (50 Breast), 4th place (200 IM), 5th place (100 Free), 6th place (200 Back), 7th place (100 Back, 50 Free); Adam Turner (8): 2 new best times, 4th place (50 Back), 5th place (50 Free)

Pleasanton Seahawks

Pleasanton Seahawks swim team com-peted Oct. 26-28 at a quad-meet held in the Clarke Memorial Swim Center in Walnut

Creek.
Many swam their personal best time in Many Swain their personal best time in many events. They include Adrien Rooney (8) and Nadia Nguyen (9), who every time they hit the water performed personal best times. In Nadia's case, she completed three legs (of the five necessary) of her IMX challenge score by swimming new best times in the 100 back, 100 breast and 100 free.

challenge score by swimming new best times in the 100 back, 100 breast and 100 free. Caleb Wang (12) had a very impressive meet, he reached personal best and new standard in all five events: (50 free AA, 100 free AA, 100 breast A, 100 fly A, and 100 IM A). Schmitz Hannah (15), she reached personal best and new standard in all three events: 100 free AA, 200 free A, and 100 back A.

The following swimmers also reached personal best time in multiple events (Number of events in parenthesis): Aditya Gupta (5), Ryan Zhang (2), Robert Shi (4), Meg MacGregor (2), Tanay Jaeel (3), Sai Ramineni (3), Aaron Li (1), Naomi Chan (2), Eli Sciammas (2), Erika Castro (1).

Highlights: Daniel Caraballo (7), reached personal best and a new B in 25 fly, Lachance Wolfgang (7); Martin Michael (8); and Nair Rishab (8) all swam a new A time in 50 free and personal best and a new B in 100 IM. Rose William (7), personal best and a new B time in 100 IM. Rose William (7), personal best and a new B time in 25 back. Aronson Stephanie (10), reached a new A time in 100 IM, new BB in 100 back, all personal best time. Eva BB in 100 back, all personal best time. Eva Chung (10), a new A time and personal best in 100 IM. Rachell Knowles (10), new AA

im 100 IM. Rachell Knowles (10), new AA time and personal best in 100 breast.

Kaylam Linsay (9), new BB time and personal best in 100 back. Nadia Nguyen (9), new BB and personal best time in both 100 breast and 100 fly. Annalisa Parker (9), new BB and personal best in 100 free and 100 IM. BB and personal best in 100 free and 100 IM. Lillian Sun (10), new AA time and personal best in 50 free. Mary Woods (10), new BB time and personal best in 100 breast. Regis Lachance (9), personal best and new BB time in both 100 free and 100 IM. Jonathan Ong (10), new B time and personal best in 50 fly. Kyle Oslund (10), new BB and personal best in 50 breast. Maxime Rooney e (9), a new A and personal best in 50 back. Robert Scott (10), nersonal best time in 50 back and 100 (10), personal best time in 50 back and 100 breast, new BB and B time. He Zhang (10), personal best in 50 free and 100 free, new B time.

Bridget Booe (11), new A time and personal best in 100 breast. Elise Cox (12), personal best in 100 breast. Elise Cox (12), new BB time and personal best in both 200 free and 100 back. Bernadine Martin (12), personal best and a new BB time in 100 free. Alexis Orozco (11), personal best and new B time in 50 fly. Winky Wong (12), new A and personal best time in 100 back. Maggie Woods (12), personal best and new AA time in 50 fly. Matthew Chen (12), personal best and new BB time in 50 free. Christopher Dourov (12), new A time and personal best in 50 back 100 back, and 50 fly. new AA time and personal best in 200 IM. Calvin Lowe (12), new BB time and personal best in 100 (12), new BB time and personal best in 100

(12), new BB time and personal best in 100 back and 100 breast.
Kevin Mclaughlin (12), personal best and new B time in 200 free, 100 back, and 200 IM. Anthony Shen (11), personal best and new BB time in 100 breast and 100 fly. Alexander Wang (12), new B time and personal best in 100 back, 100 fly, and 200 IM. Alexander L. Wang (11), personal best time in 200 free and 50 fly, new BB and A time. Cassidy Booe (13), personal best and a new B time in 100 back. James Ding (14), personal best in 100 back and 100 breast and personal best in 100 back and 100 breast and new BB and B time. Tingrui Zhang (14), new BB and B time in 50 free and 100 free, personal best time. Armin Toor (15), new BB and B time in 100 free and 200 IM, personal best. David Grabarek (16), new A time in 50 free and new BB time in 200 IM, all personal best.

LPC Heads to State

Las Positas College men's cross country team finished 5th in Northern California and qualified for the state meet. The top ten teams

American River finished first followed by Fresno, Sequoias, Hartnell and Las Positas. Joey Nunes was the top finished for LPC, coming in at 17th place with a time of 21:36. Ivan Medina finished 24th, 22:00; Juan Gomez 26th 22:02: Tristan Blair 42nd. 22:37; Ross Mollenkopf 63rd, 23:35; Jag

Fastpitch Tryouts

Tryouts for the spring/summer team Lady Hustle Fastpitch Softball 14 A travel team in Pleasanton have been scheduled: Dec. 1: Tryouts for Pitchers and Catchers

only 10-11am; All Players Hitting 11:00-12:30; All Players Fielding/Running 1:30-

2:45.. Dec. 9: Tryouts for All Players Fielding. Running 1:30-2:45; All Players Hitting 3:30-5:00; Pitchers and Catchers Only 5:00-6:00. Tryouts are at Double Diamond Sports Academy, Livermore/Robertson Park soft-ball Field, 2272 Research Dr., Livermore.

Please register for tryouts in advance at www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com. For informa-tion call Coach Teresa Bochard at 785-0846.

Tigers Baseball Tigers Baseball will present a special weekend with one of southern California's most celebrated hall of fame collegiate coaches, Robert "Skip" Claprood. Players ages (11-17) are invited to spend two days in November with a Hall of Fame Collegiate Coach learning the secrets to his success. Players attending this event will experience on field collegelevel training under Coach Claprood's tutorage. Space is limited. Preregister at the Tigers' Baseball website, http://www.rteamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball.

Tigers Baseball is taking player applications for their 2008 spring program. Any player ages 11-14 as of 5/1/2008 interested in participating in the Tigers 2008 spring program should send an email to hollar@speakeasy.net.Formore details about Figers Baseball visit their website today at http://www.rteamsite.com/baseball/ tigersbaseball.

Roller Hockey Signups

Valley Roller Hockey in Livermore celebrates 10 years of inline hockey in the Tri-Valley this November. Signups for the winter league are on Saturday, Nov. 10 (10am-12 noon) at the rink located behind Junction Ave. Middle School. These are the last chances to get in to our leagues which start November 12th. Leagues for all youth divisions include Mites (5 and under), Squirts (8 and under), Pee Wees (11 and under). Bantam (14 and under), and Midgets (18 and under). For information, check the web at www.valleyrollerhockey.com or call Beau at 925-443-1500. Late signups are always taken.

Softball Tryouts

Livermore Smoke 12U-A Softball will hold tryouts December 8th at 10am at Robertson Park, Livermore Please contact Johnny Heinz for further information by email at jmheinz@comcast.net or call 454-

Pony Baseball

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

Tigers Baseball

Tigers Baseball is now accepting resumes figers baseball is now accepting resulties for experienced coaches interested in managing one of their 2008 Tigers tournament teams. Tigers Baseball is a nonprofit baseball training program that works in cooperation with well know collegiate coaches and professional players to teach dedicated young players who wight to play baseball at a bigher layer. ers who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The Tigers Baseball mission 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 manage rial openings for the 14U tournament 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 divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball 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 94566 (download a registration form from our website). Registration deadline is January 1, 2008. For more information visit the PGSL website at www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Track and Field

Track and Field Athenian Athletics Track Club invites athletes ages 7-18 to participate ir winter practice the 2008 track and field season. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. Adults of all ages and ability are also encouraged to join the club to participate in our health and wellness nights' program. For membership, practice time and location, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356.



KATHLEEN MINSER WASTE REDUCTION SPECIALIST OFFERS ADVICE ABOUT THE 4Rs:

I read that food scraps "mummify" when placed in the landfill. What does this mean? Lily

A Organic materials, including food scraps, require enzymesecreting microorganisms to decompose at a normal rate, otherwise they "mummify" (break down very slowly). The landfill's contained design prevents harmful contamination from escaping into the environment. Therefore, the lack of oxygen and water in it reduces microorganism availability and limits organic waste decomposition. To help prevent mummification, please place food waste, foodsoiled paper, and yard waste in your Green Waste cart so that WM can transport them to facilities

where they can decompose

into rich soil amendment.

Email Ask Kathleen questions to: AskKathleen@wm.com

Or send written questions to: Ask Kathleen Waste Management 6175 Southfront Road Livermore, CA 94551

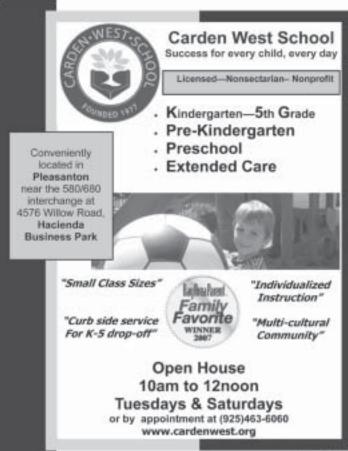
If plastic bags have been around for about 50 years, how do researchers know they can take 500 to 1,000 years to decompose? Peter

A The numbers are estimates. Scientists often use respirometry tests to calculate biodegradable decomposition rates. To do this, they combine sample material with microbe-rich compost and expose the mixture to air. The amount of CO2 produced during the test shows how quickly the sample decomposes. Since plastic bags produce no CO2, we know they do not biodegrade. Although plastic bags may fragment into microscopic granules when exposed to sunlight (photodegrade), the process is so slow that researchers are unsure how long it takes or if the particles ever truly decompose. So, please use reusable totes instead of plastic bags!

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Helping Veterans to Cope

Americans across the country celebrate Veterans Day on November 11, a time to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country faith-

This national awareness reminds us also of the need for the care and support of frail veterans who deserve to live as fully as possible during their final days, with the special care hospice provides.

The number of older veterans is growing rapidly. Veterans age 75 and older will increase by 12 percent by the year 2010, and veterans 85 years and older will triple during that same period. Hospices are providing a critical link in the care of these veterans by providing care and support to wherever the patient calls home.

Hope Hospice has the honor of serving many Tri-Valley veterans, providing them with dignity and supporting their quality of life. In the course of the

work, the Hope Hospice team has been witness to many touching stories that veterans have shared about their service and accomplishments.

Captain Jesse Barker, USN, carrier based in Alameda.

family members, there is a role every person can play to support quality care. Anyone aware of a veteran who is in need of the special care hospice provides, reach out and encourage them to learn more information by calling Hope Hospice at (925) 929-8770.

WORKSHOP (continued from page one)

Koopmann Family and presentations from Michele Clark and John Vollmar.'

The Koopman Ranch in Sunol has placed three easements on the ranch. Two mitigation easements are for the California Tiger Salamander and the Callippe Silverspot Butterfly. Tim and Clayton will share the issues faced by the family.

Michele Clark is the Transaction Director for the Rangeland Trust. It is her responsibility to negotiate and close the conservation easement transactions.

John Vollmar is president and senior ecologist for Vollmar Consulting, a natural resources consulting company.

Vollmar is also a fourth generation Californian. Vollmar's work over the past 10 years has

Retired, a Dublin resident, served as a fighter pilot and a dive bomber pilot from the Hornet, Enterprise, Independence, and the Intrepid. During his 24 years of service, Captain Barker flew 117 different models of naval aircraft including various prop and jet powered land and seaplanes. He is most proud of his appointment as Executive Officer on the USS Hancock, an aircraft

As neighbors, friends, and

focused on preserving ranchlands and open space through conservation and mitigation easements. During this time, he has been involved in numerous transactions that have conserved more than 30,000 acres throughout California. He specializes in working with ranching families to develop and implement strategies for selling conservation or mitigation easements in a manner that "fits" within the overall ranch operation and vision.

For additional information, contact Peggy Kiefer at ACRCD, 925-371-0154 ext. 122. Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship, Alameda County Conservation District is located at 3585 Greenville Rd., Suite 2, Livermore, in the Martinelli Center.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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BOUTIQUES & BAZAARS

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 Dr., Pleasanton. For information, contact Karen at 548-1972

Holiday Craft Fair, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Employee Services Association annual craft fair on Thurs., Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Over 50 vendors will showcase one-of-a-kind crafted arts for purchase. Food will be available for

purchase by Amelia's Deli-Bistro.

Christmas Boutique, Fri., Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Presented by Ambrose D. Regalia Auxiliary to VEW Peet 6208. Let of bendere field it me. VFW Post 6298. Lots of handcrafted items.

Animal Lover's Boutique, 8th annual Sat., Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Toys, artwork, pet dishes and accessories, dog and cat-themed people gifts, handmade aprons, and other crafted items, dishware and holiday ornaments. In front of the hospital, new or nearly new donated items offered in the Litter Box. Money supports the Nearly New Fund of the Valley

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, will host the annual Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This festive boutique will be held in the gymnasium in the center of the Our Savior campus. This gathering of over 20 artisans and crafters will offer unique gift-buying opportunities in a pleasant holiday atmosphere. There is no admission fee for shoppers. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. The student band from Our Savior Lutheran School will be providing special holiday music. For further information, contact Nora Zinnel at 447-1246, ext. 252

Fall Carnival, benefit for The ARC of Fall Carnival, benefit for The ARC of Alameda County, serving the developmental disabled. Nov. 11, 6 to 10 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Dinner, dancing, wine, carnival games, silent auction, raffle. S50 per person. Tickets, Rosie Llamado, 510-760-2376. Donations may be mailed to Jamie O'dell, 1261 Higuera Ct., Livermore, CA 94550

Senior Artisans Holiday Boutique, Thursday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.,

Pleasanton. One of a kind handcrafts made by Pleasanton seniors in arts and craft classes, as well as items from the Peddler Shoppe.

Christmas in the Vineyards, Presented by Christmas Tree Lane 2007, Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at Palm Event Center, Pleasanton. Benefit for ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center. Family Stroll Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m. \$7.50 adult, kids 12 and under free. Nov. 16: Tinsel Tea, 10 a.m. to noon, \$25 per person; Silent Night Soiree, 6:30 to 11 p.m., \$75 per person. Nov. 17: Silver Bells Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m includes Christmas tree drawing. per person. Advance tickets, 373-4560. **REGULAR CALENDAR**

The California Writers Club-Tri-Val-ley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The about their crart and snare their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, November 17 from 11:30 am - 2 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton. Martha Meltzer, Poet Laureate of Pleasanton, will speak on "Poetry in the Everyday." She will discuss her experiences as Poet Laureate, talk about how to grow as a writer, whether of poetry or prose, and read some of her poems. The meeting cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Anyone curious about the roup is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required however To make a reservation for the November 17 meeting, contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday November 14. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Kathy Urban at 925-296-0447 or kkurban@sbcglobal.net or go to www.trivalleywriters.com.

Del Arroyo 4-H Club, invites interested individuals to a new member orientation and potluck dinner at the Nov. 14 community club meeting. Del Arroyo meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Livermore Valley Charter School, 543 Sonoma Ave., Valley Charlet School, 343 Solionia Ave., Livermore. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Margaret Miller, 447-6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com, or Adel Barney at 245-0599 or adelbarney@comcast.net, for ore information.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 10, 50 miles out Calaveras Road, meet 9 a.m. at San Ramon Central Park, Kevin Thieben, 437-5919. Sun., Nov. 11, 30 miles from Pleasanton to Sycamore Grove in Livermore, meet 0 a.m. at Val Vista Park, Kevin Ball, 408-406-2286. Mon., Nov. 12, 55 miles from the Livermore Airport to Sunrise Bakery in Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m., Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Wed., Nov. 14, 30 miles through southern part of Solano Co. and a bit of Napa Co., meet 10 a.m. in Benicia, Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Thurs., Nov. 15, 60 miles from Pleasanton north to the Oakland Zoo, meet Stallins, 922-2461. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

2007 Greater Tri-Valley NCHRA Regional Chapter meeting. On Wednesday, November 14. Mary Beth Deans will be speaking on Economic Forecast for 2008: What Does It Mean for HR Professionals? The meeting will start with networking at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will start promptly at noon at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. The cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for non members. The members and \$50 for non members. The price goes up \$10 pay at the door on the day of the event. Register at www.nchra.org/source/meetings/cMeetingFunctionDetail..

The Hearing Loss Association of America, Tri-Valley Chapter will meet Nov. 15, at the Valley Community Church at 4455.

Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, CA at 7:30 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Kenneth D. Billheimer. He will speak on advancements in cochlear implants and hearing instruments. The meetings are free and open to the public and refreshments are served.

Denim and Diamonds, sponsored by Smith Elementary School in Livermore. The annual dinner-dance will be held at the Palm Center in Pleasanton on Friday, November 9, at 6 pm. Evening includes dinner, music, dancing, and an opportunity to bid on a variety of fabulous auction items. All money collected for the event goes directly toward the education of Smith students and can be used as a tax donation. Items to be auctioned include tickets to the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Tournament along with a Behind the Scenes Tour, Electronic Arts Tour, "I" Basket from Apple, and courtesy of local orthodontist, Dr. Klifford Kapus (Wild Smiles) – a set of braces! Additional prizes will be raffled off throughout the evening including a Nintendo DS and Vespa Motor and to purchase tickets, visit the school website at www.smithelementary.org under

Autumn Treasures. American Business Women's Association Express to Success (ABWA E2S) holds monthly meetings that focus on personal and professional development for women in business. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Non-

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members are welcome to attend at a cost of \$5 per meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20. Guest speaker is author Lorena Bathey. Her book, Happy Beginnings: How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother is her journey of rediscovery after being lost in the roles that life had placed her For more information, email info@expresstosuccess.org or go to

www.expresstosuccess.org.

Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, annual turkey shoot on Sun., Nov. 11 starting at 10 a.m. Win a Thanksgiving turkey. For more information, contact the

trap office at 449-8780.

Hometown Holidays Parade, The City of Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Celebra-tion committee is seeking community and athletic groups, marching bands and floats to participate in its annual parade on Saturday participate in its annual parade on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. The deadline for parade entries is November 21, 2007. Entry forms are available at www.hometownholiday.com or by calling the Hometown Holiday phone line at (925) 931-3432. For more information, visit w.hometownholiday.com or call (925)

Volunteers Needed, Pleasanton's Home-town Holiday Celebration committee is seeking volunteers to assist with this year's event on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and may specify their volunteering preference. Volunteer positions include: preference. Volunteer positions include volunteer check-in assistant, barricade attendant, flagmen, parade marshall, parade check-in assistant, parade formation assistant, tree lighting assistant, hospitality assistant, set-up and/or tear-down crew and disband attendant. Volunteer applications must be submitted by November 21, 2007. Application forms are available at (925) 931-3432.

National 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 lim-ited — please register by November 12th

www.afsp.org.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, November 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Quilt artist and teacher Linda Wagner will present a program on "Games This Quilter Plays." Linda will also conduct a workshop "Puzzled Nines" on the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the

guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org. Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network Bring the whole family and join our drum-ming circle! Rowena Morgan, director of Music Together, will be leading a rhythmic drumming circle on Monday, November 19, at CrossWinds Church located at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin at 7PM. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. Dads and children are welcome! For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail TrilleyHMN@hotmail.com

Medicare Part D: Prescription Drug Benefit for 2008. Learn about the 2008 prescription drug benefits, eligibility, and rollment updates for Medicare Part D, and where to get extra help to pay for premiums, deductibles and co-payments. Tuesday, November 13, 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 Brigade, 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 deliver the baskets to specially designated Tri-Valley and San Francisco Bay area residents 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-backets and hands of the personal season. deliver baskets and help organize and execute the event. For more information contact Mimi Field at mimifieldpr@comcast.net or visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.
RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Topic for Nov. 11, "If You Fall, Who Will

Topic for Nov. 11, "If You Fall, Who Will Catch You?", led by interim minister Rev. Carolyn Colbert. Information 447-8747.

Hadassah Shalom Chapter presents "Living a Jewish Life in the Tri-Valley" with special guest Fruma Resnick. Nov. 15, 7pm, Beth Chaim Congregation, 1400 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Cheryl Bigman, cherylsb63@yahoo.com, (925) 968-9240.

L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experience), Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm in Borromeo Hall at St. Charles, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore is hosting an evening about Fostering a New Generation. The evening will be wrapped around the stories of children who have come through the Foster-Care/ Foster-Adopt programs. Joy Mullon, Care/ Foster-Adopt programs. Joy Mullon, a licensed clinical social worker for Lilliput Children's Services (one of California's top Foster/Adopt agencies) will talk about the Foster/Adopt field, the good things and things that need to be changed. She will also discuss how parenting a Foster-Care child is different than a birth child and what it takes to become a foster arrent. There will be time to become a foster parent. There will be time for Q&A. The community is invited to attend. For more information contact Julie at

upcatholic@aol.com or 925-373-6441.

Tri-Valley Unity Church celebrates its 13th birthday at its service on Sunday, Nov.
18. The Serendipity Singers will be performing. Tri-Valley Unity 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.

Facing Holiday Blues with a Broken Heart, class facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene. Thurs., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. No registration required. All are welcome regardless of religious orientation.

Darrell V. Fowler

Darrell Fowler passed away Nov. 2, 2007 after a brief illness. He was 71.

A Livermore resident for 30 years, he was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up in Los Angeles. He graduated from MIT with advanced degrees in physics and math. His first career, for 22 years, was as an officer in the U.Š. Army Chemical Corps. During that time, he taught at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point; was advisor at the Vietnamese Military Academy, advisor to the Ministry of National Defense in Korea, Technical Intelligence Commander in Europe, plus various other positions, finishing his military career as head of the Nuclear Defense Agency at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

His second career, for 20 years, was as senior project manager at S.R.I. International in Menlo Park. He was an active member of Discovery Bay Country Club, member and held various offices in SIR Branch 101, member of various technical and scientific societies. He traveled and lived all over the world. He and his wife recently returned from a month long trip to Russia and the Baltic countries.

He is survived by his wife,

Marti, daughter Kathy Stewart of Union City, son Bill and daughter-in-law Bridget of Acton, Mass., five granddaughters, brother Bill and his wife Florence of Hermosa Beach, sister Dru Engle and husband Phil of San Clemente and numerous nieces and nephews.

At his request, services will be private. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

John Aaron Collins

John Aaron Collins died Nov. 3, 2007 in Dublin. He was 81.

He was born in Leray, Missouri the son of John Willis Collins and Pearl Collins. He served as a commissary man in the U.S. Navy. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, boating, and camping.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Shirley Čollins; sons John Willis Collins, Jr. and Glenn Collins; daughters, Ester Sepe, Jackie Jones and Serah Duda; and five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 8 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

Donna Thomas

Donna Thomas passed away on November 3, 2007. She was

Born on August 18, 1936 in San Francisco, she had lived in Livermore for 26 years.

She is survived by her children, Jeannette Souza, Kenneth Thomas and Tammy Thomas, twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jonce Thomas three years ago.

Donna owned and operated a family business for thirty-two years. She was a very wise individual, intelligent businesswoman, as well as a private philanthropist. She supported many faith based organizations. She helped many people in need with a pure heart never expecting anything in return.

Her greatest joys were reading her Bible, praising her Lord and considered her greatest blessing her family. She provided may life lessons of caring, generosity and unconditional love.

Å visitation is planned from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 8 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore with a Catholic Vigil beginning at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be private.

Donations can be made to Feed the Children, 3333 North Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK, 73107.

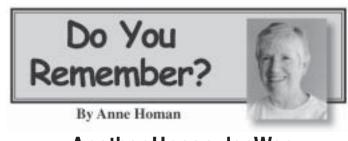




Proceeds will benefit ValleyCare's Emergency Room Expansion Campaign and the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center.







Another Unpopular War

Similar to the current war with Iraq, the Vietnam Conflict, which dragged on for 15 years through three presidents—Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon—was not a popular war. The draft system was still in effect, and many men were forced to participate. Twelve men from Livermore died in World War II, and the same number died in Vietnam between 1959 and 1975. The United States lost approximately 58,000 young people in Vietnam; 304,000 were wounded.

Army Corporal Dennis R. Podgorny graduated from Livermore High in 1966. He earned his Block L by participating in swimming, golf, track, football and basketball. He was elected king of the junior prom. A friend remembered what a great sense of humor he had. Unlike many, he really knew how to tell a joke. Soon after graduation he was drafted and by September 1967 he was in Vietnam. He was a rifleman and was killed at age 19 on November 9 by hostile small arms fire in Quang Nam Province when he attempted to silence an enemy automatic weapon unit. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a V device for valor and a purple heart posthumously. A fellow vet remembered that his Alpha company buddies used to tease Dennis because at that time a man named Podgorny was a prominent member of

Another Livermore High student, Leonard D. Erickson, joined the army in 1967, his senior year. He was on the wrestling team and played the French horn. A friend wrote of the good times they had in band together. PFC Erickson was married and had a baby son. At age 18 he was killed on April 7, 1968 by a either a mine or a booby trap while on a combat mission with the "Brown Water Navy," the Mobile Riverine Force, a combination of navy and army men. They fought through the muddy landscape of the rivers and canals of the Mekong Delta. Leonard was killed in Dinh Tuong Province.

Army specialist John Chester King was a star athlete at Granada High, making All-East Bay in football and wrestling during his senior year. His jersey was number 12, and the 1968 yearbook shows several photos of him as quarterback. The Eagles named him the Most Outstanding Senior Player. A high school friend wrote about wrestling on the school team with Chester, hanging out at his house and flirting with one of his "boss" sisters. After high school graduation in 1968 and a semester at Chabot, Chester joined the army. His brother, Eddie King, remembered well hugging Chester goodbye at the Oakland Airport. Eddie described his younger brother as a "happygo-lucky guy, not a mean bone in his body." A fellow vet remembered the fun times they had together in the service, including his teaching Chester how to play horseshoes. The twin turbine Mohawk with its bubble canopy in which Chester had been flying while doing agrial survoillance grashed in Quant been flying while doing aerial surveillance crashed in Quang Nam on November 2, 1970. He is buried at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore. He was 20 years old. Eddie still gets choked up when he talks about his brother. He says that usually people focus on the grief of the veteran's parents, but the siblings have a rough time, too. He regrets deeply not having been able to know his brother as an adult. As a result of his experience, "I go out of my way to let vets know how much we appreciate them.

Marine PFC Leo "Buddy" Buckholdt attended schools in Livermore until his family moved to Santa Cruz. After his 1964 high school graduation, he joined the Marines. Fellow classmate Don Staysa drove Buddy and another friend to Oakland, where the three of them signed up and passed the required test. Don remembered him as "just a regular guy." They were promised that they could serve together in the same unit, but that didn't happen. Buddy became the crew chief and door gunner on a Huey. A fellow Marine wrote: "As you ran to the door of waiting helicopters, a Marine covered your moves and did his best to make sure you made it on board. The rattle of the machine gun and waving of arms were a welcome sight" as men hurried to leave a hot spot. This was Buddy's job until he was killed trying to evacuate men from the top of Hill 488, a rocky knob called Hui Vu, where the men had had an observation post. He died at age 20 on June 16, 1966. Don didn't learn of his friend's death until he returned home from the war.

Petty officer Reid Isler attended high school in New Mexico before his family moved to Livermore. He enlisted in the Navy after graduation and trained as a corpsman at San Diego and at Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland before being sent to Vietnam. On his first patrol with a Marine unit, he was killed on a search and destroy mission southwest of the Marine Base at Khe Sanh on May 17, 1968. Under heavy fire he gave aid to a wounded Marine and was killed while preparing to move him to a protected position. He died at age 21 and was granted the Bronze Star posthumously.

Next week I will describe the other seven casualties of the Vietnam War from Livermore. I owe special thanks to Pat and John Dutro for their help with this column. Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.

Community Invited to Assemble Packages for the Troops

The community is invited to come and support the troops by assembling "Care Packages for the Holidays.'

The project will be Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on the corner of Cruz in Pleasanton.

Light refreshments will be available. A professional photographer will take pictures of families or individuals to include with the care packages. There will be videos and information focused on raising awareness about how to reach out to sup-

port soldiers and their families. For further information, contact Tim Bean, Chairman — Care Package Service Project at (925) 200-6448. This event is sponsored by Pleasanton First Ward (Bishop Lindsey Eastburn) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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'Little Heathens' **Author To Be at Livermore Library**

Mildred Kalish, author of Little Heathens, will be at the Livermore Public Library on Sun., Nov. 18.

Mildred Kalish takes readers back to a lost time and place in her New York Times bestseller, Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression. The book is a memoir, both entertaining and enlightening. The New York Times says, "If all that Little Heathens offered, then, were more such hard-times homilies, this would not be much of a book. But this memoir is richer than that, filled with fervency, urgency and one amazing twist, which surprised me to the point of a delighted, audible gasp..."

This free event will be pre-

sented at 2pm on Sunday, November 18th at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have generously underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the website www.livermore.lib.ca.us

Silent Auction Benefit for Toys for Tots

The Terraces at Dublin Ranch Villages, a new Toll Brothers Community, has partnered with Toys for Tots this holiday season and will hold a silent auction to benefit the charity November 16 - December 16, 2007.

Holiday dining table décor, from linens to stemware to floral arrangements, as featured in five model homes, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder; all proceeds benefit Toys for Tots. Each of the five table tops have been professionally decorated by area designers and shops, with participation from Williams Sonoma Home in Palo Alto, Elegant Clutter in Danville, Crate & Barrel and Z Gallerie in Walnut Creek.

In addition to conducting this auction, The Terraces is also an area donation station for unwrapped toys. Anyone willing to contribute may bring unwrapped toys for all ages to the Sales Center at 3275 Dublin Blvd. #130, Dublin, CA 94568.

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For more information call Johnna or Elizabeth at (925) 479-

Exhibit of Abstract Works Opens

An exhibition of new works by Livermore Abstract Figurative Artist Linda Ryan opens with a reception on Tuesday, November 13th at art!space contemporary gallery. Ryan's work combines an exploration of energy, motion and the figure, using acrylics, wide brushes and "color-shaper" paddles to cut away and move paint in the style she developed through years of exploration with the medium.

Beginning studies with Bill Paskewitz at Las Positas in 1998, Ryan has painted for 9 years. She became an arts activist figure in the Tri-Valley area, hosting exhibitions, starting and running the Tri-Valley Artist Guild's ArtWalk Livermore, managing the Bothwell Arts Center (a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Centers) and serving on the City of Livermore's Commission for the Arts. She is currently working out of her studio at the Bothwell Arts Center, and working to connect the local arts scene with a more regional Open Studios tour in the spring.

Ryan will return to art!space in the Spring of 2008 with further explorations of gel figuratives.

The exhibit will be available for viewing, November 13-December 8. There will be an opening reception on Tues., Nov. 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Art!space is located at 133 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For information, call 371-2500.

For more information about Ryan Linda lindaryanfineart.com.

Winners of Competition Announced

Michelle Lee and Cory Chang have been selected as the winners of the 35th annual Competition for Young Musicians sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association.

The students will perform as soloists with the symphony at its Feb. 9, 2008 concert. Judges were Dr. Arthur Barnes, conductor of the symphony, and Anthony Doheny, violinist, pianist, and lecturer in music at Stanford University.

Lee is a violinist. She is the daughter of Bill Lee and Kasey Chung of Dublin. She is a student at Dublin High School. For the competition, Lee performed the first movement of Violin Concerto NO. 5 by Vieuxtemps.

Cory, a pianist, is the son of Jean Chang of Livermore and a student at Granada High School. He performed the first movement of Piano Concerto No. 4 by Beethoven.

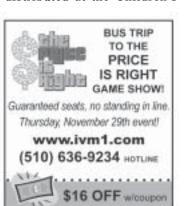
The students will perform these same works at the February concert. They will be accompanied by the symphony.

Crosspulse Rhythm Duo Performs At the Pleasanton Library

From bells and banjos to body music, boxes and bells, the Crosspulse Rhythm Duo makes music out of anything and everything at the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, Novem-

Keith Terry and Evie Ladin bring together Jazz and World Music, Appalachian Banjo and Step Dancing traditions, even Found Sound with athleticism, humor and skill. The Crosspulse Rhythm Duo offers performances that both entertain and educate young audiences - exploring the rhythmic possibilities in the world around us.

No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is for the entire family. The performance will be at 2:00 p.m., with a limited supply of free tickets distributed at the Children's



Desk 30 minutes prior to show time. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Concert Band Performs At **Bankhead Theater**

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present its Children's Concert on November 18, at the Bankhead Theater, 1200 First Street, Livermore. The concert will start at 2 p.m. and end at 3 p.m.

This year's theme is "Music from Famous Cartoons." Young and old alike will recognize the tunes that made cartoons so much fun to watch. Selections range from Mickey Mouse to SpongeBob SquarePants (and Bart Simpson, too.) Due to the renovation project on Amador Theater, the Band will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

There is no admimssion charge. Come early, seating is limited.

For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to www.pleasantonband.org.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401255

The following person (s) doing business as, Design Discoveries, 2488 Ancona Circle. Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Christopher Anderson, 2488

Ancona 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 September 17, 2007.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Christopher J. Anderson This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on Sentember 20 2007. Éxpires September 20,

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NOTICE OF PETITIONTO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEPHEN P. JEDYNAK Case No. RP07348864

To all heirs, beneficiaries creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: STEPHEN P. JEDYNAK

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: AUDREY JEDYNAK in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREY JEDYNAK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decendent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

NOVEMBER 14, 2007 at 9:30AM in DEPT. 201 at SU-PERIOR COURT OF CALIFOR NIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 1225 FALLON STREET, OAK I AND CA 94612, RENE C

DAVIDSON COURTHOUSE IFYOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should ap pear at the hearing and state , your objections or file writter objections with the court be fore the hearing. Your appearance may be in person

or by your attorney.
IFYOUR ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decendent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal repre sentative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If your are a per

son interested in the estate you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of àn inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court

Attorney for Petitioner STUART G. SCHMIDT, Esq. 983 University Ave., Suite

Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-356-3000 The Independent Legal

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401871

Beauty, 975 Murrieta Blvd #32 Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Karen Beth Davis, 975 Murrieta Blvd #32, Livermore

The following person (s

doing business as Blended

This business is conducted bv:an individual The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 4, 2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 4022223 The following person (s) doing business as Baby Boot Camp, 1817 Baywood Common, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Rechea A. Fallis, 1817 Baywood Common, 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 28, 2007

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Rechea A. Fallis This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 15, 2007. Expires October 15, 2012 The Independent Legal No. 2240. Publish October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402173

The following person (s) doing business as Katie's Music School, 363 Clarke Avenue, Livermore CA 94551. is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Catherine E. Harding, 363 Clarke Avenue, Livermore CA 94551

This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2007

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Catherine E. Harding This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 15, 2007. Expires October 15, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2241. Publish October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 402527

The following person (s) doing business as Moonshot 4058 Francisco Street, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kendra Dawn Stumpf, 4058 Francisco Street, Pleasanton CA 94566

This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1. 2007.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Kendra Stumpf This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 22, 2007. Expires October 22, 2012.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 402496 The following person (s) doing business as TruKid, 129 Filbert Street, Oakland CA 94607 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tree Star Group, Inc., 129 Filbert Street, Oakland CA 94607 This business is conducted by:

a corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 2, 2007. Signature of Registrant

/s/:Jennifer Adams This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 22, 2007. Expires October 22, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2243. Publish November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402244 The following person (s) doing business as Artisan

Marshmallows, Canterbury Avenue Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following Kim Elaine Faulkner, 714 Canterbury Avenue, Livermore ĆA 94550 John Arthur Faulkner, 714

Canterbury Avenue, Livermore ĆA 94550 This business is conducted by:husband and wife The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Octo-

ber 10, 2007 Signature of Registrant: /s/:Kim E. Faulkner and John Faulkner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 15, 2007.

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FILE NO. 402041 The following person (s) doing business as Pro Interiors, 266 Nadine Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following Donald Scott Simpson, 266

Nadine Street, 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 9, 2007 Signature of Registrant:

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 392121 The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Specialty Inspections, 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566

The fictitious business name referred to above was filled on February 23, 2007, in the County of Alameda. Specialty Home Inspections, Inc., 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566

ignature of Registrant: s/:Mark J. Kearns This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 29. 2007 The Independent Legal No. 2246. Publish November 1, 8,

This business was conducted

by:a corporation

15, 22, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 402808 The following person (s) doing business as: Specialty Inspections, 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Specialty Termite, Inc., 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA

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/s/:Mark J. Kearns This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 29, 2007. Expires October 29, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2247. Publish November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 402933

The following person (s) doing business as:Bollinger Nail Salon, 2375 RailRoad Ave #201. Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Bollinger Nail Spa. Inc., 18080 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon CA 94583

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County on October 31, 2007. Expires October 31, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2248. Publish November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007 (24/7) (CAL*SCAN)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402696-402697

The following person (s) doing business as: 1)The Kind Company 2)The Kind Realtor, 3120-C Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 24, 2007. Expires October 23, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2249. Publish November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 403061 The following person (s) doing business as: Allaince 1 Staffing, 43170 Christy Street, Fremont Ca 94538 is hereby registered by the following owner (s) Edward K. Bernal, 7412 Flag-

stone Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588 This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to

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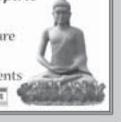
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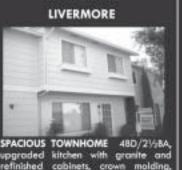
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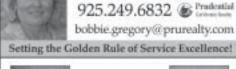


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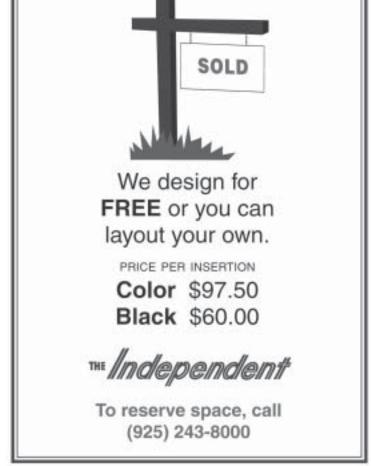


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Downtown mural painted by Gary Winter

Works by Gary Winter on Display

Local artist Gary Winter will be featured at Alexander's Main Street Gallery on Fri., Nov. 16. He will be there from 6 to 9 p.m.
Gary will be unveiling the canvas limited editions of "Amador Valley" (depicting the mural, which can be seen on the north side of Strizzi' restaurant, corner of Main St. and St. Mary). He will personally sign and dedicate each piece sold. A portion of the sales proceeds going to the Pleasanton Downtown Mural Project.

He will also unveil his "Downtown Pleasanton Historical Coloring Book," featuring downtown's main historical buildings. The

coloring book retails for \$7.95.

On Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a Holiday Boutique featuring local artists Denise O. Miller and Marge Atkin. They offer hand crafted silk paintings, silk scarves, knit hats, mini silk paintings, ponchos, tops, mini abstracts in water media, and glass ornaments. There will be holiday music and refreshments.

For more information about these weekend events call Rosalinda at Alexander's Gallery at 925-846-6015. The gallery is located at 610 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

Celebrating a Gift of Children's Book Art! In conjunction with National Children's Book Week (Nov. 12-

18), the public is invited to a reception Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in celebration of a gift of children's book art to the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library.

Fern Skowlund, owner of Toad Hall Books from 1979 to 1994, recently donated her collection of original children's book art to the Friends, who have arranged for it to be on permanent display in the children's area of the library.

The reception is in acknowledgement of this gift and to alert the Pleasanton community to the presence of these fun works now in our

After brief remarks, light refreshments will be served. An opportunity provided to view the newly displayed art. For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Two Artists Featured at Gallery

Worthington Gallery West will have an art show featuring artists Judy Seidel and Jane Tivol.

Seidel works with acrylic paint on hot-pressed watercolor paper resulting from external stimuli that are condensed and abstracted and represented by shapes, colors, and layers. The surfaces are worn away - shedding until a magical core is revealed.

Tivol Studios, on the other hand, takes a neutral background builds up sparkling and shimmering layers. The shimmering glass pieces are called diachronic glass, a multi layer coating created by melting quartz crystal and metal oxides such as gold and copper.

The exhibit at Worthington West, 739 Main Street in down-

Over twenty years ago four

young men who were singularly

talented musicians formed a

string quartet in Venice and

called if Quartetto di Venezia.

This ensemble performed Satur-

day evening, November 3rd in the new Bankhead Theater in

Livermore as part of the Del Valle

Fine Arts concert season. At least

70% of the seats were filled in

this new hall. With the acousti-

cal shell in place, every note could be heard throughout the

They opened with Luigi Boccherini's "Quartet in D Ma-jor, Opus 64, #2." He never fin-

ished this work, but wrote it,

while living in Spain, in 1804, a

year before his death. Since

Boccherini was a well known solo cellist in his day, I hoped for

a long, lyrical cello passage, but

in this work, the first violin reigned. Andrea Vio, who plays

on a Santo Serafino violin, cre-

ated in 1740, had a difficult solo

while the other three accompanied him with pizzicato, or the

plucking of their strings. In contrasting forte passages all of the players used full, generous

bowings. A theme heard earlier, a light hearted violin solo, re-

Ten years later, Luigi Cherubini, a fellow Italian, com-

posed his "Quartet #1 in E Flat Major." There were good contrasts between forte and piano,

the loud and the soft portions, in the first movement. The cello had more to say in this work.

Angelo Zanin, the cellist, had a

formidable technique, and he

played a lively, spiccato (where

the bow almost bounces on the

strings) section with the other three players in subordinate

parts. The first movement placed

great demands on the musician-

ship of all four musicians. Uni-

son parts in running octaves were

performed with perfect intonation. After many measures which

turned with variations.

By Nancy O'Connell



Tivol glass art

town Pleasanton, runs from November 17-December 29. 2007.

There will be an Artist Reception on Saturday Nov. 17th from 6-8pm. There is no admission charge. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 925-485-1183 or go to www.worthingtongallerywest.com. The gallery is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, Fridays from Noon to 8 pm and other times by appointment.

Pixar Documentary Premiers at Vine Theater Livermore Downtown Inc. is

partnering with Pixar and the Vine Cinemas to bring to Livermore the first public screening of the new documentary, "The Pixar Story, a documentary by Leslie Iwerks.

The screening will take place Saturday, November 10th at 3:00 PM at the Vine Cinemas, 1722 First Street.

Writer, Director, Producer Leslie Iwerks will be attending. She will conduct a pre-screening presentation before the show and Q&A session after.

The Pixar Story takes audiences behind the scenes of the groundbreaking company that pioneered a new generation of animation and forever changed the face of filmmaking. Using never-before-seen footage from the Pixar library, along with historic archival animation and first hand accounts by animators, studio executives, directors, producers and voice performers, Academy Award nominated filmmaker Leslie Iwerks tells the story of the Bay Area start-up that revolutionized Hollywood.

In the mid 1980s, an inspired and inspiring trio of innovators combined their gifts in art, science and business to launch a new way to make 3-D animated films and changed the face of filmmaking forever. Ed Catmull, John Lasseter and Steve Jobs overcame years of creative struggle and financial loss to launch an entirely new animation industry. Starting with the first full length CG film Toy Story, Pixar has entertained millions of people worldwide, and established an unprecedented and as yet unparalleled record of boxoffice success. Iwerks takes viewers on a dramatic journey filled with personal sacrifice and fueled by passionate belief in the possibilities of a new medium as Pixar Animation Studios is born.

The Pixar Story features exclusive interviews with some of the key players in the Pixar story including John Lasseter, Ed Catmull, Steve Jobs, George Lucas, Michael Eisner, Bob Iger, Tom Hanks, Billy Crystal, Ťim Allen, Brad Bird and more.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at our office, 2060 Second Street or at the Vine the day of the show.

Leslie Iwerks is a third generation filmmaker from a twotime Oscar winning family. Her recent documentary short film, Recycled Life, was nominated for an Academy Award in 2006 and has won nine top film festival awards.

Les Chenes Estate Vineyards Winemaker Dinner, November 10, 2007 at 6:30 pm. Traditional French Style with Estate Wines. Call for reserva-tions: (925) 373-1662 - \$110.00 per guest Each guest will receive a Les Chenes etched glass to remem-

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Prometheus Symphony, fall concert
Sun., Nov. 18, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito
and Grand Ave., Oakland. Program: Bernstein: Overture to Candide; Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Fantasy; Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 Scottish. Admission is free. Dona-

tion requested.

The Livermore Art Association Gallery, located at the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street, Livermore, is presenting an art show with the theme, "Wine and Dine Me." The show runs 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. **Metamorphoses** – Amador Valley High School's Drama Dept. pre-

sents "Metamorphoses," a Broad-way hit written by Mary Zimmerman, directed by Kelsey Hartman. Experience this inventive adaptation of Ovid's myths, such as the one about King Midas and feel the influence water has over all of life! Running November 8, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30pm, with a matinee on Sat. Nov. 17 at 2pm. (No performance Nov. 9.) For tickets (\$5/students; \$8/adults) visit www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/avhsweb/hartman; click on Metamorphosis, or purchase them at the door prior to each performance. All shows are at Amador's Second Stage in the Multi-Purpose room; 1155 Santa Rota Rd., Pleasanton; free park-

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. For more information please call 456-

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

22-805-4003.

Country Folk Art will present a home holiday and gifts craft show on Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. on Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun. Admission is \$7, good for the weekend. Top artisans from across the country will be on hand.

Livermore Art Association Gallery,

"Trunk Show," which includes jew-elry pieces and other wearable art for sale. Refreshments will be served. Free event. Fri., Nov. 16th, 5:30 to 8:30pm., Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third St., Livermore. For more information contact: Michele Bucket 455-6442.

Jazz Concert Series: Friday, November 9, 8 p.m. Mimi Blais - Queen of Ragtime at the Front Row Theatre. Pianist Blais, a unique performer from Montreal, is often called the female Victor Borge, Celine Dion of the keyboard, or French Canadian Liberacette. www.cclib.org/pro-grams/jazz/events.html. For ques-tions, call San Ramon Library at 925-973-2850.

Las Positas College Fall Play, Fridays & Saturdays, November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8 pm; Sunday, November 18 at 2 pm. Las Positas College Theater and are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

An Evening of Music with Daniel **Glover**, Sat., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. Ticket information Valley Concert Chorale (925) 866-4003; www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

was almost like a tenor aria.

Angelo Zanin's tone was rich and

sonorous, even when he was up

in the thumb position. The final

Maltese Falcon Gala will be held Nov 10 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Dancing in the stacks, wine served from the Reference Desk, vintage cars on display, swinging jazz. Come as you are, or dress as a favorite Maltese Falcon character. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Dave Rocha Jazz Group, winter concert Sat., Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. The band performs an eclectic mix of modern jazz standards, "pop" tunes and originals. \$10 adults, \$5 youth - pay at the door, no advance ticket sales. Call (925) 556-4500 for more information.

Lithorama, presented by Livermore Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Club. Nov. 17, 10 to 5 and Nov. 18, 10 to 4 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. www.lithophiles.com or 443-5769.

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, November 18th at 7 p.m. Julia Morgan - Architectural History (A re-enactment) with speaker Betty Marvin, Architectural Historian. Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. across from the Aquatic Center. For information on upcoming events, lectures and the current exhibit, please visit our

www.museumonmain.org. William Feasley: The French Per-spective, Classical guitar, Nov. 11, 2:00 pm. Friends of the Livermore Library, Author and Arts Series, held in the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. For information call 373-5505. Free.



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The second movement, the *Larghetto*, began with a dialogue between the first violin and the cello. A question would be heard in the violin, and the answer came from the cello. Then the three upper voices, each in turn played, while the 'cellist was tacet (silent). The theme was played by each in turn - the first, the second, each with a slight variation, and then the viola, with its deeper timbre. At last the cello entered with a vigorous statement in a descending scale. An ethereal, otherworldly effect followed, which was achieved by long notes held on a single bow, and by playing pianissimo in no more than a whisper of sound with no vibrato. The cellist broke the spell with running 16ths, and a sprightly section ensued.

The third movement had rollicking rhythms with double stops. Perfect bow control with spiccato had the bows dancing on the strings. Some of these melodies sounded inspired from folk tunes. In the *Finale*, the *Al*legro assai, the lightning quick 16th and 32nd notes reminded this listener of Mendelsohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream," which was composed more than

a century later. This quartet was obviously trained in the old classical tradition. There was no head bobbing, no gyrations or leaping about, no using the bow as a jousting toy as seen last year when the "Red Priest" performed. This was pure music at its finest with none of the silly antics and distractions some modern groups feel are nec-essary to appeal to the "younger

crowd. After the intermission, the quartet performed Giovanni Sollima's *Zobeide* and *Federico* II from *Viaggio in Italia*, A Jour-

tween pizzicato and arco again and again. Another rich and haunting melody was heard in the first violin. This work was episodic and a great variety of musical effects was used. The cellist had lots of wild double stops and later tapped on his cello making a percussive effect for the first violin's solo. Intri-cate rhythms with syncopated patterns emerged. There were glissandos up the cellist's finger-board. The violist had a solo reminiscent of North A frice. reminiscent of North Africa. All four musicians were virtuosos and in total command of their instruments. Driving rhythms brought the work to a grand cli-

Guiseppe Verdi's "Quartet in E Minor" was composed in 1873. The *Allegro* had operatic melodies, but they were glorious ones. Technical demands were placed on all four players, and the notes flew across all four strings of each performer. The *Andantino* had the first violin's serene and quiet solo accompanied by the other two upper voices in harmony with the cellist plucking his strings. Later the cello had the melody, which movement, the Scherzo, was in the form of a fugue, one of music's most difficult forms. Each player must be especially attuned to every other musician in a fugue, where the theme is picked up and played, with elaboration, by each player in turn. The violist, Luca Morassutti, seemed particularly sensitive to the other three members. He always watched whoever had the solo and adjusted his own part to blend in with the others seamlessly. The music heard on Saturday night spanned nearly 200 years, commencing with the

commencing with the Boccherini, which was composed in 1804, and leading up to 2000. They wisely promoted the music from their own land, and included the modern work of Giovanni Sollima. Their musicianship generated great enthusiasm in the audience. A standing ovation led to an encore -Boccherini's famous *Menuetto* which sounded deceptively simple. The Quartetto di Venezia's tossed it off as though it were a bit of whipping cream on a very rich cake. Every note was heard. The elegant interpretation they bought to each work made this familiar Menuetto sound fresh and enchanting.



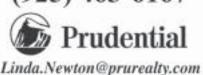
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(WBA) on November 17 and 18. According to the WBA website, annually 65 bands compete in the championship contest which rotates between Northern, Central

& Southern California. Amador, a Class 5A band in WBA, has competed in two local WBA competitions this season, one hosted at Gilroy High School,

SKATING

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Taylor Sirset still finds time for her other hobbies: ballet, skiing, Pilates and painting. Her mom, Teri Sirset, said that her daughter normally spends an additional hour per day doing these activi-

Teri Sirset noted that her daughter used to get up at 3:50 am so she could practice her skating before school. She does not remember a single day when she had to coax her daughter to get out of bed.

"She is so dedicated to the sport," says Teri who now home schools Taylor. This enables the skater to maintain her heavy practice schedule. Taylor Sirset regularly works with a local skating coach and travels to Southern California to work with legendary coach John Nicks.

Nicks is a member of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame. He trained Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen. Teri Sirset said that her daughter's coaches often comment on how unusually driven Taylor is at such an early

The United States Figure Skating Championships have three levels of skaters: senior, junior and novice. The junior category is divided by age into intermediate and juvenile categories. Taylor Sirset will be competing in the younger category, the juvenile section.

When asked how she felt about the Junior Nationals, Taylor did not sound nervous. She said she was excited for the chance to compete to be the best. She "likes the feeling of all the pressure."

Taylor says she wants to be a professional figure skater when she grows up. Her current figure skating heroes are Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen. She respects Michelle Kwan for her passion and Sasha Cohen for her extensions and spiral technique. Taylor's favorite aspect of figure skating is the feeling she gets when she in the air. She likes feeling "the wind passing" and seeing all the colors go by.

and the second, the Quest Classic hosted by Valley Christian High School at Diablo Valley College. At the WBA Championships, Amador will compete among bands from California, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Arizona. In 2006, Amador captured 5th place in the WBA Grand Championships.
The 2007 Amador show is en-

titled "Aurora Borealis," inspired by the spectacular celestial light shows of northern skies. The original music, by John Meehan and John Mapes, is presented in three movements: Sky Fires, The Heavens, and A Vengeful Force. The Director of the Amador Valley Marching Band and Colorguard is Jonathan Grantham. The Drum Majors are

ing their field shows.

The Marching Band and Colorguard will present an encore performance of this year's field show, "Aurora Borealis" for family and friends on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm in Amador Valley High School sta-

The Marching Dons will appear in full uniform, presenting their show in their home stadium for the final time this season in preparation for their appearance at the Western Band Association (WBA) Championships.

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