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A visitor at a recent Livermore Airport Open House checked out ap-40 Warhawk.

Airport To Host Open House

The City of Livermore, airport staff and tenants invite the Tri-Valley community to celebrate the 13th annual Airport Open House on Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Livermore Municipal Airport.

The Airport Open House is a free community event, featuring exhibits, food, entertainment, and a fabulous static display of Livermore based aircraft.

Radio station, KKIQ, will be on hand, giving away prizes, and broadcasting live from noon to 2

The Livermore Airport is home to over 600 aircraft, including General Aviation, Military Warbirds, Antique/Classic, Experimental/Homebuilt, and Aerobatic type aircraft. The local Chapter 663 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be signing up youngsters age 8 - 17for "Young Eagle" airplane rides that will take place at a later date. The rides will provide the youth with an opportunity to experience flight, and learn about aviation from an EAA pilot.

Music and entertainment, will be provided throughout the afternoon by local musicians, and KKIO Radio.

Meet representatives of local flight schools. View the fleet of Livermore aircraft as well as airborne law enforcement and air rescue aircraft. Food will be available at nominal cost from the Livermore High School Booster Club, or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day,

There is no admission charge or parking fee.



Workmen were busy constructing new facilities at Oracle in Pleasanton, at the same time creating patterns of light and shadow.

Running of the Cows Part of Annual Festival

The 25th Annual Pleasanton Art and Heritage Festival will be held this weekend, Sept. 20 and 21 in downtown Pleasanton.

There will be hundreds of booths along Main Street offering exhibits by artists and craftspeople, food and more. A children's area will feature a giant mural for all ages to paint and a petting zoo of barnyard animals.

The Fire Department will have an antique fire engine on display as well as a modern engine and displays about current informa-

Musicians will entertain visitors. Dreamroad features the music of Laura Bryant and Max Gutierrez. Oscar Reynolds plays guitar and flutes. Emerson and the Grow Weiser Band perform a special blend of rhythm and blues and soft jazz.

The Museum on Main will have history exhibits including a self-guided tour of Hollywood in Pleasanton on Sunday. The

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Teachers, District at Odds over Salary Increase

By Patricia Koning

Negotiating teams for the Livermore Education Association (LEA), the teachers' union, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District have been stuck on the issue of salary increases for months. The teachers, says LEA President Kathleen Reardon, are tired of waiting.

According to Reardon, the LEA bargaining team asked for a 3.75% salary increase for its members. The District countered with an offer of a 1.5% increase for salary and health care benefits. "The District is not giving

teachers their fair share of the state budget," she adds.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Martinez disagrees with this statement and says that the District has a history of passing on generous raises when times are good. He notes that in the 2006/07 school year, the District received a 5.92% increase to its revenue limit but gave teachers a 7% raise. Teachers received no raises for three years, from 2002/ 03 through 2004/05, when the District was under the supervision of a fiscal advisor.

"Admittedly, the raise pro-

posal is modest but these are tough economic times," he explains. "Once we know the State budget, we'd love to reach an agreement with LEA. Mid-year budget cuts are still a possibility, so we need to study the budget and be as fiscally responsible and prudent as possible.'

According to a source close to the negotiations, the District has offered a two-year package for the 2007/08 and 2008/09 school years that comes close to LEA's request. The source said that meeting LEA's request in a single year would put the District close to a deficit in multiyear budget projections.

Teachers have been working without a contract since July 2007. In October 2007 the two sides began negotiating and met 10 times before deciding on impasses. In February 2008, both sides declared an impasse and began meeting with a State mediator. LEA asked to go to fact finding in June, but the State mediator is waiting until the California State budget is in place before making that certification.

On Wednesday, after The Independent's deadline, the

teachers rallied in front of the District Offices on Jack London Boulevard to demonstrate how seriously they are taking the situation. Reardon said she expected hundreds of teachers and supporters to turn out for the rally.

Another rally will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 3:30-5 pm. Both sides are meeting for another round of mediation that

day.
"This is our last ditch effort to show the administrators and District bargaining team what kind of support we have behind our (See AT ODDS, page 4)



Volunteers were out last weekend building a trail that will take hikers around Brushy Peak.

Livermore Valley Charter School Hopeful About High School Approval

Valley Charter School expressed hope this week that the applica-

The application was rejected by the Alameda County School Board on a 5-2 vote on Sept. 9. It previously was turned down by the Livermore School Board. The application for the new school goes automatically to the state board of education, whether the two lower school boards reject it or not. In that sense, the process

An official of the Livermore is not one of appeals, as in the court system.

Bill Batchelor, president of the tion to begin schooling at the high school level next fall will be approved.

The backers, present of the charter school board, said that he is hopeful the state board will approve the request. The original school is the charter school board, said that he is hopeful the state board will approve the request. nal application for the K-8 charter school, which entered its fourth year of operation this fall, was rejected by the local and county boards, too, Batchelor noted. The high school application may hold true to that pattern, he said.

Batchelor explained that the county board rejected the application over three points. One was the charter schools' failure to disclose a specific site for the school. No site was designated, because the Livermore public school district has not yet finished negotiations with the charter school about which building it will sell for a facility, said Batchelor.

The charter school would move into an existing building in fall, 2009. If all goes well, it would then build a new building, at a site to be purchased from

(See CHARATER, page 4)

Politicians Speak Of Their Own Formation About Diversity

By Ron McNicoll

Leading public officials spoke at a forum at Las Positas College concerning policies designed to promote diversity in the Tri-Val-

Some of their most interesting statements came in answer to the first question from moderator DeRhionne Pollard the college's president. She asked, "What factors in your own lives shaped your views of diversity?"

Livermore vice mayor John Marchand's father made a difference in his life. His father was the son of a French immigrant who was 8 years old when his father died. He was able to take the opportunity offered in the United States and work his way up to start a family and become a police officer. Serving with the police was his way of paying back the nation for its opportunity, said Marchand.

There was also the diversity of the working class. Marchand's father was a longshoreman earlier in his career. He took part in the "Battle of Rincon Hill" in 1935, a labor demonstration in which San Francisco police

killed a striker. Marchand summed up the strengths he learned from his father as "opportunity, responsibility and respect."

It's important to provide people opportunities where they can arrive at a place where they can give back to the community, as his father did by becoming a police officer, he said. Marchand said he is grateful because his father's raised him with those values, he has been able to undertake public service, too.

WORKING MOTHER INSPIRED AWARENESS

Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart became aware of a range of social diversity that included working mothers. Lockhart's father died when she was one month old, so her mother found a job and raised three children. When Lockhart was 12, the family moved to California from a region that had much less racial

"I noticed that some people looked different from me, but they didn't seem different. I went to a Guatemalan's home every

(See DIVERSITY, page 4)

Colleges Going Green

Positas Colleges may not see or feel the environmentally friendly changes around them. However, they are present. With the passage of Measure B in 2004, college and district officials have taken major steps toward creating green campuses.

In 2005, the District Board of Trustees adopted a Sustainable Design Policy requiring all new

Students at Chabot and Las buildings constructed under the Measure B Bond to be minimum LEED Silver Certified. District and college faculty and staff took this even further and included sustainability measurements in almost every project on campus, including waste reduc-

> "We have established an extensive waste reduction pro-(See GREEN, page 4)

Campaign 2008 **Three Candidates Vie for**

Two LARPD Board Seats

There are three candidates for two seats on the Livermore Area

Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors. Incumbents running are Steve Goodman and Beth Wilson. The

challenger is Barbara Kraybill. The Independent interviewed each concerning such issues as budget cuts, a sports park, and how the district provides pro-

grams to meet changing needs. The interviews are in alphabetical order.

STEVE GOODMAN

Steve Goodman is seeking his second term. He says he is running because he enjoys serving the community through his work on the board. "My career has been in public recreation. I bring knowledge from many perspectives," he stated.

"Meeting people, visiting our programs, learning what people want, it doesn't get any better than that," he declared.

Goodman, who grew up in Livermore, at one time worked for LARPD. He has also worked for two cities in their recreation departments. He is currently employed in the recreation department at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The budget is the top issue facing the district. The state continues to take \$6.9 million a year from the district to balance the state budget. "One thing that is real, real important is to let the community know about our unique situation when it comes to the state. The money they take is tax money paid by residents and earmarked for LARPD. The state takes more from LARPD than from any other special district in the state," he pointed out.

The district faces many difficult decisions when it comes to programs and facilities because of the budget. Over the past few years, the district has managed to set aside funds to deal with economic uncertainty. "We have taken the proactive approach and will continue to do so," said Goodman.

The public provides input. In addition surveys were conducted to determine what the district should include in its new master plan. While there is an effort to meet many needs, Goodman says, "We can't do ev-

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Rancho Las Positas Awarded \$5000 in Fitness Challenge

port students' physical activity and good nutrition, Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Chairman Jake Steinfeld annouced that Livermore's Rancho Las Positas Elementary has won the Bay Area Regional Award in the 2008 Governor's Challenge Competition.

Rancho Las Positas will receive a \$5,000 check from the Council to further promote fitness for its students.

Rancho was one of 152 Bay Area schools that competed in the Governor's Challenge Competition in 2008, and one of eight that had 100% of its students complete the challenge of being active 30-60 minutes a day, 3 days a week for a month.

Since Rancho Las Positas students first started taking the Governor's Challenge two years ago, they have logged more than 71,000 miles

Citing the school's exceptional efforts to sup-through the school's Raccoon Running Club during the same time the school's academic performance index has risen from 804 to 873 an

8.5% increase. 'Everyone at Rancho Las Positas deserves to be proud of this achievement – we know fitness has a positive impact on health, focus, and selfesteem and the students at Rancho Las Positas have helped demonstrate the connection between fitness and academic success. Way to go,

Rancho!" said Steinfeld. In addition to jump-starting physical activity for more than 500 of its own students through its Raccoon Running Club, which is being replicated in schools across the district, Rancho Las Positas has been supporting a wide-range of fitness activities including a monthly family fitness day, and a fitness mentorship program in which high school student athletes mentor Rancho's elementary students.

LVPAC Makes a Transition

Phil Wente, Board Chair of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), announced that Len Alexander, LVPAC's first Executive Director, would be changing roles when his contract ends on September 30. Alexander has worked with LVPAC through his consulting firm, Management Consultants for the Arts, since December 2005. His consulting position was expanded in June 2006 to include the responsibili-

ties of Executive Director. To allow Alexander to return to his theater consulting business, David Dial, LVPAC's General Manager for over a year, has been promoted to the Executive Director position effective October 1. Alexander will be engaged as a part time LVPAC consultant.

In announcing this change, Wente noted that LVPAC has just concluded a very successful first year at the Bankhead Theater and

Bothwell Arts Center. Wente said, "Len has spearheaded the opening of the Bankhead with more star-studded performances than we could ever have imagined. In every area, he has set a high standard for the organization that will serve us well. Fortunately, Len will still be available to us as a consultant.

"David, our General Manager since before the opening of the (See TRANSITION, page 3)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Daphne is a young tomboy with an adventurous spirit. She can hold her own with the boisterous boy cats in Kitty City, and loves to play with any toy that crosses her path. She is brave and daring, and would make a fine addition to a loving family. To visit with Daphne, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.vallevhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more information.

Elks' Country Club Is A Virtual One

By Ron McNicoll

Virtual reality is not exclusively the purview of the internet and special effects illustrators. The Livermore Elks are trying it,

Royce Eckhardt, who founded the Livermore club 49 years ago, was struck by an idea one day. What if the Elks could do their socializing with all the perks of a country club, but not have to pay for a country club building? At a country club, there is fine food, as well as workout rooms, and lodgings for visi-

tors. The Elks now have access to all three, thanks to Eckhardt's virtual country club.

For the exercise room, Eckhardt went to Snap Fitness Center in Livermore. He worked out a deal with the proprietor for a deep discount for the Elks club members. For overnight lodgings to accomodate visiting Elks, Eckhart reached out to Doubletree Motel in Livermore, and obtained a good discount for the travelers.

Eckhart also lined up the Castlewood Country Club, the Pleasanton Hotel, and the Blackhawk Country club for the fine dining aspect. Those actual restaurants and county clubs liked the idea of creating more business. The Elks like having a nice venue where they can sit and listen to a speaker from the Elks' Valley Study Group on some interesting topic.

ELKS ADD CULTURAL **DIMENSION**

Now, Eckhardt is taking the club's cultural perk beyond the Valley Study Group. He is exposing members to opera.

unique way to reach out to the community in celebration of their 50th anniversary next year. Eckhardt met Livermore Valley Opera's managing director, Jim Schmidt, at a Chamber of Commerce function.

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The Elks were looking for a

form at an Elks-sponsored function struck Eckhardt as pioneering and fun. Schmidt liked the idea of reaching out to a new audience. The result will be the virtual country club's opera night Larkspur Drive in Springtown.

The event is open to the public. It will be performed Sept. 26. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. There is an admission

The group will hear one or two performers sing arias from Rossini's "The Barber of Seville." It's a preview for the company's seven weekend performances at the Bankhead Theater, from Oct. 10 through Oct.

Schmidt is happy about the

reach-out opportunity for the Elks' event. His job is to broaden the opera's audience as much as possible. He said that it's a hard sell sometimes, because of the stuffy reputation opera has had.

However, the company's audiences are building. Some 2600 people attended six performances of "Carmen" last season. This year, 3000 people are expected for "Barber of Seville." Schmidt said, "I vow to stamp out the phrase, 'I never knew Livermore had an opera company.""

Livermore Council OKs Social and Human Services Fee

The Livermore City Council put its stamp of approval on the creation of a Social and Human Services Fee on development that will help build facilities to house services.

At the same time, the council supported moving forward with a suggestion to make the fee citywide. The citywide fee could be implemented through a parcel tax or a bond measure. Approval would require a twothirds vote. The council is looking at a minimal fee that could

help support programs. Councilmember Jeff Williams commented, "This is really a communitywide problem, not just for those moving here. We do need to get started. I will bring up the potential for putting a citywide fee on the ballot. Current homeowners need to stand up and be counted."

The vote for the new fee was unanimous.

The fee on development only affects construction or rehabilitation of facilities. It is predicted to generate \$200,000 per year or \$12.2 million after build out in

A single family home would pay \$1677; retail space would pay \$5 per square foot. A 5,000 square foot retail building would pay \$25. To offset the fee, development would have a 7.25 percent reduction in the in lieu fee. The in lieu fee would likely be reinstated when economic conditions improve.

The fee approved by the council Monday is needed, said Human Services Program Manager Jean Prasher, because current human service facilities are at capacity. A study found that the greatest needs included access to affordable health care, child care and after school programs for low income families. There is also insufficient availability of services for homeless families and single male adults.

There is increased demand. As the population continues to grow, there is a need to mitigate demands on already overburdened services," said Prasher.

Her comments about need were echoed by members of the public. Some of the speakers provided the services, others had made use of them. There were

speakers from Tri-Valley Haven, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), as well as concerned citizens.

Ann King from the Tri-Valley Haven stated, "It's time to do the right thing. It's not just about an increase in population; it's about development displacing people. There is no day shelter for the homeless. The food pantry is woefully inadequate. The pantry no longer just serves low income people; the need has hit the middle class.'

The food pantry has shown an increase of 123 percent in clientele over the past three years. In July, 3300 people were served, in August, 3500.

Resident Rosemary Young, who has served on the Human Services Commission and Tri-Valley Senior Support Services, spoke for the elderly. She said the population of seniors over 85 is one of the fastest growing in the nation. It is important to have services available for them and their families when they are needed. "Sometimes people don't know they will need the services," she commented.

Also speaking about senior

needs was Dennis Gambs, who is a member of a task force working to bring back the Friendship Center, an adult day care facility. He felt that the new fee could be used to help attract private funds or grant monies for a facility. "It is important to start collecting the money now," he stated.

Brett Wayne said he felt that the current property owners should be asked to contribute. "I would have no problem supporting a \$10 fee," he stated. He pointed out that developers won't be paying the fee, rather the people who eventually buy the property would pay.

Bob Glover, representing the Homebuilders Association (HBA), suggested if approved, the fee should be phased in over time. He said in reviewing the fee, the HBA feels it is a fee that it has never seen before. "It is so broad. Such a broad fee program could be subject to a constitutional challenge," he told the council.

Bob Baltzer said a fee on existing residents might be a good idea in addition to the proposed fee. He pointed out that housing prices are determined by the market, not by fees. Fees will accumulate until builders stop making a profit at which time they will stop building.



Livermore School District's Enrollment Projection on Target

By Patricia Koning

Projecting enrollment is tricky business for school districts—but vitally important to fiscal management. Every spring, school districts make their best projections, hire staff, and hope that the right number of students shows up. Too many students means that districts have to scramble to find space and teachers. Not enough students means costly empty classroom space.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's forecasting skills were pretty close to spot on this year. The target enrollment—what the District built its budget and staffing plan around—was 13,184. As of Monday, Day 10 of the 2008/09 school year, there were 13,141 students in their seats at school, a difference of about one-third of one percent.

"We purposefully staffed very tightly this year because of the budget issues. We're complimenting ourselves—this is the tightest we've ever been and remarkably the projections are the closest we've ever seen

them," said Superintendent Brenda Miller.

The process for projecting enrollment begins well before the start of school, in the spring. "The facilities department looks at a lot of data, including current enrollment figures, new housing developments, birth rates, and historical data. We communicate with private schools and the charter school about what they are seeing," explained Bob See, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education.

The total number of students is not the only factor. Projections are also made for school site and grade level to inform staffing and facilities decisions.

Once school starts, there is always a discrepancy between the number of students enrolled and the number who actually show up at school. Phone calls are made and when those aren't returned, Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) Specialists make home visits. "No show" students were formally dropped at the start

of the second week of school. The total enrollment is down slightly over last year. On Day 14 of the 2007/08 school year, there were 13,193 students in the District, 52 more than the current total.

This is in keeping with a 2006 report that projected a 15% decline in enrollment to a total of 11,464 students by the 2013/14 school year. One reason, according to the facilities department, is that new housing in Livermore is not resulting in as many school

children as it did in the past. In 2006, Mike Adell, who was a facility planner for the District at the time, explained the trend towards bigger homes and fewer children. "The city is changing in that medium-sized single-family units are not the majority of new construction. Most new development is high-density townhouse/condo types that typically don't have very high student generation rates," he

One change is enrollment in grades K-5. The 2006 report predicted steady enrollment of about 5,500 students at the elementary level through 2013/14, but currently there are more than 5,600 elementary school aged students in the District.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Gangs and School Safety

A community education presentation on "Gangs and School Safety" is offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks Dis-

The program will be at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 25 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue.

The presentation will be made by members of the Livermore Police Department Gang Unit and School Resource Officers (SROs).

The SROs and Gang Unit members will discuss current gang trends and issues in Livermore, and why the department has SROs and a Gang Unit. They will talk about the efforts members have made to reduce the impact gangs have in the community and at the schools. Parents will be provided with information on how to recognize if their children might be involved in gangs, how to seek help if they believe their kids may be involved, and how to prevent their children from getting involved in gangs. There will be a display of gang attire and paraphernalia. After the presentation there will be time for the audience to ask questions of the presenters.

Although reservations are not required, signing up for the program (#2722) at 373-5700 helps LARPD plan seating arrange-

The Gang and School Safety presentation is sponsored by the Livermore Police Department and the CPAAA, an organization of members from the community who have graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, please visit www.livermorepolice.org

New Patrol Car Design

Pleasanton Police cars have a new look. According to a press release issued by the department, "The sharp, custom design has already received the overwhelming support of officers and city staff.'

The department is returning to traditional black-and-white cars with the idea that they are more visible, helping to deter crime. "Studies have shown that black-and-white police cars are more recognizable on the street than all white vehicles. The greater visibility should have a positive effect on not only reducing crime, but on impact-

ing the many traffic issues around the city."

It is anticipated that the entire patrol fleet should be converted to the new design by the end of the year.

Future of Technology

John Chen, CEO/President of Dublin based Sybase and a recognized technology industry leader will be the speaker at the September 25th Livermore Chamber Wine Country Luncheon at Concannon Vineyard.

Chen, who will speak on the future of technology in the Tri-Valley, was named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in Northern California for his outstanding leadership in building and leading a dynamic Sybase. He also serves on the board of directors for the Walt Disney Company, Wells Fargo & Co and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon runs from 11:30 am till 1 pm at Concannon Vineyard on 4950 Tesla Rd.

Space is limited. Advance reservations are required. Please contact the Livermore Chamber of Commerce offices at (925) 447 1606 to make reservations.

Measure A Working

New treatments for children with cancer, a new Detox/Sobering Station, and over 5,000 prescriptions filled for low income seniors receiving Medicare are just some of the program financed by Measure A.

A new report about Measure A health care spending in Alameda County contains descriptions of enhanced services, expanded outreach, and upgraded facilities, thanks in part to the 2004 Measure A sales tax increase passed by Alameda County voters

Measure A raised the county sales tax by onehalf cent to support emergency medical, hospital inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health, and substance abuse services for indigent, low income, and uninsured county residents. This half-cent on the dollar has made a big difference: Measure A generated \$109,868,830 in fiscal year (FY) 05/06, and \$113,837,012 in FY 06/07 for these services in

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Bankhead, has been running the theater with almost all of the staff reporting directly to him, and now will be adding fundraising to his responsibilities. He brings over 20 years of experience in the management of cultural nonprofit organizations. We have watched David's professionalism over the last year, and have utmost confidence in his knowledge and judgment. His warmth and concern have made him a strong ambassador to performing arts user groups and others throughout the community."

In discussing his decision to step back, Alexander observed, "With the Bankhead Theater starting its second year of operation and planning for the regional theater in place, it seemed like a good time for me to return to my national consulting practice. I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with the LVPAC staff, board and volunteers, as well as the many Bankhead Theater supporters in the community, to build a strong and successful arts, cultural and economic asset for Livermore and the Valley. I'm particularly proud of the variety and quality of our LVPAC Presents program which brings nationally and internationally recognized artists and ensembles to our stage." While Alexander will return to his work with arts organizations across the country, he continues to reside in Livermore and will advise LVPAC on programming for the Bankhead and operational activities as needed.

Dial's experience includes the design, construction and day-today operations of such major Bay Area cultural projects as Cal Performances, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Zeum, and Computer History Museum. "This is a very exciting time for LVPAC," Dial said "Len has launched the Bankhead Theater as the home for performing arts in the Tri-Valley. I look forward to continuing that work and moving toward the opening of the Regional The-

LVPAC recently completed its first year of operations at the Bankhead Theater. During the initial season, 201 events were presented attracting a total audience of over 76,000 including 14,000 young people.

The new 2008-09 season began on September 21st with a performance by American Ballet Theatre II and continues through August 2009. Next up will be the singer Ricki Lee Jones on October 1, followed by the Smothers Brothers on October 3. In addition to operating the Bankhead Theater, LVPAC is working with the City of Livermore to develop a 2000-seat regional performing arts theater and operates the Bothwell Arts Center, an arts-incubator for area visual and performing artists.

High Achievement For Pleasanton On Exit Exam

More than 99 percent of the class of 2009 — this school year's seniors — have passed the high school exit exam in the Pleasanton school district.

The class of 2010, now entering its junior year, had a passing rate of 95 percent in the English test and 96 percent in math, on their first attempt at taking the test last year as sophomores.

Superintendent John Casey congratulated the staff, students and parents for the high achievement. Casey said, "With so many sophomores passing the exam last year, the district can allocate our resources to support those who have not passed." The district accomplished this through individual interventions.

This year's seniors will have five chances to take the exam again, beginning Oct. 7 and 8. The test is related to state standards set for achievement in English through grade 10, and in math through Algebra I. The test is given multiple-choice format. A written essay is also required for English.

Parents who would like to learn more about the exam may contact their school's office or Jim Rallis, director of assessment and evaluation, who is at 426-4349. The results may also be viewed at the state education department's website at http:// cahsee.cde.ca.gov.

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EDITORIAL

Referendum Process At Stake

The leaders of the Oak Grove referendum have filed an appeal of the superior court's invalidation of their referendum. The court struck it down with the argument that the text of the referendum petition was insufficient.

The referendum seeks to overturn the Pleasanton City Council's approval of the Oak Grove development (51 custom lots on 600 acres in the city's southeastern hills).

After the petitioners obtained the necessary signatures, the developer took the issue to court, claiming names were illegally obtained because information was missing from the petition.

Referendum leaders insist their petition did meet all of the text requirements and was a "complete" document. What the court wants, they state, is additional material beyond what is legally required.

They contend that the superior court's interpretation threatens not only the Oak Grove referendum, but also the entire process, as it would enable foes to stop a referendum simply by claiming that something is missing from the text of the petition. It gives the foes "a virtual blank check to thwart the fundamental referendum rights," states Benjamin Shatz, attorney for the referendum.

"This is no longer about Oak Grove. It's about the referendum process and the confusion over what documents should accompany petitions," observes Kay Ayala, referendum leader.

We cheer Ayala et al for filing the appeal. We are unable to say whether the Oak Grove petition was legally complete, but do believe the issue is too important to let the superior court ruling stand without further court review. At stake is a process that empowers democracy. This is a fight worth fighting.

DIVERSITY

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week for tamales. I talked to Japanese foreign exchange students,' she said. "I look for the things that make us similar, not different," said Lockhart.

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said that she grew up "rich, white, and sheltered" in the Carmel Valley. However, subsequent life experiences showed her other cultures. Especially important was her own college education, which put her in a position to achieve more, including becoming the first elected woman mayor of Pleasanton. Hosterman gave LPC some of the credit for her advancement, because she started her higher education there, before moving on to the University of San Fran-

San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson comes from an African American heritage. However, his family tree also includes Robert E. Wilson, his great great grandfather, who was white. "My aunts and uncles always looked like a rainbow," said Wilson. However, when Wilson was growing up in Charleston, S.C., a person with any African American background was considered black.

Wilson grew up on the most integrated street in Charleston. "There were blacks who looked like whites. It enabled me to see the world differently. Everyone had a sense of who they were," said Wilson. "I remember segregated toilets and water fountains. but I never lost a sense of who I

am," said Wilson. Moving into a white neighborhood in Philadelphia, the family met with problems for a time. It was so serious, that Wilson had to stay with his aunt and uncle for awhile. But eventually the family was tolerated. "I was told by my parents, 'I'm better than no one, and no one is better than

Thirty years ago, when Wilson moved to San Ramon, he was also moving into a white neighborhood. "KKK was written on our door. There was toilet paper in our yard, and a sign said 'N-, go home." Compared to the discrimination in segregated Charleston, Wilson felt more anger in San Ramon. "I was in charge (of a family) now. I had more anger than when I was not able to drink at a water fountain in Charleston," he said.

Part of diversity is that you can choose not to be a victim, and that was the path he took. "I'm the first elected mayor of San Ramon. I don't think of myself as the first African-American mayor. When I looked in the mirror, I saw a man, not a black man," said Wilson. He credited his parents for instilling that outlook in

DIVERSITY OUTLOOK FOR CITIES

The four officials were asked about the outlook for their cities in regard to diversity.

Marchand said, "Leadership must identify needs in the community, and then have the vision to bring it forward." The guidelines for the process should be "opportunity, responsibility and

respect."

The Livermore vice mayor, who is married to an elementary school teacher, said that the city has achieved "a diverse community. Our biggest challenge is to give kids the tools they need in education. We don't need unfunded mandates or teaching to

Hosterman said the challenge is to create jobs, transportation and housing, which "help individuals and families with the quality of life. It makes people feel they are part of the commu-

Lockhart said the biggest challenge for local government is a lack of funds. More burden is shifted to cities, as the county and state budgets are hampered. If an official is creative, he or she can come up with money. She cited a need to fund three students who wanted to go to Washington, D.C., to take part in a project. Lockhart said she got on the phone to a developer who was a history teacher at one time. He responded with the money to underwrite the trip.

Wilson said that he demands quality programs. "We welcome all (programs) that meet that quality of life," he said. One important thing is to work to keep businesses in the community, because they provide the jobs that help back up diversity, and pay for the city services.

Wilson also noted that San Ramon has the highest percentage requirement in the state for affordable housing from developers, at 25 percent.

The talk was part of a series of forums sponsored by the college's Campus Change Net-

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union leadership," says Noah King, a fourth-grade teacher at Marylin Avenue Elementary School. "Right now the staff at Marylin is feeling really great about our students' accomplishments on the standardized tests, yet we're still in the middle of a really frustrating negotiation."

He adds that teachers are maintaining a high level of professionalism and keeping the strain of the stalled negotiations far from the students. In his home, it's more difficult because his wife is also a Livermore teacher. "We are a Livermore School District family. We depend on the District to do what is right, what is fair. At the moment, it's not happening," he says.

Reardon says that the contract negotiations put the teachers in an awkward position when it comes to campaigning for Measure M, a renewal of the 2004 parcel tax. "This is putting us in a precarious situation," she explains. "The parcel tax is in the best interest of teachers. But we're at odds in one area and teammates in another. I don't know how the District will feel about working with us after the

rallies."

In addition to the salary increase, other sticking points related to a requested increased in the Health Care Cap and the Option One Early Retirement Incentive. LEA is asking that the Health Care Cap be increased by \$2,000 to \$10,000. In the current contract, the Option One Early Retirement Incentive has a sunset date of June 30, 2010, although the other bargaining units with the District do not have a sunset date.

Once the fact-finding phase begins, the District and LEA must within 15 days appoint a factfinding panel consisting of one advocate selected by the District, another advocate selected by LEA, and a neutral third person agreed upon by both parties. Both sides then present their case to the fact-finding panel within 10 days.

Within 30 days the fact-finding panel will issue its report. The District and LEA must engage in one more good-faith bargaining session. If an agreement is not reached within 10 days, the fact-finding report will become public. The District may impose a final offer, and LEA will be free to engage in concerted activities,

such as a strike. "We've never had a strike, not in the 14 years I've been with the District. I don't think we want to. We would do it to send the message that enough is enough and what's fair is fair," says King.

School Board Ponders Election Changes

Pleasanton school trustees have looked at three significant proposed changes for elections: term limits, defraying the cost of ballot statements, and shifting the election to off-years.

The topics were discussed at the board's meeting on Sept. 9. No action was taken. Even if any were to be enacted soon, none would be ready in time to affect the school board election coming up in November.

All three topics drew varying comments. On the ballot statement subsidy suggestion, there was interest, if some simple financial way were found. Board members were clear that they didn't want to tap the district's general fund, which finances the education program.

The filing fee to run for school board is \$25. However, candidates find it helpful to put in a statement of qualifications, because the voter pamphlet goes to all potential voters. This year the fee for the statement was \$1057.

Trustee Steve Brozosky brought up the idea of a voter pamphlet subsidy at a previous meeting. He said that the fee is high enough now to discourage some people from running. Brozosky said the fee may climb to \$1500 or \$2000 in the future, because ballot statements may have to be translated into four more languages.

Audience member Julie Testa said that she knows "people who were considering running (this November) who did not" because of the statement cost. Pleasanton city government picks up most of the cost of a city council candidate's statement. Testa said, "It costs three or four times more to run for the school board than to run for mayor. It's just not reasonable.'

Trustee Chris Grant agreed that costs look like they are spiraling, and that can be discouraging to people who may want to run. He suggested that the district approach the two local foundations that were formed to support Pleasanton education, and see whether or not they'd be interested in this as a project, in the spirit of a broad-ranging com-

Another idea, mentioned by trustee Kris Weaver, is to go to neighboring districts, who must also be facing the same problem, and banding together with them for a solution.

Superintendent John Casey offered a further thought on Weaver's idea. He said he could contact not only the neighboring districts, but also the area's state legislators. Since the state requires the translations, it could have a role in paying for them.

Board president Jim Ott acknowledged that a high ballot statement fee might price people out of the election. "However, if they say that, they don't have the passion to generate the money. It will certainly cost you more (than that) to run a campaign." Ott noted that the candidate doesn't have to pay the fee, but the campaign fund can do so.

TERM LIMITS DISPUTED

The passion mentioned by Ott did come up during the discussion of term limits, with clear feelings on both sides of the issue. Brozosky, who brought up the term limits idea at an earlier meeting, said that the coming election is proof that having open seats on the ballot stimulates grassroots participation.

Two of three board incumbents whose terms expire this year are not running, and that has brought out a list of six candidates. (Grant is the lone incumbent on the ballot). When Testa spoke from the audience, she backed term limits, adding that it could be three four-year terms, not necessarily the two terms that the city council has.

Testa said that term limits would lead to fewer board resignations in mid-term, with its resulting appointments by the remaining incumbents. Testa said she lost track of the number of appointments the board has made over the past three or four years. Having the school board decide about term limits "would be self-serving," she said.

Grant agreed that terms limits are good for bringing fresh blood to the board. On the other hand,

munity discussion of school is- if there had been term limits many years ago, the late Juanita Haugen, who served more than 20 years on the board, would have been halted in her service, said Grant. "If we ended her tenure 10 years ago, how different our district would look today,"

Grant said there are trade-offs either way. He said he agreed with other board members that it should be up to voters to decide about term limits.

Ott was strongly critical of term limits, and engaged in a back-and-forth discussion with Brozosky over their merits. Ott said, "Term limits in the Legislature have been a disaster." Ott also said that term limits rob voters of their right to re-elect incumbents. If Haugen's service on the board had been cut short by term limits, she would not have made her contribution to state and national school board associations, because it takes time to get the experience to make the contribution, said Ott. Term limits would work counter to that. He said he "would vote no on term

Ott also took exception to Testa's remark about board members being self-serving if they were the ones to make a decision about term limits.

Ott didn't advocate having the board make the decision. He didn't see anyone on the board who is not spending time helping the district, including devoting time to many committee meetings they attend.

On the topic of moving district elections to off-years, the Pleasanton district formerly had stand-alone elections in the spring. However, after the turnout for one of them hovered around 20 percent, trustees decided to incorporate the balloting into the November elections.

The idea behind the ballot consolidation was to catch the bigger voter turnout. However, the trustees who made the decision back then also worried that school issues might get lost among the discussions of all of the national, state and county is-

Trustees at the last meeting expressed the same opinions as the earlier board. They said they are afraid of local issues and candidates getting lost in the shuffle. On the other hand, citing an estimated figure of \$100,000 or more, it would be too much drain on district funds if an election would cost a substantial amount.

Board members told Casey to explore the possibility of an election merger with the city, which also had its stand-alone election in the past. If both jurisdictions switched together, they could split the election cost. Casey said he will explore costs of such an election.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMS TAKE BACK SEAT

The board continued its ongoing discussion about priorities for high school expansion construction. It became clear from the discussion that expansion of the gyms at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will have to be put on the back burner. Possibly in three years, after the state education finance picture is expected to improve, the board could take another look at it, said

Weaver expressed frustration, noting, "We have all these high school students, and we still can't put them all into one space." She said having a gym big enough for all students helps build school spirit, and is important in emergencies so that principals can talk to all students at

With the gyms out of the picture, assistant superintendent Sandra Lepley will return to the next meeting with a cash flow chart that is expected to show an \$8 million surplus in achieving all other expansion projects built, including a larger multipurpose room at Village High School. It is expected to cost approximately \$5 million. Adding both gyms would bring the cash flow into question. The district would would have to scrape by with a little surplus by build-out in 2019, or reach a zero sum, or be in debt by as much as \$1 mil-

Major Size-Boost In Frog Habitat Proposed

The federal Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) has announced it will reconsider the currently designated red-legged frog habitat throughout California, including the Tri-Valley.

The 153,000 acres in the area's Arroyo Valle area includes most of the hilly land south of Livermore and Pleasanton, and north of Livermore and Dublin. The developed flatlands are not part of the habitat designation. There are also major areas of rural Contra Costa, Santa Clara and a bit of western San Joaquin

County in the Arroyo Valle area. If an area is designated as critical habitat for a species, anyone with a project that requires a federal permit must take the habitat into consideration in its environmental impact report. This can delay or prevent development in some instances. The FWS is calling for a one-year comment period on the proposed change. Currently, there is very little land in the Tri-Valley designated for the frog habitat. That will re-

main in effect, until FWS completes its new report. The current map of protected habitat was put in place in 2006, after a commentary period. A development industry organization had sued FWS over what it said was an inaccurate assessment about the economic impacts of preserving frog habitat. The final result was

Al Donner, spokesman for FWS in Sacramento, said that the proposed 153,000 acres may not stay intact. Portions of it could be peeled away. For example, the same economic issue raised by develeopers the last time could change the proposal.

On the environmentalist side of the issue, Jeff Miller, an advocate for Citizens for Biological Diversity (CBD), said it was good news that FWS is reconsidering the habitat area. He said the

agency was forced to go back and redo the map, because of his group's lawsuits in 2007 over the habitat designations.

Many of the "flawed critical habitat decisions (by FWS) were engineered by Julie MacDonald, the disgraced former deputy as sistant Secretary of Interior who resigned in 2007," said Miller. She resigned after an investigation by the office of Inspector General, and investigations into political meddling in scientific decisions, he said.

CHARTER

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the Livermore district. There are negotiations now in which the charter school would acquire a parcel south of Robertson Park. The K-8 school would be relocated there, next to the high school. However, the new site is a separate issue, said Batchelor.

DIVERSITY OUTLOOK DISPUTED

The second reason the county board majority rejected the application was a lack of confidence that the new charter school would meet the diversity goals that match the Livermore schools. However, Batchelor said that the charter school does match the Livermore district's numbers.

Where the numbers for various racial and ethnic groups might miss, they still come close, he said. "We have goals (on diversity), and we have been meeting them," said Batchelor. "Our outreach is most evident in kindergarten. Thirty percent of the incoming class is non-Caucasian," he said.

FINANCES ALSO CITED

The third objection had to do with finances. The charter school would be in red ink for the first three months. However, that is normal in the fall for any new enterprise in schools. Money from the state goes to districts after that time period, not before or during, said Batchelor. To cover that shortage, the charter school would borrow the money.

There was some discussion at the county board meeting about the financial difficulties the charter school faced earlier in its history. However, the school overcame the problem. "We are in good financial condition now," said Batchelor.

Batchelor noted that on the recently announced API test scores, if analyzed from the standpoint of K-5 and middle school, we are the top performing school academically in Liver-

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gram," said Tim Nelson, director of maintenance and operations. "Everything removed from campus is logged and categorized, including food waste and recyclables. We also mulch green waste on-site, instead of paying to have it mulched at an off-campus location. We have reduced waste by 75%, while generating cost savings for the district."

own central utility plants that

will help reduce overall energy

Waste reduction is just the beginning of the district's efforts to reduce cost and enhance sustainability. When it comes to utility savings, the colleges are making great strides in cost savings, while helping to reduce the load on the state's power grid. Both colleges are building shaded parking structures with photovoltaic panels capable of producing one megawatt of electricity that will satisfy approximately 20% of current campus need. They are also building their

consumption. The plants will allow the college to load shift with significant utility consumption occurring at off peak times.

From building roofs to heated pools, creative, cost-effective measures have been put in place to work with the environment, instead of against it. "At Chabot College we burn natural gas to make our own electricity, almost 300 kilowatts. The waste heat is used to heat our Olympic-sized pool for free," said Doug Horner, construction project manager at Chabot College. In addition, both colleges existing red roofs are being replaced with reflective white roofs with two inch insulation, designed to reduce heat gain and help insulate the buildings.

All of the district and college sustainability measures are in place to support efforts to obtain LEED certification on all new buildings and LEED equivalent on renovations. "We are on course to achieve LEED Silver on new buildings at Las Positas College and Chabot College," said Jeffrey Kingston, vice chancellor of facilities and executive director of the Measure B facilities modernization program.

'We are also implementing specific college-wide sustainable practices as a condition of having LEED certified buildings at each college. One of our new goals is to reach LEED Gold on our new student services building at Las Positas College.

Last year, Chancellor Joel Kinnamon joined more than 500 other university and college presidents across the country as a signatory to the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. The Commitment was created by the organization as a pledge to make colleges and universities carbon neutral.

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erything. The district does not
have the resources."

It may not be possible to provide all of the amenities listed in the master plan. The district will have to establish priorities, Goodman added. Grants may be available for one time purchases or programs. However, maintenance is the high cost. "There is no magic answer" said Goodman.

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Sometimes decisions are based on opportunities that present themselves to the district, explained Goodman. For example, a piece of land that would complete a trail segment may only be available for a short time. The board may decide to use money that could have gone to develop a park to acquire an easement in order to create a trail.

A sports park has been mentioned as something people want. Goodman stated, "I'd love to have one. However, if the district were given a sports park tomorrow, the funds may not be there to maintain it. There would be a need to identify a revenue stream for maintenance of the park."

He did point out that converting three soccer fields to all weather turf may not provide the desired sports park, it does provide more playing time. The fields don't have to be shut down when it rains or to rest after too much use.

LARPD can create partnerships with the city and school district to provide facilities for the community, and in fact should look at which best provides a needed service. Many programs require subsidies, such as the swimming pools. The fees do not cover the costs of maintaining them. LARPD is the logical one to provide swimming opportunities. However, the district shouldn't duplicate programs that some other agency or group can provide.

Camp Shelly is an example of a unique program the district provides, continued Goodman. If it were to lose the lease, it would never get it back. The opportunity for Sierra Nevada programs would disappear.

He says one of the most painful decisions he had to make over the last year was closing the Friendship Center, which provided adult day care. He volunteered there. However, he feels closing it was the right thing to do knowing what we knew. He anticipates there will be more of a need for such a program in the future. To help meet the need, Goodman is serving on the task force looking for ways to reopen the Friendship Center.

Goodman feels it is appropriate to oversee such programs as the extended student services (ESS), which provides before and after care for children at Livermore schools. It is so successful, there is a waiting list for the program.

Asked if LARPD should become part of the city rather than continue as a separate agency, Goodman stated, "If I felt residents could be better served by another agency, I would vote myself out of a job. However, I have worked in other cities. While there are some benefits to having parks under city juristicion, on the flip side, when money is tight, parks fall behind police, fire and public works. I believe that special districts are the most effective form of government. They focus on single

use."

As to whether needs of rural residents in the district are met, Goodman said the district should conduct a survey to see what would benefit them. It might be a good idea to chose an area and conduct a meeting. "I welcome hearing from people. The board can't solve every problem. However, I will listen."

He advocates working with all segments of the public from the city to the school district and Chamber of Commerce to Las Positas College to provide the amenities residents want. "As elected officials, we need to get beyond territorial credit or blame. We are all tied together."

BARBARA KRAYBILL

Barbara Kraybill worked for LARPD for thirty years, retiring as Superintendent of Youth Services. She said of her decision to run for the board, "I said five years ago, I would like to be on the board once I retired. At that time, I didn't know when I would retire."

Kraybill believes she would bring unique knowledge and experiences to the board. While as a staff member she worked mainly with youth, she was involved in writing grants for senior programs, for trails and recycling in the parks. To write the grants, she had to collect information that would make a grant successful. "I know I have a good working knowledge of the entire district," she declared.

She was instrumental in starting the ESS program, the PAL program, and increasing the number of preschool sites. She resurrected the teen program. If elected, she would look at ways to expand those programs.

"I understand the budget and how it works. The state is not going to give back the money it has taken. We need to acquire different styles of funding," according to Kraybill. LARPD has the highest percentage of funding taken among special districts. The district should lobby for equalization in how the money is taken and require the state to give it back in years that it is not needed.

The district should revisit the idea of taking ESS out of the district's budget and making it an enterprise fund. That would reduce the amount of money the state could take.

Grants are another funding source. Grant funding is difficult to obtain. "One of the things I know is that it is important to stay on top of what funds are available from the state, to become aware of how to write a grant to have the best chance of obtaining the state money. It is also important to be aware of funding that is available from private foundations," she explained.

One of her goals would be to create an endowment so funds would be available when such things as new carpeting are needed at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The district would not have to tap into its general fund.

She attended meetings as part of preparation of the master plan where people talked about what they wanted. "I was impressed by the public input." She described it as a document that provides direction to the board. "The public spoke. The board needs to listen. If we had all the money in the world, we could implement the entire plan. We don't. The board needs to set priorities. The district may not be able to do everything in the plan," she commented.

In addition to setting priorities, the board needs to keep checking in with the public as to changing needs.

A sports park is one of the facilities in the master plan. Kraybill says, "If I read the document correctly, it calls for a sports park funded by outside sources. Until there is growth and we can work to get money to build one, I don't see anything happening." There could be grants available, such as one that paid for the Bill Payne Park.

Kraybill feels it is appropriate to provide social programs, such as adult day care and ESS. In other cities, a school district may provide child care and the city adult care. "We have been lucky in that all of the agencies have cooperated in providing such programs."

Reaching out to minorities is important. "Low income families come in all flavors. One of the goals of ESS was to obtain money to be able to address the needs of the entire population," said Kraybill. She said the district is working on an Hispanic Soccer League and in providing father-son programs. "Diversity takes every form, IQ to the color of a person's skin. Each needs recreation and programs," she added.

It would be a big mistake to make the district part of the city. Police and fire take precedence in times of shortfalls in funding. The park district has separate funding. While, the board has to make hard choices, they are choices that are about recreation.

The district needs to be flex-

ible in determining what programs should be funded. If interest is waning in one program and growing for another, there needs to be discussion. If the district were unable to provide what is needed, it could send people in a direction to get what they want. For example, Junction Middle School decided it would like inline hockey at its site.

Rural residents need to be asked what they want. They do have somewhat of a voice through the Rodeo Association.

"When people write or call, I respond. It doesn't mean people will get what they want. They have to feel included. It will always be a struggle with the budget. However, fiscal responsibility is the most important trait a person can bring to the board.

BETH WILSON

Beth Wilson was appointed to the board in August 2007 to complete the term of Dale Turner, who resigned.

Her main reason for applying for the board and now running for a seat is to get kids outdoors. She feels that in these days of increasing child obesity, it's "vital to introduce them and their families to parks, trails and open spaces. I want to make outdoor places friendly, welcoming, safe and fascinating," says Wilson. "I think kids have lost their sense of wonder."

She believes nature camps and the junior ranger program can be effective in encouraging kids to go outdoors. At the school where she teaches, she has created a garden, which she says is another way to get people outdoors.

Wilson says that the top issue, and one that impacts everything else, is the budget and continuing loss of funds to the state. The board, in discussing what should be funded, has to determine whether a new program is feasible or if it can be handled down the road. "I tend to think we should focus on sustaining what we have. We need to do fewer things, take on fewer things and do things right. It may cost more at the beginning."

Her example is the skate park. When the park was approved, the board decided not to include a chain link fence. The cost at the time was \$30,000. She said that the people involved felt a fence would help create a specific area for the park and would also make the neighbors more comfortable. Without the fence, Wilson says, there is less control over access. There have been problems with vandalism over the years. People use the facility for other purposes.

Wilson likes the new master plan, describing it as user friendly. "It's not a document that says we will do every single thing. It discusses projects that we hope we will be able to undertake. If a program isn't included, there isn't much change it will happen."

One of her areas of focus is creating trail connections. They are projects that can be accomplished in smaller pieces, making them easier to complete than larger projects. Wilson would like to see a trail connection from Springtown to the area south of the freeway. Right now, she says it is not possible to ride a bike safely or legally to and from Springtown. The proposed trail would go through the Catholic High School property and cross over at Los Colinas Road.

When it comes to a sports park, Wilson said she hopes the board is not seen as being opposed to one. "I can't tell you how much we want one. Finding a piece of property, building it and maintaining it are all issues." She pointed to conversion of soccer

fields to all weather turf, which she said would provide more usage than if three new fields were built

While the district can't do everything, Wilson believes it is important that people feel they are heard.

"Closing the Friendship Center made us all sad," she says, adding that she feels that it is appropriate for a park district to provide social programs. ESS is traditionally run by park districts, she explained. It is a very successful program.

Wilson feels it is important for the city, the park district and school district to work together. One of the programs that is being advanced in collaboration is Character Counts. Wilson said she has undergone the training as part of her job with the Tracy School District. She has found it to be effective, because kids have traits, such as respect, described in a common language at school, on sports teams, at Scout meetings, etc.

As for becoming part of the city, Wilson would not like to see that happen. "Board members are excited about parks and recreation. If the district became part of the city, they may not receive the same focus with a city council. A council has other concerns," she explained.

She likes some of the programs the district has started to bring more minorities into the activities. These include brochures and parts of the program listings written in Spanish. The new phone system makes it easier for Spanish speaking residents to communicate with staff. In addition, a new position at ESS requires the person to be bilingual. "I would like to find out what Hispanic families want and need from the district."

She would be interested in hearing from rural residents what they would like to see from the district.

Wilson added, "I do feel I'm an advocate for people and families. It is the board's job to create policy for the staff to carry. The board needs to be responsive and to represent the entire community."

Tri-Valley Haven Plans Voter Registration Drive

Tri-Valley Haven will have voter registration tables at the Haven Food Pantry, 418 Junction Ave., on Mon., Sept. 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. and Thurs., Sept. 25 from 1 to 6 p.m.

This event, sponsored by Tri-Valley Haven, is part of a national effort that seeks to engage homeless individuals and low income voters in civic participation. It also seeks to educate candidates locally and statewide about issues of concern to the lowest income individuals.

In addition to the pantry, Tri-Valley Haven operates Sojourner House, the only homeless shelter in the area that accepts two parent families, single fathers accompanied by their children, and families with boys up to the age of 18. Homeless families or single women seeking shelter can call Sojourner House at 449-2510.

School Board

The Pleasanton PTA Council, the League of Women Voters of Livermore-Amador Valley, and the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women are co-sponsoring a School Board Candidates Forum, Tuesday, September 30, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the Pleasanton Unified School District Board room located at 4665 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton

4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.
All six candidates—Valerie
Arkin, Jeff Bowser, Chris Grant,
Jamie Yee Hintzke, Stephen
Page, and Prasad Rallapalli—
have been invited to participate.
There are three open trustee seats
for the Pleasanton school board
in the November election.

"The purpose of this forum," says Pleasanton PTA Council President Joan Laursen, "is to help our community evaluate the candidates and their knowledge of educational issues, both local and statewide, that affect our students. As nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations we do not support or oppose candidates, but we en-

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riders. This is the first event of

its kind sponsored by the Liver-

more Police Department. Over

the past two school years LPD

has teamed up with members of

the Bay Area Riders Forum to

promote safe motorcycle riding

to students at both Livermore

and Granada High Schools.

This event is designed to be

safety training.

courage you to study the issues and cast an informed vote. It is wonderful to have so many indi-

viduals who wish to serve."

The forum is open to the public, and will be taped by Comcast Channel 26; the schedule of telecasts will be announced at the event.

For more information, please contact the Pleasanton PTA Council at www.pleasantonpta.org.

Candidate Forums

The Livermore-Amador League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women will host a series of forums to present the candidates for mayor, city council and school board to voters in Livermore and Pleasanton. Candidates will state their positions and answer questions presented by a League moderator as well as those presented to the moderator from the audience.

A forum for candidates for Livermore Valley Joint Unified District will be held Mon., Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the district offices, 6895 E. Jack London Blvd. Livermore. Candidates are incumbents Tom McLaughlin and Bill Morrison, and challengers Chuck Roggee and Stewart Gary.

Pleasanton mayoral and council candidates will be the focus of a Wed., Oct. 8 forum. Candidates for council will be featured at 7 p.m. and mayoral candidates starting at 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman is challenged by Steve Brozosky. Council candidates are incumbents Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan, and Jerry Pentin and Howard Neely.

Poll Workers Needed

Alameda County is again asking for help from registered voters who are willing to work as poll workers for the upcoming November 4 General Election.

The need for workers to help run the 831 Election Day polling places across Alameda County is especially great this year, with an extremely high turnout expected for the Presidential Election.

Alameda County will be using a paper-ballot based voting system. Each polling place will be equipped with an optical scanning machine to read and store the cast ballots. Each polling place will also have one electronic touch-screen voting machine to accommodate voters with disabilities.

Alameda County needs to recruit more than 4,000 poll workers to staff polling places on Election Day, as well as perform other duties such as responding to questions at voting sites and delivering ballots from polling places to the Registrar of Voters facilities in Oakland.

Poll workers earn a stipend of \$95 to \$180 a day for their work. They must be registered to vote in California. High school seniors over 16 also are eligible to work through the county's Student Poll Worker program.

Registered voters can apply to work as poll workers online at www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm. Please call (510) 272-6971 for more information about working as a poll worker.

Police to Hold Program On Motorcycle Safety Livermore Police Department motorcycle riding skills demon-

strations.

Livermore Police Department will present a Motorcycle Safety Awareness event in the front parking lot of the police department on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is free to the public, and will focus attention on motorcycle and scooter safety for riders.

The Livermore Police Department is taking this opportunity to help educate the community's motorcycle and scooter riders about safe riding, wearing propersafety apparel, and riding a properly equipped motorcycle or scooter in an effort to reduce motorcycle collisions.

This event will take place in the front parking lot of the police department. Livermore Police Department traffic unit personnel will be on hand to discuss and promote motorcycle safety. Officers will have static displays of recent motorcycle collisions to promote discussions of safe riding, and static displays of safety equipment such as helmets, jackets, gloves, and boots. They will conduct free inspections of motorcycles for adherence to California Vehicle Code sections regarding safety equipment. Officers will not be issuing citations for missing or improper equipment, and will help riders determine if their motorcycles or scooters meet all applicable laws.

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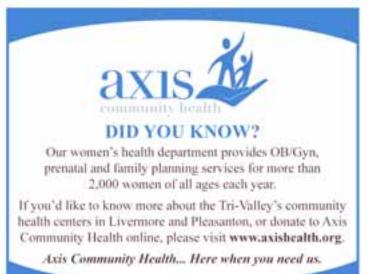




Janice Pementel

"Thanks Dad"





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Great Dine Out Tonya Clenney Livermore

The Great American Dine Out occurs nationwide September 21-28, 2008. Thousands of restaurants - chain and independent across the country commit a portion of sales (up to 5%) to feed hungry children in the United States. I was disappointed to see that none of the restaurants in the Tri Valley area are participating in this project. The closest restaurant is Claim Jumpers in Fremont. I would like to encourage our local restaurants to participate and help make sure no kid in America grows up hun-

Thank You Michael Pelfini Easter Seals Bay Area

To Darcie Kent, president, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation: Please accept our deepest gratitude for your generous contribution of \$75,000 from your wine auction event in support of Easter Seals' Kaleidoscope program.

We truly appreciate the good will and generosity of over 43 wineries helping to support local charities such as Easter Seals Bay Area. The program provides life-changing services to people with disabilities. Your gift makes it possible for youth with disabilities to become independent, volunteer and work in their community, and enjoy the same quality of life as you and I.

The Kaleidoscope After School program helps each young person become an active member of his or her community,

and reverses the isolation often experienced by youth with disabilities. Our staff incorporates community based activities to teach social, coping, and vocational skills and to enhance self esteem. At Kaleidoscope, we believe each person has unique talents and interests, and we work with everyone involved to help each young person make his or her dreams become a reality.

Our after school program represents just one of the many ways in which Easter Seals helps to improve the lives of children. Thank you so much for choosing to partner with us. By working together, we are creating the day when every person in the Bay Area living with a disability is able to lead a life filled with dignity, independence and joy. Together, we are changing lives one person at a time.

Automatic Doors Frank R. Lucero **Tri-Valley Disabled** Action Network

To David Dial: Thank you from members of the Tri-Valley Disabled Action Network (DAN). the area disabled community, and anyone else who needs a little extra assistance, for having automatic doors installed. A community benefits when an area business improves access for those who need easier access because it makes it easier for everyone to do business with that establishment.

It's too bad that other area businesses don't follow the example of LVPAC. Again our thanks to you and Mr. Alexander at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center for having automatic door openers installed, these devices will help make a night at the Bankhead Theater truly memo-

Redistricting Roy Cornwell Livermore

Once again the conniving politicians in Sacramento are not doing their job. The budget is

held up while they squabble like a bunch of very naughty children. The real cause of the problem is a long history of spending everything and never looking ahead. The public service unions, as well as other special interest groups, buy politicians at the vote supermarket. We pay prison guards rather than college pro-

These legislators are elected to represent you. But once they get to Sacramento they represent themselves. How do we change this annual waste of time and (our) money? Since each member of the legislature is permitted to draw the boundaries of his or her own district, an election is just an exercise in futility. For one of many examples, go to the net and look up Perata's district. He has reached out into the Tri-Valley area and marked out a Republican area knowing full well that the Democratic majority in the East Bay will offset the vote in his favor.

In my case, I am effectively not permitted to have a vote. Just think about it. The Tri-Valley is by and large a homogenous area and the East Bay a different mix. Many other examples exist in every part of the state. This is a crime of long standing. We have seen many attempts to change this. But we continue to leave the inmates in charge of the asylum.

When you vote for a redistricting proposition, also look very carefully at the sponsors and the pro and con authors. If the legislature wrote the bill it will be so full of holes and escape clauses as to be worthless. All the Hollywood liberals will come on in many TV commercials looking very sincere, but remember these people are actors and their professional is creating illusions. We don't need illusions, we need

The state has, in addition to budget problems, energy problems, water problems and a host of others. Instead of squabbling they should be honestly (in Sacramento, that is called an oxymoron) working on the longer term problems that will affect us

Politics As Usual Trudi Hartley Pleasanton

I am totally disheartened by the negative turn of the campaign for president. I blame the McCain people for heading it in this direction. If the American people are tired of this, then why do negative ads still get traction? What has happened to McCain? I once had respect for him; who wouldn't?

But his smears, distortions and character assassinations of Obama are way over the top. What a way to win the Presidency, through fear. He is trying to paint Obama as some kind of foreigner who isn't American enough, doesn't have America's best interests at heart, isn't patriotic enough, even advocates failure, doesn't care about the troops, etc. Nonsense. In realty Obama is the quintessential American success story that every young American could look up to. He has refrained for the most part form attacking McCain in this same manner.

Perhaps McCain doesn't spend a lot of time on things like health care, education, jobs or the economy because he knows he is not on the same page as the majority of Americans. Let's hear from McCain about what he plans to do for American in the specific areas that are of concern to us, and less swift-boating of his opponent. I for one am tired of his kind of politics.

Economic Plan Pat and Clarence Hoenig Livermore

The Democratic Convention this week unveiled an economic plan worthy of consideration. The plan called "Obamanomics" would take the pressure off the middle class and be funded without new taxes. Historically, in the 1990's under a Democratic President our country had the longest and strongest expansion in

American History. More recently, however, the current administration has done real damage to our country with a decade of regulatory neglect and tax cuts for the top one percent. Phase one would continue help for the Housing Sector with a second stimulus package that includes a fund to the states that helps people stay in their homes.

Phase two would further stimulate the economy in seven steps: Energy Rebates; Tax Relief for family incomes under \$250,000 per year; a National Health Plan for the uninsured; a National Retirement Plan covering automatic workplace pensions; expanded Unemployment Insurance; a Transportation Infrastructure Fund and an Education Fund with College Tax Credits and free Junior College for most Americans.

Phase three would provide a federal investment incentive for Alternative Energy Initiatives to both create jobs and reduce our dependency on foreign oil.

All this would be paid for with reduced spending in Iraq, nonrenewal of the Bush tax cuts for the top 1 % and a Cap/Trade System on carbon emissions.

Implementation would require both a Democratic Presidency and Congress.

A Real Choice Fran Ferlazzo Pleasanton

To read your newspaper and watch local TV coverage, you would think that the only people running for President are Obama and McCain. Well, I have good news. Voters in this area have a choice.

As I see it, Obama and McCain represent the same old big-government politics of the past. Obama has proposed more than \$1 trillion in new government spending over the next decade. McCain isn't much better. I am sure that both would raise taxes on everyone to pay for their spending sprees.

Bob Barr makes no promises of new government programs and more spending. He knows that our government can't solve every problem with more money. I'm voting for Bob Barr. .

Vote for Hosterman George Reid Pleasanton

Steve Brozosky said he would be a more open mayor and listen to the citizens but his track record displays his hypocrisy on open representative government:

· Brozosky pushed the Waterslide project along Stanley Boulevard that would have brought 200,000 additional people traveling through Pleasanton neighborhoods to get to the waterslide park (now buildings from this bankrupt project sit as a weed-covered eyesore). Many locals were opposed to the project and spent time before City Council where Brozosky ignored neighborhood concerns and rushed this project through (and made sure that it could not be repealed in a referendum).

• In 2006 he hired an outside PR firm (linked to the corrupt and anti-environmental Pombo folks) called Spinnovation Strategies (yes really, that is the name and their motto is "Spin Wins"). He took lots of money from outside developers/lobbyists and heavily outspent Jennifer Hosterman in his losing campaign.

 He posed as an environmentalist when he ran for City Council but his voting record showed his loyalty to the special interest lobbyists such as the waterslide group. Do not believe his current interest in protecting Pleasanton's hills. Follow the money and see who is providing financial backing for Brozosky and see what they want for their money.

• The Hosterman e-mail issue of 2006 has been reported but no discussion that Brozosky's e-mail account mysteriously disappeared and could not be similarly examined for irregularities.

I urge citizens to re-elect Jennifer Hosterman as Mayor, we can

Carol Ann Dahl

After a courageous battle with lung cancer, Mom left us on Sept.

27th to be with Mom, Dad; Brothers and Sisters Skip, Jim, and Mary Deanna. Born

Dec. 12, 1943 in Michigan Carol is survived by her

husband, Jack; sister Bobbie; daughters Starla, Lisa, Shelly, Stacey and ten very precious grandchildren. She also leaves behind a large extended family and countless friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made in memory to the Lung Cancer Ali a n www.lungcanceralliance.org.

Frank M. Arvio

Frank M. Arvio passed away peacefully at the age of 101 in Fremont on September 2, 2008.

Frank was born and raised in Chicago. He came to San Francisco during the 20's. He married Marie. They had two children and later moved to Hayward. He was a trucker for over 40 years. He loved baseball and especially loved and served his family. He enjoyed going to Clearlake and relaxing in his later years.

He is survived by a beloved daughter Rosemarie and Jack Rohner and grandchildren Bob

and Rhonda Rohner and Rick and Lisa Rohner. His greatgrandchildren Bobby, Becky, Raquel, and Rosalynn. Also his Son Ernie Arvio and Jan and grandchildren Tom and Jenny and Kathy and Steve and three great-grandchildren.

Private funeral were held on Saturday.

Tilman "Gene" Gibson

Livermore resident Gene passed away peacefully in his home on September 8, 2008. His family was by his side. He was 85. He was born to Norman & Dora Gibson, in Charleston, Arkansas on May 11, 1921. After graduating in 1941 he met and married his wife Wilma. They later moved to Hayward in 1943 and soon started their family. Gene loved working with wood, many of his friends and relatives have pieces of furniture that he built by hand. He later went into a partnership with Robert Black forming Gibson & Black Construction Company in 1960. He also loved to hunt, fish, travel, and especially loved spending time with his family.

Gene is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 68 years Wilma, daughter Margaret (Jon) Scobel of Livermore, and son Bill (Bonnie) Gibson of Cottonwood. He is also survived by his 4 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Gene loved life and loved living it to the fullest. He meant so much to so many that he will be dearly missed.

Graveside services were held Sept. 12 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Mary Alice Chatmon

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Mary Alice Chatmon passed away on September 2, 2008 as she slept. Mary was born March 5, 1942 in Harrisburg, Mississippi to Henry and Mattie Ford. She ministered to her church, as well as those less fortunate in her community, paying special attention to children. Mary was a faithful member of the Pauline Dupree Eastern Star Chapter #55 and an honorary pass Commandress of Menelik Temple Court #53.

She is survived by her husband Thomas S. Chatmon, children Derrick (Cindy) Chatmon of Stockton, Donica Chatmon of Livermore, Carey Cowens of Chicago, Linda Krhut of Livermore, Stephen Stoner of Visalia, Michael (John Marques) Bartholomew of Livermore and Angela Ball of Oakland, 12 grandchildren and her siblings LeRoy (Renee) Ford of Oakland, John Ford of Livermore, Rowland (Ladonna) Ford of Stockton, and Jessica (Jack) Purcell of Carson. Mary was an honorary mother to many children, without whom her life would have been incomplete.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.



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Axis Sponsoring Teen Essay Writing Contest

Axis Community Health will participate in the annual Young Voices for Recovery Teen Essay Writing Contest. The writing contest is designed to recognize teens for their achievement in seeking drug and alcohol treatment services and celebrate their

The topic for the 2008 contest is: what impact long-term recovery has had on teens' lives, either through their own experiences or that of a person close to them. Entries will be evaluated on outstanding personal acts and how they have positively impacted others.

"Every September, Recovery Month spreads awareness of how important it is to make treatment accessible and to support those in recovery," says Amie Sousa, Axis' Teen Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program Manager. "Substance use disorders are treatable diseases and participating in treatment and/or recovery programs for them is as effective as receiving treatment for other chronic conditions. This contest is an effort to provide teens a forum to share their real stories of long-term recovery. Our goal is to inspire others in need to ask for help to improve their own lives, the lives of their families and the community as a whole."

tant for City of Dublin; Gina Channell-Allen, publisher of Pleasanton Weekly; Jim Ott, President of the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees; Jean Prasher, Human Services Program Manager for City of Livermore and Kathleen Yurchak, Community Services Manager for City of Pleasanton.

Gaylene Burkett, Housing Assis-

Awards will include one first place prize of \$500, one second place prize of \$150 and one third place prize of \$50 to be used as scholarships to further education.

Contestants must between the ages of 13 and 19 years. Essays should be between 250-500

words in length and photos may be included, but are not required. Entries may be submitted via email by October 1, 2008 to Amie Sousa at asousa@axishealth.org or mailed to Young Voices for Recovery, Amie Sousa, Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566, postmarked by September 30, 2008.

Each entry must include name of the author, year of birth, grade level, name of school, name of a parent or guardian, address, telephone number, and email.

If requested, names will not be published. More information is available by contacting Amie Sousa at asousa@axishealth.org.

Residents Invited to Workshop on Solar Energy

The cities of Pleasanton and Livermore will jointly host the first in a series of free workshops designed to provide the citizens of both cities with an overview of solar technology for residential use. The workshop is scheduled on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 310 Main

The presentation will include an overview about residential solar energy - how it works, average costs, how to determine if a home is best situated for its use, and how the State and Federal incentives work. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. A number of solar installers will be available to speak to the public and answer questions in an informal setting. Building inspectors from both Livermore and Pleasanton will also be on hand to engage with homeowners about the inspection process for solar installations.

The use of solar energy to power homes is one segment of this overall growth as homeowners tap into sunshine to produce electricity and heat water and swimming pools. Installing solar panels is a home improvement project that pays dividends in several ways, including the environmental benefit of producing clean energy. Homeowners can also benefit by increasing the value of their property with a solar installation and, at the same time, avoid future energy rate increases.

For more information about the free Solar Cities workshop, please call (925) 931-5006 or (925) 960-4413, or visit www.solarcitiesnow.com/.

Solar Cities is a joint project of the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton focused on educating consumers with the facts about residential solar energy. The program features free educational workshops, web resources, and targeted information to assist homeowners in making decisions about investing in a photovoltaic solar sys-

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

25th Anniversary Tulancingo Visit, 40 person delegation arriving Wed., Sept. 24. Community invited to attend the following: welcome dinner, Wed., Sept. 24, Pleasantor Marriot, 6:30 p.m., \$36 per person. Family picnic, Sat., Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Free parking, gate 12. \$5 per person at the door (under age 5, free) feed details. free), food, drinks, games, entertainment. Gala banquet, Sat., Sept. 27, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, \$45 per person. Farewell dinner, Sun., Sept. 28, 6 p.m. Hawaiian theme, Pleasanton Marriot, \$36 per person. For information and reservations (deadline

Sept. 18), contact Jorge Victoria (925) 462-6723 or Dick Stafford (925) 462-6245. Open Heart Kitchen Benefit, The Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel is partnering with Open Heart Kitchen of the Tri-Valley to aid in their efforts to keep families meet their one basic need. One hundred percent of all proceeds are donated to Open Heart Kitchen. There will be a silent auction, reception and cocktails on Thurs., Sept. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact us 925.463.3330 www.openheartkitchen.org. The Sheraton is located at 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleas-

Stuffed animals, The Hampton Inn Livermore is collecting stuffed animals for Good News Bears, a nonprofit based in Livermore. The organization donates the animals to children and adults everywhere who are in need of solace, comfort and love (www.goodnewsbears.org). Individuals or organizations can place donations of stuffed mals in a special box at the Hampton Inn, 2850 Constitution Dr., Livermore. Donations will be picked up by the Good News

Livermore Valley Business and Pro-fessional Women, features a fall fashions show on Sept. 25 as a scholarship fund-raiser to assist a college re-entry woman towards a career. Networking and dinner at 6 p.m. at Cafe Nordstrom in the Pleasanton Stoneridge Mall, followed by a fall fashions and accessories show by Pat Lees, personal shopper manager. Cost \$35. Reservations can be made by calling Mona Dunlop, 828-3006, by

Sept. 19.

Walk-a-thon, Sept. 20, Temple Hindu Community and Cultural Center, fund-raising for youth and education and human services. Suggested donation \$15. Food, drink, souvenirs, live performances and more. Information, call 449-6255 or Srigopi gopisreddy@yahoo.com. Registration can be downloaded from

www.livermoretemple.org.

Hawaiian Party, Assistance League of Amador Valley is hosting their fall fundraiser "Rock-A-Hula," a Hawaiian party to be held at the Livermore Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue on Saturday, September 27, from 6-10 p.m. The event includes a barbeque dinner catered by Cabana Dave's, dancing music hosted by Mark Davis from KKIQ Radio, casino games & prizes. Tickets are \$35 per person. There is also a raffle with a Hawaiian Vacation as the grand prize. Information call 461-6401. www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

Teen Volunteers Needed for new Tri Valley Youth Court (TVYC) to serve as Advocates (youth attorneys) and jurors. Advocates prepare and present the case for the Defendant. Jurors are needed one evening per month - the first Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton. TVYC is a youth driven justice program for first time teen offenders. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

Tutor Training and Orientation, The Pleasanton Public Library needs adult volunteers to provide free tutoring to adults who want to improve reading, writing, and English speaking skills. Tutors have flexible hours, volunteer once a week and we supply

all materials. Training and orientation 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Oct. 4. Tutor qualifications are: at least 18 years old, average reading and writing skills, interest in helping another adult. No teaching experience needed. Please call to register for the Project Read orientation. For more information, call Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or email

Contest judges include:

Livermore Library Board, meets 7 Thurs., Sept. 25, Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Sept. 20, 35 miles Embarcadero o Tiburon and Larkspur, meet 10 a.m. at the ferry building, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Sept. 21, 35 miles hilly route and brisk pace, meet 8 a.m. in front of Bankhead Theater in Livermore, Don Williams, 580-9395. Sun., Sept. 21, 40 miles to summit of Mt. Hamilton and visit Lick Observatory, meet 9 a.m. at corner of Alum Rock Ave. and Mt. Hamilton Rd., Alaine Nadeau, 361-7972. Sun., Sept. 21, 38 miles from SR Community Park to Blackhawk, Livermore and Pleasanton, meet 9 a.m. at the park. Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Mon., Sept. 22, 25 miles tour of vineyards, meet 10 a.m. at Lucky store on Concannon Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Wed., Sept. 24, 32 miles start at Sunol Regional Park, meet 10 a.m., Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what

Flea Market, sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 27, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. in parking lot, 527 North Livermore Ave. Rental \$15 for 15'x15' space, \$5 for a table. Sign up at the Eagles Social Room or call 449-6281, 449-5807. Vendors welcome.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets Tues., Sept. 23, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Iren Romoda from the Yoga and Movement Center, Walnut Creek, will demonstrate and speak about Feldenkrais Movement Therapy and pain management. Information, Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Walk-a-thon Fund-raiser, Family event sponsored by Sisters in Service, East Bay Chapter on Sunday, Oct 5, to support des-titute and oppressed women and children in India, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton. Come any time between 12.30 - 3pm. Suggested Registration \$15/ person, \$30/ per family. Lunch included in registration fee, games & music. www.sistersinservice.org, http://www.ebparks.org/parks/shadow_cliffs More info call Gloria Gregory @ 925-998-

Walk SMART Fundraiser, Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for research, will hold its 6th annual walk for a cure on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin. The 1.25-mile walk will begin at 10a.m., registration at 9 a.m. It is open to anyone interested in participating. This is a short walk (or roll for those in wheelchairs) on a paved path. It is ideal for families, strollers, and those with a busy schedule who want to help children. All walkers are asked to collect \$100 in pledges. If a walker is unable to collect pledges the suggested donation to participate and receive a T-shirt is \$25. To find out how to partici-pate, register on line or to donate to this cause visit our website at www.smanorcal.org or contact Carol at info@smanorcal.com or phone (925) 371-6813.

Make your pet a star! Submit your best pet photos for the Furry Faces Calendar Contest! Entries accepted through Oct. 1st. \$15 donation for each photo entered. The contest benefits Valley Humane Society. See the website for details, entry form and rules www.valleyhumane.org. 50 photos will be selected for voting online Oct. 8-22.

The Livermore Scottish Country Dancers invite beginners to start attending classes anytime this September and October. Learn to dance lively jigs, driving reels, and elegant strathspeys to the traditional and contemporary folk music of Scotland. Cost is \$5 or less per session, first time free. Adult beginners class meets every Monday, 7:45 to 10:00

PM, at Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Children's class (ages 6 to 18) and adult social classes meet Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Valley School of Dance Theater, 2247 Suite B Second Street, Livermore. Please contact Sheena MacQueen (447-1833) or Michael Gregg (413-3633) for more information.

Celebrate Opening of Livermore **Opera,** Friday night dinner at Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2217, Sept. 26, music from the Barber of Seville, presentation by Jim Schmidt, board member of Livermore Valley Opera. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 23. Members and family \$17, nonmembers \$18 for dinner. RSVP to Andy McCarthy 606-5508, or Lodge office, 455-8829. 940 Larkspur Dr.,

Hearing Loss Association of America. **Tri-Valley Chapter**, meets at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, on Sept. 18, at 7:00 PM. The program will start at 7:30 PM. The meetings are free, the public is invited and refreshments are served. The speaker will be Don Larsen. He will speak on the problem of hard of hearing people being aroused when sleeping by smoke alarms. For more information Email Hiram Van Blarigan at

hvanblarigan@hotmail.com.

Welcome Picnic, Y-Guides and Y-Princesses, father-daughter and father-son activities featured 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 28 at Bray Commons Park, 3300 Finnian Way, Dublin. BBQ, games, fellowship, program information and more. Programs open to boys and girls ages 5 to 11 along with their dads. Please RSVP by Mon., Sept. 22 at 475-6108 or mcasper@ymcaeastbay.org

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Happy hour in Castro Valley Fri., Sept. 26, Palomares Cafe, 5 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 24 Margaret, 510-782-1819. Annual picnic, Pleasanton, Sept. 27, 1 p.m. RSVP Ruby 462-9636 by Sept. 24.

Benefit Fashion Show Luncheon, Fremont Sunrise Rotary Club hosting a fashion show benefiting LIFE ElderCare's Meals on Wheels Program and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, September 20, at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton beginning at 11 a.m. Lunch, ilent and live auctions and fall fashion show with guest Carolyn Johnson, ABC Channel 7 News Anchor. Fashions from Chico's and The Men's Wearhouse will be modeled by Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman, City Council members and members from the Fallen ghters Foundation and others. Tickets are \$50.00. For information call Sergio Morariu 510-366-6615

510-366-6615 or fremontfashionshow@gmail.com. Health Fair, September 27, open to all. The Hindu Temple located at 1232 Arrowhead Avenue in Livermore California certified physicians will be offering advice on the health condition of interested visitors after preliminary screening. All visitors will be required to sign a liability release/authorization form to participate in this free health screening. Physicians from different specializations will be available to evaluate and advise on those attending on health matters. Health Fair is open to all, free. For more information, email Human Services Chair anand_gundu@yahoo.com(or)call the temple at 925-449-6255.

Gateway to Hope Banquet, Sept. 25. Casa Real Events Center, Pleasanton. Benefit for Shepherd's Gate. 6 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and silent auction; 7 to 8:30 p.m. dinner and program. Sponsorship information, call 443-4283, ext. 201 or email 4283, ext. 201 Iregan@shepherdsgate.org.

RELIGION

Dealing with grief, eight week workshop starting Sept. 18 through Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton. Preregistration is required due to limited space. A \$15 donation is requested. For information, call Mary at 846-5377.

VeggieTales, God Made You Special,

Thurs., Sept. 18, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Pkwy, Livermore. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Program of singing, dancing and a whole lot of silliness. Information, 447-3465.

St. Michael's/St. Charles' Monday

Night Bible Study Group for "Celebrating the Mass," through Nov. 3, 2008 on Monday evenings from 7:30 -9:15 pm at St. Charles' Pope John XXIII Room, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Focus will be on the different sections of the Mass and how it developed from the scriptural text. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ext 114. There is a donation of \$10 United Christian Church of Liver-

more, 1886 College Ave., worships at 10:30 am on Sundays. Program for children during worship. Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ. Sept. For more information call

Step One groups new fall session will start Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7-8:30 pm. CrossWinds Church 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. Step One groups are support groups that facilitate open, honest, and supportive interaction for men and women. Groups meet ranging from 8 to 14 weeks. All groups meet ranging from 8 to 14 weeks. All groups meet at CrossWinds Church unless otherwise noted. During the evening, Coffee and Connecting is held in the lobby 7-10 pm. The fee of \$40 per person includes cost for all materials. Most groups close after the 3rd meeting. Childcare available for children under 12 years at an additional fee of \$5.00 per child per night. To register for a Step One per child per night. To register for a Step One group on-line go to www.crosswindschurch.org or contact Denise

roghan at 925-560-3835.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, annual picnic Sun., Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds. Special Mass 10 a.m. in the amphitheater followed by picnic with games, entertainment. Food sale or bring own.

10 Great Dates, Couples seeking to

enrich their marriage experience can join 10 Great Dates any Saturday evening through Nov. 15 at Centerpointe Church in Pleasanton. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. with a video presentation covering the evening's discussion. Couples leave by 6:30 p.m. for their date. All evenings are designed to stand alone so there is no attendance requirement. Complimentary child-care is provided for children nine and under. The fee is \$20 for the workbook that covers the 10 sessions. For additional information, please call Centerpointe at 925-846-4436 or see www.centerpointechurch.info.

United Christian Church

1886 College Avenue, Livermore (at M Street) Sunday Worship at 10:30 am

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"For the Bible Tells me - - WHAT!?"

(A thoughtful inquiry into what the Bible says about homosexuality and same-sex marriage) A 2-Part Seminar Presented by Rev. Steve Kindle, Exec. Director of Clergy United Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28, 2008

Sept. 27 -- 3:30-6pm Part I -- Introduction and Viewing of "For the Bible Tells me So" A "must see" film for anyone struggling with how to square what they think the Bible teaches with what they experience in themselves. Hex. Kindle appears in the film, worked with the project and will give a "behind the scenes" perspective, as well as an introduction to the issues. Discussion, Q&A will follow the viewing

Sept. 28 -- 3:30-5:30pm Part II -- Going Deeper: Why the Bible is a Gay Friendly Book What can we learn from the Old and New Testament stories and teachings and the last 100 years of scholarly inquiry? If you would like to know how people of faith and good will can affirm omosexuality, this seminar is for you.

The community is invited to attend -- either one or both parts of the seminar. Reservations and further information: (925) 449-6820 or pastor@uccliv.org

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Community Workshop For the City of Livermore Zoning Code Update

You are invited to attend a community workshop to kick off the City's Zoning Code Update. All interested citizens, architects, designers, residential and commercial developers are encouraged to attend.

> Thursday, September 18, 2008 Robert Livermore Community Center - Cresta Blanca Room 4444 East Avenue 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The workshop will discuss:

- How zoning can be a powerful tool to shape and guide the future of Livermore;
- How the Zoning Code Update will reinforce the Smart Growth Policies in the City's General Plan;
- The timing and process of the Update;
- How the Update will result in an easy-to-use, highly effective tool for regulating development that reinforces the unique character of Livermore; and
- · What is Form Based Zoning and how Livermore's Zoning Code Update will incorporate Form Based Zoning principles.

For more information, please call Christine Rodrigues in the Planning Division, at (925) 960-4450

Thinking About Making The Move To Solar Energy

START WITH THE SOLAR CITIES PROGRAM.

Solar Cities is a joint project of the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton focused on educating consumers with information about residential solar energy. Livermore and Pleasanton residents are invited to join us at a free workshop to learn more about solar technology for residential use. In addition to City and PG&E staff, solar installers will be on hand to meet with you.

Free Solar Cities Workshop

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 · 7:00 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building 310 Main Street, Pleasanton

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For more information about the free Solar Cities workshop, please call (925) 931-5006 or (925) 960-4413, or visit www.solarcitiesnow.com



SPORTS NOTES

Youth Tennis

Jaimeson Cortez of Livermore won the Visalia Racquet Club Boy's 14 Open Tennis Tournament held on Sept. 7.

Thirteen-year-old Jaimeson defeated Trevor Lee, Exeter, 6-1, 6-0; and Andrew Gong, Exeter, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4. Jaimeson, a freshman at Granada High School, plays at Ruby Hill Golf and Tennis Club.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U18 Division 2 improved their record to 3 and 0 in league play with another 3 to 0 victory, this one over Bay Oaks. In the first half Kelly Rowse scored the first goal off a corner kick, assist Mikayla Swinkels. In the second half Rowse scored a second goal on a nice assist from Ailsa Smith. Gina Watkins scored the final goal assisted by Tiffany Leung. The defense pitched its third straight shut out on nice play by Marie Shier and Claire Kennedy. Top Offensive Players: Kelly Rowse - 2 Goals Gina Watkins - 1 Goal Mikayla Swinkels, Ailsa Smith and Tiffany Leung each had an assist. Top Defensive Players: Claire Kennedy and Marie

Pleasanton Rage U11 Grey played a good game against San Ramon Spirit although losing by 1 goal. Kailyn Coleman scored the team's goal with an assist from Sophia Martinez. Great defensive play by Hannah Schwartz and Mildreth Gil. Great offensive runs by Kailyn Coleman, and Christy Jensen. Top Offensive Players: Kailyn Coleman, Christy Jensen. Top Defensive

Players: Hannah Schwartz, Mildreth Gil.

Pleasanton Rage U16 Div. 1 defeated Diablo FC 92, 2 to 0. Jenna Sparks scored in the first half to lead Rage to a 1-0 lead at half time. With an assist from Tracy Hong, Lauren Floro crossed a kick into the goal in the second half to secure the win 2-0. Natasha Springer, Annie Amos and Ally White played great defense. Top Offensive Players: Jenna Sparks, Tracy Hong, Lauren Floro. Top Defensive Players: Natasha Springer, Annie Amos, Ally White.

The U13 Premier team faced a fierce and physical battle against the Dublin Fury. The new Fury, made up of former Danville Mustang, San Ramon Illusion and Livermore players, scored first after a 30 yard free kick sailed just under the top crossbar of the goal. Great stops and passes by Lindsey Kail and Haley Chow. Kira Ewanich broke away on the left side and scored to tie the game. Goalie Lexi Nicholas had an amazing leap to stop a free kick. Goalie Brittany Gray also came out for a great save. Final score 1-1

The Rage U13 Div3A team took on the tough Newark Hot Shots this weekend, coming away with a 1-1 draw. Both teams were in it for the win, and it became a very physical battle. The Rage offense led by Nikki Cerri, Paige Peterson and Kayla Bautista did a great job pressuring the Newark defense. Goalie Nikki Costello made two amazing saves off of direct kicks. Newark was first to score in the 30th minute. Rage defense, led by Cassie Santana, Kayla Cerri and Olivia Deutschman stepped it up in the 2nd half denying all Newark attempts at goal. Midfielders Vanessa Villanova and Ariel Gershman did a great job moving the ball down the field. With only one minute left to play, Paige Peterson made a beautiful cross which deflected off one of the Newark players into their goal, tying up the game 1 to 1 and denying Newark the win.

The Pleasanton Rage U15AC team went on a scoring frenzy Saturday beating the Newark Freedom 7-0. Stephanie Little got the Rage started just 10 minutes into the game with Ashley Jenezon following with 2 goals, Little with a second goal, followed by Megan Ash, Olivia Zhu and Erin Schoendienst. Assisting the goals were Haley Paxton, Jillian Beck and Marisa Victor. Lindsay Rigel, Cassie Scroggins and Carly Boehmer played a tough defense not allowing the Freedom to score. Top Offensive Players: Olivia Zhu, Erin Schoendienst, Megan Ash. Top Defensive Players: Lindsay Rigel, Cassi

roggins, Jillian Beck.

Pleasanton Rage U15 Premier faced off against the Diablo FC Velocity in a battle of unbeaten GSSL gold teams Saturday, with Rage earning a hard-fought 2-1 victory to remain in first place. Rage jumped out to an early lead with some beautiful soccer when Kiley Zietler made an overlapping run to receive an outside pass from Courtney Stonesifer, then crossed the ball 8 yards in front of the goal where Gabe Stange onetimed a shot inside the far post. Diablo evened the game in the 14th minute by converting a Rage defensive turnover that led to a breakaway. Two minutes later, Rage regained the edge when Florife Nichols intercepted a pass and rocketed an 18 yard blast past the outstretched keeper. The second half was evenly played. Rage survived a last-minute scare when center back Brett Scheckla raced back to head away a Diablo shot that was going into an open net. Rage controlled the first half with a patient passing attack fueled by mids Darlene Dang, Erika Emmanuel, Elisa Verita, Megan Tabler, Kiki Simmons, and Bria Outland. Keepers Phoebe Brown and Ani Nahapetian contributed a save each as backs Sabrina Unglaub, Jill Anderson, and Rachel Charkowicz limited the Diablo scor-

ing chances.

Pleasanton Rage Division 4 Under-6: Top Offensive Players: Peyton Pozzi, Natalie O'Sullivan, Diamonds; Nicole Williams, Kim Ebbers, Emily Hunt, Dragons; Maggie Nostrand, Rachel Hogarty, Clare Beer, Dashers; Top Defensive Players: Kendall Witters, Diamonds; Kylie Hatfield, Annika Jernstedt, Nicole Brownen, Dashers.

Under-7: The Tornados played a tough game against the Tweety Birds, with great offensive plays by Savana Sadler, Lily Manos, DeLaney Soble and Dominique Darius, each scoring at least one goal. Our first goal keepers were Maria Capaccioli and Addie Sciammas. Many strong defensive plays were demonstrated by Zoe Morgenroth, and Anika Kapai. Top Offensive Players: Savana Sadler, DeLaney Soble, Lily Manos, Tornados; Top Defensive Players: Dominique Darius, Zoe Morgenroth, Anika Kapai, Tor-

Under-8: The Mustangs and the Muffins played a very exciting end-to-end game with both offenses putting on an impressive show, often equaled by the goal-keeping. Top Offensive Players: Jessica Maloney, Allison Defazio, Alyssa Serrano, MudDogs; Jielin Eeo, Hailey Benner, Katherine Murphy, Meteors; Molly, Madison Mole, Karin McCarty, Emily, Mustangs; Top Defensive Players: Emily Hill, Lilly Fehrmann, Paige Lombardi, MudDogs; Grace Himsl, Hailey Hogarty, Kaidon Toombs, Meteors; Leilei, Maya, Cierra, Muffins; Emily Esparza, Emma

Klopatek, Mustangs.
Under-10: Jazz 3, Jewels 1: Top Offensive Players: Allison Maloney, Sarah Keir, Katie Reding, Jazz; Top Defensive Players:

Michelle Cyr, Margaret Cirves, Jazz, Under-12: Blitzers 2, Broncos 0: Top Offensive Players: Emma Himsl, Whitney Mazzoti, Emily Roskopf, Blitzers; Top Defensive Players: Brittany Nagra, Jessica

Granucci, Shanaye Sherman, Blitzers.

Under-14: Jessica Rumsey scored two goals and an assist to lead the Flight Cuties to a 3-2 win over the Rockettes. Madison Eacret scored the game winner on a last minute goal. Carly Krakauer added an assist and Danielle Comito provided key offensive support. Turner Wiley, Rachel Duggan and Claire Lorentz combined to disable a potent Rockette attack. Goalies Courtney Cavanaugh and Mina Corpuz consistently denied shot

attempts to secure the win. Scores: Rockettes 2, Cuties 3; United 3, Shock 0; Aftershock 1, Powerage 0; Top Offensive Players: Jessica Rumsey, Carly Krakauer, Danielle Comito, Cuties; Makenzie Muller, Sabrina McGraw, Olivia Harber,

Top Defensive Players: Turner Wiley, Rachel Duggan, Claire Lorentz, Cuties; Shayna Doyle, Stephanie Doi, Kylie Cardoza,

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer Leagues re-

Elite Soccer: The Livermore Elite Fury U13 girls opened GSSL league play against the Alliance Diamonds and Benicia Arsenal. In the first game against Alliance, defenders Ryley Landreth, Amanda Fairclough and Alyssa Stevenson played well early to turn back the Diamonds. The Alliance finally broke through with two goals. The Fury countered with a couple of nice runs by Alison Pierson but could not score. The Alliance took advantage of every opportunity to score and posted a 6-0 win despite the match not being as one-sided as the final score. Beth McCall played a strong midfield and forward Elyse Codiroli played well on offense for the

Fury.
In the second game against the Benicia Arsenal, Livermore started strongly as Jenna Hatch pressured the Arsenal defense and Morgan Brandt and Elise Falgout played solid defense. Benicia scored late in the first half. The Fury responded immediately when Eric Winegarner knocked the ball off the goalie and Rebekah Johnson followed up the rebound with a goal to tie the game. During the second half, the Fury continued to play well as Kaitlyn Bulhoes attacked the defense and Brittany Ahrbeck made some nice midfield passes. The Livermore defense was led by the aggressive play of Skyler Kriz with several nice tackles and clears. Despite the solid play, the Fury could not score again and they finished the match in a 1-1 tie

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Livermore Elite Youth Soccer Div I—
U17 fought hard and played a good game, but ended up with a tough 1-0 loss against Diablo FC 91 Blue. Diablo scored on a run late in the first half. Although Livermore was controlling the ball well and taking many shots of their own, none found their mark. Cody Lutz and Joseph Van Fossen were solid on the Force's defense. Zach Addington and Eric Smyth worked the lines well and both took exciting shots that had Force fans holding their breath. Livermore's keepers were awe-some in the net with Kyle Kline starting and Peter Cabeceiras taking over at the half.

Still a bit down from their loss the day before, the Force took a while to get started and get in the game against the East Diablo Fire. When the Fire converted a PK and went up 1-0 the Force got their game on and then didn't look back, dominating the field for the rest of the game. On a pass from Brandon Bauer, Joiss Pastor sent a powerful shot into Brentwood's net to get the scoring started. Soon afterward, Joiss Pastor again put his foot to the ball and made it a 2-1 game. Alex Gonzalez gave an assist to Silvano Lopez, Jr. for Livermore's third goal. Jeff Felker and Scott Trummer put their heads to work on defense and along with keeper Peter Morrow kept the Fire's score to one

Elite Rampage 98 U10 shut out the San Ramon United 2-0. Rampage picked up the Ramon United 2-0. Rampage picked up the pace with good ball movement and strong support from midfielders Bianca Stubler and Alyssa Oki. Beautiful passing and scoring attempts came from Ryan Murphy and Adrianna Sblendorio. After a hand ball in the box, Rampages Hunter Vice perfectly positioned the first goal with an impossible shot to the corner of the net. In the second half, Rampage put even more pressure on with good communication and passing from Isabella goodcommunication and passing from Isabella Neads and Ashley Morton. Then deep in United's zone San Ramon was unsuccessful in clearing the ball when Leslie Jimenez took a rocket shot on goal to sneak into the corner clinching the 2-0 shutout.

Elite Rampage 4, Atletico Santa Rosa Rampage 0: Livermore Rampage recorded a second shut out Sunday against Atletico Santa Rosa 4-0. With a fairly even 0-0 first half the game got physical. Livermore Rampage kicked it into gear with all around great prospession and passing and part the clampage. possession and passing and put the clamps down. Livermore Rampage put in one beau-tiful goal after the next. Offensive and midfield scorers were Ryan Murphy, Lauren Sandy Amy Silva and Bianca Stubler. Defensive support came from Jessey Espana and Hinter Vice. Midfielders Leslie Jimenez, Lauren Sandy, Bianca Stubler and Alyssa Oki controlled the ball with "on the mark" passes to offense. Livermore Elite Rampage controlled the ball with day the grant of the ball with sale and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the field and the grant of the ball with the ball wit

the ball, the field and the game.

The U12 D1 Livermore Elite Clash tied the ACC Leopards this weekend 2-2. Livermore dominated in their offensive end early keeping the Leopards on their heels. Twenty minutes in, the shooting paid off for the Clash when forward Alec Foster scored. Five min-utes later, David Adams followed with a goal of his own. Both were brilliantly assisted by Brian Codington at midfield. Defensively, Jordan Murdoch, Tanner Sandy, Tommy Earle and Goalie Donnie Buchanan held the Leopards scoreless in the first half. Soon after the beginning of the second half the tables turned, and the Leopards mounted a strong push, scoring twice as they tied up the game and left it up to the Clash to answer back. Despite two shots on goal by Jacob Woll, three by Erik Salgado and five by Adams throughout the game, the game ended a 2-2

Livermore Elite 99, Girls U-9 Div. 1 took on the Avalanche from the Mustang Soccer Club. Elite 99 opened the game with very strong mid-field and forward play by Tori Diehl, Kylie Martinez, Katelyn Johnson Tori Diehl, Kylie Marunez, Kately III and Daniella Walker. Elite was able to apply continual offensive pressure throughout much of the first half limiting the Avalanche to only a few offensive chances that Elite's defensive unit handled effectively. Elite was rewarded for their hard work when a powerful shot from the right side by Jenny Gibson found the back of the Avalanche net to give Elite a 1-0 lead that they took into halftime. First half goal that they took into halftime. First half goal that they took into halftime. duties were handled flawlessly by Maddy

Krueger.
Coach Marlon Fernandez's team opened up the second half with a perfectly executed play on an indirect free kick when a touch pass by Lauren S. was hammered into the left side of the goal on a curling shot by Marley Walke that gave the Avalanche's goal keeper no chance to make a save.

The 2-0 deficit seemed to spark the Avalanche as they began their push to equal the score by mounting a very effective offensive push during much of the second half. Second half goal keeper Tori Borgna had a very active 2nd half in goal, making many quality saves and, with support from the defensive corps in front of her, was able to keep the Avalanches' shots out of net. Kylie Beard, Walke, Johnson, and Martinez played very strong roles in helping to preserve the shutout. Gibson's 2nd goal of the game,

coming late in the half, provided Elite with their winning margin of 3-0. Livermore Elite Soccer

Division-1 Gold U-12 Girls Livermore Elite Venom (5) vs. ACC Fury (0): Offense: Kaitlyn Lipman (G), Taylor Hopkins (2G), Ariana Mancieri (G) Defense: Kylie Long (G), Livermore Elite Venom U12 girls trav-(G). Livermore Elite Venom U12 girls traveled to Berkeley for a league game against a scrappy ACC Fury team. The game was close early, but constant pressure up front from Taylor Hopkins and Kaitlyn Lipman eventually got the ball into the net. The girls kept the pressure on, getting solid goaltending and second-half offensive support from Kylie Long and pulled slowly away to a strong finish

finish.

U-11 Boys Livermore Elite Strikers
'97 (1) vs. HSC Newells (1): The Livermore
Elite Strikers '97 started their State Cup
qualifier matches with a victory over the HSC
Newells squad, ultimately out-dueling them
in penalty kicks. The Strikers took a 1-0 lead
in the first half when kinne Cocine seed in the first half when Jaime Osorio scored from the left of the goal, redirecting a corner kick from Carsen Paynter. The Newells squad evened the match in the second half when a free kick took an unfortunate bounce and squeaked in. Scott Newby and Erik Martin withstood several other Newells charges in withstood several other Newells charges in goal, stopping seven other shots. The Striker defense continued to perform in this young season, led by Jack Schoendienst and Brian Martinez, who continually chased down loose balls and fought hard to get the ball out

of the Striker side of the field. **Division-3 Bronze** U-14 Girls Liver-more Elite Arsenal (1) vs. Mustang Flash (0): Offense: Brianna Hill, Kaela Moehnle, Kira Torretto; Defense: Gabi Macias, Jessica Sanassarian, Alyssa Ray; Goals & Assists: Kaela Moehnle (G), Brianna Hill (A), Liver-Raeia Moeillie (G), Brianna Hill (A). Liver-more Elite Arsenal won their 2nd game of the season. Great defense was played by Jessica Sanassarian and Gabi Macias to keep the Mustangs scoreless. Alyssa Ray (GK) stopped several tough shots on goal. The games one goal was scored when Brianna Hill took a great shot that bounced off the goal post and Kaela Moehnel jumped in to take the rebound

and kicked it in for the game-winning goal. U-13 Girls CVSC United (2) vs. Livermore Chaos (1): Offense: Maryann Gong (G), Alexandra Hernandez, Nicole Mingione Livermore Defense: Callie Crowe, Krystal Hill, Savannah Winters, Livermore. United scored early in the game with Chaos missing an opportunity to tie with a PK before the end of the first half. In the second half Maryann Gong was finally able to connect the ball into the net and Chaos tied the score. The tied score lasted well into the final 2-minutes of play when a well-placed shot over the goal keeper's outstretched arms & fingers by United sealed

U-11 Boys Mustang Revolution (3) vs U-11 Boys Mustang Revolution (3) vs. Livermore Elite Hurricanes (0): Offense: Johnny Cygan (G), Colby Jaramillo (G), Adam Yukolis (G), Mustang; Luis Ceja, Trevor Ross, Jacob Worthman, Dominic Parodi, Hurricanes Defense: Christian Diebenow, Conner Kennedy, Tyler Firebaugh, Mustang; Arnold Avila, Kevin Gilmore, Archie LaBine, Hurricanes. The first half was very close with the Hurricane defense holding off the Mustangs. Right before halftime, it was Johnny Cygan of the Mustangs who scored the 1st of 3 goals for Danville. The other 2 goals were scored by Colby Jaramillo and Adam Yukolis. The Hurricanes gave its areat effort on offense and Hurricanes gave it a great effort on offense and

DU-10 Boys Danville Mustang Dragons (2) vs. Livermore Elite Quakes (1): The Quakes dominated the first half with most of the play near the Mustang's goal, and several shots by Grant Riddough and Joel Gauch. But great Mustang defense kept the Quakes scoreless, and the Mustangs took advantage of their limited scoring opportunities to get a put-back to end the first half 0-1. The Mustangs came out strong in the second half, and extended their lead to 2-0. A great assist by Kevin Mains to Russell Stevenson brought the score to 2-1. The Quakes continued to pressure, but were unable to tie it up. Great defense all around by Grayson Pringle, Brendan McCafferty, Charlie Mitchell, and

Andrew Preece.

Rec-Plus, Emerald U-12 Boys Livermore FC 3 vs. San Ramon Earthquakes 1 Offense: Justin Walker, Eric Lopez, Dominic Mingione, Livermore FC; Alonzo Altomirano, Noah Phillip, Youngso Do, Earthquakes Defense: Sebastian Gomez, Devon Shortridge, Jonathan Short, Livermore FC; Jacob Rubio, Luke Haley, Kevin Hawelu, Earthquakes Goals & Assists: Tho-mas Triantos G, Eric Lopez A, Eric Lopez G, Manuel Lopez G, Livermore FC; Alonzo Altomirano G, Earthquakes. Division 4, Copper U-19 Girls Pleasan-ton Lightning 4 vs. Livermore Predators 2 Offense: Samsam Saberi JG Kirstin Carlson

Offense: Samsam Saberi 2G, Kirstin Carlson 2G, Lightning; G, G, Catrina A, Predators Defense: Alexis Haire, Lightning; Makayla

Byasse GK , Predators
Livermore Predators 4 vs. FC Fremont Explosion 0 Offense: Ashley Stevens, Paige Anaya, Arielle Sallai, Predators; Cailin Byrnes, Archana Sathi, Fina Mora, Explosion Defense: Catie Torres, Elise Mork, Amanda Shepherd GK, Predators; Zarah Paikar, Prina Patel, Kelly McGinty. In the first-half the Predators struck with its first of four-unanswered goals at the 13-minute mark four unanswered goals at the 13-minute mark by Avery Mast. The Predators struck again at the 22-minute mark with a goal by Catrina Hickman with an assist from Avery Mast. The Predators came out of halftime looking strong. After 16-minutes of play, Catie Torres struck an unassisted goal and followed up with another goal assisted by Ashley Stevens at the 17-minute mark. The Explosion despite goal baseline and everyllement. sion, despite good passing and several break-aways were unable to connect with the net.

aways were unable to connect with the lice.

U-16 Girls San Ramon Stingrays 4 vs. Indelisa Pereida, Emma Hughes Defense: Jackie Maruskin, Karen Swezey, Icacia Pereida; Goals & Assists: Jessica Smith G, Kayla

Hodgers A , Emma Hughes A

U-14 Girls Force 2 vs. Cyclones 2: Offense: Isabella Johnstone, Jessica Paul, Breonna Burrrell, Force; Kristin Palauzo, Deene Malaeb, Hannah Barrow, Cyclones Defense: Kaila Silver, Sarah Amorin, Michaela Molina, Force; Ashley Weilee, Hannah Conner, Jackie Mateo, Cyclones Goals & Assists: Jessica Kendro G, Kaila Goals & Assists: Jessica Kendro C, Kalla Silver G, Force; Kristin Palauzo 2G, Deene Malaeb A, Cyclones. Both teams played great. The last 10 minutes of the game Force kicked it up a notch scoring 2 goals ending the game 2 to 2.

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Livermore Lightning 4 vs. The Pack 0:
Offense: Anna Murphy, Kirsten Mork,
Abigail Lewis-Osbourne, Lightning;
Mariajose Chacon, Christina Guilford, Pack
Defense: Tatiana Jansen, Grace Grim, Lightning; Supriya Sohal, Clarrisa Roland, Pack
Goals & Assists: Kirsten Mork 3G. Abigail Goals & Assists: Kirsten Mork 3G, Abigail

Goals & Assists: Rifsten Mork 3C, Abigan Lewis-Osbourne G, Lightning U-12 Girls Hot Tamales 1 vs. The Blue Bandits 1: Offense: Carly Martinez, Shelby Rocereto, Hot Tamales; Alexandra Winkler, Samantha Stoneham, Blue Bandits Defense: Jenna Remund, Heather O'Brien, Hot Tama-Jennakeniund, Healner O Brief, not Tamia-les; Madison Miller, Rubia Lemus, Emily Gibson, Blue Bandits; Goals & Assists: Carly Martinez G, Hot Tamales; Yesenia Sanchez G, Blue Bandits Jaguars 2 vs. Cobras 1: Offense: Devin

Everett, Juliana Herbeck, Victoria Winter, Jaguars; Faith Vandegriff, Katy Johnson,

Camille Gallardo, Cobras Defense: Isabel Futral, Sara Novell, Haley Bettercourt, Jag-uars; Kayla Cromwell, Elise Williams, Bianca

Aceves, Cobras Cyclones 6 vs. Fierce Pandas 2: Offense: Melanie Henshaw, Liliana Rangel-Parra, Cierra Prestegard, Cyclones; Taylor Ditzel, Nicole Hamby, Leah Becker, Fierce Pandas Defense: Taylor Lawsen, Nadia Ragagan, Alicia Craft, Cyclones; Lili Montes, Sarah Persson, Anjali Vacnnani, Fierce Pandas Goals & Assists: Cierra P 3G, Melanie H G, Kelsey Pettis G, Liliana R G, Cyclones; Shruthi Sukir G, Leah Becker G, Fierce

Hot Tamales 3 vs. Crushers 0: Offense: Carly Martinez, Jenna Remund, Shelby Rocereto, Hot Tamales; Kayla Pinelli, Stephanie Divita, Crushers Defense: Katie Reddick, Olivia Garicia, Heather O'Brien GK, Hot Tamales; Ashley Schiopu, Madison Richards, Crushers Goals & Assists: Jazmynn Merchant PK, 2G, Hot Tamales. Both teams played well. The Hot Tamales scored once in the first half on a penalty kick and two more goals in the second half. The Crushers made several great shots on their goal but were stopped by the Hot Tamales defense.

Ù-10 Girls Goal Girls 2 vs. Killer Bees 1: Offense: Alyssa Ramirez, Samantha Rodriguez, Brianna Ranney, Goal Girls; Amanda Eijasantos, Madison Gannon, Lauren Stuart, Killer Bees Defense: Joy Blea, Chelsea Keele, Sarah Coulson, Goal Girls; Shannon Blockley, Brianna Shultis, Monica Meier,

Killer Bees
Dolphins 2 vs. Pink Panthers 0: Offense: Danielle Freveret 2G, Dolphins; Rachel De Silva, Kate Wise, Pink Panthers Defense: Sidney Abrams, Dolphins; Keri Gibson,

August Yocher, Pink Panthers.
U-9 Girls Soccer Rays 3 vs. Firecrackers
2: Offense: Samantha Dukes G, Sydney
Pournaras G, Amanda Plant G, Soccer Rays; Sierra Miller G, Rachel Foley G, Rachel Boyle, Firecrackers Defense: Melinda Miller, Boyle, Firecrackers Defense: Melinda Miller, Luci Romero, Katherine Gomez, Soccer Rays; Regan Wiedenfeld, Elle Tanner, Stephanie Wilkinson, Firecrackers Soccer Sharks 5 vs. Soccer Rockers 3: Offense: Morgan Laughlin, Molly Wharton, Rachel Sylvester, Soccer Sharks; Katie Hinds,

Tara Collier, Allyson Badger, Soccer Rockers Defense: Alize Rizzo, Maya Pillon, Samantha Anderson, Soccer Sharks; Claire Abele, Jamie Freitas, Morgan Waugh, Soccer Rockers; Goals & Assists: Goals: Mackenzie Riddle G, Madison Jackson G, Morgan Louchlie, C. Morgan Filler, C. Soccer Sharks Laughlin G, Maya Pillon G, Soccer Sharks; Katie Hinds G, Tara Collier G, Allyson Badger G, Soccer Rockers

Badger G, Soccer Rockers
Goal Getters 3 vs. Sparklers 1: Offense:
Chloe Brickwedel, Clelia Opipari, Kylie
Moore, Goal Getters; Kacie Long, Laura
DiSimone, Alyssa Feliciano, Sparklers Defense: Amanda Czapkay, Mary Carmona,
Ashley Geary, Goal Getters; Maggie Snead,
Emma Zika, Tessa Mullins, Sparklers; Goals
& Assists: Chloe Brickwedel 2, Clelia
Opipari, Goal Getters; Kacie Long, Sparklers
Shooting Stars 9 vs. Firecrackers 0:

Opipar, Goal Getters, Racle Long, Sparklers
Shooting Stars 9 vs. Firecrackers 0:
Offense: Ciara Martinez, Arianna Salcido,
Amanda Zeck, Shooting Stars; Sierra Miller,
Rachel Foley, Lauren Martin, Firecrackers
Defense: Grace Stanford, Sydney Rosenberg,
Andrea Sommer, Shooting Stars; Regan Wiedenfeld, Amanda Alvarez, Jessica Spencer, Firecrackers; Goals & Assists: Ciara Martinez 3G, Andrea Sommer 2G, Heather

Woelk 2G, Amanda Zeck 2G, Shooting Stars Lightning Girls 7 vs. FireBalls 0: Of-fense: Claire Andersen, Audrey Cordisco, Alicia Olquin, Lightning Girls; Haley Payne, Paige Sutter, Victoria Dishong, FireBalls Defense: Maria Olquin, Ariana Dixon, Light-Detense: Maria Olquin, Ariana Dixon, Lightning Girls; Tyler Lee, Gaby Correa, Audrey Redell, FireBalls Goals & Assists: Audrey Cordisco 3G, A, Claire Andersen 2G, Alicia Olquin G, A, Lightning Girls. FireBalls Haley Payne displayed strong offense and defense skills against a hard hitting team. Paige Sutter and Victoria Dishong ran hard with the rest of the Fireball team. Hard fought defense as shown by Tyler Lee, Gaby Correa, and Audrey Redell Lightning Girls' Audrey and Audrey Redell. Lightning Girls' Audrey Cordisco did an outstanding job on offense with her first hat trick of the season. Alicia Olquin played extremely well, with one goal scored and one assist. Claire Andersen con-

scored and one assist. Claire Andersen contributed with two goals

U-8 Girls Blazing Stars vs. Rattlesnakes
Offense: Alyssah McCollum, Emily March,
Jodi Bryant, Blazing Stars; Stephanie Baschee,
Tally Soto, Abby Fraser, Rattlesnakes Defense: Rachel Myers, Hailey Hahlbeck, Kyra
Munkner, Blazing Stars; Kennedy Griffith,
Cassidy Bates, Melia Miller, Rattlesnakes

Tasmanian Devils vs. Firebreathing
Dolphins Offense: Nicole Fairbanks, Caitlyn
Ouartaroli, Tasmanian Devils: Tyler-Renee

Quartaroli, Tasmanian Devils; Tyler-Renee Enderlien, Julia Rocha, Firebreathing Dol-phins Defense: Alicia Diaz, Janessa Sanchez, Tasmanian Devils; Alex Christeson, Olivia

Tasmanian Deviis; Alex Crinisteson, Olivia Claypool, Firebreathing Dolphins Mustangs vs. Dashing Dogz Offense: Leah Kline, Lindsey Philips, Kendall Yamamoto, Mustangs; Aleiya Whitehead, Madelyn Lovedahl, Makenna Howell, Dashing Dogz Defense: Kamy Farro, Hayley Thompson, Mustangs; Brianna Wheelock, Melanie Laronde, Dashing Dogz

Melanie Laronde, Dashing Dogz Mud Kittens vs. Soccer Chicks Offense: Kate Hottinger, Kaitlin Krakoski, Mud Kit-tens; Alyssa Silva, Emily Trask, Soccer Chicks Defense: Shelby Clark, Jamison Gray, Mud Kittens; Hayli Edwards, Haylee Kramer, Soccer Chicks Spirit vs. Eagles Offense: Noelle Rizzo, Francesca Hyde, Maritza Espinoza, Spirit; Camille LaBlanc, Lindsay Harnish, Abbie Harnish, Fagles Defense: Mary Griffin Brenda

Harnish, Eagles Defense: Mary Griffin, Brenda Gaspar, Talina Quezada, Spirit; Erin Gribi, Tabitha Turner, Emily Rogers, Eagles. Fast paced game with both teams playing smart and giving all-out effort. Camille was quick to the ball and outstanding as she worked with

the Eagles team to move it forward. Noelle did a great job as 2nd half goalkeeper.

U-7 Girls Goal Getters vs. Dolphins Offense: Camryn Gray, Claire Wiedenfeld, Allison Azevedo, Goal Getters; Danielle Groth, Mia Bullis, Dolphins Defense: Pascale

Gloth, Ma Johns, Dolphins Deteilse, Fascate
Badders, Audrey Curtis, Nicole Geary, Goal
Getters; Jordan Carter, Dolphins
Gold Lightning Girls vs. Wildcats Offense: Melissa Dooley, Katrina Makarewicz,
Cedar Berkey, Gold Lightning Girls; Alexa
Clatt, Taylor Bond, Hanna McDougall,
Wildcats Defenses Magan Whatton Lindey,
Wildcats Defenses Magan Whatton Lindey Wildcats Defense: Megan Wharton, Lindsey Warren, Brookelyn McNeil, Gold Lightning Girls; Lourdes Cacacho, Eliana Eme, Madison Goard, Wildcats

U-6 Girls Quakes vs. Wildcats Offense: Kayla Remund, Emily Rakestraw, April Phillips, Quakes Defense: Gretchen Krenz, Catherine Polaski, Serena Dolan, Wildcats Butterfly Blasters vs. Superstars Of-

Butterfly Blasters vs. Superstars Offense: Gianna Sanoni, Grace Ackerman, Brooklyn Celeste, Butterfly Blasters; Jackie Urban, Shannon Snell, Superstars Defense: Kendall Waugh, Amanda Price, Butterfly Blasters; Parker Anderson, Grace Caufield, Superstars Dragonflies vs. Ladybugs Offense: Anna Leary, Nicole Stewart, Madison Leary, Dragonflies; Mina Thompson, Ladybugs Defense: Taylor Sprott, Elsa Friedmann, Dragonflies: Kelene Bronsjel. Ladybugs.

onflies; Kelene Brongiel, Ladybugs.

U-12 Boys Dark Knights 7 vs. Terminators 2 Offense: Jose Peralta, John Reggiardo, Jacob Huff, Dark Knights; Joshua Frazier, Jason Flores, Ryan Bishop, Terminators Defense: Mathew Marty, Eli Smith, Austin Toland, Dark Knights; Kolim Krewinkel Toland, Dark Knights; Kolin Krewinkel, Chase Billings, Nathan Buchanan, Termina-tors; Goals & Assists: Jose Peralta, John

Reggiardo, Jacob Huff, Dark Knights; Joshua

Frazier, Terminators Flaming Monkeys 3 vs. Blazers 0: Of-fense: Llewellyn Slone, Flaming Monkeys; Vince Rizzo, Zack Burnett, Logan Warner, Brandon Replogle, Blazers Defense: Churchill Myers, George Tornero, Flaming Monkeys; Max Aoto, Anish Prabhu, Kush Patel, Sear Lambert, Blazers; Goals & Assists: Llewellyn Slone 2G, Austin Roder G, Anthony Miller

Strikers 3 vs. Blue Dragons 0: Offense: Jacob Kerling 3G, Gino Stoneham, Garrett Davis, Strikers; Isaac Lignell, Jared Heise, Alexis Angeles, Blue Dragons Defense: Ster-ling Jeppson, Will Mullins, Scott Girardelli, Strikers; Craig Mains, Aaron Collings, Ben Gill, Blue Dragons. Strong defense kept the ball in the Blue Dragon half of the field for most of the game, allowing the Strikers to score once in the first half and twice in the

U-10 Boys Fireballs 8 vs. Dragons 3: Offense: Spencer Kramm 3G, 2A, Nicholas Brown 2G, 2A, Joshua Forshaw G, Maklaf G. Fireballs: Connor Gibbons 3G. Ryan Myers A, Joey Lestochi, Dragons Defense: Justin Pettis, Roman Vasquez, Taylor Williamson, Fireballs; Jose Aaraiza, Dillon

Eng, Luis Rios, Dragons
Earthquakes 4 vs. Scorpions 2: Offense: Jordan Mello, Earthquakes; Connor McCormick, Troy Forward, Michael Henry, Scorpions Defense: Kyle Wahlgemuth, Earthquakes; Ethan Aboumrad, Scorpions Terminators 1 vs. Emerald Dragons 0: Offense: Rommy Malaeb G, Nathan Tabarcal

A, Miles McPeek, Terminators; Jacob Lester, Colin Schenone, Garrett Slone, Emerald Dragons Defense: Chris Roessler, Jake Ledbetter, Tanner Paiso, Terminators; Parker Hall, Benjamin Rocha, Jason Wong, Emer-U-9 Boys Thunderballs 2 vs. The Goal

Minors 1: Offense: Andrew Arruda, Nick Bouillerce, Thunderballs; Jack Ferguson, Andrew Lewis, Goal Minors Defense: Hunter Calkins, Wes Williams, Thunderballs; Jonathan Song, Patrick Gallardo, Goal Mi-

Earthquakes 6 vs. Ball Hogs 0: Offense Earthquakes 6 vs. Ball Hogs 0: Ottense: Lukas Owen, Kyle Correia, Sam Miller, Earthquakes; Ernesto Torres, Devin Dominick, Zachary Bell, Ball Hogs Defense: Chase Dunn, Cade Shortridge, Colton Casey, Earthquakes; Seth Davis, Victor Quintero, Benny Valdez, Ball Hogs Hot Lava Strikers 8 vs. Fighting Black

Sharks 1: Offense: Alexander Fregoso, Hot Lava Strikers; Jaren Dietsch, Jason John, Fighting Black Sharks Home Defense: Philip Knierieme, Hot Lava Strikers; Andrew Strupeni, Aidan Worley, Fighting Black Sharks Goals & Assists: Tyler Fabre G, Trenton Green G, Alexander Fregoso G, Philip Knierieme G, Hot Lava Strikers; Samuel Elardo G, Fighting Black Sharks Sonic X & the Black Diamonds 3 vs. Terminators 2: Offense: R. Escover, M. Stuart, Sonic X; Joshua Garcia, Jordan Zambonin Terminators Defance: Stepanel

Zambonin, Terminators Defense: . Stepanek, I. Prachar, Sonic X; Jack Altman, Cristian Moreno, Terminators Goals & Assists: R. Escover 2G, I. Prachar G, Sonic X; Omar Jesus G, Joshuan Garcia G, Terminators Predators 7 vs. Warriors 3: Offense: Eamon Smith 2G, Victor Peralta 3G, Chris-

tian Johansson, Ryan Carlson G, Joshua Esteva G, Predators; Austin Evernham G, Cody Stearns G, Ethan Lux G, Warriors Defense: Geno Colombo, Grant Atchinson Andrew Cardenas, Michael Hallock, Predators; AJ Phillips, Jacob Eijansantos, Han Nelson, Warriors. The Warriors' Austin Evernham and Cody Stearns scored in the 1st half, and the Predators' Geno Colombo led a strong defense, keeping the Warriors contained. Warriors' goalie AJ Phillips worked hard guarding the goal but the Predators burst out with 2 goals each from Eamon Smith and Victor Peralta. The Predators' Ryan Carlson, Victor Peralta, and Joshua Esteva showed great teamwork scoring. In the second half, the Predators' Christian Johansson scored twice, and the Warriors' Cody Stearns fined the game with the final goal. **U-8 Boys** Hawks vs. Crushers Offense:

Kyle Persson, Christopher Holzwarth, Hawks; Trey Strout, Dominic Shepherd, Crushers Defense: Grant Ikeda, Hawks; Tyler Scott,

Destroyers vs. Bombers Offense: McLain Minton, Robert Pinkston, Dillan Martinez, Destroyers; James Attree, Colby Brocklesby, Nicholas Puso, Bombers Defense: Ethan Payne, Andrew Hayley, Matthew Tietjen,

Destroyers; Adam Lagodzinski, Evan Vasconcellos, Casey Wortham, Bombers Shooting Stars vs. Tigers Offense: Sierra Bettencourt, Hannah Dolan, Shooting Stars; Kelsi Green, Olivia Kelly, Tigers Defense: Camille Best, Anika Jensen, Shooting Stars; Michalle Harris, Elay Lopez, Tigers

Camille Best, Anika Jensen, Shooting Stars; Michelle Harris, Isley Lopez, Tigers.

U-7 Boys The Sharks vs. The Livermore Bulldogs Offense: Jack Volponi, Luke Moylan, Matthew Larson, Sharks; Anthony Casillas, Justin Pestana, Joshua Spencer, Bulldogs Defense: Nathan Miskella, Carson Mohler, J.J. Knight, Sharks; Mateo Moncada, Brett Olerich, Will Novick, Bulldogs Da' Bombs vs. Jedi SC Offense: Ivan Ceballos, Cian Mullins, Paimon Goulart, Da' Bombs; Ryan Juric, A.J. Morais, Nathan MacDougall, Jedi SC Defense: Max Higgins, Ethan Montesinos, Calvin Fletcher, Da'

Sthan Montesinos, Calvin Fletcher, Da' Bombs: Ben Tiedemann, Lewis O'Neill, Colin Wiese, Jedi SC Lightning vs. Bulldogs Offense: Jack Hansen, Zach Parodi, Joey Katen, Jake

Johnston, Lightning; Shlok Bansal, Colton Osbarrne, Bulldogs Defense: Conner Hardesty, Conner Campbell, Travis Silva, Owen Plute, Lightning; Thomas Knierieme,

Bulldogs Fire Balls vs. Sonic Offense: Spencer Williams, Tyler Marks, Nathan Lane, Fire Balls; Matteo Crivello, Gabe Hazen, Michael Buti, Sonic Defense: Bradley Mitchell, Michael Gauch, Tyler Hattori, Fire Balls;

Ethan Clark, Gabe Emfinger, Brent Young, Sonic
The Dragons vs. Thunderbolts Offense: James Renouf, Jacob Perterson, Nathan Woolsey, Saul Buendia, Dragons; Nino Sabella, Avan Sire, Jackson Stuart, Thunderbolts Defense: Jason DeSantis, Theodore Dean, Dragons; Dalton Johnston, Riley Hargraves, Jeffrey Fairbanks, Thunderbolts. Both teams came out quick with the Thun-derbolts scoring twice in the first half. The second half showed that the Dragons had the stamina where they scored 3 goals ending the

game in a tie.
U-6 Boys Cheetahs vs. Rockets Offense: Brendan Patterson, Wesley Short, Cheetahs; Connor Beauchamp, Tommy Butler, Rockets Defense: Malik Merchant, Ryan Anderson, Cheetahs; Aidan DeMello, Robert

Mullineaux, Rockets
Tigers vs. Speed Racers Offense: Carter
Purl, Ryan O'Neill, Nathan O'Neill, Rahul Purl, Ryan O'Neill, Nathan O'Neill, Rahul Brar, Tigers, Aidan Montalvo, Jimmy Aslin, Shane Waechtler, Speed Racers Defense: Maxwell Rentfro, Christian Lopez, Wyatt Jackson, Tigers; Danny Salcido, Nico LaManna, Paul Buxton, Speed Racers Fireballs vs. Rattlesnakes Offense: Isaiah Garcia, Seamus Hanley, Collin McDowell, Jack McDowell, Fireballs; Michael Anolin, Jesse Watson Diego Juarez Castillo Chris-

Jesse Watson, Diego Juarez Castillo, Christian Cruz, Rattlesnakes Defense: Yahir Morales, Jonas Ricke, Dane Winslow, Fireballs; Rylan Myhre, Ryan Shepherd, Nicolas Poland, Rattlesnakes.

U-5 Boys Dragons vs. Light Speed

Ú-5 Boys Dragons vs. Light Speed Offense: Aaron Sullivan, Lucas Zanni, Luke Dodson, Samuel Morrisroe, Dragons; Tybalt Anderson, London Bishop, Ryan Bond, Luca Montalvo, Light Speed Defense: Adam Tekle, Aleksandr Cortes, Connor Toland, Feoden Soriano, Dragons; Will Wentworth, Garrett Riddiough, Nicholas Yamamoto, Seth Tobeck, Light Speed Golden Sharks vs. Quakes Offense: Oscar Prado, Steven Rios, Jarret Jorgenso, Eduardo Ramirez, Golden Sharks; Cameron Meier, Landon Paiso, Forest Bishop, Gavin Finkbeiner. Avery Kempton. Onakes De-

Finkbeiner, Avery Kempton, Quakes Defense: Duncan Maloney, Shane Cromwell, Josh Norton, Golden Sharks; Alex Pierce, Tucker Lyons, Noah Britto, Quakes. The Golden Sharks had a plan of attack on the field against the Quakes. The Quakes' defense tried to keep the ball away from Oscar Prado and Steven Rios who both made goals into the Quakes' net. The Quakes also knew how to shake up their opponents. Cameron Meier came in and shot a goal into the Sharks net.

Pleasanton Ballistic

The Ballistic United U-16 team traveled to Fremont on Saturday to play Fremont United in a thriller that produced a single goal with only nine seconds left in the game. The goal came from a corner kick by Eddie Schoennagel to the penalty area where a scramble took place before Stefan Agustsson struck the ball into the back of the net. During the game, Ryan Cox and Parker Quesinberry made several good runs and crosses from the wings. United had several shots on goal that were blocked by the experienced Fremont keeper. Joey Pereira and Brandon Krumbach controlled the midfield and made some excellent tackles and passes. The United defense, led by goalkeeper Adam Bailey, played solidly throughout the game to record mother shutout. Zacharias Laranang and Wesley Ostrowki played steller defense, making several last-second tackles on the speedy Fremont break-aways. Defenders Sam Fox and Lucas Crawbuck were also solid. On Sunday, United U-16 played Diablo

FC 92 Blue at Pleasanton's Val Vista field In the fifth minute, Gustavo Rivera scored the first game goal from 18 yards out, shortly after a long throw in by Sam Fox. Zac Savoy nearly scored with a header, and Evan Larsen also had a shot that closely missed going into the goal. In the 21st minute. Eddie Schoennagel took a quick corner kick, and the ball curved straight into the goal, where the goalie caught it, but the ball had already crossed the line and was ruled a goal. The Diablo team answered back, bringing the score to 2-1 at half-time. In the second half Gustavo Rivera nearly scored again, and Zac Arellano had what appeared to be a goal that was called back after he was ruled offside. Diablo got back into the game when the team tied the score in the 56th minute. The United offense pressed unflaggingly, and in the 65th minute, James Metz made a perfect cross from the left wing to find Jamie Somerville, who headed the ball for the winning goal. The final score was 3-2 in favor of United The Pleasanton Ballistic Black un-

der-19 boys team improve its record to 3-0 with two wins over the weekend, a 8-0 trouncing of the Newark International on Saturday and a 2-0 over Mustang Mustangs on Sunday. Strong team play through out the weekend with 10 goals scored and none



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allowed. Jonathan Ramirez knock in a 5 yarder from a left cross by Nathan Roberts to start the scoring against the Newark International. Brandon Lee scored with a fine pass by David Norton. Norton power one in from 22 yards out. Julio Gomez punches one in from a long pass by Patrick Yee. Nikko Lecco makes it 5-0 early in second half. Gomez scored off a shot by Justin Dorsey. Norton scored from the base line. Roberts scored off an assist by Nick Navarini. Ballistic scored both of the goals early in the first half against the Mustang. Goals by Roberts and Kevin Phillips (assists by Norton and Gomez).

BUSC U19 White: It was a spirited game

in the heat of the midday in Walnut Creek as the U19 White took on the Walnut Creek Revolution. The White, whose play continues to be on the rise, put together a great team effort to almost pull this one out in the second half. Firstly, kudos to Mike Tomin and Nick Anderson, who took turns marking the Revs dangerous #77, and to Alex Martinez for his able back-up as the second defender. Kevin Shadd, Brian Bidwell, and Michael Ubaldi cleaned up the rest of the attack to keep the Revs at bay. The most dangerous attempts were on corner kicks and set plays, but GK Evan Zolfarelli was aggressive in his box and controlled the area. The White worked out their offense and had some great attempts in the second half. Brian Bui put one off the crossbar, Edris Bemanian went just wide far post after a through ball, and the Revs survived a goal mouth scramble when the White had several attempts but the Gk stood tall. Jordan Matson had an excellent game at outside midfield, driving the corner and sending several dangerous crosses in the box. The final was a hard fought 0-0 draw

Ballistic U15 Class 1 travelled to Newark to take on the Newark Victory. Ballistic opened the scoring early when Jason Chow got on the end of a cross to tap it in at the near post. Chow turned provider on the second goal when he crossed from the left for Seth Niermeyer for header from the edge of the 18 yd area. In the second half, Toby Harvey was the recipient of a Jason Chow cross and finished with a cheeky flick of his heel. With the Newark defense in disarray, Ballistic added two more goals before the final whistle. First Suhau Kuo latched onto a superb through-ball to slot past the keeper. Finally Duke Driggs capped an excellent personal performance by heading home a free-kick by

With maximum points and sixteen goals from their first four league games, Ballistic are alone atop the standings. Top Offensive Players: Duke Driggs, Jason Chow, Suhau Kuo. Top Defensive Players: Erik Knaggs, Mike Viebeck, Baron Kim.

Ballistic United U-15s looked to extend their league unbeaten run on Saturday when they entertained SAC Northstars at the Val Vista complex. They got the best possible start when Duke Driggs fired home from a corner by Dane Shaffar after only two minutes. However SAC fought back and equalized. SAC were enjoying a good spell and took the lead with a brilliant shot from near the touchline. Ballistic managed to tie it up again through Duke Driggs just before half-time. In the second half Ballistic simply took control of the game. First Dane Shaffar scored on an assist by Colin Hartland. Next Toby Harvey provided the cross for Jason Chow to score Ballistics fourth. Finally, Colin Hartland added a fifth goal to put an exclamation point on an impressive Ballistic win. Top Offensive Players: Duke Driggs, Dane Shaffar. Top Defensive Players: Justin Lui, Suchi Kuo.

After a fast start and the first goal the Ballistic U12 White team put up a great fight against the black team before succumbing to fatigue in the last few minutes and giving up or reach. Top Offensive Players: Yousef Diyab - 1 Goal Jordan Ott - 1 Goal. Top Defensive Players: Brandon Ruotolo and Jordan Ott - Kept the game close with many great saves. Chris Klahr - Great play keeping the opposing players away from the goal. **Ballistic United U16 White** played

Livermore United in a 3 to 2 win on Saturday at Robertson Park. The Ballistic scored first in the 4th minute with a brilliant shot by Luis Castillo with an assist off a well placed cross from Jaesung Lee. Livermore United struck back with a goal in the 12th minute leveling the match and then scored again in 18th minute moving ahead 2 to 1 over the Ballistic. A foul by Livermore in the 22nd minute resulted in a direct kick taken by Luis Castillo from 40 yards out that was an untouchable shot over the keepers head and into the top left corner of the net for his second goal of the match. Keeper Josh Cho had 5 saves in the first half. The second half was a defensive battle led by Frank Morley, Eric Brooks, Chandler Bullock, Tyler Mende, and Vik Aulakh. The Ballistic had a chance to move ahead in the 52nd minute with a penalty kick made by Brandon Cohen that went into the net but was called a no goal by the referee because of movement off the line by both teams. Jake Lorentz scored the game winning goal in the 79th minute off a corner kick from Luis Castillo. The Ballistic had a total 22 shots on goal including shots from Hunter Meurrens and defender Eric Brooks. There were 3 yellow cards given in the including with 2 to Livermore and 1 to the Ballistic. Keeper Lukas Moses had 2 saves in the second half. Top Offensive Players: Luis Castillo, Jake Lorentz, Hunter Meurrens. Top Defensive Players: Eric Brooks, Randy Copeman,

Chandler Bullock The BUSC U12 Black team won its second league game to remain undefeated, beating the Ballistic White team 5 to 2. Although, the game was much closer than the final score would indicate as the White team played an extremely competitive first half scoring the game's first goal and going into half time tied 1 to 1. In the second half, the Black team began executing to their game plan, making accurate passes, driving the ball up the pitch and culminating with 4 additional goals. The team continues to have a balanced attack as "shots on goal" were made by nine different players. Brian Kinnee and Brad Pilkington accounted for a combined 6 of the 21 total shots. Goals were scored by Alex Lee with 2, Roberto Beard, Brendan Gold and Mason Picone with one apiece. Assists came from Ben Smedley with 2, Joshua Cole and Brendan Gold with one each. The defense played well, intercepting passes, clearing the ball and generally preventing the opponent from generating any consistent offensive pressure. Strong defensive performances came from Chris Goldhawk with four "clears", Jack Geasa, Jared Siegel and Ryan Vicencio. Goal keepers Andrew Griehshammer and Sam Hansen continue to anchor the defense and provide excellent protection, helping preserve the win.

DIVISION 4:

Under 6: The Captains battled the Crusaders as Owen Maratsos, Derek Nassar, and Evan McConnaghey each scored goals to lead the offense. The defense was led by the solid play of Aidan Roloff, with John Serrano and Evan Beland providing support. Top Offensive Players: Owen Maratsos, Derek Nassar, Evan McConnaghey Captains; Dongkun Lee, Kevin Lee, Ryan Nielsen Centipedes; Top Defensive Players: John Serrano, Aidan Roloff, Evan Beland Captains; Tyler Mahoney, Luke Neely, Charley Jetter Centi-

Under 7: Serpents played the Scorpions.
The Scorpions started off very strong and attacked relentlessly in the first half. Nolan Jetter was solid in the defense for the Serpents, thwarting a number of attacks. Serpents warmed up after the half and the pace of the game picked up. Both teams were in attack mode, with the Scorpions scoring a few goals. Vinay Srinivasan scored the lone goal for the Serpents with a volley off a feed from Nolan Jetter. Top Offensive Players: Thomas Babati, Travis Muat, Vinay Srinivasan Serpents. Top Defensive Players: Nolan Jetter,

Danny McGowan, James Hunt Serpents **Under 8:** The Cobras slithered past their opponents led by the talents of Joao Pais and Sabig Khan, who each scored twice, and by Eric Andre, who scored in the final seconds of the game. On defense, goalies Aaron Carrol and Conrad Edwards repelled ball after ball, and Robbie Miller fought off the pouncing Cougars in superb fashion. Top Offensive Players: Joao Pais, Sabiq Khan, Eric Andre Cobras; Tommy Scavone, Matthew Haskell, Trent Howell Cheetahs; Top Defensive Play-: Aaron Carroll, Conrad Edwards, Robbie Miller Cobras; Maximilian Maratsos, Danny Serrano, Justin Fulmer Cheetahs

Under 9: The Dynamos played excellent team on offense by spreading the field and making great offensive plays with stellar passes. Jack Harker scored multiple goals. The entire Dynamos defense played well while attacking the ball at every opportunity. Top Offensive Players: Zachary Kolla, Jack Harker, Omar Qureshi Dynamos; Top Defensive Players: Jeremy Mast, Donovan Brunk.

Ryan Hughes Dynamos.

Under 10: The Admirals came in strong with their first win of the season, beating the Avalanche 6 to 3. Aaron Zagar was a star with goals, with Caleb Henze and Graham Catudal each scoring an exciting goal each. In the second half, Paul Meyere served the admirals well as goalie, fending off several Avalanche goal attempts. Scores: Admirals Avalanche 3; Aces 0, Avengers 16; Top Offensive Players: Aaron Zagar, Caleb Henze, Maxamillian Kim, Admirals; Top Defensive Players: Graham Catudal, Darshanth Naidu, Dhruy Pradhan, Admirals,

Under 12: Goals by Rod Hajian and Patrick Ronan led the Renegades to a 2 1 victory over the visiting Rush. Curran Johal played a key role in assisting with the goals. First half goal tending by Dylan Devries gave the Renegades a 2 to 0 lead by half time. Excellent passes from the mid field to the forwards provided numerous scoring opportunities by the attacking line. It was a well played game with strong defensive play by Bryce Fan and Chris Bayley to uphold the lead and victory.

Scores: Renegades 2, Rush 1; Rebels 0, Rampage 4; Rapids 0, Raptors 6; Rays 8, Raiders 1; Top Offensive Players: Rod Hajian, Patrick Ronan, Curran Johal Renegades; Aakaash Rao, Rebels; Francis Dunne, Gerard Moore, Raptors; Top Defensive Players: Bryce Fan, Dylan Devries, Chris Bayley Renegades; Zach Sonnenscheim, Rebels; Leonardo Hodis, Matthew Dickinson, James Obrien, Raptors; Top Offensive Players: Devin Hanel, Raiders; Top Defensive Players: Devin Hanel, Adit Shrestha, Raiders. Under 14: Scores: Phantoms 3, Pack 2:

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League high-

Advanced Division Ravens 26, Raiders 6: The Raiders were unable to stop the Ravens' high-octane offense as they fell 26-6 in a game which featured 326 yards of total offense from the Ravens. Leading the way with 11 runs for 129 yards and 2 touchdowns was Nick Campioti, who also showcased his versatility with 2 passes to Ryan Dearborn for 63 yards and 1 touchdown. Jacob Shinnick added 5 runs for 87 yards and 1 touchdown, while Ricky Sanchez rushed for 47 yards and a two-point conversion. The team defense was as stingy as the offense was generous with Jason Silva, Loysius Smith, and Brandon Self making the majority of the tackles and allowing only one score. Over all it was a great

Buccaneers 18, 49ers 0: The Bucs won a tough game against the 49ers this week by a score of 18-0 by playing as a team. The Bucs' offensive and defensive lines proved to be the keys to the team's success and were anchored by Nick Penrod, Nick Stanley, Skyler Lamb, Truman Griffeath, Matt Calcagno, Armando Fagliano, Eric Meeks, and Ryan Lewis. Armando Fagliano played brilliant with 6 tackles, 3 forced fumbles and 1 recovered fumble. Travis Adams had 4 tackles for losses and a sack. Ryan Silvas had 5 tackles and a brilliant 65 yard kick off return for a touchdown. Ben Parker registered 4 tackles, a sack, and 2 touchdown runs. Chris Jones had 2 deflected passes, 1 interception, and 2 tackles. The 49ers were highlighted by the blocking of its offensive line and a key driveiving pass from QB Peter Munns to TE Alec

Senior Division Cardinals 34, Jets 26: DJ Moffitt led the Cardinals to their first victory with 5 touchdowns. The Jets responded mightily behind their running tandem of Max Renga and Luis Hernandez. In the end, the Cards' corners of Brett and Garrett Oliver were able to contain the Jets' ground game by forcing the attack into the teeth of the Cards' defensive line and linebackers.

Saints 22, Giants 12: The Saints extended their record to 2 and 0 behind a punishing defensive line and line backing corps. Once again Zach McPherson led the Saints' offense with 3 scores.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Flip Flop Luau in Oakland on Sept. 14. The Level 4 and Level 6 teams came

home with the first place team awards.

RESULTS (by event):
LEVEL4.Age group: Younger VAULT-Maya Frank , 1st(9.2); Emily Balicanta, 4th(9.05); Naomi Chin, 5th(9.0) BARS-Maya Frank, 1st(8.975); Emily Balicanta, 6th(8.55); Naomi Chin, 2nd(8.85) BEAM, 6th(8.55); Naomi Chin, 2nd(8.85); BEAM, 6th(8.85); BEAM, 6th(8.85); Naomi Chin, 2nd(8.85); BEAM, 6th(8.85); Respective Chin, 2nd(8.85); Huller (1997) Hardin (1997) Ha FLOOR- Maya Frank, 2nd(9.1); Emily Balicanta, 3rd(8.95):Naomi Chin, 4th(8.850) ALLAROUND- Maya Frank, 3rd (34.250); Emily Balicanta, 4th(33.95); Naomi Chin,

2nd(34.6) Age group: Middle VAULT-Rachel Sylvester, 1st(9.3) BARS-Rachel Sylvester, 3rd(8.725) BEAM-Rachel Sylvester, 3rd(8.575) FLOOR-Rachel Sylvester, 1st(9.3) ALLAROUND- Rachel Sylvester, 2nd(36.675)

Ist(9.3) ALLAROUND- Rachel Sylvester, 2nd(36.675)
Age group: Older VAULT-Shannon Payne,1st(9.4);Baylee Hill,2nd(9.3); Savannah Chrupalo, 2nd(9.3) BARS-Shannon Payne,3rd(8.95);
Baylee Hill, 1 st (9.125); Savannah Chrupalo,2nd(9.025) BEAM-Shannon Payne e, 1 st (9.175); Baylee Hill,2nd(9.15),Savannah Chrupalo, (7.0) FLOOR-Shannon Payne,1st(9.3);Baylee Hill,2nd(9.15),Savannah Chrupalo, (7.0) FLOOR-Shannon Payne,1st(9.3);Baylee Hill,2nd(9.15);Savannah Chrupalo, 7th(9.0) A L L A R O U N D - S h a n n o n P a y n e, 1 st (36.825); Baylee Hill,2nd (36.675); Savannah Chrupalo,8th(34.325)
LEVEL5Age group: Younger VAULT-Katarina Weissbach,(6.95)
BEAM-Katarina Weissbach,(6.95) BEAM-Katarina Weissbach,1st(9.125) ALLAROUND-Katarina Weissbach,1st(9.125) AlLAROUND-Katarina Weissbach,9th(32.15)

Katarina Weissbach, 9th(32.15)
Age group: Middle VAULT-Alexandra
Weissbach, 2nd(8.5) BARS-Alexandra
Weissbach, 1st(9.25) BLOOR-Alexandra
Weissbach, 1st(9.25) FLOOR-Alexandra
Weissbach, 1st(9.25) ALLAROUNDAlexandra Weissbach, 1st(35.625)
LEVEL 6: AGE group: Younger
V A U L T - I s a b e l l a
Orecchia, 1st(9.125); Shannon Gray, 3rd(9.0)
BARS-Isabella Orecchia 1st(8.725): Shannon

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BEAM-Isabella Gray, (7.725)

Gray,(7.725) BEAM-Isabella Orecchia,(8.5);Shannon Gray,2nd(8.85) FLOOR-Isabella Orecchia,3rd(8.9);Shannon Gray,2nd(8.95) ALLAROUND-Isabella Orecchia,1st(35.25);ShannonGray,2nd(34.5) Age Group: Older VAULT-Dori Lucero, 2 n d (9.35); Celin a Moufarrej,4th(9.05);Elizabeth Higa, (8.25) BARS-Dori Lucero,(7.350);Celina Moufarrej,(8.025);Elizabeth Higa,1st(8.75) BEAM-Dori Lucero,2nd(8.925);Celina Moufarrej,(8.55);Elizabeth Higa,4th (8.7) FLOOR-Dori Lucero,4th(8.825);Celina Moufarrej,(8.725);Elizabeth Higa,2nd(8.95) Moufarrej,(8.725);Elizabeth Higa, 2nd(8.95) A L L A R O U N D - D or i Lucero, 4 th (34.45); Celin a Moufarrej, 5th(34.35), Elizabeth Higa,3rd(34.65)

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football highlights: The Livermore Norsemen came to play on Saturday against the Benicia Panthers. Winning the game 20-6 to improve their record to 1-1. The Panthers had no answer for the Norsemen offense. The Norsemen offensive line led by strong play from Joseph Inzerillo, Devonn Sturgill, Mike Walls, Riley Draa, Garrett Granados, Justin Martin, and Camden Smith had little problem punching holes in the Benicia defense. The Norsemen backfield had plenty of room to run piling up 234 rushing yards. Salvatore Glaviano, Zack Rosas, and Vince Volpotti each scored on the

After the Panthers scored on a 65 yard, 4 play drive on their first possession the Norsemen defense locked in, and only gave up two more first downs the rest of the game. Great defensive line by Blake Sweet, Brian White, Gage Kolman, Salvador Ceja, Christan Castro, and Jake Trevithick led the way for the rest of the Norsemen defense. A touchdown saving tackle by Levi Banks late in the third quarter gave the Norsemen the spark

they needed to put the game on ice.

Pleasanton Junior Football League high-

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Senior Division Seahawks 28, Steelers 12: After suffering a tough loss to open the season, the Seahawks came out on a mission Saturday and walked away with a 28-12 win over the Steelers in Pleasanton Junior Football League Senior play. Paced by the stellar blocking of Kevin Miller, Tyler Rains, Ryan Walsh, Nate Vickers, James Frair, Harrison Heiser and Ushman Kahn, the Seahawks were able to move the ball throughout the game. Cale Rubinson rambled for a pair of touch-downs on offense and added a kickoff return for another score for a huge day. Mark Luey also scored a touchdown on the ground and had several key runs throughout the game. Seahawks quarterback Nick Mendonca had a great game running the show for the Hawks offensive unit as the team improved to 1-1 on the season. Not to be overlooked by the offensive explosion from the Seahawks was a big game from the defense. Defensive ends Alex Jader and Frair did a great job controlling the sweep, with Raymond Bartolmucci came up big at safety, making a pair of touchdown saving tackles. K.C. Chism. Eli Karlson and Logan Finley all had big games at defensive back stopping the pass, with linebackers Grant Sherrod, Parker Dalton and Dylan Isquirdo all making big plays as well. Finally, defensive linemen Mike Harris, Brandon Charley and Sean Flynn shut down everything up the middle.

Raiders & Panthers: The Raiders were fit to be tied after their loss last week to the Colts and came out strong against the Panthers receiving the opening kickoff with QB Nick Martin capping off a 58 yard drive in 8:17 with a TD pass to tight end Nick Gilfillan for 6 and a 2 point PAT conversion by RB Drew Imhof for a 8-0 lead. The Panthers marched right back with a 52 yard drive and 8 points of their own. RB Drew Imhof fielded the kickoff returning the ball to the Panthers 47 yard line. The Panther 'D' forced the Raiders to punt. On the Panthers third down Raider Line Backer Hayden Goldstein intercepted a pass and returned it 7 yards. The Panther 'D' again forced a punt. Safety Nate Jetter intercepted another Panther pass. The Raider 'O' stalled out and turned the ball over on downs. The Raiders opened the 2nd half kicking off to the Panthers who went 4 and out. The Raiders are forced to punt . The Raider 'D' stepped up big holding the Panther offense to 5 yards keeping the ball at midfield. The Raider offense picked up 15 yards before giving up the ball on 4th down. The Panthers took to the air, passing 19 yards before Raider floating D-End Kane Millerstrom ran down the receiver making a shoestring tackle and saving a Panther TD. The two defenses proved to be formidable. With 1:22 left in the game the Raider 'O' made one last attempt to get 6 by going to the air only to run out of time ending the game in a tie 8-8. The Raider 'D' Line Aaron Andrews, Nate Redditt, Brannon Derdak, Jeff Croker, Kane Millerstrom, Corners Tyler Wilhite, Jaron Thexton, Safety's Nate Jetter, Kyle Hooker, Ryan Flynn, R Landsman, Line Backers

Hayden Goldstein, Harrison Mayo.

The Steelers and Seahawks met to start the day with the Steelers receiving the opening kickoff. On their 1st series with 3rd and 2 Ing Ackoni. Of the IT is seles with 3 and 2 to go Mike Echavia picked up 17 yards for a 1st down. On the very next play RB Joshua Yu ran 54 yds for the Steelers 1st score of the game. The Seahawks drove down to the Steelers 1 yard line only to lose a fumble to Zack Wilhite The Seahawk 'D' held, forcing a punt. Seahawks went 20 yards for a TD and their 1st score. After a series of punts Steeler 'D' lineman Tyler Fisher recovered a Seahawks fumble. On their 1st play of the second half the Seahawks completed a 60 yd pass play for a TD; the 2 point PAT was good. The Seahawks offense continued to move the ball and picked up a 3rd TD of the game on a 16 on the pursuing kickoff 24 Joshua Yu returned the ball 75 yards for the Steelers 2nd TD of the game. On the very next play Seahawk RB Cale Rubinson returned the kick 80 yards for the Seahawks 4th TD of the game and 6 more points. The Steeler 'O' started the next series on the 50 yard line after a 15 yard return by Alex Ott only to be pushed back on a false start and forced to punt ending the 3rd quarter. With 10 minutes remaining the Seahawks controlled the ball on offense for 7:28 chewing up the valuable clock time the Steelers need. The Steeler offense never quit with RB's Joshua Yu & Zack Wilhite pickedp 26 yards before the clock ran out

ending the game Steelers 12, Seahawks 28.

Jaguars 32, Cowboys 0: For the second straight week, the Jaguars defense was dominant and the offense explosive, as the Jags rolled to a 32-0 win over the Cowboys in

Pleasanton Junior Football League JV action. It was the second straight shutout for the Jags defense and for the second week in a row, the defense allowed only one first down. Logan McHone was a monster in the middle of the defense, making a number of tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Also playing well for the Jags defense was Sean Thomas at middle linebacker. The Jags defense backfield of corners Neal Mankins and Ben Bandurraga, as well as safety Broder Heggelund were there to shutdown the Cow-boys passing game, with Heggelund picking off a pass. Grant Chinn, Michael Coyle and Zac Lander also had great games on defense.

On offense, it didn't take the Jags long to get going, as Thomas returned the opening kickoff for a 60 yard touchdown. After that, it was the Anthony Izizarry show, as the Jags running back scored a pair of touchdowns, including a swing pass which went for 50 yards and a score. Chris Richter made a nice block on the play to spring Izizarry. Quarterback Jack Moroney played his usual sensational game, throwing some big passes, including a beautiful quick slant to Connor Caspersen which went for 40 yards and a touchdown. Nick Reyes had the final Jags touchdown when he took a sweep to the left and rolled in for the score. Josh Miller made several big blocks and picked up some tough yards up the middle from his fullback spot. The offensive line, led by Aaron Banks, was solid as well. Jacob Blair, Chase Barkdull, JP Pasteur, Nick Pasteur and Jacob Wilson helped spring the trio of Jags running backs. The Jags have outscored their opponents 60-0 in their first two games, with the Vikings having outscored the same two teams 56-0 during the same span.

Lady Hustle

The New Lady Hustle U16 girls kicked off their new fall season at Arnaz Fields in Stockton Sept 6 & 7. Lady Hustle earned #1 seed by winning its first 3 games by scores of 9-1 over Yard Sharks, 18-6 over Delta Diamonds, & 10-0 shutout over Fremont Flyers. Lady Hustle fell short on Sunday 4-3 in a close game with West Bay Nuggets. Leading hitters during the tournament were Sami Schiller (4 hits), Erin Cathey (5 hits), Caylee Heller (4 hits). Nicole Borchard (4 RBI) and Bri Visentin (6 RBI) also contributed with clutch hitting. Defensively, Lady Hustle was led by solid pitching from Montana Berg, Katie Keller & Katie Mannion and solid defense from Kaitlyn Windsor. Altogether, Lady Hustle had a solid tournament nd outscored opponents by a combined total

Lady Hustle 14U started the Fall Season on Sept. 6th at the Calif. Grapettes Tournament held at the Lodi Sports Complex. The team had a great start earning the #1 seed on Saturday and came in 3rd place with the first loss of 5 games to the Grapettes 2-1. Standout Offensive players were Karen Chaw with 7 Hits (3-2B, 4-1B),Rachel Norman (3-1B), Jillian Ceccanti and Morgan Taylor with doubles. Excellent pitching by Alyssa Beights (9K-s), Josie Howatt (6 K's) and Ashley Lotozynski (5 K's) and stand out defensive players Karen Chaw, Bianca Devoto, Alyssa Lanza and Alexis Meyer lead the team to a strong start for their season.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The Level 4 & 5 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in their first meet of the season at the Flip Flop Luau hosted by Bay Island Gymnastics on Sunday, September 14, 2008. The Level 5 team placed 3rd with a 95.475 in the team competition for all age divisions. Individual highlights include Paige Chew shooting through to the 3rd place spot on bars in the Level 4, younger age group. In that same group, Jessica Biggs tumbled her way to 3rd place on the floor exercise and on to the podium placing 3rd in the all-around.

Level 4 - Younger - VAULT: Jessica Biggs, 5th, 9.0; Kaylee Brist, 8th, 8.9; Megan Hebert, 9th, 8.85; Paige Chew, 12th, 8.35. BARS: Chew, 3rd, 8.575; Biggs, 6th, 7.725; Brist, 8th, 7.325; Hebert, 9th, 6.75. BEAM: Biggs, 4th, 7.975; Chew, 6th, 7.75; Hebert, 7th, 7.575, Brist, 12th, 6.8 FLOOR: Biggs, 3rd, 8.8; Chew, 5th, 8.6; Hebert, 9th, 8.05; Brist. 10th, 8.0. ALL-AROUND: Biggs 3rd, 33.5; Chew, 5th, 33.275; Hebert, 9th, 31.225; Brist, 10th, 31.025.
Level 5 - Younger - VAULT: Katie Mathers, 10th, 7.95. BARS: Mathers, 9th, 7.475. BEAM: Mathers, 10th, 7.35. FLOOR: Mathers, 9th, 8.625. ALL-AROUND: Level 4 - Younger - VAULT: Jessica

Mathers, 9th, 8.625. ALL-AROUND: Mathers, 11th, 31.40. Middle - VAULT: Mariel Chiong, 9th, 7.65. BARS: Chiong, 6th, 8.3. BEAM: Chiong, 7th, 7.6. FLOOR: Chiong, 5th, 8.75. ALL-AROUND: Chiong, 6th, 32.30. Older - VAULT: Rachel Pombo, 121.24.24.24.24.25. 12th, 7.4. BARS: Pombo 5th, 8.375. BEAM: Pombo, 4th, 8.025. FLOOR: Pombo, 10th, 7.975. ALL-AROUND: Pombo, 8th, 31.775.

Martial Arts Competition

Over 40 Livermore martial artists, ranging from four years to fifty years of age, will compete in four events on Saturday, September 20 at Livermore Kung Fu Karate. The competition will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will demonstrate their abilities in front of a panel of judges who will award first, second and third places for each category. Participants will show three major areas: forms, weapons and self-defense.

In the forms division, athletes will per-form a sequence of blocks and strikes in a set routine. The weapons division will feature choreographed sets of movements utilizing various martial weapons such as Nunchuku, Bo staff, Sai and Sword. The self-defense display will demonstrate practical streetstyle self-defense performed on attackers.

All are welcome to watch the demonstra-tion performed by advanced students at noon; no spectator fees. For information, contact Zara Harding at 925-606-7700. The studio is located at 1098 E Stanley Blvd.

Lacrosse Registration

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Boys & Girls 2009 spring registration is now open at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com for boys U9 - U15 (grades 2 - 8) and girls U11 - U15 (grades 3 -8). Availability is limited so sign up ASAP; wait lists are common. Late fees will be assessed after 11/1 (boys) and 11/20 (girls). Questions? Web site or pleasantonlacrosse@prodigy.net.

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be hosting a lacrosse clinic for new players on Saturday, Oct 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Max

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www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901.

Fall Ball Registration

Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin PONY Fall Ball Registration ages 5-14 Games played Sunday afternoons in Pleasanton and Livermore starting September 21, 2008. For more information or to register please visit our website at www.pleasantonpony.com.

Tee It Up for Teens

11th annual Tee It Up for Teens Golf Tournament will be held Mon., Oct. 13 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. This will be a benefit for Young Life Tri-Valley.

Format is four person team scramble.

Festivities include a BBQ lunch, driving range, raffle, tee prizes, refreshments, dinner and a live auction.

For information or to sign up call 417-

0486 or go www.younglifetrivalley.younglife.org.

Scholarship Run

The 13th annual Back to School Scholarship Run will be held Saturday, September 20, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. This end-of-thesummer run is sponsored by the Northern California Association of Sales & Marketing Companies and Diamond Foods. The Scholarship Run raises funds for

college scholarships that are offered to children of parents who work in the California food industry. The Back to School Scholarship Run

features three races, with courses running through the park and the park's trails: 10K Run, 5K Run & Walk, and a Children's Mile. The fun 10K Race and 5K Walk & Run courses are made up of small rolling-hill trails that run throughout the scenic Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. The Children's Mile course

is laid out through a portion of the park's lawn Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks, entry into a huge prize raffle, and the first 400 registered entrants will be guaranteed to receive the famous Back to School Scholar-

ship Run's Monster Goodie Bag.

Entry fees for either the 10K Run or 5K Walk/Run are \$25.00 pre-registered, \$30.00 race-day registration. The Children's Mile Run is \$7.00 pre-registered, and \$10.00 raceday registration. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 7:00 a.m., with both 10K and 5K events will start at 8:30 a.m. The Children's Mile will begin around 9:30 a.m. The post-race awards, raffle, and prize giveaway ceremony is scheduled to start around

For more Back to School Scholarship Run information and/or an application, call On Your Mark Race Management at 209-795-7832, or visit their Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com

Youth Lacrosse

Girls New Player Festival for girls in grades 1 to 8 interested in playing lacrosse will be held Sun., Sept. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hart Middle School in Pleasanton.
Cost is \$39, which includes stick and

ball. Registration is now open at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com. For more information, contact Kelly French at troynkelly@aol.com or 925-989-0940 (c) Spring 2009 Registration opens 9/1.

Tri For Real

The 21st season On Your Mark Event's Triathlon Series will conclude with the traditional Tri-For-Real Triathlon, Sunday, September 21, at Shadow Cliffs Regional

Park, in Pleasanton.
Utilizing the lake and rolling hills of
Shadow Cliff Park and the paved roads
running through Pleasanton and Livermore, the timed "Real" course distance is extended to a 700-yard swim (warm, clean lake), 19mile bike (loop course, flat surface), and 4mile run (rolling dirt trails).

Entry fee is \$55.00 in advance, and \$65.00 race day, if there is room race day Participants will receive a commemorative Tshirt, after-race snacks, and entry into a huge after-race raffle. To register or to receive more information about On Your Mark Events' Tri-For-Real Triathlon, call 209-795-7832or visit their Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Women's Triathlon Today See Jane Run, an athletic shoe and

apparel retailer for women headquartered in San Francisco, will host the 5th Annual All Women's Triathlon at Shadow Cliffs Re

gional Park in Pleasanton on Saturday September 27th, 2008. Nicknamed, the See Jane Tri, the event attracts women of all fitness levels across the nation to participate in the event while helping raise money for the

Breast Cancer Fund. See Jane Run is donating \$4-\$7 from every entry fee to the Breast Cancer Fund (donation amount is based upon paid participant registrations), with a guaranteed minimum donation of \$2,500. To date, See Jane Run has donated over \$60,000 to the Breast Cancer Fund through events and training

For more information on the event. please go to www.seejanerun.com

Girls Softball

2009 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublinand Sunol are eligible to play PGSLsoftball. Three ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Walk-thru: Thursday, September 25 from 6pm – 9 pm, Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St., Pleasanton; 3) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions you can email Nancy Costa at

nancy.c@pleasantonsoftball.org. PGSL Upper Division Try-Outs: Upper Divisions consists of girls in grades 3 thru 8 and is for all girls wanting to increase their skills and learn to play at a more advanced level. All girls interested in playing uppers are required to try- out. No previous uppers experience necessary. All players trying out must be registered for the 2009 season prior to attending one of the sessions below. All sessions will be held at the SportsParkon GSB fields 6 & 7. If the fields are closed, but it is not raining, try-outs will be held in the parking lot. Please check the SportsParkweather line (931-5360) and the PGSLwebsite for updates. Pitchers & Catchers arrive at 4:15 pmto register for a 4:30pmstart. All other players should arrive 4:45pmto begin at 5:00pm. Try-Out Dates: Oct. 6-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 7–Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 8-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 9–Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 10–Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 13-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 14–Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 15–Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 16–Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name R-Z. If you cannot attend on the scheduled day, contact the division director listed on the PGSLwebsite.

Bowling News

Randy Apoian in the Tuesday night Balhorn/O'Dell Construction Match Point League rolled a 704 with games of 268-202-

In the Monday night Getaway Fours league, Abel Romero rolled a 259 game and in the Valley Friends & Family League, Brian Estabrook recorded a 232 game. In the Balhorn/O'Dell Construction Match Point League, Scott Hylton started the night with a 279; Alvin Bettis rolled a 263 and Bob Suhr a 683 series with a high game of 236. In the Modified Guys & Dolls League on Wednesday, James Seltmann new to Granada Bowl bowled a 256 game. In the Kings & Queens League, Tim Springer ended the night with a 251. High games in the Friday Cheyenne League came from Larry Clifton with a 289. Steve Mason a 279 and Wayne Foster a 246.

Senior Bowler Betty Winn, in the Monday Primetimers, had a great set of 172-210-154 for a 536 series. In the same league Brook
Miller had a high game of 222 and right
behind her Emil Cigliuti rolled a 220.
Youth Bowler, Shawn Donohue in the

Friday Family Affair league bowled a 242









Photo - Eric Wood

Doug Santana (Max), Bruce Kaplan (Saunders), Leslie Roadarmel (Maria), Noah King (Tito) perform in "Lend Me a Tenor.'

Repertory Theatre Opens Season with 'Lend Me a Tenor'

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) season will open with "Lend Me A Tenor," written by Kenneth Ludwig, who also wrote "Moon OverBuffalo" and the book for the musical "Crazy for

The performances will be at the Studio Theatre in Pleasanton.

The play is a farce that revolves around renowned tenor Tito Merelli (Noah King), known to his fans as "Il Stupendo." Tito is scheduled to sing the lead in Othello at the gala fund-raiser for the Cleveland Opera Company. Even before the star leaves his hotel room, everything begins to unravel. When he discovers a "Dear John" letter left by his wife Maria (Leslie Roadarmel), who mistakes an autograph-seeking

fan hidden in his closet for a secret lover, Merelli is distraught. To calm him, he is accidentally given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out. Determined the show must go on, Saunders, the company's General Manager (Bruce Kaplan), enlists the aid of his assistant Max (Doug Santana) to impersonate the opera star. Max is succeeding admirably ... until Merelli comes to and heads for the stage. What follows is a chain-reaction of chaos, plot twists, innuendos and endless entrances and exits through many

The cast includes Doug Santana, Jennifer Malman, Bruce Kaplan, BrianOlkowski, Noah King, Leslie Roadarmel, Bonnie DeChant, and ShannonWicker-Mitchell.

Lend Me a Tenor is directed by Carol Hovey and produced by Jo AnnLoitz. This is the opening Studio Theatre show for the 2008-2009 season under the company's new name, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse).

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays September 19 - October 12, at the Tri-Valley Rep Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Tickets be purchased at may www.trivalleyrep.com or by phone at 925-462 2121. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults (18-60), \$22 for seniors (60+), and \$20

for juniors (under 18). Lend Me a Tenor is presented with permission from Samuel French, Inc.

Inaugural Season a Success

The inaugural season of Livermore's new Bankhead Theater came to a successful close on August 31st.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's (LVPAC) performance venue, which opened on October 1, 2007, has by all measures achieved success far ahead of the expectations of both the community and LVPAC's board and staff, according to Len Alexander, LVPAC Executive Director.

"The Bankhead Theater has performed extremely well," Alexander reported. "We are gratified that over 76,000 individuals, including more than 14,000 students, have attended the 201 events during our first season. Initial projections suggested that there would be 150 events in the hall. We have been amazed at the varied and exciting uses that the community has made of this theater."

09 season, Alexander revealed that more than 205 events are currently on the theater's calendar with more expected to be scheduled in the coming weeks. Beyond events and atten-

Looking ahead to the 2008-

dance, the theater sold more than \$1.2 million worth of tickets and returned close to \$1 million to the organizations, mostly notfor-profit groups that used the theater. In addition, a recent survey indicated that audiences were drawn from over 33 different zip codes in the greater Bay Area. A majority of those surveyed attended more than one performance at the theater and patronized local Livermore shops and restaurants during their visits - helping to fulfill the expectation that the new theater would stimulate the downtown Livermore economy.

The Bankhead Theater serves as the home for eight local per-

forming arts organizations including Del Valle Fine Arts, Livermore Valley Opera, Livermore-Amador Symphony, California Independent Film Festival, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Valley Dance Theatre, Cantabella Children's Chorus and the Valley Concert Chorale. In addition to outside rentals which include the Pacific Chamber Symphony and the Oakland Ballet, LVPAC presents well-known artists and ensembles from around the

The upcoming season features The Smothers Brothers. Arlo Guthrie, Tango Fire, The Four Freshman and Tommy Tune, a five part Speakers Series and a highly acclaimed Family Series, among others.

A complete listing of the Bankhead Theater's 2008-09 Season can be found on the LVPAC website www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Photo Show Focuses on Iconic Signs

Worthington Gallery West will open a new exhibit entitled "Pleasanton Lit up!" The show features photographs by Ann King of signs from the past to today of iconic neo signs and advertising images found in California and Nevada.

The show runs Sept. 26 to Oct. 25. There will be a reception with the artist on Fri., Sept. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gallery, 739 Main St., Pleasanton. There is no charge.

King has combed the west in a wistful search of Americana. Her passion for this kind of photography stemmed from a year long assignment for her photography art class. She already had collected old advertising for many years and this led her to search for iconic advertising signs on road trips through out the West. Pleasanton's historical signage was a starting point.



Dean's sign is a landmark in downtown Pleasanton.

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"Just about everybody has a favorite old sign, location, or fond memory of a road-trip/vacation that could have involved

downtown

www.altamontcruisers.org.

Pioneer Art Gallery, "A Hero for All Time," an exhibit of memorabilia,

photos and documents related to the

life, career and legacy of Paul Robeson, legendary American actor,

scholar, athlete and civil rights activ-

ist. Feature of the ninth annual Eugene O'Neill Festival in Danville.

Exhibit arranged by Ben Hazard,

former curator for the Oakland Mu-seum, for the Bay Area Paul Robeson

Centennial Committee in Oakland.

some of my images," King shares. For information go to

www.worthingtongallerywest.com or call 485-1183.

Book Sale at Pleasanton Library

Friends of the Pleasanton Library will host the Fall Book Sale 2008 on Fri., Sept. 26; Sat., Sept. 27; and Sun., Sept. 28 at the library in the large meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The Friday night sale will run from 6 to 9 p.m. and is only open to members of Friends of the Library. Memberships will be available for purchase at the

The sale is open to everyone on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to

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

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization created to support the library. All revenues from the book sale go to purchase new library materials or equipment or to pay for programs.

Adult volunteers are needed to help set up the sale and during the sale hours. For book sale or volunteer information, call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

Manhattan Transfer Performance Set

The Manhattan Transfer will be performing at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center on Sept. 27. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Manhattan Transfer made history in 1981 when it became the first group to win Grammy Awards in two different categories in the same year. Its top 10 single "Boy From New York" won the Pop category and "Until I Met You" (Corner Pocket) was honored for Best Jazz Per-

In all, the band has collected a total of eight Grammys for hits such as "Birdland, Route 66, Why Not!, Brasil," and "Sassy" further cementing it's icon status in the national and international music landscape.

Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center is located at 10550 Albion Rd, San Ramon. Single Tickets are \$42, and Full Season is \$45, Pick 6: \$44, Pick 4: \$47. Tickets can be purchased at www.sanramonperformingarts.com or by phone (925) 973-ARTS or the night of the show, 1 hour prior to performance.

First Annual Livermore Poetry Con**test**. All Livermore Residents 18 and over are welcome to enter. Deadline: October 31, 2008. Cash Prizes. Results will be announced in early December. Awards will be presented at the December 8, City Council meeting. Sponsored by the City of Livermore in affiliation with Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. Entry Forms accompanied by complete Rules and Guidelines are available at City of Livermore - City Hall – Second Floor, 1052 S. Livermore Av-

enue Livermore. For questions, call:

925-960-4140 Or e-mail Poet Lau-

reate Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com.

Celebrating the Valley: Jeans & Jewels, Tri Valley Conservancy (TVC) hsots a night of fun, food, dancing and bidding on one-of-a-kind auction experiences. Includes dinner, dance and auction at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery on Thursday, October 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. Bid on oneof-a-kind experiences such as: a private picnic on a wine country estate; kayaking and lessons, dinner with winemakers, bottle your own wine, airplane rides! Tickets to "Celebrating the Valley - Jeans and Jewels" are \$75 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Barbara Graham at Tri-Valley Conservancy: 925-449-8706. All reservations must be made in advance – tickets will not be avail-

able at the door.

All God's Chillin' Got Wings, Eric Fraisher Hayes directs this rarely produced Eugene O'Neill classic. The story of an interracial marriage, the play was the subject of heated controversy in its day. Performances 8 p.m. Sept. 18, 19, 20, Village Theater, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets \$30 general admission, \$10 students, call 820-1818 or visit

www.eugeneoneill.org. **Auditions Valley Concert Chorale** by appointment on Monday, September 22 and 29, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. Competition for Young Musicians, sociation 36th annual, application deadline is Sun., Oct. 5. Open to

Players Present 'Fiddler on the Roof'

The Asbury Players present a reader's theater performance of "Fiddler on the Roof," Sept. 26, 27 and 28.

The program will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$5 general admission. Please call 455-1048 for additional information and show tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, 30 minutes prior to curtain.

instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 14, 2009. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. Completed applications must be accompanied by a \$5 fee and a cassette tape, CD or DVD for preliminary screening. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the symphony's website, www.livsymph.org or by calling the competition coordinator

at 447-1947 Diablo Light Opera Company, Gloria Trombley directs, "Will Rogers Follies." 8 p.m. Sept. 18, 19, 20, 26, 27; 2 p.m. Sept.21, 27. \$34-\$41. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek 943-7479,

www.leshercenter.org.
inevard Nights Live Music on the Patio: Friday, September 19, featuring a distinctive brand of fun, up-tempo music called "Roadhouse Blues & Roots Rock" — a blend of retro rock and contemporary blues. Nova Jazz Trio Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner. Restaurant open 6 p.m., music 7-10 p.m.. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 371.8200. www.garrewinery.com.

A Different View, exhibit of art works based on East Bay Regional Park District parks, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, from September 17, through October 30. A reception (reservations required at 925-373-6800) is planned for Sep-

tember 24, 2008. I Was a TV Horror Show Host, Sept. 18, An event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Presented by John Stanley. At 7:00 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Cost: \$10 donation, \$5 for museum members. Reservations are recommended. For reservations call 925-462-2766. Information: www.museumonmain.org.

American Ballet Theatre II, Sun., Sept. 21, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. ABT II, directed by Wes Chapman, is a small classical company of thirteen young dancers of outstanding potential, handpicked from around the world. The company's varied repertoire mirrors the traditions of American Ballet Theatre; and, while it is firmly rooted in classical ballet, it also premieres contemporary choreography. Tickets \$45/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. 925.373.6800 or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Running of the Cows Race & Art **Display,** Sept. 20, all day, downtown Pleasanton. Part of Udderly Divine Bovine Days, a fund-raising for the Alivso Adobe Community Park and Museum On Main. Museum www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Pleasanton Art & Heritage Festival, Sept. 20-21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Main Street, downtown Pleas-

Day on the Glen Festival, Sept. 20-21 at Dublin's Emerald Glen Park, Tassajara Rd. at Gleason Dr. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Theme "A World of Fun." San Francisco Comedy Competition

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Sun., Sept. 28, 8 to 10 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. For the past three decades, the San Francisco Comedy Competition has produced many of America's best known club and television comedians. Former winner include Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, Dana Carvey, Patton Oswalt and Will Durst. The show is appropriate for adult audiences. \$15, \$20 and \$25. www.civicartstickets.org, 925-931-3444

Quilting in the Garden, 11th anniversary event presented by Alden Lane Nursery and In Between Stitches, Sept. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured artist, lectures, classes, tours, quilt show. 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. 447-0280.

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Exhibit open in Danville 1 to 7 p.m. Sept. 18-21. Free admission. 524 Danville. Ave., www.eugeneoneill.org. Jazz Age P-Town is a 48-hour film contest, held in connection with The Big Read: The Great Gatsby. Competitors, single, or grouped into teams have 48 hours to create a 4 - 7 minute film, discovering the 'secret required elements' on Friday Oct. 3 and turning in a finished DVD on Sunday

October 5. The contest is open to all filmmakers and/or creative any age. Pick up contest rules at Towne Center Books or the Pleasanton Public Library. The three required elements, a Pleasanton landmark, a prop and a line of dialogue, will be announced at Towne Center Books on October 3, 6pm. These elements must appear in your film in some way. The winning films will be screened at The Big Read Video

Screening Party on October 18 at 7pm. Prizes will be awarded to the Judges' Choice for the best overall film. This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. For more information, call Penny Johnson, Pleasanton Library Programs Librarian, at 925/931-3405, or Judy Wheeler at Towne Center Books, 925/846-8826.

Christmas Boutique, presented by the Livermore Lions Club. Sat., Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bothwell Center for the Arts, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Quality hand crafted gifts. Lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches are sold by the Livermore Lioness Club. Raffles throughout the day will help raise money for Lions projects in our community. For further information or vendor space purchase: email LivermoreLionsClub@comcast.net or phone club president_Dr. Denny (925) 399-2628

October Full Moon Dinner. White Crane Winery Vineyard, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.m Fri., Oct. 17. Buffet dinner servied at 6:30 p.m., live music 8 p.m. Wine & Beer available for purchase. \$40 per person. Wine Club Members \$35.00 per person. Includes dessert. Sign up online at: www.whitecranewinery.com Limited seating. Advance paid reservations required. No refunds for can-cellations within 5 days of the event.

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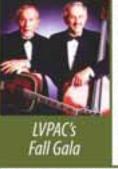
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San Jose Opera's "Onegin" a **Smashing Success**

By Susan Steinberg

Surprise! It took less than 45 minutes to reach San Jose's California Theater, park conveniently, and enter the lavish old 1920's movie palace, now the refurbished home of the San Jose Opera, opening its 25th season with Tchaikovsky's "Eugene

The impressive pseudo-Moorish grandeur alone would have compensated for the trip, but the opera presentation was so stunning that it would have worked its magic in a barn!

Deft staging, magnificent costumes, period and class-appropriate choreography, and evocative sets were beautifully evident throughout the performance, as were the excellence of the orchestra and chorus. Kudos to debuting conductor Ming Luke for his musical sensitivity Tchaikovsky's emotional score, and to Livermore's own Alexander Katsman, responsible for the chorus' full-throated unison and remarkable Russian pro-

The use of a uni-set of amazing flexibility allowed for extended outdoor vista, a palatial

ballroom and the smaller intensely intimate personal spaces. An ingenious concept of pantomime during the musical scenebridges carried the audience's attention along without the usual curtain-down break.

All the attention to the production served to showcase a uniformly brilliant cast. Rebecca Davis was a captivating Tatyana, using her acting ability and lush voice to portray both the romantic young country girl, and later the dignified Princess. Passionate outbursts, wistful hesitation, poignant regret, and painful renunciation were all conveyed with immediacy and conviction, earning audience bravos (especially from Russian listeners, who pronounced her the soul of Pushkin's heroine).

They also warmly praised her Onegin, the Byronic "dark hero," played to perfection by Daniel Cilli. A devoted student of the original verse-novel, he embodied the precise courtly correctness that seemed so stiffly out of place in an informal country neighborhood. His conflicted feelings were portrayed eloquently in every scene, with

body language and a magnificent voice, culminating in his outpouring of passionate love for Tatyana, now an unattainable married woman.

Michael Dailey, afternoon's Lensky, was equally impressive, especially in his soliloquy awaiting death in a duel with his friend. A tone of regret for a life lost so young imbued his voice with moving pathos, rather than the misplaced Italianate volume often heard in this role.

Prince Gremin's aria, usually a static set piece, was delivered with heart-felt warmth by the powerful rich basso of Silas Elash, a standout cameo that also elicited an audience ovation. Sadly space limits preclude appropriate praise of other cast members especially Cybele Gouverneur as a vivacious Olga.

Opera-lovers can still attend one of the two remaining performances Friday, September 19th at 8 PM and Sunday, September 21st at 3 PM. Arrive an hour and a half early for Manager Larry Hancock's terrific pre-curtain talk. For reservations, call (408) 437-4450 or www.operasj.org.

Art Exhibit Has Dental Theme

A reception for Pleasanton artists Elaine Drew and Barbara Jean, along with Bill Carmel, Jackie Carroll and Dori Pendergrass will take place Saturday, September 20, 5-7 p.m. at Brushes Gallery.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Parawan, DDS, will host the dental-themed show titled "Brushes, Paste, Paint and Paraphernalia," at 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite C-7, San Ramon. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

The five artists have created an imaginative and often humorous body of work using traditional art media as well as a large assortment of dental materials, such as: Toothpaste, floss, xrays, dental smocks, rubber gloves, toothpicks and toothbrushes in unusual ways.

Included in the show are three pieces by Pendergrass made with Doctor Parawan's dental smocks. They have an Asian quality and hang quite elegantly, like kimonos. Drew, using the idea of an abecedarium (a decorated alphabet) as the starting point for her whimsical pieces, created a series of Tooth Fairies who illustrate basic dental concepts, such as "B for Brush" and "F for Floss." One collaborative piece,

tices that she has a cavity. Carroll used mixed media to create reveries or daydreams a patient might have while anxiously

waiting in the dentist chair. Painting with acrylics, Jean created two colorful abstract paintings titled "Toothache" and "The Scream" as well as two experimental abstracts "painted" with

a variety of toothpastes. Brushes Gallery is located within the San Ramon Dental Center, Suite C-7, Gateway Center shopping mall, at the NW corner of Alcosta Blvd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. The work will be on display through December 5 Gallery hours: Tues.-Thrs. 9-6, Weds. 10-

For information, call (925)

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday, September 20 at 7:30 PM at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore. Readers have up

This month's salon is "A Green Fried Tomatoes at 4th Street Studio

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by:a Corporation Signature of Registrant: /s/:Jahan Honardoost for Ignatio Monamalis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415087

The following person (s) doing business as:Premier RealEstate and Investment Group, 7031 Koll Center Pkwy Ste 210, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): PG Partners, Inc., 7031 Koll

Center Pkwy Ste 210, Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted by:a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 29, 2008. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Jahan Honardoost This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2008. Expires

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 415125 The following person (s) do-

ing business as: YourOfficeCoffeeService.Com 1989 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby

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by:an Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the

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Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Richard A. Miller This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 2, 2008. Expires September 2, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2379. Publish September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2008.

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The following person (s) doing business as:American Services PM, 1859 Zenato Pl., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Rima Abboud, 1859 Zenato

Pl., Pleasanton Ca 94566 Fayez Abboud, 1859 Zenato Pl., Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted by:Husband and wife Registrant has not yet begun

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Rima Abboud

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 3, 2008. Expires September 3, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2380. Publish September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415355

The following person (s) doing business as:RJ's Popi Lounge, 3059-D Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Richard J. Westwood, 5653 Firestone Rd., Livermore Ca 94551

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Richard J. Westwood This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2008. Expires September 8, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2381. Publish September 18,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415542

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The following person (s) doing business as:Accounting Computer Consulting, 5218 Bianca Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Linda Marie Therp, 5218 Bianca Way, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by:an Individual The registrant began to trans act business under the fictitious business name (s) listed

above on September 9, 2008. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Linda Marie Therp This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 10, 2008. Ex-

pires September 10, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2382. Publish September 18,

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The following person (s) doing business as: Car, Inc., 5462 Betty Circle, Livermore Ca. 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Consumers Advantage Realty 5462 Betty Circle, Livermore Ca 94550

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By Cher Wollard

When it comes to your credit report, what you don't know can

"Understanding how the system works is critical to maintaining and increasing your credit score," according to Ron Flores a mortgage consultant with Residential Pacific Mortgage and a credit specialist with experience in helping people improve their credit

There are various credit scoring systems. However, the most influential is by Fair Isaac Corporation, commonly called FICO. FICO supplied by the three largest North American credit bureaus,

credit unions, credit card companies and retailers, report information about their customers' credit activities to these bureaus.

Credit scores, along with the reports detailing credit use history, are used by lenders to determine who should receive credit, how much and on what terms. The best terms are typically reserved for those with scores of 720 and above, so developing and maintaining "good credit" can actually save you money when you buy a home.

Valley Mortgage, agree that consumers can improve scores by adhering to a few basic guidelines.

"Credit is pretty much common sense and self-discipline," said and chair of that organization's Credit Scoring Committee.

1. Obtain a copy of your credit report. Federal law requires each of the three main bureaus to provide consumers their credit report

"Some creditors report to the credit reporting agencies every month, some every three months, some every six months, some

While the information should be accurate, don't take the scores in these reports too seriously. If you want to know your true credit score, purchase a report from www.myfico.com.

"With credit cards, if the payment is not there on the day it is due, they will notify (the bureaus) and your scores will drop like a

example, will show up differently than revolving credit from a department store or credit card company.

"Apply for new credit only when you need it," Ferguson recommends. "Not every time you walk into a department store and somebody offers you 10 percent off for the day.

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"Use credit cards lightly," he recommends. "Sometimes people think they have good credit because everything is current and they mostly pay with cash. But if you have a card you don't use for six months, the activity of making payments is not giving you good

good idea. While they may lower monthly payments, your credit score is better served by having a few cards with modest debt than one maxxed out card or line of credit. Having multiple credit sources benefits you in several ways.

points to your score. Also, bureaus reward consumers who keep balances well below credit limits. If you have three credit cards with limits of \$1,000 each, and maintain a balance of about \$300 on each card, you are

If your debt is high compared to your limits, the best thing to do is pay down debt. The second best thing is to try to get limits raised

limit, Ferguson said. "Around 30 percent is even better." If you are thinking about taking advantage of current low real

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as much money as possible, because low-downpayment and no-

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.



scores range from 300 and 850. The scores are based on information Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. The entities that carry most consumer debt, including banks,

Flores and Ginny Ferguson, broker and co-owner of Heritage

Ferguson, who is a director on the National Association of Brokers Their tips for consumers:

you do this every four months, requesting a free report from each of the reporting bureaus once during the year. This allows you to keep

every year," Flores noted. "Big chains and banks usually report

rock," Ferguson cautioned. 3. Maintain different kinds of credit. A mortgage or a car loan, for

4. Limit inquiries.

five years. It will also cut down on junk mail.

you shop for a mortgage or a car loan, inquiries made within 30

Flores agreed.

only using 30 percent of your credit lines. That same \$900 debt on one card would equal 90 percent of the credit limit.

 but don't use this additional credit. Bureaus like to see balances at no more than 50 percent of the

with a mortgage lender and have them evaluate where they are, so

proper order," she added. "Don't go out and buy a car first. Set aside

"Then save, save and save some more."

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annually at no cost. The only hitch: You have to ask for it. Log onto www.annualcreditreport.com. Ferguson recommends

electronically monthly. Smaller stores, less frequently. Mistakes are common. If you find errors on your report, write to the bureau and the creditor requesting they remove or correct erroneous information.

2. Pay your bills on time. If you pay by mail, allow plenty of time for the payment to arrive before the due date.

Not only can more credit lead to more temptation to spend, but those inquiries have a negative impact on your score – up to a total of 10 percent.

You are not dinged for requests for your own reports. Also, when

from "seasoned" credit. Ideally, use the card at least every few months and make timely payments.

points.' 6. Those offers to consolidate your debt? Not always such a

First, using credit and making payments in a timely fashion adds

downpayment mortgages are pretty hard to obtain these days.

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SHORT NOTES

Creepy Critters

Creepy Critters (or Everything is Beautiful in Its Own Way) is the topic of the Sat., Sept. 20 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park, 5211 Arroyo

Many people come out to the park to enjoy the wildlife, but there are those who avoid the park for the same reason. If you fall into the latter category, then embrace your fears and come meet some of the more infamous park residents. Participants will explore the roles these critters play in the ecosystem and what to do when you encounter them. Once you understand these misunderstood critters, I think you will find that there is no reason to fear them at all. Good for ages 5 and up.

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-

Books and Events

Towne Center Books events are as

· Coffee and Conversation with James Houston 11:00 Fri., Sept. 19. Houston is the author of some of our favorite books. Snow Mountain Passage, a novel on the Donner Party, Farewell to Manzanar, and Bird of Another Heaven, and Where Light Takes It's Color from the Sea. All of the books have a California connection. This is a free event but reservations are helpful.

• Read It and Eat with Michelle Richmond Mon., Sept. 29. She is the author of the bestseller My Year of Fog. There will be a discussion of her newest book No One You Know. Informal social time at 11:30. Lunch is served at noon. Reservations are required. \$30.00 for book and lunch and \$15.00 \$30.00 for book and lunch and \$15.00 for lunch only. 925-846-8826 or reply to this email. Michelle's website.
Brisingr Release Party Fri., Sept. 19 11:00 PM to midnight. The wait is

almost over for the 3rd in the Inheritance Series which began with Eragon. Call or email us to reserve a copy. The party is from 11-midnight will books distributed at midnight.

· Cheryl Jarvis and the Necklace on Mon., Sept. 22, 6:00. Cheryl Jarvis is the author of the Necklace the true story of 13 women who collectively bought a \$16,000 necklace. This event is cosponsored with Jewelers Gallery on Main St. There will be conversation with the author, door prizes, refreshments, and pretty things to look admire. Free with book purchase or \$5.00. Beverages and light appetizers. Reservations are helpful 925-846-8826.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasan-

Pinwheels of Peace

The Quarry Lane School in Dublin celebrates International Day of Peace in a "moving" way.

With the international diversity of our school, the "Pinwheels for Peace" project has taken special meaning for us here at Quarry Lane. A myriad of cultures are represented within the school community. Students responded to this project by sharing words like "compassion," "acceptance," "respect" and "love" all "as one."

Every student and teacher has created a pinwheel, each with his/her own individual message of peace on one side and through different media, a visual expression on the other. Over 300 pinwheels will be a-twirl in front of The Quarry Lane School campus on September 21st, International Day of

The community is invited to witness the outpour of creativity and expression. Pinwheels for Peace is a nonpolitical international project created for students f feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives." To read more, please

www.pinwheelsforpeace.com. The Quarry Lane School in Dublin is located at 6363 Tassajara Rd.

Wine Tasting

Fenestra Winery is hosting its annual Harvest Wine Tasting event on September 27 and 28 from noon to 5pm, both days. There is no charge for the event.

The winery will offer tasting of all eleven of its newest releases, which

include the 2007 vintages of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier, Semonnay and Dry Rosé. The new red wine releases include a 2004 Merlot, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 Zinfandel, 2005 Barbera (all from Livermore Valley), and two dessert wines, the 2007 Sweet Viognier (Contra Costa County) and the 2003 Port (Lodi). Fenestra will also be pouring tastes of the previously released wines, some of which are almost sold out: 2007 Verdelho (Lodi), 2007 White Riesling (Arroyo Seco), 2005 Pinot Noir (Livermore Valley), their infamous True Red Lot 22, 2005 Alvarelhão (Lodi), 2005 Estate Syrah, and 2002 Port

purchase.

The crush is in full swing at Fenestra, as the Production staff has already crushed twelve of this harvest's varietals, including popular favorites like the Malbec, Grenache, Cabernet Franc, and the Torrontes. They are estimating that they are one-third of the way through with the complete amount of varietals they will be crushing this

(Lodi). All wines will be available for

The winery is open for sales and tasting every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon – 5pm. For more information, visit the website at www.fenestrawinery.com or email info@fenestrawinery.com. The winery is located at 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore.

Superintendent Named

Valley Christian Schools (VCS) has announced the appointment of John G. Moran as its new Superintendent of

"John Moran is a fun, insightful and wise leader who will bring out the best in everyone connected with our schools. The Board and staff of Valley Christian are thrilled to have a man of his caliber leading our schools into a new era, Charlie Self, interim pastor of Valley Christian Center.

Since earning a Masters of Education from Harvard in 1989, Moran has amassed nearly 20 years of profes-sional experience in the fields of Christian education and business leadership. He has held key positions in Christian secondary and higher education, and he was an award winning business leader on a national level for an international employment agency. Moran has also consulted for various business, education and non-profit entities, and has been involved in Christian-based ministries for over 16 years.
"I plan to bring all of my academic,

entrepreneurial and ministerial experiences to bear in order to build upon the strong educational and spiritual foundations already laid at Valley Chris-

tian," states Moran.-Please contact Kelly Kindall, Director of Communications, at kkindall@dublinvcc.org or [925] 560-6207. For more information about Christian, www.dublinvcc.org. Interviews with John Moran and Dr. Charlie Self can be

Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers are needed to join in East Bay Regional Park District's share of the 24th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 20.

Participants will help to rid the shoreline of trash and debris, as well as recyclables. Of particular concern is the plastic refuse that collects along the shore because of its detrimental effect

on the wildlife. The work day will last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Volunteers should wear work clothes, gloves, and sturdy shoes and should bring snacks. Beverages will be provided.

Volunteers may choose among fifteen staging areas in the two counties where cleanup crews may assemble. They are: Alameda County Del Valle Regional Park, end of Del Valle Park Road in Livermore; Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Newark; Eden Landing Ecologi-cal Reserve, end of Veasy Street, Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, Hayward; Hayward Regional Shore-line, Hayward; San Leandro Marina; Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, Oakland; Middle Harbor Regional Park, Oakland;

Contra Costa County Bay Point Regional Shoreline, Pittsburg; Martinez Regional Shoreline and Marina Carquinez Regional Shoreline - Between Crockett and Port Costa; Lone Tree Point, Rodeo Bayfront Park, Pinole: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, Richmond; and Point Isabel Regional Shoreline, Richmond.

Organizations working with the Park District to stage the event include the California Department of Fish and Game, Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, the East Bay Conservation Corps, Friends of the Franklin Hills, Friends of Alhambra Creek, Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed, Hayward Area Recreation District, Save the Bay and Senator Torlakson¹s office.

To register or to obtain more information, call Kathleen Fusek, Coastal Cleanup Coordinator, at (510) 544-2515 or e-mail her at www.kfusek@ebparks.org or visit www.ebparks.org.

Medical Quality

San Ramon Regional Medical Center has received four CIGNA quality designations. These designations mean that the hospital has met rigorous quality criteria based on nationally recognized medical standards and expert

advice.
San Ramon Regional Medical Center received the following designa-tions: Caesarean Section, Colon Sur-gery, Adult Pneumonia, and Vaginal Delivery.

"We are pleased that our hospital has been recognized by CIGNA for the high quality care that we provide," said Gary Sloan, chief executive officer of San Ramon Regional Medical Center. "Our physicians and staff work very hard to provide quality patient care, and these designations are evidence of the high standard of care we deliver

every day."
The CIGNA designations are based on the hospital's effectiveness in treating the selected condition or performing the procedure.

AAUW Meeting

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women welcomes both current and prospective members to its Annual Membership Brunch and Social to be held on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Tennis Park and Community Center, 5801 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. The entrance to the park is off Paseo Santa Cruz. The brunch provides an oppor-tunity to not only browse among the interest group information tables but also to renew friendships and meet new

Dot Bishop, President of the Branch, will be introducing the featured speaker, Helen Nkuralya, a teacher and community leader in the Narok region of Kenya. Ms. Nkuralya will tell about her work with the Asante Africa Foundation to make quality education available to children in Kenya and Tanza-

nia. Asante is Swahili for "thank you". Asante Africa Foundation was founded by Livermore resident Erma Graz after she and her husband visited Tanzania in 2005. They were saddened by the lack of clean water, sanitation, and basic education. The goals of Asante are to provide quality schools, teaching resources, and educational materials as welll as scholarships/sponsorships for highly motivated and academically gifted children. To accomplish this, Asante relies on local contacts, volunteers, and financial support from sponsors/partners in the United

Erma Graz, the CEO and Chairman of the Board for Asante, has been a professional Executive Advisor, Career Coach and organizational leader-ship consultant for the past eighteen

Dot Bishop feels that the Asante project is a particularly appropriate topic for AAUW because for over one hundred years AAUW has encouraged women to further their education and provided financial support for them. Membership in AAUW is open to graduates of four year colleges, and those with an associate degree or its equivalent. Prospective members may contact Roz Wright, Membership Vice President, at dawright@sbcglobal.net

for more information. The L-P-D Branch will also host its own Antiques Road Show and Tea on Saturday, October 25. A local antique dealer will evaluate antiques for up to twenty-five people. Also this fall, a fundraiser will be held for the Tech Trek Science Scholarship Program for seventh grade girls to attend science camp in the summer of 2009. For further information about Tech Trek Vicki contact Drake, drakeve@comcast.net.

(continued from page one) tour is from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$8 for children under age 12. More than 36 movies were made in Pleas-

Saturday, will feature the "Running of the Cows," a race of hand decorated cows.

Several car clubs will exhibit classic cars. Clubs include the Tri-Valley Classic Chevy Club displaying 1955, 1956 and 19576 Chevy's. The P-Town Push Rods will be at the festival on Saturday with hot rods, muscle cars and customs.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. There is no admission

Garden Party Benefit for Humane Society

An Evening at Villa del Sole will benefit the Valley Humane

The festivities are planned for Sat., Sept. 20 from 6 p.m. to 10

Villa del Sole is located in the Pleasanton hills on what was once Phoebe Apperson Hearst's Hacienda De Verona Estate. Villa del Sole is a privately owned property that is rarely opened to the public.

The garden party at this historic site will include an opportunity to tour the grounds. Fine wines, a buffet and smooth jazz round out the evening.

For details and to purchase tickets call 426-8656 or go to www.ValleyHumane.org.







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Savor the Season Features Talk by 'Green Gourmet' Author

collection of home-spun recipes as a means to promote the food in her vegetarian restaurant in Ithaca, N.Y. The Moosewood Cookbook went on to become the bible of the "green gourmet" eating movement in the U.S. and Katzen became an iconic figure for millions of Americans seeking a healthier lifestyle.

Katzen, the keynote speaker at Alameda County Community Food Bank's sixth annual Savor the Season fundraiser at Livermore's Wente Vineyards on Sept. 21, now hopes to reach an audience whose lifestyle choices aren't necessarily their own.

"Low-income and working families whose basic nutritional needs aren't being met are those most in need of having access to fresh produce," said Katzen, a Berkeley resident. "It's one of society's unfortunate ironies."

According to a 2005 study conducted by UCLA's Health Policy Research Center, 42% of children and 71% of teens in Alameda County don't consume

Mollie Katzen published a recommended amounts of fruit and vegetables.

"Since moving into our new storage facility three years ago, we've boosted our fresh produce distribution sevenfold," said Food Bank executive director Suzan Bateson, whose organization dispensed 7 million pounds of fruits and vegetables in the last

The Moosewood Cookbook the first of Katzen's 10 books was inducted into the James Beard Foundation Cookbook Hall of Fame in 2007. "My mission of making fresh produce easy to incorporate into every diet is contingent, of course, on having access to that produce,' Katzen said. "The Alameda County Community Food Bank has been among the nation's most aggressive resource centers in commitment to that cause."

Renee Richardson, co-host of the Morning Show on KFOG (104.5 FM San Francisco/97.7 FM San Jose) - a longtime supporter of Bay Area Food Banks - will serve as the guest auctioneer for Savor the Season. The Silverwood Jazz Ensemble will provide musical entertainment.

Highlighting the 3-hour event will be the Food Bank's second annual Hope Not Hunger Awards, which recognize individuals and organizations that have displayed an exemplary commitment to fighting hunger. This year's recipients are: Oakland resident Dan McClosky, who has raised \$293,000 for the Food Bank since 1999; and FedEx. which has provided \$97,500 in grant contributions and donated countless hours of food delivery to Food Bank member agencies.

The event is noon to 3 p.m. at Wente Vineayrds, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$125 per person. Tickets are available online at www.accfb.com. For more information, or to order by phone, call Pam Gidwani (510) 635-3663 (ext. pgidwani@accfb.org. All proceeds benefit Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Scouts Collect Books for Botswana

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 32345 received a great deal of help from the community with contributions to a book drive for the African Library Project's "100 Libraries for Botswana" program.

The girls set out to collect 1,000 new or gently used children's books for their assigned school, Gasita Primary School in Gasita, Botswana. The school has 10 teachers, 273 students, no electricity and no existing library. With the support of Sunset Elementary School and library technician, Louise Simons, 1,500 books were quickly collected. Additional book donations from girl scout troops, East Avenue Middle School, Arroyo Seco Elementary School, Our Savior Lutheran School, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries and Asbury United Methodist Church inspired the troop to take on a second assignment of Mosamowakwena School in Kanye, Botswana, a similar school to Gasita. Financial support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Asbury United Methodist Church and the Bing Family allowed the troop to ship over 3,000 books plus much needed teaching materials to the two schools.

The book drive was the final project the girls selected to complete their work on the Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest award a girl scout may receive. The girls gained a greater awareness of the educational needs of children in Botswana as well as the relationship between quality education and future success both as an individual and as a nation. The mission of the Afri-

Film Festival Offers Help for **Typical Children**

A free film festival and topical discussion for children ages 7 to 17 who are siblings of developmental delayed individuals is being presented on Sat., Sept. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Sponsored by Exceptional Needs Network through a grant from Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, the event is designed to help families who have both developmentally delayed and typical children.

Two films, "Normal People Scare Me" by Taylor Cross and 'The Sandwich Kid" by Jace King, will be shown. Taylor is a teenager with autism. His film explores how he sees the world. His brother, Jace, talks about what it is like to have a brother with developmental delays. His film also interviews other typical children who have developmental delayed siblings with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and Au-

Following both films, Taylor, Jace and their mother Keri Bowers, will host a discussion for all participants.

"Families with developmentally delayed individuals struggle to provide balance for the other typical children," said Susan Houghton, ENN board member. "Families can end up spending much of their time dealing with the needs of the developmental delayed individuals. This event is designed specifically for typical siblings and helps them understand that the emotions they may be feeling regarding their brothers or sisters is very normal.

The film festival is free of charge. Seating is limited. Participants are encouraged to arrive early. For more information, visit ENN's website www.ennetwork.org or call 443-3396.

The Bankhead Theater is locatd at 2400 First Street in Livermore.



Girls Scouts got together to pack up the books they collected. Pictured (clockwise from top): Laura Schildbach, Andrea Schlientz, Jing Gong and Molly Bing

can Library Project is to increase literacy in Africa by creating and improving small libraries. Troop 32345 would like to encourage everyone to check out the ALP's website and consider organizing similar book drives. website is http:// The www.africanlibraryproject.org. ALP offers a supportive, easyto-follow plan for a successful book drive.

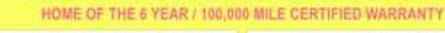


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