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Refurbished home at Concannon.

#### Blessing of the **Grapes Begins** Concannon's 125th Harvest

The 159th annual Blessing of the Grapes in Livermore Valley was held at Concannon Vineyard in conjunction with the winery's 125th consecutive harvest celebration.

Third and fourth generation family members Jim and John Concannon cut a grapevine to officially inaugurate the new Concannon winemaking facility.

As part of a \$30 million renovation, Concannon Vineyard recently purchased a new 21st century European-built basket press, which works the same way as the winery's original 19th century European-built basket press. After abandoning the original, for more "modern" methods several decades ago, Concannon is returning to its celebrated past. As it turns 125 years old, Concannon Vineyard is reclaiming its heritage as one of California's earliest and longest continuously operating wineries while it invests for the next 125 years and continues the Concannon family's involvement

According to Livermore Vice mayor, John Marchand, "The Concannons have always had a strong sense of family, and the community has always been part of that family. The community has benefited from Concannon's generosity and commitment for generations.

Chris Chandler, executive director, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association continued, "The Concannon family has been involved with wine grape growers as partners to promote the continued growth of Livermore Valley for four generations."

"Although the Concannon Estate is one of the most advanced solar-powered, organically farmed operations in the world, we view it as a rediscovery of the past versus a winery of the future," said David Kent, CEO of The Wine Group LLC, Concannon's parent company.

Renovations at Concannon that preserve and enhance its historic legacy include:

• Improving the 200 acres of preserved vineyard land surrounding the winery. These vineyards were the first in the Livermore Valley to be placed under a permanent conservation easement. In the process of replanting, blocks of old, time-tested Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon were retained and the grapevine clones Concannon pioneered in California were perpetuated.

· A return to traditional methods of farming and crafting of grapes for Concannon's flagship wine- the Concannon Vineyard Heritage Petite Sirah. Other varieties planted in this way are Merlot, Petite Verdot, Cinsaut, Mourvedre, Zinfandel, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Semillon. A demonstration vineyard planted with different varieties will complete the new landscape plan.

• The restoration of the historic 1883 Concannon family home, extensions to the estate's vast system of stone walls, patios and arbors, and the doubling in size of its park-like setting. Last year the old Victorian house – complete with mature palm trees - was moved from a now-busy traffic intersection to a new location deeper within the estate. The new front lawn has become the summer home for the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Once completed, the house will be rededicated in honor of James Concannon's wife, Ellen Rowe. The final phase of the estate's redevelopment, a complete reno-

(See CONCANNON, page 7)

## Plans Move Forward for Hotel, Theater

The Livermore City Council gave the go-ahead for staff to move forward on several major projects in the downtown.

The council unanimously approved preparation of an exclusive negotiating rights agreement (ENRA) for a regional performing arts theater and an upscale hotel.

Staff was also directed to conduct further interviews with five firms submitting proposals to develop a portion of the Livermore Village site. The site was the location of a former Lucky Store along Railroad Avenue between Livermore Avenue and L Street.

One of the ENRA discussions will be conducted with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), which pro-poses to build a 2000-seat regional theater on the eastern portion of the Livermore Village

Councilmember Jeff Williams said that moving forward with negotiations is a necessary step in acquiring a full set of data for the regional theater. It doesn't mean the council has decided to have it built. "We can't decide until we have serious discussions," he commented.

Negotiations for the hotel will be with Keenan-Bariteau. The site is on the corner of Livermore Avenue and Railroad Avenue, opposite the regional theater. Envisioned is a boutique size four star hotel. One of the hotels developed by the group in Healdsburg has been named the 24th top hotel in the U.S. by Travel & Leisure. Four star hotels generally provide valet service, in room breakfast, full restaurant and bar, as well as meeting space for 250 to 300 people.

Jack Bariteau told the council, "Hotel Livermore will merge with the culture of the community. The theaters are an attraction to us. We will be able to bring in weekend visitors, as well as the business traveler during the

week." He added, "Financing is a challenge. The traditional sources of credit are not available today. It is the most difficult obstacle we face in building the

Director of Economic Development Rob White discussed the regional theater option. He said it could occupy up to one-fourth of the Livermore Village site with the remainder available for housing and retail. It is anticipated an agreement would be in place to proceed with the theater sometime in 2009.

LVPAC General Manager David Dial pointed to the success of the Bankhead Theater as

**Schools Get More Money** 

From the State Budget

an example of why the nonprofit should be selected to build the regional theater. He noted that the first year of operation of the Bankhead produced \$1 million for local user groups and \$3.5 million of economic benefit for the community.

Dial described the team that would work on the regional theater. The team includes Conversion Management Associates, Inc., who would serve as project manager. CMA built the Cathedral of Christ the Light for the Catholic Church, the Big Rock Ranch in Marin for Lucasfilm, LTD, and renovated Stern Grove

(See DOWNTOWN, page 4)



The running of the cows was one of the highlights of last weekend's Pleasanton Arts and Heritage Festival. The cows help to advertise the Udderly Divine fund-raiser to be held Oct. 4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Funds will benefit the Alviso Adobe Community Park and Museum on Main.

#### **Livermore Teachers Rally to Protest Lack of Contract**

By Patricia Koning

Over 400 staff members from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District rallied in front of the District office last Wednesday, protesting the lack of a contract agreement between the District and the Livermore Education Association (LEA), the teachers' union.

"We share the teachers' frustration and concern that negotia-

tions have not been completed. The picketing activity of the teachers' union is a normal part of the negotiations process," said Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller. "The District asks for the public's understanding and patience as we continue to strive to reach an agreement."

While the rally was organized by LEA, they were joined by members from two of the

District's other bargaining units, the Classified Service Employees Association (CSEA), which represents clerical workers, teachers aides, paraprofessionals, and other non-credentialed staff, and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which represents maintenance, custodial, and other service workers.

> "LEA leadership was very (See RALLY, page 2)

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton School District expects an additional \$600,000 in revenue from the \$104 billion state budget signed into law by Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger on Tuesday.
The state budget will have a cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase of 0.68 percent, which will result in the extra \$600,000. Pleasanton district superintendent John Casey said that back in January, in the governor's first budget message, it looked like schools might decline slightly in revenue. In the governor's revised budget in May, it looked like no gain or loss compared to the current fiscal year budget. Now the slight uptick in the COLA is wel-

However, Casey pointed out that the indicators that usually are used in setting the COLA show that inflation is growing at about 4.5 to 5 percent. Ideally, that's what the schools' COLA should be. "The economy is poor. We know the state is in a financial

state of turmoil. We know we have to be party to the solution. However, don't give us less money (as was the case in the January proposal)," said Casey.

The extra \$600,000 is a wind-

fall for the school budget, which was approved by trustees in late June. It will be up to the school board to determine how the new money will be used, said Casey. He doesn't have any recommendation about where it should go. The trustees could opt to put the whole amount in the general fund reserve.

The district has kept its reserve at 5 percent of the total budget. That 5 percent is a little over \$5 million in a \$108 million budget. It's a level higher than the 3 percent reserve required by the state. One argument for putting it in reserve is future state budget uncertainty.

Casey said, "This (state) budget is put together fairly tentatively. We are not sure how strong it will be. We will know more as (See BUDGET, page 4)

#### **Pleasanton Council Okays Apartments Next to BART Station**

approved 350 apartment units, BART station.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Matt Sullivan opposed. He wanted a task force to be assembled, to

The Pleasanton City Council study the potential for transit oriented development (TOD) within along with 14,000 square feet of the Hacienda Business Park to retail space next to the West complete its work first. He wanted

> "I am the biggest advocate for (See APARTMENTS, page 4)

#### Hosterman, Brozosky Vie for Pleasanton Mayor's Seat

Mayor, the two adversaries from 2006 are reprising their battle.

Incumbent Jennifer Hosterman is seeking her third two year as mayor. Former councilmember Števe Brozosky is her opponent.

Issues include traffic, hillside protection, and public participation in government. The two are on opposite sides of the hillside measures. Measure PP is a citizen sponsored initiative; Measure QQ was placed on the ballot by the council majority. Both claim to protect ridgelines from development. QQ would provide for a stakeholder process to create the ordinance. Measure would prohibit the building of structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline.

STEVE BROZOSKY

Steve Brozosky is currently a member of the school board and

The 15th Assembly District

features two candidates: Demo-

crat Joan Buchanan and Repub-

The seat is currently held by

Republican Guy Houston, who

sembly District includes Alamo,

Brentwood, Danville, Livermore,

is term limited out. The 15th As-

lican Abram Wilson.

15th Assembly District

**Has Two Candidates** 

In the race for Pleasanton was previously on the city council for four years. He is a 26 year resident of Pleasanton. He and his wife Annie have two children. Brozosky co-founded a Software Development company, Government Outreach, in 2004 to provide software solutions to transform the customer service for government.

He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. He recently traveled to Mexico, Central America and South America to deliver wheelchairs, and is involved in Pleasanton-Tulancingo Mexico Sister City Organization. He has volunteered as a leader with the Pleasanton 4-H, as an advisor to Amador Valley High School Interact Club, as a soccer coach, and describes himself as an advocate for the arts.

Brozosky said he is running for mayor, because he isn't happy with the current direction the city (See MAYOR, page 5)

Oakley, San Ramon, Walnut

Creek and a portion of Pleasan-

ton. The district also includes

Sacramento Delta communities,

Galt and portions of Stockton and

viewed regarding issues such as

Each candidate was inter-

(See ASSEMBLY, page 6)

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Practicing one of the routines are Jillian Gibllin, Katie Rodgess and Maren Focke-Rey.

#### Twelve Livermore Gymnasts Represent Team USA at World Acro Championships

#### **By Patricia Koning** Kristin Allen is balanced over ten feet off the ground with her

entire weight resting on Michael Rodrigues' outstretched hand. In this seemingly precarious pose, she's doing the splits, arching her back, and then looping her feet behind her ears back to her shoulders. The pose is complete, and

Kristin bounces to the ground. There is no resting for this pair of acrobatic gymnasts—it's onto the next tumbling pass and dance move.

Kristen, a 16-year-old Livermore resident, and her partner Michael will represent the United States this October at the Acro World Championships and International Age Group Competition in Scotland. Joining the pair, who won the elite level at the National Acrobatic Gymnastics Competition last month in Iowa, are 10 other members of Livermore's West Coast Training Center (WCTC).

Tucked in an industrial park off Preston Way, the West Coast Training Center is home to one of the premier acrobatic gymnastics teams in the country, with more members on the US Gymnastics national teams than any other facility.

Five members—Kristin and Michael along with Hannah Busha, Steffi Scheid, and Mariah Spray—were selected to the U.S.

(See ACROBATS, page 15)

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Yum! Gum Drop and Licorice are two sugary-sweet kittens looking for a good home. Satisfy your sweet tooth by nuzzling up to these cuddly and playful cuties. Like candy pieces, two kittens are always better than one! To take a nibble, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City. Open Tues- Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more details.

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, 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), food, drinks, games, entertainment. Gala banquet, Sat., Sept. 27, 7 p.m. Pleas-anton 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

"Asha for Education: Dance to Give a **chance,"** is a fundraiser to be held Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. at Foothill High School in Pleasanton in the multi-purpose room. Aarshi Vipani and Prachi Naik are organizing the event, Dandiya/Garba/Raas, which will feature live music, food, jewelry, clothing, prizes for best dancers and best dressed. Tickets are \$10 per person. Funds will help to provide education to underprivileged children in India. For Tickets Please Contact Prachi Naik (925) 640-3552 or Aarshi Vipani (925) 640-1460. All Proceeds go to Asha for Education:

Croce Family Flea Market, Sat., Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Ave., Livermore. Great

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sun., Sept. 28, 50 miles winding tour from San Ramon to Livermore and beyond, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Barbara Burger, 997-1325. Wed., Oct. 1, 25 miles explore Danville and San Ramon, meet 9:30 a.m. at Osage Station Park, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Anyone going on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what

to bring.
Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., general meeting 2 p.m. Tues., Oct. 7, Dublin Library. Audiologist Kenneth Billheimer will present the program. New officers will be selected. Happy hour in Pleasanton, 5 p.m. Sheraton Hotel, Fri., Oct. 3, RSVP to Lorraine 846-5695 by Oct. 2. Champagne brunch in San Ramon, 11:45 a.m. Marie Callender's Restaurant, RSVP bo Marsha, 830-8483 by Oct. 1.

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 animals in a special box at the Hampton Inn, 2850 Constitution Dr., Livermore. Donations will be picked up by the Good News

Danville-Alamo Branch of AAUW will have a book signing for club member, Paula Boswell, on Tuesday, October 7 from 3-5 PM at Shadow Hills Cabana at 1001 El Capitan Dr. Danville. The public is invited. For more information, please email president@ aauw-da.org or call Tena at 837-0826. Paula Boswell wrote No Ordinary Life: The True Story of a Dutch Girl and An American Marine. She was born and raised in the Netherlands. She moved to the United States in 1952 and has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1956. Danville has been her

home for the last thirty-nine years. **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. For more information please call 925-461-6401.

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 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 dibauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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.

Walk-a-thon Fund-raiser, Family event onsored by Sisters in Service, East Bay Chapter on Sunday, Oct 5, to support destitute 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 registragames www.sistersinservice.org, http:// www.ebparks.org/parks/shadow\_cliffs More info call Gloria Gregory @ 925-998-3785

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 participate, 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.

Free Caregivers Support Group (caregivers for seniors only). Wednesdays starting 10/01/08 through 11/05/08 at 2pm. Prior registration required – to sign up, please call Carol at 925-244-1185.

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 or come on in. 50 photos will be selected for voting online Oct.

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.,

Crab feed, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 6298 will be holding a Crab Feed, Saturday October 11, 6 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building 301 Main Street. Proceeds will be used to help send "Care Packages" to deployed troops. Cost \$35. Call Larry Jackson at 462-0788.

Christmas Boutique, Livermore Lions, Nov. 1, looking for vendors. Quality handmade (orhandembellished) items sought. For applications, call Toni at 784-5826 or 980-2628. Single or double tables available. Priced reduced for nonprofit orga-

Organizing Your Office: More Time and Profit, class offered through Las Positas College. Sat., Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Registration \$79 plus \$25 book fee. 424-1467; laspositascollege.edu.communityed

RELIGION 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

Bible study fellowship, Livermore, Pleasanton, Danville. 33-week study of the Life of Moses. Day classes have preschool children's program; evening classes a schoolaged children's program. Two women's classes: 9:25 a.m. Wednesdays, Cedar Grove Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore; 6:55 p.m 2021 College Ave., Livermore; 6:55 p.m. Mondays, Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton; men's class 6:55 p.m. Tuesdays, Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. www.bsfinternationalorg.or877-273-3228.

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.

Experiencing Jesus, ten-week series, begins on Wednesday, October 1, and continues through December 10. Classes taught by the Rev. Roberta McReynolds will be held from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 2D1, the Upper Room, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. Dinner is included (not optional) and a commitment to attend each session plus a fee of \$30 (and the price of the book) are required. There will be no class on Nov. 26. Advance registration is required. The deadline is September 24.

Inactive or Returning Catholics Experience, co-sponsored by Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Michael's Church in Livermore, and St. Raymond's Parish in Dublin, provides discussion of issues in today's church, education on current belief and practice, opportunities for individuals to tell their stories, ask questions and renew their faith. Begins Oct. 1. Held Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. for ten weeks at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Information, call Father Jerry Kennedy,

4th annual Autumn Quiet Day, a day of reflection and peace centered around the labyrinth. Saturday, October 11, 2008 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Led by Judy Hughes, Marriage and Family Therapist and labyrinth facilita-tor. Cost: \$15 for materials - Bring a bag lunch - Drinks will be provided. First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street (Corner of 4th and L Streets).



Taking a milk and cookie break are Amador students (left to right) front, Lawrence Sammuli, Rachel Mccaslin, Jessica Burnthorn, Brent Barstow; back, Jessica Fox, Lucas Hasserjian and (head shot) Rishi Choudhry.

#### **Got Advertising?** These Amador Students Will

By Ron McNicoll

A business marketing class at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton has been selected as one of three in the state to work on a professional advertising

The San Francisco advertising agency that handles the ad campaigns for the California Milk Processor Board is running the friendly three-way high school competition. The end result will be the creation of a new ad in the well-known series of Got Milk?

The contest is ad agency Goodby Silverstein & Partners' way of celebrating the 15th anniversary of the "Got Milk?" slogan. The agency will coach the high school students at points along the way to enhance the

learning experience. Amador Valley is the northern California representative in the contest. When the class's teacher, Joan Thomas, heard about it, she saw it as the ideal hands-on learning project for the class. Thomas had more than 20 years' experience in technical industry marketing, mostly with Hewlett-Packard, before becoming an Amador teacher six years ago. She says she knows what sales and marketing jobs entail. This contest promises a solid experi-

#### CORPORATE-WORLD

**EXPERIENCE** Tanya Carter is a senior who will be part of a five-student team that makes the final pitch to the ad agency in November She said "This is more than an assignment. It's an opportunity to obtain real experience in the corporate world.

It gives us insight." Tanya and Thomas also like the campaign because it focuses on good health choices for teenagers. The focus on teens is a new direction in the "Got Milk?" ad campaigns. The milk processors have seen milk consumption in

California halt its decline and stabilize, because of previous ads. said Steve James, executive director of the milk processors

However, what the processor board is seeing now is a drop-off in milk consumption when students leave elementary schools. In grade school, milk is included with lunch. At the middle and high schools, students have to consciously choose to buy it. Many teens drink fruit juice, soda pop or bottled water instead of milk. The new campaign is an attempt to remind them how healthy milk is for them, and how that choice is good for them, said James.

In order to come up with a good commercial, the Amador students will be using a couple of video cameras supplied by the ad agency, so that they can interview teens about their attitudes toward milk. It's the kind of market research any agency would undertake. Then the class will brainstorm ideas about what kind of approach would appeal to teens. The next step is to write ad copy and plan a video presenta-

The class will be dealing with several media. Besides print media and television, the ads will go to radio and the internet. Thomas noted that teens have a special affinity for new media. They will be very helpful in approaching the internet as a marketing

#### HEADING FOR **BUSINESS CAREER**

Tanya is a good example of a student heading for a career in business, said Thomas. She is a 'brilliant, upper echelon student" who has taken part successfully in competitions. In one contest in which she did well, Tanya had 10 minutes to solve a problem, and make a presentation to judges, who were in the role of business owners.

Tanya said that she is interested in majoring in business after she graduates next year. "I like to interact with others. Marketing is something I'm interested in. I like to promote things, and I like new ideas," said Tanya.

As in the business world, there will be a financial pay-off in the marketing contest. There is a \$2000 prize for the entry accepted by the advertising agency. Thomas said that if the class wins, "I think I would do a combination of things. I'd take a portion of it, and give gift cards to every student, for materials they can use in college."

#### **RALLY**

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happy about the size of the turnout," says LEA President Kathleen Reardon. "There was a strong feeling of unity and solidarity of purpose among bargaining units rallied with us to show support for our cause. Because of the 'me too' clause in their contracts, a salary increase for LEA is a salary increase for

The teachers got their point across with signs that read "Fair Salary is What We Deserve", "Students: Our Special Interest",

"We Are Teachers, Not Suckers", and "Where is Management's Sunset Date?", among other phrases. There are three main sticking points between the District and LEA: the amount of the salary increase, raising the Health Care Cap, and removing the sunset date from the Option One

Early Retirement Incentive. "We're just asking for a cost of living increase," said Marilyn Avenue teacher Anne Rosendin. "The District's offer translates to about \$55 more per pay period. That doesn't even come close to catching up with the health care increase this year."

LEA and the District met earlier this week for another bargaining session. Reardon said its unclear if the rally will have any effect on the negotiations.

"Did we get our message across that we are serious about a fair and equitable salary and benefit increase? Did we get our message across that we will not stand for a Sunset date on Option One Retirement Incentive? That remains to be seen," she said.







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#### SHORT NOTES

#### **Nature Program**

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will host a

Ruts Up? is the topic for the Sun., Sept. 28 program. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 11 a.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. Participants will dicuss the rut and what it means in terms of deer behavior and biology during a hike along some favorite trails. Be prepared to hike dirt trails with some off-trail excursions. Reservations required by calling 925-960-2400.

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

#### **Adult Volunteers**

Adult Volunteers are needed for new Tri-Valley Youth Court (TVYC) to serve as Case Managers. This person oversees and assists youth offenders with the completion of Sanctions as handed down by the jury. TVYC is a youth driven justice program for first time offenders. The court meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton from 5:30 - 7:45 pm. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

#### **Home Economists Meet**

For over four decades now the Del Valle Home Economists has served professional Home Economists in education, business, dietetics, clothing and textiles, housing, family relations and child development plus numerous re-

lated fields who live and work her in

our Valley.

The first meeting of the 2008-2009 year will be held on September 25 at 7 p.m. at the home of Cathie Bailey Wolfe, a teacher in the Family and Consumer Science Department at Granada High School in Livermore. There will be a short business meeting and then each guest is asked to bring a favorite tea cup and share its story with the group. Refreshments will be served.

Please call 925-447-0411 if you plan on attending. New members are most welcome. Home Economics minors are also eligible for membership.

#### **Flu Shots for Seniors**

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will provide flu shots free of charge to adults age 50 and older on Friday, October 17, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (while supplies last).

p.m. (while supplies last).

The vaccines will be administered in the South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon. Parking is available near the South Conference

No reservations are available. For special services for disabled adults, and driving directions, call 925.275.8230.

#### **Women in Business**

Wardrobe for Opportunity Executive Director Michelle Augenstein has been named by the American Business Women's Association as one of three 2008 Outstanding Women in Business. Michelle was nominated by the

Michelle was nominated by the ABWA's Express to Success Network for her work with Wardrobe for Opportunity and in the local nonprofit community.

Michelle and fellow honorees Bernadine F. Dutra (Founder of One Child), and Susan Manheimer (San Mateo Chief of Police) were recognized at a luncheon on September 21st at the Castlewood Country Club in

Pleasanton.

Wardrobe for Opportunity is a volunteer based, nonprofit organization that provides professional clothing and career support to low-income jobseekers so they can secure employment and become economically self-sufficient.

#### **Charter Member**

The National Association of Agents for Consumer Education has named Livermore insurance professional Anthony McPeake as a charter member. The appointment recognizes McPeake's commitment to providing quality insurance education to his clients and potential clients.

McPeake, a principal with Anthony McPeake Insurance Agency, focuses many of his community efforts on providing useful consumer tips, information and analysis to business owners and individuals in the areas of life and property/casualty insurance.

#### **Fall Prevention**

In concert with Fall Prevention Week, Sept 21 – 28, Home Safety Services, a Foster City based Safetyfitting company announces the formation of its eighth community partnership targeted at preventing falls

in the elderly population.

Home Safety Services has partnered with Senior Outreach Services of Contra Costa County to provide fall prevention home modifications such as grab bars, stair railings, and wheel chair ramps, at no cost to low-income seniors

of Contra Costa County. The program will assist 20-25 recipients before the end of the calendar year.

Martin Simenc, Certified Aging in Place Specialist, President of Home Safety Services and member of the San Mateo County Fall Prevention Task Force states, "The vast majority of falls that occur are preventable by maintaining physical activity (exercise), managing medications and modifying the home environment. In particular, the cost effectiveness of making practical home modifications, such as the installation of grab bars, is a no-brainer when compared to the psychological, physical and financial costs of experiencing a serious fall. We take a great amount of pride in helping over 8000 families create safer home environments over the past ten years. Developing these community based partnerships allows us to reach to those most in need."

Home Safety Services of Foster City has numerous other alliances providing similar services throughout the Bay Area by partnering with agencies such as Adult Day Services Network of Alameda County, Institute on Aging in San Francisco, and Life Elder Care in Fremont.

#### **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 be tasting 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 (Lodi). All wines will be available for 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

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.

#### Native Californians

Amador Valley Adult Education will present a one-morning Saturday session on October 18 on "The Story of The Native Californians."

The Power Point session will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Instructor is Patricia Belding. Participants will be able to feel hands-on California Indian materials; taste native foods, see the early way of life of California's first people; hear the story of their meetings with explorers, misssionaries, and Gold Rush miners; and learn about the lives of California's first people today. A 30-minute DVD of native Californian music and story-telling will conclude the morning.

The program will be presented at Village High School in Pleasanton, Room 702. Register by calling Amador Adult Education (925/426-4280) and asking for Class # 258 602 under Enrichment or online at www.Pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted.

#### **Superintendent Named**

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

Since earning a Masters of Education from Harvard in 1989, Moran has amassed nearly 20 years of professional 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.

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"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 Christian," states Moran. "We're positioned to make a major impact on children, their families and the surrounding communities through exceptional educational, spiritual, sports and community service programs. I intend to make the most of this opportunity with the wonderful team we have assembled, and to do so with great passion and enthusiasm for the job at hand."

#### **Garcia Nominated**

Garcia & Gurney announced that managing shareholder Melinda Garcia, Esq. has been named one of five finalists in Hispanic Business Magazine's Annual EOY (Entrepreneur of the Year) Awards for Entrepreneurial Excellence, Latina Entrepreneur category. The other categories in the national competition are Heavy Industry, Trade Industry, Infobusiness and Rising Star. The winners in each category will be named at the EOY Awards Gala in Los Ange-

les, on November 6, 2008

Garcia has educated business owners throughout Northern California with her ecture, "The Ten Things Every Small Business Owner Should Know." She has also taught continuing legal education courses on the formation, taxation and operation of Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships in California; and she has been the keynote speaker for the San Francisco Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and various local chambers of commerce and networking organiza-

tions.
Garcia served Axis Community
Health as a director and as Chair of the
Foundation for Axis Community
Health. She coached the successful
Amador Valley High School Honors
Mock Trial Team for five years and
arcia currently serves on the Board of
Directors of the Las Positas College
Foundation.

Since its inception 18 years ago, the Hispanic Business magazine Entrepreneur of the Year Awards has celebrated the achievements of Hispanic entrepreneurs in America. Attended by dignitaries from the worlds of government, business, and entertainment, the EOY Symposium and Awards Gala highlights the hard work and achievements of those leaders. It is a celebration not only of growth, but of a legacy of leadership in the Hispanic community.

#### VALLEY ROUNDUP

#### **Land Trust Alliance**

Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) is applying for accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance. The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

Sharon Burnham, TVC Executive Director, stated, "Tri-Valley Conservancy adopted the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices (S&P) many years ago. Although TVC has been operating under those S&P's, we had not formalized our policies and procedures. Completing our application package was challenging and daunting, but well worth the effort. We are a much stronger organization now than ever before."

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on its pending applications. Comments must relate to how Tri-Valley Conservancy complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/2008-indicatorpractices.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on Tri-Valley Conservancy's application will be most useful if sent by December 29, 2008.

#### Fatal Accident

A fatal traffic accident occurred in Livermore on Friday at about 6:30 p.m. The resulting investigation caused Stanley Blvd. to be closed for close to four hours.

Police responded to several calls reporting a collision involving a truck and a motorcycle at the intersection of Stanley and Wall St. Upon

arriving on the scene, police found community members applying life savings techniques to Michael Lingenfelter, a 40-year-old Livermore resident. Paramedics and fire personnel also tried to aid Lingenfelter. However, he died at the scene from his injuries.

Lingenfelter was riding his 2003 Harley Davidson westbound on E. Stanley Blvd. at Wall St. when he collided with a 1997 Chevy pick-up truck driven by 18 year old Livermore resident, Adam Wright.

This collision is still being investigated. Anyone who witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact investigating Officer Wes Morgan, 371-4855.

#### **More Democrats Registered**

The ranks of registered California voters continue to grow leading up to the November 4, 2008, General Election, according to the Secretary of State's latest Report of Registration released today. The state has added an average of 12,000 new voters a month since mid-May.

The report includes data gathered 60 days before the general election and reflects updates to voter registration rolls, including the removal of registrants who have died, moved out of state, or have been determined to be ineligible to vote, as well as the addition of new registrants.

The state now has nearly 16.2 million registered voters - close to 550,000 more than it had at this time before the general election four years ago. The percentage of people who are eligible to vote and are registered has dipped from 70.9% in 2004 to 70.1% now.

California has gained almost 48,000 new voters since May 19. Of the six political parties, Democrats have the highest percentage. Democratic ranks increased from 6,754,308 (43.23%) to 7,101,442 (43.91%) among registered voters. Republican numbers decreased, from 5,466,404 (34.98%) to 5,227,489 (32.32%). Decline to state represented 19.49% of those registered at 3,151,369, up from 2,671,142 (17.10%). American Independent voters represent 2.06%, 333,609, up from 304,066 (1.95%).

The last day to register to vote in the November 4, 2008, General Election is October 20. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 28.

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## **EDITORIALS**

#### **New Necessary Fee**

The Livermore City Council has approved a special development fee to help meet the community's increasing human/social services needs.

Voting unanimously, the council acted last week following a discussion with audience members.

It was pointed out, as one example among many of the growing needs mentioned during the discussion, that low-income persons aren't the only recipients of the Food Pantry's free food giveaways. The need is hitting the middle class too. The Pantry's clientele has reportedly risen 123% in three years.

Elderly needs are growing especially fast locally. Among them, the Friendship Center, the adult day care program, needs a new home. The council was told that money from the new fee could facilitate the project by attracting private donations and grants.

The fee will be paid by developers of new buildings and renovations, generating an estimated \$200,000 a year, or \$12.2 million by city buildout in 2030.

Meanwhile, the City Council will explore enacting a citywide fee, paid by all homeowners. This fee would be minimal (\$10 was mentioned) and would require voter approval, with a two-thirds majority required for passage.

We support the new development fee and commend the City Council for adopting it. It's an appropriate development fee, given that the increase in human/ social service needs is related to the area's population growth. The council is doing what is necessary to help sustain the humaneness of our community.

#### Fit In Both Body & Mind

Livermore's Rancho Las Positas Elementary School is the winner of the Bay Area regional award in the 2008 Governor's Challenge Competition.

Sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, the competition drew 152 Bay Area schools. Rancho Las Positas was one of eight schools at which 100% of the student body met the Governor's Challenge of being physically active 30-60 minutes a day, three days a week for a month. The school will receive a \$5000 check from the Governor's Council to be used to further promote fitness.

This award involves more than physical fitness. Academic fitness, too, is being significantly affected.

In hand with the increased physical activity, Rancho Las Positas's academic performance index has risen 8.5%, from 804 to 873, since the school joined the competition two years ago.

Jack Steinfeld, Governor's Council chairman, remarked, "We know fitness has a positive impact on health, focus and self-esteem. The students at Rancho Las Positas are helping to demonstrate that connection."

Adding a cheer that speaks for the Governor and all of us, Steinfeld exclaimed, "Way to go, Rancho!"

#### **APARTMENTS**

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TOD/mixed use development. I think this is the wrong project. It is too small to do the things we want. There is a housing cap with a limited number of units left. This project should be folded into the discussion of development along I-580. If you're going to build TOD, you have to do it right. You can't just build high density next to a station and call it TOD."

Sullivan said it is an attractive project. The city does need the affordable units. "However, we need to look at the big picture, talking about both BART stations at the same time. I don't think we will be able to build TOD in the Hacienda Business Park unless the housing cap were blown away."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman replied, "It's my belief we are talking about smart growth here. TOD will be discussed as part of Hacienda. If we can put together a project at high density, even if the cap is not blown away and I think it will be, the project can be taken to the voters . I would be willing to go to bat for a good project "

Sullivan countered, "My goal is to do something good within the cap."

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that if the current proposal were not approved, there is no guarantee that residential would be included in a future project. He argued that the project is included in the updated general plan and had received a lot of public input.

BART owns the 8.5 acres next to the station. In addition to the housing and retail, there will be a substation. A parking garage has been completed on 1.2 acres of the site. BART is leasing the land for 93 years for development.

ment.

The housing would range from 600 square feet to 1300 square feet, with the majority one and two bedroom units. Twenty percent of the units will be for those with very low income. There would be three courtyard areas to include a pool, spa, firepits, a children's play area and several water features. A fitness center would be part of the complex. There would be 460 parking spaces within the buildings and 222 surface spaces between the housing and the freeway.

The developer, Windstar

Communities, has a letter of intent from Safeway to occupy the majority of the retail space. About 1000 square feet would be

set aside for a police substation.
One of the issues concerns the future of the surface parking. The area where it would be built could be needed to build a flyover at the 580/680 intersection. The council asked that a plan be in place to replace the parking elsewhere

Councilmember Cindy McGovern asked that an additional five percent be set aside as moderate rate income units. She also asked that at the end of the 93 year period, the lease would be renegotiated to retain the affordable units.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio declared, "The affordable housing almost makes me giddy. TOD is about limiting our carbon footprint. The idea that this project is next to BART, the mall and offices is great."

The project will be able to be built using tax credits and bond financing, because it provides 20 percent affordability. The developer was concerned that changing the balance could impact the financing. "It is tough to get a loan for anything. I can't say we wouldn't obtain financing by adding 5 percent affordable. I haven't talked to any lenders," commented Eric Heffner of Windstar.

No one spoke in opposition to the project.

John Reynolds, representing BART, said that the architect is the award winning designer of the Fruitvale Station project. He pointed out that the public-private partnership helped to finance the parking garage. The development in Pleasanton and in Dublin is paying to build the station. "Without the projects, the station would not be coming out of the ground," he stated.

Steve Brozosky suggested the project could provide a demonstration project for TOD. The city could see how it works, the level of traffic generation, and the number of students generated.

Christine Steiner, a long time advocate for affordable housing, liked the number of low income units. "If you could add 5 percent that would be great."

Hosterman commented, "I think this is a beautiful project. I like the very affordable component. This is the kind of housing we need in Pleasanton."

#### Myers Suggests Sales Tax Help Fund Flood Fees

By Ron McNicoll

If Valley cities could divert some sales tax revenue to Zone 7 Water Agency, they would not have to worry about losing potential development a boost in the Zone 7 flood control fee

the Zone 7 flood control fee.

Zone 7 director Dale Myers made the proposal at the board's meeting Sept. 17. Myers said that the sales tax revenue would come from the commercial developments that the cities are afraid will be scared away by the Zone 7 fee hike.

The current flood control fee is 73 cents per square foot of newly covered surface. Zone 7 is proposing that it go to \$1.81. The fee hike could mean an increase of about \$1000 to \$2000 to builders for a single family home. However, the big financial impact on developers is in commercial property, and also large residential complexes. With thousands of square feet of buildings and parking lots in a shopping center, it could be quite costly.

Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin have developments on the near horizon that could be killed off if the flood control fee were boosted very soon, their representatives have said in the past few weeks.

Livermore said the fee hike would drive away the outlet mall proposed for a site near the airport.

Pleasanton said it would lose the 124-acre Staples Ranch development, which would include a senior life cycle center with 600 residential units, a 37acre auto mall, retail shops, a park and an ice rink.

Dublin is concerned about the commercial properties at West Dublin BART station, which will also include development on the Pleasanton side of the station. Dublin public works director Melissa Morton told directors at their meeting, "The BART project is tenuously balanced in regard to finances." She would like to see the fee allow grandfathering to accommodate the development.

#### TIMING IS THE ISSUE

The cities support the fee increase. Their only complaint is about the timing. They want Zone 7 to either impose the fee soon, grandfathering in the proposals almost ready for development, or delay the hike for an unspecified time, then increase it in stages over several years.

Myers said he was against grandfathering, because it violates the principle of equity. It favors the first developers over those who come later. However, if the board were to go along with a phase-in, Zone 7 still needs its total cash amount to cover the improvements it will make. The agency's policy is not to go to a bond issue in such a case, but to collect the fees as

development occurs, and carry out the work.

To avoid the favoritism shown in grandfathering the early developments, the cities could pay the hike from sales tax that the new developments will generate, said Myers. Zone 7, as a special district, has a property tax to support its flood control mission. However, it doesn't receive a dime from sales tax. Only cities, counties and the state have that revenue source.

The sales tax transfer to Zone 7 would be specific only to those developments. Zone 7 would not tap any other source of the city's sales tax.

Livermore vice mayor John Marchand, a former Zone 7 director, told the Independent later that he is not sure how Myers' suggestion would work out for Livermore in terms of the city diverting some of its sales tax.

The city already has an arrangement with the outlet mall developer to give the developer an amount over a sales tax cap from the development. For example, if revenue is \$1.2 million, and the cap is \$1 million, the developer would receive the \$200,000, according to Livermore city engineer Cheri Sheets. That arrangement reimburses the developer for putting in some of the infrastructure work, said Sheets.

Marchand said that there shouldn't be any need for sales tax diversion. Marchand said that Zone 7 could have an extra \$4 million from a quick fee hike from the outlet mall developer, at least in theory. However, in practice, the development would go away. There would be no revenue from it. Zone 7 would be sacrificing work on an important flood control project, the first project of its Steam Management Master Plan, because of what would be a dead-end insistence on \$4 million, said Marchand.

That first project, near El Charro Road, will total \$14 million. However, the benefits from it, because the work would be completed sooner, would amount to \$32 million, said Marchand. It's not worth taking in \$4 million to lose that advantage of the \$18 million savings, he said.

No one on the Zone 7 staff or board responded to Marchand's comment at the meeting. Assistant general manager Kurt Arends later told the Independent, "Without knowing the basis of their estimates, we are unable to respond"

Several audience members backed the notion of no grandfathering and no phase-in.

Livermore resident Doug Mannett said he opposed both. "Development should pay its own way," he said. He added, "If you grandfather or phase, you provide favorable status to those developers."

Dick Quigley stated, "We shouldn't grandfather. But phase it in? Yes." He said he'd be comfortable to increase the fee to \$1.30, which was an earlier proposal by Zone 7, before a new formula would be drawn up.

Then it could be ramped up to \$1.81.

Board president Sarah Palmer said, "We'll see what we can do with a compromise." She emphasized that the money has to be in Zone 7's hands when it starts the

Zone 7's hands when it starts the work. The board asked Zone 7 staff to meet with the cities' staffs to further study on estimated costs of the flood control projects.

#### LOWER WATER RATE BOOST PREFERRED

The board also looked at a committee recommendation for a water fee hike in 2009. Traditionally, the board approves the rates each October, so they can be enacted Jan. 1. Directors said

they liked an option that would boost the rates 16 percent next year, followed by increases that would bring the three- year total to 40.5 percent. The district would tap cash reserves and a special fund to help ease the blow.

Myers said he would like to keep another option in play for the decision to be made next month. That option would boost the rate next year to 22 percent, and have a three-year rate increase of 46 percent. It would not tan any Zone 7 standing funds

tap any Zone 7 standing funds.
The Valley's four water retailers prefer the 16 percent hike, said Pleasanton representative Steve Cusenza. The retailers understand the options. "These are tough economic times," he said.

Directors said they want more information from staff at the next meeting about next year's water supply, and about the process of drafting the water rate proposals.

#### MAILBOX

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

#### Don't Be Confused Anne Fox Erionds of Pleasanta

Friends of Pleasanton

In November 2000, 63,000+ Alameda County voters placed the grass roots "Open Space Initiative" Measure D to preserve vanishing open space lands, watersheds, and wildlife habitat on the ballot. Measure C, the socalled "Developers' Phony 'Open Space' Plan," was put on the ballot by selected county supervisors backed by big-money developers for the financial gain of a few developers, to silence the will of the voters, in the hope that voters would be confused. Voters weren't. Measure D passed. Measure C failed.

Now in Pleasanton, after 5000+ voters placed the "Save Pleasanton Hills/Housing Cap Initiative" Measure PP on the ballot, local developer-backed politicians have placed the "Developer's Phony 'Save the Hills' Plan" Measure QQ on the ballot for the financial gain of a few developers, to silence the will of the voters, in the hope that voters will be confused.

In 2000, voters weren't confused. Don't let the pro-uncontrolled growth politicians confuse you in 2008.

Within eastern Alameda County, development isn't permitted on slopes greater than 25% and buildings must not be on top of a ridgeline or hilltop. It is long overdue for Pleasanton to adopt the same standards.

Vote "yes" on Measure PP and "no" on QQ.

#### Selecting a President Albert J. Rothman Livermore

Editor: Do we Americans have a popularity contest for President of the US? Who is the most attractive candidate, one who we like to be with, who feels familiar to us? Or do we care who has integrity, intelligence and honesty?

Objective media observers have pointed out that the McCain/ Palin campaign has issued lies about Obama and other matters, including the Bridge to Nowhere in Alaska. Too bad McCain didn't keep his persona as a war hero and a true maverick. Recently it appears he is more concerned about winning the election and will do anything to achieve it.

Palin seems to have a streak of meanness that has shown up in her treatment of those in her administration. She is not above vindictive actions. How would she get along with Democrats if she became vice-president and, God help us, President of the US? And how much of her private religion would be imposed on the country as George Bush has

Listen to the interviews for Obama. His answers are candid, straightforward, and honest.

We Americans are on trial. Do we put in office the most qualified person? Or are we blinded by color and personality?

#### **DOWNTOWN**

in San Francisco.

MacCracken Architects will design the theater. The firm served as the architect for the Bankhead Theater and the commercial buildings that surround the plaza in front of the theater. Plant Construction Co. will build the facility. Plant constructed the Bankhead on time and under

budget, noted Dial.

Len Alexander, LVPAC Executive Director, said if all goes well, work should begin on the theater next summer. He noted that the regional theater would connect to the Bankhead via a walkway. "We are excited about how this is shaping up," he declared.

Support for the theater came from a variety of audience mem-

Sally Dunlop, a retired music teacher, told the council a regional theater would offer an opportunity for students to experience a wider range of theatrical experiences, including Broadway performances. Dunlop noted, "Listening to music on an Ipod and experiencing it live are different." One student after seeing a live performance chose a career in the theater world, she stated.

Michael Reichard, who manages the Retzlaff wine tasting room in the downtown, spoke of the positive economic impact of the Bankhead Theater. Since the Bankhead Theater opened, sales have increased by 216 percent, he said. He added that he is looking forward to a greater impact from the regional bleater.

Resident Rick Nordyke suggested that the council should not let the opportunity to build a regional theater in Livermore slip away. He pointed to Oakland, which lost the A's baseball team to Fremont because it did not move forward with a proposal to build a new stadium on Jack London Pier. Nordyke stated, "Even if it is a good product, with dodiligence done, there is always a faction that will look for problems, saying the glass is half empty. Now is the time to look at the project as half full and put your faith in professionals who have done their homework.

Tom O'Neill used a similar theme. He likened it to a marriage

where there is uncertainty, but the couple is willing to take a step

into a promising future.

The council should think of the two theaters as a family said Nancy Bankhead. The Bankhead Theater, the little sister, has brought in a lot of people. The regional theater, the big brother, will bring in many more people who will shop and dine in the downtown adding to the city's tax base, providing money for

many other things.

Don Meeker said he wasn't against the regional theater. He also is not interested in it. He suggested the council should take care of other local organizations such as the Heritage Guild first, before bringing in the theater.

Peggy Riley, a member of Shakespeare's Associates, agreed that the city should include groups such as the Heritage Guild in its plans. However, that should not stop the city from moving forward with the regional theater. "Downtown is quite a different place with all the changes. I think the performing arts are exciting for the downtown," said Riley.

Chuck Hartwig said that LVPAC has a proven record with the Bankhead that it can deliver a theater on time and under costs with higher attendance than expected. The Bankhead has opened the door to new performances. The Rae Dorough Speaker Series will bring in well known experts. Shakespeare's Associates will perform. Neither would have happened without the Bankhead, he said.

Valerie Raymond wondered why the city was moving forward with the ENRA before all of the questions about financing the theater had been addressed.

Vice Mayor John Marchand said that in order to answer questions about financing and operations, it is important to have all of the facts.

John Stein said the city should

John Stein said the city should proceed with the process. However, there are questions that need to be answered, such as who pays to construct the plaza in front of the theater and who pays to demolish the buildings on the site.

Ron Cortez felt the theater was important for children. He said there are people who aren't convinced the city can support a larger theater. "It is important to move forward and have that discussion. I think we can make it work. I have talked to a lot of people. There is strong support for the theater. There are also a lot of questions."

Former councilmember Tom Reitter, who now serves on the LVPAC board, talked about financing. He stated that the group of bankers that could provide a letter of credit focus on niche markets. Reitter said he didn't know what the economy would be like in the spring. ' "What is important is to keep the process going and have faith that something wonderful will happen. It is an opportunity that can be transforming for the downtown. The regional theater will increase the tax increment above what it would have been. It will also raise the quality of the development around it.

Five firms have been selected for further discussion regarding the development around the theater.

Barry Swenson Builders is currently working on a project for the former Groth Bros. site in Livermore. The Swenson proposal calls for more retail in the Livermore Village and a change in the housing mix. The regional theater is considered a valuable contribution to the site.

Downtown Livermore Partners is from Davis. Other than forsale residential units, the group holds onto developments for long term development purposes. The group is well capitalized with long standing relationships with large and medium financial institutions.

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Federal Development is an international company based in Washington, D.C. It specializes in public-private partnerships. The council was told that Federal has an advantage in that it has access to international financial markets. The theater would be part of the development.

Genesis Real Estate Firm is located in Dallas, Texas. Livermore Village was described as a challenging project in that it needs to provide everything residents, the city and financial institutions want. Genesis said it believes it has the resources to accomplish that. The firm offers expertise in high density infill

urban development. It had made an attempt to buy the Livermore Village site earlier, but found it didn't pencil out

didn't pencil out. Holliday Development emphasized its innovative approaches to design and mixed use development. Rick Holliday has worked for Eden Housing and helped found Bridge Housing. He described himself as scrappy and resourceful when it comes to financing. The opportunity to build around the regional theater is something our company would like to do," said Holliday. He mentioned that a project they are working on in Truckee is likely to include a performing arts the-

#### **BUDGET**

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There are also worries about the next state budget, because of the predictions for continuing economic woes through next year, said Casey.

Another option open to the school board is to spend all or part of the \$600,000 on programs or salaries. "The board can look at programs that were reduced last year, and at classified and management positions that were reduced, and also new programs," said Casev.

There were no pay increases for teachers and other school employees in the budget for 2008/09. Teachers are under a three-year contract. However, salary negotiations can be reopened at any time. "Salaries will be on the table, as employees face increased cost of gas and food. We talk to our unions about how we spend any new money that comes into the district," said Casey.

The Livermore school district is expected to receive about \$500,000 from the COLA increase, said Susan Kinder, the district's executive director of fiscal services.

Asked about where the money might be used, Kinder didn't single out any category. However, she said, "We are still in negotiations (on a teachers contract). Anything can happen." The contract for the last school year is still being negotiated.

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#### **MAYOR**

is headed. He believes the current council ignores the public. By not defending the Oak Grove referendum in court, the council did not support the right of the people to put a referendum on the ballot.

The council sponsored Measure QQ on the November ballot is confusing people, which Brozosky's feels was its purpose. The council could have campaigned against Measure PP, rather than supporting a competing measure, said Brozosky. He points out that the council did not need a ballot measure to move forward with creating a hillside protection ordinance. It could have assembled a task force and moved forward at any time.

Asked why he didn't support creation of a ridgeland protection ordinance, as directed by the general plan, when he was on the council, Brozosky said that there were no hillside developments coming to the council. "If there had been, I would have supported creation of an ordinance," he stated.

Brozosky brought up the issue of the Oak Grove development as an example of why PP is needed. (Oak Grove includes 51 units and 497 acres of permanent open space in the eastside hills.) "My biggest problem with it is that it was never reviewed completely by the planning commission. Once the commission failed to certify the EIR, the project was sent to the council where it was approved. I don't believe that if the planning commission had been able to tweak things and hold public hearings, we would have had a referendum or the initiative," Brozosky said.

He acted in an advisory capacity in writing Measure PP, the citizens' initiative. He believes the most important provision is that it would protect the housing cap by providing a definition of a housing unit. Without the definition, there was talk of exempting such things as senior units and workforce housing from the cap. The proposed definition is consistent with the census description of a unit, Brozosky said.

"The citizens voted in the cap. The city needs to defend it, Brozosky stated. He would be open to having developers put their proposal on the ballot to see if people would accept them, even if it does mean the housing cap would be exceeded. "Let people decide if a project is good enough, if they are willing to go over the cap," he said.

Brozosky thinks it will be difficult to build transit oriented development (TOD) in Hacienda Business Park because the housing mass needed to accomplish the objectives won't be available. At the same time, the business park is the easiest place to build affordable housing, because the infrastructure is in place. The eastside offers another opportunity for affordable housing. The city needs to complete a specific plan for the eastside, to provide a blueprint as to what the city wants to see built there.

When it comes to providing affordable housing, Brozosky prefers rental to ownership units. He says people stay in the ownership housing. However, the rental units send a message that says the city is willing to help people. "We expect and have faith that you will do better."

He argues that if you look at all of the amenities provided in Pleasanton, housing is already affordable. "People move here for the parks and the world class schools. In other areas, where parents pay for private schools, the \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year they pay is gone. If they were to invest the same money in a mortgage payment in Pleasanton, they have an investment at the end of the same period of time. Pleasan-

ton is a good deal when you look at the total costs and benefits," he declared.

One type of project he has been pushing for is Habitat for Humanity. "I have encouraged developers to provide land or help with infrastructure. I guarantee you, the community will get behind it. They will see it as a source of pride. Habitat for Humanity is a hand-up, not a handout," he said.

Traffic is congested, creating a situation where pedestrians are not safe. Because traffic is not moving, drivers are becoming aggravated. They speed to get where they are going, he said. Brozosky suggested taking photos of speeders, then sending the photo with a letter from the poice telling them not to speed.

He believes lights need to be synchronized better. The technology is available to accomplish that. When people sit at red lights, they are wasting fuel and polluting the air. Perhaps we should establish a traffic commission to work on traffic and safety, Brozosky suggests. Brozosky said that breaking the city into quadrants and working on traffic flow in each could be one way to help alleviate congestion. "Most people aren't driving across the entire city. It is unrealistic to solve the entire traffic pattern," he commented.

The Stoneridge Drive extension should not become another lane on the freeway. To avoid that, the extension should be built in conjunction with improvements to Highway 84, extensions of Jack London Blvd. and Dublin Blvd. He suggests that allowing right turns only from Stoneridge to El Charro and Stanley could help solve some of the concerns. The city could use GPS data to show that speeds were slower on Stoneridge than on the freeway, keeping people on the freeway.

'We don't have good communications with other jurisdictions," continued Brozosky. "We have to work together to solve issues, such as traffic congestion, that impact all of us.

He offered ideas for helping promote business in the city. He said he is concerned about the future of downtown. "There are too many vacancies. Pleasanton has competition it didn't have before. Livermore has done a good job; Dublin has a lot of things going. We can't take our downtown for granted by allowing a bank on every corner," he commented. Brozosky believes the arts center will add to the vitality of the downtown. He pointed out that when he was on the council he convinced his fellow councilmembers to provide the \$6 million seed money for the arts center. "I convinced them that the foundation couldn't raise money without a financial commitment from the city," according to Brozosky.

We need to work on the entire downtown area to bring in the right kinds of businesses. Perhaps an improvement district, where fees or taxes could be deferred, would provide incentive. The city needs to invest in the downtown core. Empty buildings do not provide tax revenue,"

To help reduce the number of people commuting out of the city to jobs, Brozosky said he would recruit companies that match the skills of workers in Pleasanton.

When it comes to water, Brozosky wonders why the state continues to build. The water infrastructure is not there to support continued building. The city itself should stop approving development that requires large areas of landscaping that require irrigation. The city should set an example by planting drought tolerant landscaping, he contends.

One of his pet peeves is the new firestation on the Bernal property. He supports the high level of green building used at the station. However, he is annoyed that the city has not tracked operational savings and positive or negative impacts. "Building green is a no brainer," he said. "Even if something is good it may never pay off. However, it is important to look at the benefit, to trade costs for improving the environment. Providing data will also let residents know what works best in their homes or businesses.'

When it comes to council meetings, he does not like the fact that the time speakers are allotted has been reduced from five minutes to three minutes. He says it has not shortened the meetings. It has served to irritate people. He suggested that presentation of awards and proclamations could take place earlier, and the business of the meeting start at 7 p.m. "It is frustrating for people who have scheduled business before the council when their issues are heard late or continued," said Brozosky.

If elected, he would keep looking at public safety. He is happy with the new police chief and the level of police presence. The new BART station and expansion of Stoneridge Mall would likely require more law enforcement.

#### JENNIFER HOSTERMAN

Jennifer Hosterman has lived in Pleasanton for 20 year. Her husband, Michael is an attorney operating his own practice in downtown Pleasanton. They have three daughters.

Hosterman graduated from the University of San Francisco with a Bachelor's degree and from the John F. Kennedy School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. She enjoys outdoor activities, cooking, and spending time with her family when not participating in civic activities. Prior to being elected to the City Council in 2002, she was Chair of the Bernal Property Task Force and a founding member of the City of Pleasanton Energy Committee. She was elected Mayor of Pleasanton in November of 2004, the first woman in the city's history to fill

Hosterman said she is seeking reelection because she is committed to seeing through some of the regional and local traffic issues she has worked on during her first two terms in office. Her top priority would be to find funding for improvements to Highway

"Highway 84 is critical to relieving congestion in Pleasanton. The \$200 million pricetag to improve 84 is one of the least costly projects," according to Hosterman. She added that Assembly Alberto Torrico has committed to help obtain the fund-

Local arterials need to be opened at some point, including Stoneridge Drive. "I support the extension of Stoneridge Drive given where we are with the Staples Ranch project. It's time has come. I can't ask our community to use I-580 to access Staples Ranch." Hosterman does believe that it is important that Livermore extend Jack London and Dublin extend Dublin Blvd. so that Pleasanton does not bear the brunt of cross-valley traffic.

When it comes to the two hillside measures on the November ballot, she has written arguments in favor of Measure QQ, which the council majority placed on the ballot.

Hosterman explained that Measure PP, the initiative by the community, if passed, would be the beginning of a number of lawsuits. "One of my jobs as mayor is to safeguard taxpayer dollars. The last thing we need is a lot of lawsuits." She added in explaining her support of QQ, "I don't just represent the people who signed the initiative petitions, but the entire community. I felt that the community deserved to have another choice."

She also believes that Measure PP contains loopholes that would allow for construction of large homes on hillsides, referring to the 10-unit exemption. "Measure PP lacks language to truly preserve the ridgelines. On the other hand, QQ provides for an open public process that would produce an ordinance that would protect the ridgelines. The council has heard loud and clear that protection of the ridgelines

If the council knew of the importance of protecting ridgelines why didn't it move forward with an ordinance? Hosterman said the council has been busy with other projects the residents have said are important. She mentioned the Firehouse Arts Center, construction of the Adobe Alviso Park, restoration of Kottinger Creek and the Veterans Building, and moving forward with amenities on the Bernal property.

In addition, said Hosterman, there are already a number of policies in the general plan that provide protections. The issue in this election is that there is no specific ordinance to deal with the southeast hills. If Measure QQ were approved, her goal would be to have an ordinance completed in less than a year. She doesn't favor placing it on the ballot, saying that would delay implementation.

The Oak Grove project with its 51 units and 497 acres of open space in the southeast hills led to the initiative and an earlier referendum. Hosterman said there has to be a balance between what level property owners are allowed to develop while at the same time safeguarding our natural resources. She says that careful consideration was given to the placement of the units in Oak Grove to have the least impact on sensitive areas.

"Oak Grove is a model for good development. There are two other projects coming forward in the southeast hills. If the city could come up with similar projects, with the fewest units and most open space, they would get the green light from the council. If I'm still mayor, I envision open space from Callippe Preserve to Shadow Cliffs within the

urban growth boundary. I think

Hosterman believes the housing cap may be going away, referring to the legal challenge by Urban Habitat. While the city has asked the California Supreme Court to review the case, Hosterman notes, "If the court does not take it up, there would be a reversal of our cap." She continued, "If that happens, there is a plus side. The cap has given the city an opportunity to carefully look at what types of housing it would like and where it would be built. We have gained a better understanding of smart growth. In the future, instead of arguing over small numbers of units, we can discuss appropriate densities and placement near transit that make sense," stated Hosterman.

She thinks there is a tremendous challenge in building affordable/workforce housing given the high cost of land in the city and the fact that Pleasanton has the highest median income for a city of its size in the United

Hosterman pointed to the 350 apartment units approved near the West BART station as a step in the right direction. Twenty percent of them are affordable. 'In my mind it is the type of transit oriented development we want to see. I believe there is an opportunity to provide additional high density development near the mall. In addition, I am committed to looking at the opportunity in the Hacienda Business Park of creating higher density TOD next to the BART sta-

She said, yes, she would go to bat for a project that she believes would be good for the community, even if it would take the city over the housing cap, if the cap

Water is an issue facing the entire state, says Hosterman. She is proud of the new water element in the updated general plan. The element contains policies that require the city to use drip irrigation in future projects, among other provisions.

Pedestrian safety is a big issue, Hosterman said. She says that placing blinking lights and running lights at a crosswalk near Safeway has been effective in helping people cross Santa Rita Road safely. Perhaps there is an opportunity to do something similar at other crosswalks. In addition, people have to slow

Hosterman added that work is underway on a bike/pedestrian master plan that would allow the city to go after funding to build infrastructure to help make it safer for walkers and cyclists to move

around the city. When it comes to businesses and jobs, Hosterman believes there are tremendous opportunities in the green building area. People will be needed to install such things as double paned windows and photovoltaic systems. She explained that the energy efficiency economy is moving quickly. The jobs are replacing the post-industrial jobs that have gone overseas. In the past, people were able to pull themselves out of poverty by moving up the industrial ladder. Those jobs are not there today. "The new economy is going to create jobs that will be located in every community in America," according to Hosterman.

While there are vacancies in the downtown, Hosterman said she is not concerned. "The reality is there is a 5 to 6 percent vacancy rate in the downtown. It is such a vibrant place to be, I believe it will continue to attract quality businesses. The city may need to create a position for someone who could actively seek new businesses that fit Pleasanton, then help to find spaces for those businesses to occupy.'

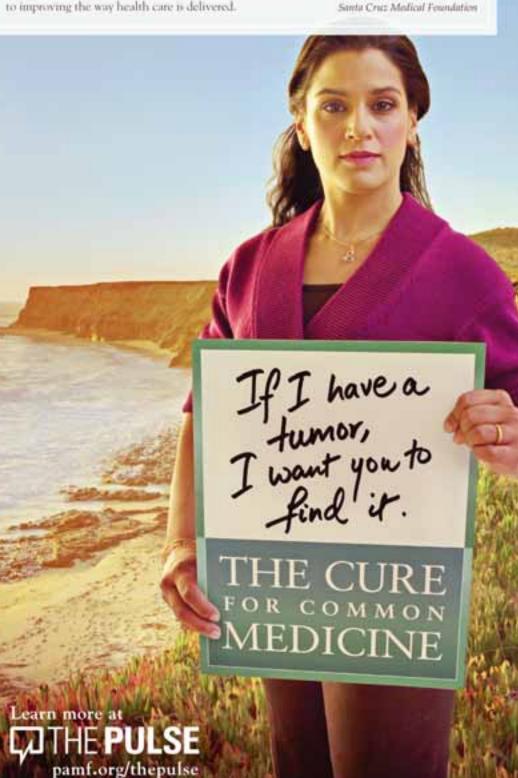
Asked about limiting the amount of time speakers can address the city council, Hosterman said she knows her opponent is making it a campaign issue. However, she says that for the most part people are able to make their message clear in two to three minutes. "In an effort to move the agenda along, I have asked speakers to keep within three minutes. I do say that if they need more time, they can take it. Few people have asked for more time.'

She does agree that meetings do take a long time. She said that she has encouraged her fellow councilmembers to get as many questions answered as possible ahead of the meeting. Questions could still be addressed at meetings, particularly those asked by the public.

Hosterman stated, "I want to continue to work to improve the quality of life in Pleasanton. I look forward to a community that embraces all people, and finds ways to safeguard not only economic diversity, but social and ethnic diversity as well."







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#### **ASSEMBLY**

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#### JOAN BUCHANAN

Joan Buchanan has served on the San Ramon Valley School Board for 20 years, including four terms as president. Prior to that, she worked in the private sector as Director of Commercial Operations at Delta Dental.. She lives in Alamo.

In discussing the current state budget crisis, Buchanan says there are two main reasons behind it. The biggest is the requirement for a two-thirds vote to approve a budget. The other reason is "unprecedented partisanship. Republicans take the no new taxes pledge before they are elected. Democrats on the left are entrenched in their positions. There are not enough legislators in the middle working to create a solution," according Buchanan.

When it comes to the twothirds requirement, Buchanan says people don't trust government enough to want it changed. Perhaps a 55 percent or 60 percent majority vote would be acceptable.

Buchanan says she can work with all factions. She says she has worked across party lines for many years to create solutions for the school district. "I want to do what's right, rather than get credit for something. I can compromise without comprising my basic values," she stated.

The state cannot continue to borrow its way out of budget deficits, Buchanan declared. It is paying \$1.5 billion in debt service each year. "In the meantime, people are being hurt. That is unacceptable."

Buchanan suggests it is time to consider a two year budget cycle, for the state to undertake more long term planning. There should be a growth model looking at multiple years. "Short term planning is not working. The state needs to have reserves, a budget balanced in a real way." She added, "This is a budget that requires shared sacrifice to move forward to a time the state can become more solvent."

Having more money come into the state is necessary. She would not increase the sales tax, viewing it as a hardship on lower income people and on industries such as car sales. "Some proposals make sense, such as the idea of adding \$10 to the vehicle license fee. The money would be used to provide access to state parks."

While not endorsing the idea, she says there is a need to look at restoring the top income tax bracket. She would work to close tax loopholes. "Cutting medications for the disabled while exempting private plane and yacht purchases from paying sales tax says the wrong thing about our state values. It certainly does not reflect my values," Buchanan states.

Education is one of the keys to moving the state forward. "I see too much discussion about whether the economy is grown by Wal-Mart or investing in jobs of the future, such as biotech. My concern is about growing the middle class. To do that, you have to invest in education, provide people with the skills to be able to qualify for good jobs," Buchanan said. She points out that there are shortages of doctors, nurses, engineers and other skilled people. Rather than recruiting from out of state, the focus should be on preparing California residents to take these jobs. The bottom line is that when people make more money, there is more money coming into the

state.

Buchanan sees it as a lack of leadership that education is not a greater focus of concern. There is something wrong when a 4.0 student cannot get into UC, she commented. There needs to be job training and access to higher education, among other changes.

Prison reform is an issue. The state has the highest incarceration rate in the United States. "We look at the problem backwards. There is a need to keep kids out of prison in the first place," she continued, citing the State of Missouri as an example. The state has decentralized its juvenile detention centers, creating smaller ones where the kids are surrounded by counselors and academic support. The number of kids who are repeat offenders has dropped to 10 percent.

Congestion is an ongoing issue. Buchanan supports BART to Livermore. She is also supportive of the high speed rail, which she points out will help take both people and freight off roads. "It makes sense," she stated. She would make sure this area receives its share of state infrastructure dollars. The new HOV lane on I-580 will help relieve some of the congestion.

Planning communities can help alleviate congestion by putting the jobs where people live. "Smart growth, while protecting urban growth boundaries, is a way to take cars off the road.

There is also a need to invest more in regional transportation that is linked."

Buchanan is a strong supporter of urban growth boundaries. She favors agriculture water for North Livermore. When it comes to New Farm, a controversial development in the Tassajara Valley, Buchanan said there is a need to respect the will of voters and follow the right process. Voters instituted an urban growth boundary, which will be revisted in the future.

Immigration is an issue that the federal government needs to deal with. The state should put pressure on the federal government to do a better job of controlling the borders. "Unless you are Native American, you're here because someone has immigrated. California relies on immigrant labor for everything from getting crops to the market to more engineers in Silicon Valley," Buchanan added.

Health care is another issue facing the state and the country. Buchanan supports cradle to grave universal care.

Any system should contain four critical elements. One would be to protect the provider-patient relationship. The second would be to have reimbursements at a level that causes physicians to be willing to practice in the state. The third would be to create a system that focuses on preventive rather than curative care. And finally, any health care system should be independent of the government. A commission of professionals could oversee it. However, the funds to run it would be separate from the general fund and protected from access by the state. Financing of the system would have to be shared among the government, business and employees.

In the meantime, we need to make the current system work better, continued Buchanan. She supports the bill that prevents insurance companies from canceling for medical reasons. In addition, the pre-authorization system needs to be changed to make it more workable for people.

Attracting and retaining business and industry to the state is critical. The passage of the stem cell research bond was a good start. It has made the state an incubator for stem cell research. Other areas of focus should be biotech, green technologies, and

If elected, she would like to "green" state buildings. "If we could get most of the energy from solar, that would save on utility bills," she explained.

She has not decided how she stands on redistricting. The measure on the ballot has some great elements, such as creating compact districts. However, the fact that it requires complete agreement among the task force members could mean that we wind up in the courts. "I'm not sure we want the courts making political decisions," she stated.

Water is of particular interest to the 15th Assembly District, because a major source of water, the Delta, is located within the district. It is very important to correct the Delta. A draft plan is being prepared that protects the environment and generates an adequate water supply for both urban and agriculture uses. She is hopeful that it will work and that all parties will support it. Buchanan adds that the issue of levee repair needs to be addressed.

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Asked why voters should chose her over her opponent, Buchanan stated, "I bring valuable experience from the private sector. I have created corporate budgets and run large operational divisions. I know how to work with people. In my public sector experience, I was able to take the school district out of the red to a balanced budget. I leave it with reserves, a rainy day fund and an irrevocable trust to deal with retirement costs."

She continued, "I believe that we all serve the same people and need to work for the common

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good. I won't take a 'no new taxes pledge' or align myself with the other side. I plan to work across party lines to eliminate the gridlock in Sacramento."

#### ABRAM WILSON

Abram Wilson was elected to the San Ramon City Council in November 1999, appointed mayor in 2002 and then became San Ramon's first elected mayor in 2003. He was unopposed in both his 2005 and 2007 mayoral re-election campaigns.

Wilson said the current state budget crisis is one of the reasons he is seeking the Assembly seat. He supports a nonpartisan effort to deal with the deficit, believing it is in the best interest of all to work together, not support party line solutions. "I will make sure lawmakers are cognizant of who they work for," declared Wilson. "The bottom line is that any solution should address what's in the best interest of everyone."

"Communication is important. My ability to talk to people has worked, not just in San Ramon, but with all of the cities in the region. It is important to start talking before problems arise," he added.

He pointed to the City of Vallejo as an example of people not talking and working towards a solution. The city is bankrupt. "It does no good to keep giving people raises and pensions and then go bankrupt," he stated.

Wilson believes the final state budget this year will represent a compromise.

He supports budget reform as a way of avoiding future stalemates. He points out that as mayor he sun-setted every program in San Ramon to determine which were cost effective. "I believe funds are being wasted in Sacramento. Every program should be analyzed," he stated. "People are hurting. There has to be reform."

"I believe we need less spending, not higher taxes to solve our budgetary problems. If we sunset all programs, it will force the Legislature to spend more time on oversight. That will improve delivery of vital services. I support a spending cap based on population and inflation growth that mandates a reserve for when times are tough. I believe our constituents want us to solve problems, not cover them up by approving more taxes," he stated.

Among programs to consider is prison reform. "We need to look at why people keep going back to prison, to find out what's not working in the system. Rather than throwing money at the problem, we need to find solutions," according to Wilson.

He supports Proposition 6 – the Safe Neighborhoods Act – a comprehensive public safety funding initiative that targets street gangs and drug dealers that also increases funding for local law enforcement.

Education is important for the future economic health of the state, Wilson said. Both of his parents were educators. Wilson says he has worked to strengthen the educational system. He would continue his battle for equalization of funding by showing people how it benefits them to have all of the school districts on equal footing when it comes to funding.

Wilson believes it is possible to stretch education dollar by reducing inflexible categorical grants so that schools can spend those funds as they see fit. "It makes no sense for local schools to pay for a mandated program when the state doesn't fully fund

Vocational education is important. Wilson said he would work with corporations to find out what skills graduates should have in order to work at their companies. He would bring representatives of those corporations into the classroom to help educate kids. When the kids leave school, they will be job ready.

When it comes to immigration, Wilson said that there are rules and regulations that should be followed. "It's not fair for those who come here legally. Legal immigration has enriched both California and America, but we must have a state border patrol

to stop illegal immigration."

He supports programs that bring in workers legally. He cites the Bracero program as one that worked. Resident workers were brought into California to harvest crops, then returned home. It had the advantage of also protecting the workers from abuse, because they were documented, he said. On the other end of the job spectrum, Wilson notes too many bio-tech and high-tech companies are struggling to find domestic technical labor and that's hurting businesses. "I'll work with the federal government to increase H-1B visa quotas and allow immigrants who obeyed the law to enter our work force," he said.

Wilson has worked with other cities in the region on transit and transportation issues. He said that has been the key to obtaining funding to help relieve congestion.

He suggests expanding I-580 to five lanes in both directions while adding HOV lanes and widening Vasco Road to four lanes with a full length median barrier.

Wilson supports BART to Livermore. "Moving people is important," he declared.

He is less sure of the proposed high speed rail project. He said he still has to evaluate it. "It sounds good. It's the cost and the details I am concerned about."

Another area he believes is important is local control. "It is imperative. That's why San Ramon became a city." Wilson said he would respect urban growth boundaries, that is important to work as a region to know what each community wants. The New Farm development in Tassajara Valley has been an issue, because the property is outside the urban growth boundary. Wilson said that he looks to the residents of those areas to determine what they want. The city's general plan, approved in 2002 by San Ramon residents, spells out San Ramon's desire to eventually control the Tassajara Valley. "Ultimately, when we do anything it would go on the ballot," according to Wilson.

There is a need for California to attract and retain businesses as a way of providing jobs that will make the state economy stronger. "If they are successful, the state is. We should not keep taxing them to the point they leave. If they do leave, we have nothing," commented Wilson. "A stronger, vibrant economy benefits everyone."

It is important move the economy forward. "To do that, it is important to cut regulations, to make it easier for businesses to locate in the state. You can approve all the social programs in the world, but they are not going to attract businesses," he said.

water is a key issue. The Delta is mainly situated within the 15th Assembly District. A plan needs to be in place to protect the environment and the water. Water is important for urban uses, agriculture and habitat, he declared. Wilson believes there is a need to provide more storage for water above and below ground so water is available when it is needed, such as during the current drought. The issue of the safety of the levees needs to be addressed.

When it comes to health care, the state should think outside the box.

He doesn't see universal care as a solution. "A government-run, universal health care program will only lower quality and create the rationing of health care.

The market will control it and be able to come up with solutions. More competition among insurers could provide better health care options. Currently, health care costs are spiraling

out of control.

"Let's allow individuals to carry their health insurance between jobs, permit tax deductions for all medical expenses, encourage out-of-state insurers to compete in California and expand community-based health clinics," he stated.

The state should encourage energy efficiency. For one thing, it is a way to save money. All types of energy generation should be available. "There is no one solution," he commented.

Wilson supports the redistricting proposal on the November ballot.

Asked why voters should chose him, Wilson declared, "I have a proven record of working with constituents on both sides of the aisle. I have balanced the budget in San Ramon and leave it with reserves and rainy day funds. My door is always open. I have already accomplished many of the things other candidates said they will do. I will be fair and honest. I have support from both sides of the aisle." He notes that all members of the Livermore City Council, with the exception of Councilmember Jeff Williams, have endorsed him.

#### Friends of Livermore Committee Endorses Buchanan for Assembly

The Friends of Livermore Committee (FOLC) has endorsed Joan Buchanan for the State Assembly District 15 seat currently held by Guy Houston, who is termed out.

FOLC has only made one endorsement for state partisan office in the past, because it is a non-partisan group focusing on land use issues. Because of her positions on these land use issues that, feels compelled to support her now, states Bob Baltzer, chair of FOLC..

Joan's positions on land use are clear. She supports Smart Growth with defendable Urban Growth Boundaries, transit oriented development and infill to meet housing needs. She supports local agriculture in and close to cities to preserve the area's agricultural heritage while reducing the carbon footprint of food transportation. Specifically, she supports the acquisition of recycled water for agriculture in the North Livermore Valley. She stands behind the principles of the 2000 Alameda County Measure D and the 2002 Livermore UGB initiative.

Buchanan is a Democrat running against San Ramon

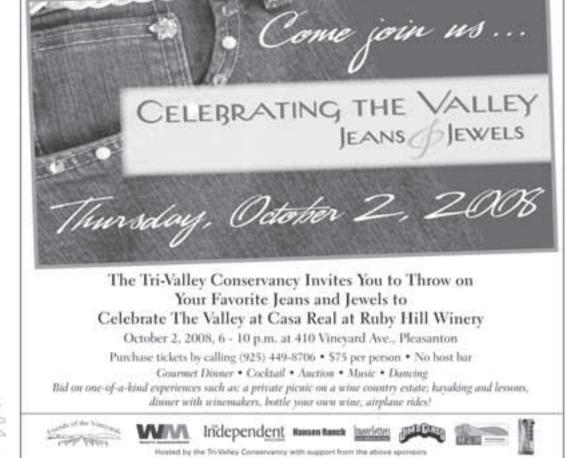
Mayor, Republican, Abram Wilson. Wilson has favored urban development outside the present Contra Costa Urban Growth Boundary and thinks that Greenfield development is appropriate if a few amenities come with it.

In the business world, Buchanan's financial and analytical skills made her Director of Commercial Operations for Delta Dental before the age of 30. She left the private sector to raise her five children and in the process became one of the San Ramon Valley's most effective activists, according to Baltzer.

Her nearly 20-year service on the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) Board included 4 terms as president. Under Joan's leadership the district took a new direction and SRVUSD now ranks among the top 5% of all school districts in California.

"Buchanan's expertise in negotiating, budgeting and organizational development combined with her entrepreneurial approach ensure that she can hit the ground running in the Assembly and be an effective advocate for the positions that we all support," concludes Baltzer.





#### **Earthquake Map Identifies Areas of Concern**

Following a 90-day technical review period, two maps that establish earthquake hazard zones in the East Bay Area are now official. The maps designate areas where special precautions may have to be implemented in new development and construction projects in order to protect life and property in the event of a large quake.

Liquefaction zones include much of downtown Livermore, from Highway 580 to just north of Bess Avenue; Livermore Airport; the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center; and city hall as well as Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Earthquakes of magnitude 5.5 or greater can trigger landslides or liquefaction, a phenomenon in which soil temporarily loses its ability to support structures. The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act mandating the maps was passed after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which triggered significant landslide and liquefaction damage throughout the Bay Area.

"These maps are similar to those that define potential flood or wildfire areas," said State Geologist John Parrish, head of the California Geological Survey, which issued the maps. "Although the maps prompt a disclosure element in real estate transactions for existing properties, the earthquake hazard zones are created with an eye toward future construction and are part of our efforts to be prepared."

Communities covered fully or in part by the maps include Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Castro Valley and Hayward. Each map covers an area of about 60 square miles known as a "7.5minute quadrangle."

The maps establish Zones of Required Investigation. For development within a zone, the lo-

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early next year.

cal building department must require - before permits are issued that a registered geologist investigate the site for evidence of liquefaction or landslide potential. If such evidence is found, design modifications must be made in the planning stage.

CGS also announced the release of a preliminary Seismic Hazard Zone map for the Altamont Quadrangle, which includes part of the City of Livermore east of the City Civic Center complex. Like the maps released today, this map will become official after a 90-day review opportunity for governments and geotechnical experts, followed by a 90-day revision opportunity for CGS

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What the new maps show: • Dublin Quadrangle: About 10 square miles of land, mainly east of Highway 680, are in Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction. The zones run from the border with Contra Costa County in the north to the county fairgrounds in the southeast, with a finger continuing south along Arroyo de la Laguna. There are additional liquefaction zones on the floors of several canvons flowing to the west, such as Dublin and Hollis canyons, and along Palomares Creek. Borehole logs of test holes drilled in Livermore Valley indicate the widespread presence of near-surface soil layers composed of saturated, loose sandy sediments.

Roughly 30 square miles of hilly land in the southwestern half of the Dublin Quadrangle are designated as Zones of Required Investigation for earthquake-induced landslides. Portions of Castro Valley and the Castlewood Country Club also are included in landslide zones.

• Livermore Quadrangle: About 19 square miles of land

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property for over 50 years but his

dedication has never waned. "I

believe in each bottle of

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are designated as Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction. The liquefaction zones encompass about two-thirds of the Livermore Valley floor and most of the stream valleys and canyons leading into the surrounding

The combined total area within the Livermore Quadrangle designated as Zones of Required Investigation for earthquake-induced landslides is roughly 15 square miles. Most of the zones are concentrated in two separate hilly areas, one north of Highway 580 in the Mount Diablo foothills to the Contra Costa County border, the other southeast of downtown Pleasanton.

• Altamont Quadrangle (preliminary): About nine of the 20 square miles of valley floor within the Altamont quadrangle are designated Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction, within which there is evidence of the widespread presence of near-surface soil layers composed of saturated, loose sandy and silty sediments.

About 14 of the 40 square miles of upland area within the quadrangle are designated Zones of Required Investigation for earthquake-induced landslide hazard. Most are concentrated in the northeast, southeast, and southwest parts of the quadrangle, where slopes are generally steeper and/or rock strengths are generally weaker. Numerous historical landslides, including two of the largest mapped in the quadrangle, occur along the trace of the active Greenville Fault.

## Middle School Students In Running for Scholarships

Six award winners of the 2008 Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in March are among 300 students selected nationwide as semifinalists in the Society for Science and the Public (SSP) U.S. Middle School Competition.

The students will vie for more than \$40,000 in scholarships. The local students selected are: Nikhil Gupta and Gokul Ramesh of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Garrett Stevenson of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and Uzair Mohammad, Dana Hartman and Kevin Johnson of the Livermore Valley Charter School

The students, in 5th through 8th grades when their entry was submitted, won the nomination by excelling at their regional or state science fair. Each entrant submitted written essays of their science, math and engineering projects. Projects of selected semifinalists included research on water purification and fuel cells, mathematical algorithms, and the amount of lead present in a student lunch box.

Finalists will receive an allexpense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for a four-day event to be held in October. In the nation's capital, finalists will compete for more than \$40,000 in scholarships provided by the SSP. The top 10 winners will be selected based on presentation of their original science fair project and participation in team scientific activities to be held at the Koshland Science Museum and announced Oct. 22.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory conducts the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair (TVSEF) in March every year. The fair is geared for students in grades 7 through 12 from Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Sunol. Students compete for cash and other prizes, as well as a chance to represent the TVSEF at the next level of competition either the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair or the California State Science Fair.

"Given the caliber of science projects submitted to the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, it's no surprise that these students were selected for the SSP competition," said Nadine Horner, fair director. "We wish them all the best of luck."

To learn more about the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, go to the Web at https://tvsef.llnl.gov/ To learn more about the Society for Science and the Public, go to the Web at www.societyforscience.org.

## RODEO CORNER

The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association has formed a non-profit arm for the purpose of raising funds to help certain groups within the community.

The Livermore Rodeo Foundation's (LRF) primary goal is to help Veterans, schools and civic groups. Another goal is to provide scholarship funds to students who focus on agriculture based degrees. The Stockmen feel its organization is ideally positioned to impact the town's needs while promoting the heritage and tradition of Rodeo in Livermore.

Non-profit organizations can receive donations from almost any organization or individual but has to distribute that money to other non-profit entities such as schools, the VA Hospital or the Breast Cancer Library at Valley Memorial. The benefit of donating to a foundation instead of directly to an organization, in most cases, is the pooling of money to achieve bigger and better things. Among the possibilities would be to refurnish some rooms at the local VA Hospital or to support an after school Agriculture program at the high schools. Other ideas include sponsoring a local 5k run to support the Breast Cancer Library or fund the repair of Veterans' graves at the local cemeteries. Donations to the Livermore Rodeo Foundation will be tax deductible and will be managed by a volunteer Board of Directors gathered from local businesses and residents.

The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association (LSRA) was formed to support the efforts of the Red Cross in helping soldiers and Veterans. Initially the rodeos were held for the purpose of raising funds to achieve this goal. Now, in addition to keeping the Rodeo alive, LSRA is trying to support Veterans, schools and community. By supporting the Rodeo and the Foundation, residents will help to keep an integral part of the local heritage alive. At the same time, residents will be instrumental in touching the lives of local Veterans, students and several other groups that really need our help.

The decision was made at the annual stockholders meeting on September 2. A new board was also elected. It is as follows: President Don Podesta, Vice President Neal Hornbeck, Secretary Christie Dixson, and Treasurer Mark Cardoza. Directors: Scootie Castello, Craig Rivers, Don Staysa, John Goltz, Tim Ponder, Donnie Perry, Stan Kueffer, Dave Fagundes, Sheila Fagliano, Jr Castello, Carol Rivers

LSRA notes, "We're excited to get going and things are starting fast. December has the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's (PRCA) annual convention and National Finals Rodeo. This is the convention where we meet with our National Sponsors, sign the Specialty Act, bullfighters, barrel man/rodeo clown and announcer. It's also where we keep up with the professional sport of rodeo, the state of the sport and the future of the sport. Livermore Rodeo is a PRCA sanctioned rodeo and has voting rights on the direction the sport takes.

"It's funny how fast time goes. Mark your calendars for June 13th and 14th 2009 and get your family and friends to town. It'll be a weekend they won't forget and a perfect way to create lifelong memories."

#### Water-Wise Workshop Planned

A water-wise gardening and water efficiency workshop will be presented Tues., Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Library.

The free workshop is co-sponsored by Zone 7 Water Agency and Alden Lane Nursery, with participation from other area nurseries and from the Bay-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening Program.

The workshop will provide information on ways to create a beautiful, low-maintenance and water-conserving garden around your home, the amount of water plants really need, types of plants are the most drought-tolerant, and the role of mulch in water conservation

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There will also be information about rebates for water saving washing machines and toilets, and indoor water efficiency.



#### SPORTS NOTES

#### Champion Powerlifter

Kevin Lois, a 15 yr. 2-sport athlete at Livermore High School, competed in the American Powerlifting Association spon-sored competition held in Sacramento, CA.

on Sept. 14. He competed in the 165 lb. raw division (no equipment) and broke all four existing teenage World and American records in his first competition. Kevin had seven successful lifts out of a maximum of nine. He lifted a combined total of 835 lbs. This included a 350 lb. "dead lift" pull on his final attempt smashing the existing World and American

Kevin has now qualified to compete in the 2009 World Championships in Vermont.

#### Livermore Youth Soccer Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite

& Traveling House game results: Livermore Elite Soccer High-Comp, Division-1, Gold U-19 Girls Arsenal (3) vs. Walnut Creek Rampage (1): The Livermore Arsenal took on the Walnut Creek Rampage last Saturday and dominated the visiting team from start to finish. With only three subs, the Arsenal reached deep and looked solid throughout the afternoon. Christi Wallace scored unassisted on a well controlled move through defenders early in the first half. Logan LeVan followed up with a score from about 30 yards out in front of the net. After the Rampage scored its only goal, the Aresnal returned to its assertive play and Cristi Wallace scored her second goal of the

Gold U-12 Girls MDSL Shockwave (3) vs. Livermore Elite Venom (0) Livermore Elite Venom U12 Girls hosted the MDSL Shockwave in a league match at Kellman field Saturday. After giving up a goal in the first 90 seconds, the girls stepped up and played an even match. Venom got continual pressure from Kaitlyn Lipman up front and Kylie Long in the middle, creating numerous scoring opportunities but, as it goes some-times, were just unable to get the ball into the net. Rachel Braun battled most of the game on defense, breaking up numerous rushes to her side and supporting the offense. In the end they had to press in an attempt to score, and

in the process ended up giving up two late goals, but the game was far more even and well-played by both teams than the final 3-0 score would suggest.

Livermore Elite U12 Venom (1) vs.
Castro Valley (1): Offense: Grace Naylor, Julia Macdonald, Venom; Defense: Kylier Long; Venom Goals & Assists: Taylor Hopkins (G); Kaitlyn Lipman (A), Venom. L After battling through a scoreless first half, Livermore pulled ahead when Taylor Hopkins followed her first shot, collected the rebound, and netted the go-ahead goal. Castro Valley capitalized on some late-game confusion (somehow two balls were briefly in play) to gain a tie in a hard-fought and well-played game. Grace Naylor and Julia Macdonald both had outstanding games in the middle, and Venom got solid defense from Kylie

and venoin got soin defense from Kyne Long (GK) in a game that left both teams eager for their next meeting.

High-Comp, Division-3, Bronze U-13

Girls Livermore Chaos (6) vs. Fremont Aftershocks (1) Offense: Maryann Gong (G), Jessica Groth (G), Krystal Hill (2G), Chaos Mary Fauler, Monica Dunn, Rebecca McMullen, Aftershocks Defense: Shannon Melrose, Mikaela Priest (G), Sierra Clark, Chaos; Seda Akkoyun, Haley Brown, Summr Jones, Aftershocks Goals & Assists: Sarah Wilkinson (A), Haleigh Atkinson (2A), Katilyn Lovoi (G), Chaos; Mary Fauler (PK),

Aftershocks
U-11 Girls Livermore Elite Force (7) vs. Castro Valley (0): The D3 Livermore Elite Force U11 girls took control early in their Sunday game against Castro Valley. After missing multiple opportunities on goal, Shasta Grant finally found the hole, scoring twice before the half. The Force added another five goals in the second half - Kalyn Ganz (2G), Mackenzie Paulo (G), and Megan Kalantar (G). The Castro Valley team were unable to penetrate the strong Force defense led by Marley Aumua, Robyn Dobson, and Shelby Diehl.

Elite Rampage 98 U10 Girls (4) vs Fremont Xtreme(1) Elite Rampage domi-nated the field for their 3rd straight win. Rampage controlled the majority of the game with speedy outside runs that provided many scoring opportunities. Offensive scorers Rvan Murphy, Leslie Jimenez and Adrianna Sblendorio all finished beautiful shots into the goal off of perfectly placed crosses. Defensive player Hunter Vice shot in the 4th goal from a free kick. Exceptional offensive playing came from Alyssa Oki, Isabella Neads, Amy Silva and Marissa Pletschette. Elite Rampage 98 (2) vs Mustang Strik-

ers (0) Elite Rampage played a phenomenal game against the Mustang Strikers for their 4th straight win. Both teams were co tively matched with a 0-0 score at half. Into the 2nd half Rampage turned up the heat. Leslie Jimenez, Lauren Sandy, Ashley Morton and Bianca Stubler fed one pass after the next to offense. Then off a corner kick, Adrianna Sblendorio corralled a ball that was bouncing around the 18 yard line and fired one bouncing around the 18 yard line and fired one in the net for Rampages first goal. Shortly following, with a hand ball penalty in the Strikers box, Jessey Espana took the PK and scored Rampages second goal. Rampages Defensive play was critical in keeping the Strikers scoreless. Rampage had unbelievable and gutsy goal tending by Alyssa Oki and Isabella Neads.

Bronze Li-10 Girls Livermore Flite Xtreme

Bronze U-10 Girls Livermore Elite Xtreme '98 (1) vs. Mustang Strikers (0): The Xtreme got the weekend off to a great start with an away win against the Mustang Strikers. Olivia Schormann's first half break-away goal netted the game's only score. Amanda Silveira's crisp passing allowed the ball to flow thru the midfield, and Amy Moussa kept the Striker's persistent attack at bay.

High-Comp, Division-1, Gold U-11 Boys Livermore Elite Strikers '97 (2) vs. FC Fremont '97 Fury (1): The Livermore Elite Strikers '97 U11 Boys advanced to 2-0 in league play on this young 2008 season, defeating the FC Fremont '97 Fury 2-1. The Strikers scored first off of a nice left foot shot Bronze U-10 Girls Livermore Elite Xtreme

Strikers scored first off of a nice left foot shot by Scott Newby from the left side, that rolled past the Fury goalkeeper. Erik Martin (GK) stopped 7 Fury shots, with the only goal coming off a series of bounces over the Striker defense, and a tough 1 on 1 shot. The Strikers took the lead for good when Jaime Osorio headed in a fantastic corner kick from Osiris Chavez, giving the Strikers the lead. Once again, the midfielders and back line rotations for the Strikers continually came up big in denying the Fury push, led by Connor McGee, Justin Brandt, Miguel Suarez and

High-Comp, Division-3, Bronze U-13 Boys Livermore Elite Thunder (8) vs. San Ramon Warriors (1): The Livermore Elite Thunder opened the Al Caffodio season with a well balanced attack. Coaches Jim Wright, Dave Petrie & Rich Howard had the team running on all cylinders, out-scoring the Warriors 8-1. Michael Carlson led the attack with a hat trick (3G). Geo Cruz (2G) Colten Paynter (G) Pierre Sjogreen (G) Daniel Ramos (G) also contributed to the score with Assists by Brandon Howard (2A) Keegan Wright (2A) Michael Carlson (2A) Daniel Ramos (A), and Ivan Padilla (A). Defensively the back four consisting of Adam Hollar, Brandon Howard, Kevin McKey and Ivan Padilla played tough allowing only one goal and few scoring threats in which the Kevin Amaral (GK) handled with great positioning. Jose Gonzalez, Brody Martinez, Dalton Miller, Grant Petrie fought hard and contributed to the first regular season win.

Livermore Elite Thunder (3) vs. Castro Valley United (0): The Thunder won its second league game of the season to remain undefeated, beating Castro Valley United 3-0 that played tough to the game-ending whistle. Thunder scored early in the first half assist from Brandon Howard (G) to Michael

Carlson (G). Pierre Sjogreen (G) slipped past defenders and scored on an assist from Daniel Ramos. After a 2-0 lead in the early part of the first half Castro Valley tightened up on defense and kept the Thunder in check. Geo Cruz, Dalton Miller, Grant Petrie and Keegan Wright moved the ball well and had many scoring opportunities. The only second half goal came late in thee game when Michael Carlson broke free and was fouled in the box for a free kick. Coach Jim Wright called on Kevin McKev (G) to take the kick and put the game out of reach for the Castro Valley team. The defense came through again providing a shut-out with the help from Adam Hollar, Brandon Howard, Ivan Padilla, Kevin Mckey, Brody Martinez and Kevin Amaral (GK). Colten Paynter and Jose GonZalez played

well in the mid-field.

High-Comp, Division-3, Bronze U-10
Boys Livermore Elite Quakes (1) vs. Walnut
Creek Legends (0): The Livermore Elite
Quakes dominated the entire game Sunday quakes dofiniated the entire gaine Sunday against the Walnut Creek Legends. The Quakes offensive players (including Grant Riddough, Andrew Preece, Larry Phillips, and Charlie Mitchell) made a total of 26 shots-on-goal. It was Kevin Mains, assisted by Sam Grossano, who got the goal early in the second half. Defensive players Russell Stevenson, Brendan McCafferty, and Grayson Pringle ensured that the Legends were unable

Livermore Youth Soccer League Rec-Plus, Emerald U-12 Girls Livermore Vipers (1) vs. San Ramon Wildcats (0) Goals & Assists: Natalie Palomo (G), Jordan Volponi (A): This was a tough game with both sides defending their goals tooth and nail. In the closing moments Natalie Palomo was able to drill a shot into the back of the net for the

game-winning goal.

Livermore Vipers (2) vs. Danville Butterfly Kisses (1), Goals & Assists: Natalie Palomo (2G), Vipers; Kaley Steffen (G), Butterfly Kisses. On the road for the second day in a row the Livermore Vipers traveled to Blackhawk to face the a tough Danville team. Danville scored first with a laser-shot from their forward Kaley Steffen. Not long after Natalie Palomo was able to tie it up with a strong shot of her own. Later in the first half Natalie was awarded a penalty kick and nailed a shot into the upper-right corner of the net to take the lead 2-1. The Vipers passed the ball extremely well and played attacking defense to sew up their second win of the

Livermore Vipers (4) vs. Danville Torna-Livermore Vipers (4) vs. Danville Torna-does (2) Goals & Assists: Emilie Allum (G), Heyley Segundo (G), Samantha Trask (G), Natalie Palomo (G), Vipers; Summer Canavan (G), Brianna Davis (G), Tornadoes. After starting off a little slow The Vipers rallied for 3 unanswered goals and beat the visting Danville Tornadoes 4-2 leaving them at 3 wins and 1 loss for the season

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Livermore Vipers (2) vs. Danville Hotshots (1), Goals & Assists: Jordan Volponi (G), Natalie Volponi (G), Vipers; Ashley Askooo (G), Hotshots. Livermore Vipers looking for their fourth straight win found it in Blackhawk facing a tough Danville team. Livermore scored first when Jordan Volponi made a tough shot to take a 1-0 lead. After Danville tied the score at 1-1 the Vipers blasted a shot from 25 yards out and it hit the

upper cross bar and went in to take a 2-1 lead which they would hold on to win. Emerald U-12 Boys Livermore FC (2) vs. Vipers (0) Offense: Eric Lopez, Dominic Mingione, Devon Shortridge, Livermore FC; Alex Raymond, Daniel Gloub, Brian Cheng, Vipers Defense: Justin Walker, Westin Nale, Sebastian Gomez, Livermore FC; Mason Schinnerer, Austin Dameron, Baxter Cantrell, Vipers; Goals & Assists: Devon Shortridge (2G), Dominic Mingione (A)

Livermore Youth Soccer League Division-4, Copper U-19 Girls FC Fremont Xplosion (1) vs. Livermore Predators (0) Offense: Tianna Galiurfay, Kelly McKay Jasmine Meorna, Xplosion; Emma Folta, Melissa Lau, Arielle Sallai, Predators Defense: Ashley Steinier, Katie Lindsay, Siena Thatipelli, Xplosion; Arzoo Nasarabadi, Amanda Shepherd (GK), Catherine Torres, Predators Goals & Assists: Amanda Sellers (G), Xplosion. The first half was scoreless with the defense stopping the offense for both teams. In the second half Xplosion's Amanda Sellers was able to finally get one in the net with an unassisted goal at the 60 minute mark. Despite numerous more shots on goal, particularly in the closing minutes of the game, the Predators weren't able to put one

Division-4, Copper U-16 Girls San Ramon Boomers (1) vs. Fusion (0) Offense: Emily O'Hanlon (G), Zara Juskalian, Boomers; Brittany Offill, Karen Swezey, Fusion Defense: Audrey Phillips, Boomers; Arielle Rensink, Jessica Smith, Fusion

Fusion (1) vs. Blaze (1) Offense: Brittany Offill, Arielle Rensink, Fusion; Amy Littlefield, Ramsey Schmitt, Blaze Defense: Karen Swezey, Shelby Hamilton, Fusion; Jessica Wofford, Blaze Goals & Assists: Brittany Offill (G), Fusion; Amy Littlefield (G), Ramsey Schmitt (A), Blaze. The Livermore Blaze started the game quick with a goal by Amy Littlefield assisted by Ramsey Schmitt. The Fusion answered back with an outside shot off a throw-in by Brittany Offill. The game ended in a tie with both teams

working hard on defense, and many shots on goal for both sides, but not able to convert. The Livermore Shock U15 Div. 1 ended a 3 game losing streak this weekend with a draw and a win.

Livermore Shock - 1, Vallejo Strikers Gold - 1. Saturday's game against the Vallejo Strikers Gold ended in a 1-1 tie after Racquel "Bam Bam" Hamblen evened up the score on a free kick 25 yards out in the second half. Livermore Shock - 5, Lamorinda United

93 - 1 On Sunday, with only 2 subs, Shock came out determined to pull off their first win. Shock came out on fire with an early goal from Racquel Hamblen after she broke past the Lamorinda Defense and drove a firm shot into the back of the net. Later in the second half, Hamblen followed a ball that came back from a shot on goal and placed it perfectly into the far right net for Shock's second score. Shock scored again just before the end of the half when Rachelle Hamblin (yes, similar spelling...but a different player), while off balance, kicked a nice shot to the net and just as it crossed the goal line, teammate Jenna Lillie used her body to smash the ball into the

back of the net for a convincing goal.

In the second half of play, Shock was fouled in the Lamorinda box and Kylie Hill was called in to take the PK. Hill put a beautiful shot high into the left corner for her 7th straight successful PK.

Shock's fifth and final goal was from a Racquel Hamblen free kick driven from 30 yards out, over the keeper's reach, and into the

The Shock defense, led by Nicole Gasior, Haley Londry, Brianna Hylton, and Alicia McKinney, broke the Lamorinda offense on nearly every attack. Hannah Boger had several key saves in goal and was just inches away from blocking a PK goal from Lamorinda. Strong play from Kailey Moser, Angel Gosse, Ashlyn Conlin, and Julie Lopez gave Shock the edge a well deserved

Livermore Elite Explosion U14 Division 1 girls' soccer team won both of their GSSL league games this past weekend improving their record to 4-1 at the midway point of the season.

Livermore Explosion 4, Hayward International 1. After a slow start and allowing Hayward to score early, the Explosion came together and tied the game before the end of the first half on a goal Brooke Rittmann, assist from Ghoncheh Azadeh. The Explosion came out in the second half and domi-nated scoring three more goals. Taylor Roach, who played a great game, passed to her right finding forward Elise Travis who scored the Explosion's second goal. With 10 minutes left in the game, Danielle Lacombe scored back-to-back goals for the Explosion. A well executed pass play with Roach passing to

Rittman who crossed perfectly to the center where Lacombe was there to send it in. Roach again assisted when she passed the ball to Lacombe who set it up and blasted it in the corner of the net . Consistent pursuit and aggressive ball play by Kassidy Peters and outstanding defensive coverage by Kylee Southwell kept Hayward at bay the entire

Livermore Elite Explosion 2, Walnut Creek Heat 1. Despite an aggressive attack offensively in the first half, the Explosion missed out on several scoring opportunities. The Heat scored near the end of the first half putting Livermore in a come from behind situation at the start of the second half. The Explosion tied the game after Danielle Lacombe sent the ball up and Taylor Roach headed it to left wing Brooke Rittmann who herself headed it right into the back of the net. Roach again assisted on the winning goal by Ghoncheh Azadeh. Explosion provided outstanding defense and support and led by Mandi Alvarez, Jessica Floyd, Alexa Hubbs and Jazmin Ordonez. Audrey Walke, Ashlyn Smith and Sierra Cassels were all key factors in the middle with both nice ball movement and passing to their forwards. Keeper Victoria Case made two outstanding saves in the game including a perfectly timed save on a Walnut

Creek breakaway goal opportunity.

The Livermore Elite Fury U13 girls continued GSSL play with matches against the Dublin Hurricanes and East Diablo United. Livermore and Dublin battled to a 0-0 tie Both teams traded scoring opportunities throughout the match but neither could score. Fury goalkeepers Beth McCall, Jenna Hatch and Skyler Kriz played excellently and Elise Codiroli, Kaitlyn Bulhoes and Rebekah Johnson led the Livermore offensive attack. Ryley Landreth, Amanda Fairclough and Morgan Brandt anchored the defense with

several nice stops.

Against East Diablo United, the Fury had several quality scoring chances in the first half as Erin Winegarner made a couple of nice passes in the box and Brittany Arhbeck had a shot on goal. Four minutes into the second half, the Fury finally broke through when Elise Falgout sent a long ball beyond the United defense. Alison Pierson ran the ball down and knocked it loose from the onrushing goalie, gained possession and fired a shot into the open net for a 1-0 lead. The Fury continued to dominate play as Alyssa Stevenson and Rebekah Johnson traded shot attempts and the midfield controlled possession. United responded with a late push into the Fury box where they managed to get an open shot by the Fury keeper with six minutes to play. The Fury countered with a couple of late shots that were stopped as they settled for

The Livermore Elite U12B Pumas played the Alliance FC Chivas on Saturday 9/20 and the Ballistic White on Sunday 9/21

this past weekend.
Saturday's game against Alliance was an exciting game and the Pumas held their own against this very aggressive team. In fact, the offense and defense teams did such a good job that the winning goal by Alliance was only due to a direct penalty kick in the second half. Final score was 0 to 1. Midfielders Rafael Alvarez, Dylan Edwards, Daniel Garcia, Raul Hernandez, Jake Martinez and Danny Santacruz did a great job covering the field and battling for possession of the ball.

On Sunday, the Pumas won against the Ballistic White I to 0. Anthony Aguilar brought home the goal with Jacob Martinez and Rafael Alvarez assisting. The Pumas kept the action at the opponents goal and allowed very few attempts at their own goal.

HOUSE/REC TEAMS GAME RE-

SULTS: U-14 Girls Livermore Lightning (0) vs. Cyclones (0) Offense: Kirsten Mork, Kaitlyn Pahler, Samantha Smith, Lightning; Kristin Palazzo, Hannah Barrow, Natalie Lopez, Cyclones Defense: Hannah Stepanek, Tatiana Jansen, Megan Cinquini, Lightning; Jackie Meijer, Leah Taulron, Tiffanie Munoz, Cy-

The Pack (4) vs. Intensity (3) Offense: Christina Guilford (A), Tiffy Guzman-Bayot, Christina Guilford (A), Tiffy Guzman-Bayot, Supriya Sohal, Pack; Casey Schindler, Brianna Stubbler (A), Sydney Beard, Intensity Defense: Tai Ball, Ashley Lyons, Lauren Sweeney, Pack; Korina Olguin, Leticia Olguin, Sage St. Clare, Intensity; Goals & Assists: Emily Swiers (2G), Tai Ball (G), Christina Guilford (G), Pack; Casey Schindler (G), Sydney Beard (G), Sydney Beard (G), Intensity

The Pack (2) vs. The Storm (2) Offense: Madelene Thompson, Cassie Dukes, Mariajose Chacon, Pack; Michaela Eng, Shelby McNeil, Tori Parker Defense: Ashley Lyons, Gilli Bishop, Lexi Herberth, Pack; Ranee Lind, Katherine Braun, Taylor Lind, Storm Goals & Assists: Christina Guilford (2G), Emily Swiers (A), Pack; Shelby McNeil (G), Tori Parker (G), Storm

Lightning (3) vs. Force (0) Offense: Anna Murphy (2G), Kirstin Mark (G), Megan Smith (G), Lightning; Chelsea Manuel, Jessica Paul, Erica Garcia Defense: Hannah Stepivnik, Yasmeen Huider, Tatianna Jansen, Lightning; Michaela Leonard, Jessica Estrada,

U-12 Girls Fierce Pandas (8) vs. Gladiators (2) Offense: Sarah Persson, Taylor Ditzel, Pandas; Kirsten Davcom, Mesha Brewster Gladiators Defense: Anjali Vachhani, Nicole Hamby, Pandas; Kelsey Santin, Avery Harvey, Gladiators Goals & Assists: Brianna Ruloma (3G), Sarah Persson (2G), Shruthi Sukir (2G), Lea Becker (G), Pandas; Kirsten Davcom

(G), Mesha Brewster (G)
Fierce Pandas (2) vs. Blue Bandits (0)
Offense: Madison Maccoy, Alyssa Alvarez,
Pandas; Karla Gomez, Samantha Stoneham,
Bandits Defense: Kirsten Floyd, Nancy
Espinoza, Pandas; Karla Venterat, Alex

Winteler, Bandits Goals & Assists: Shruthi
Sukir (G), Brianna Ruloma (G), Pandas
Mighty Monkeys (5) vs. Hot Tamales (0)
Offense: Michelle Saunders, Monkeys; Carly
Martinez, Jazmynn Merchant, Tamales Defense: Cameo Schubert, Carla Perez, Gabby Cole, Monkeys; Jenna Remund, Katie Reddick, Tamales Goals & Assists: Michelle Saunders (3G), Jordyn Brauer (G), Carolina Sato (G), Monkeys. The Mighty Monkeys had a super game with five goals. The Hot Tamales played a good game, but just couldn't

U-10 Girls Killer Bees (4) vs. Dolphins (2) Offense: Jordan Gewing-Mullins, Chloe Rodriguez, Monica Meier, Bees; Paige Burns, Jessie Wilker, Mila Steinberg, Dolphins Defense: Lindsay Welles, Jillian Davis, Lauren Schmidt, Bees; Tatiana Hernandez, Chloe King, Sweata Kaimal, Dolphins Goals & Assists: Jordan Gewing-Mullins (2G), Chloe Rodriguez (G), Monica Meier (G), Bees; Danielle Freveret (2G), Dolphins Goal Girls (1) vs. Panthers (0) Offense:

Joy Blea, Katya Clappin, Alyssa Ramirez, Girls; Kailey McFadden, Randi Cortez, Hannah Gibson, Panthers Defense: Kali Mesarchik, Samantha Rodriquez, Sarah Coulson, Girls; Olivia Sekany, Kimmie Faulkner, Tiaja Andrews, Panthers

Pink Panthers (3) vs. Side Kicks (1) Offense: Rachel DeSilva, August Yocher, Kiley Yocher, Shannon Kai, Panthers; Ilexis Pereida, Side Kicks Defense: Sierra Freeland, Morgan McMahon, Alex Lonsinger, Kate Wise, Panthers; Kellie Kuhn, Taylor

Stephenson, Side Kicks Goals & Assists: Shannon Kai (G), August Yocher (G), Kiley Yocher (G), Panthers; Ilexis Pereida (G), Side

U-9 Girls Soccer Sharks (5) vs. Soccer Rockers (3) Offense: Morgan Laughlin, Molly Wharton, Rachel Sylwester (2A), Sharks; Katie Hinds, Tara Collier, Allyson Badger, Rockers Defense: Alize Rizzo, Maya Pillon, Samantha Anderson, Sharks; Claire Abele, Jamie Freitas, Morgan Waugh, Rockers Goals & Assists: Mackenzie Riddle (G, 2A), Madison Jackson (2G, A), Morgan Laughlin (G), Maya Pillon (G), Emma Poe (A), Sharks; Katie Hinds (G), Tara Collier (G), Allyson

Goal Getters (3) vs. Soccer Sharks (0)
Offense: Katie Marcel (2G), Chloe Brickwedel (G), Bella Miano, Clelia Opipari, Goal Getters; Sierra Deane, Emme Poe, Alize Rizzo, Sharks Defense: Olivia Curtis, Ashley Geary, Olivia Volponi, Goal Getters; Dominique Aciego-Ramirez, Madison Jackson, Samantha Anderson, Sharks

Samantha Anderson, Sharks
Lightning Girls (3) vs. Fuego (1) Offense: Christina Saunders, Syndey Duncan,
Lightning; Sienna Gibbs, Fuego Defense:
Ariana Dixon, Kristen Heise, Lightning;
Katie Fournier, Chelsea Warner, Fuego Goals
& Assists: Alicia Olquin (G), Sydney Duncun
(G), Claira Andersen (G), Maria Olquin (A)

& Assists: Alicia Olquin (G), Sydney Duncun (G), Claire Andersen (G), Maria Olquin (A), Lightning; Sienna Gibbs (G), Fuego Soccer Rockers (5) vs. Soccer Wizards (2) Offense: Tara Collier, Allyson Badger, Jenifer Stoner, Rockers; Katie Carmichael, Alyssa Sausen, Wizards Defense: Katie Hinds, Claire Abele, Savannah Chroman, Rockers; Marissa Carpenter, Devyn Montesinos, Wizards Goals & Assists: Tara Collier (2G, A), Allyson Badger (2G, A), Jennifer Stoner (G), Jamie Freitas (A), Rockers; Taylor Petersen (G), Carly Estevez (G), Wizards Shooting Stars (5) vs. Fireballs (0) Offense: Julia Maitland-Knudtson, Amanda Zeck, Heather Woelk, Stars; Miriam Brown,

Zeck, Heather Woelk, Stars: Miriam Brown. Raegan Demo, Haley Payne, Fireballs Defense: Mariah Ortiz, Sydney Rosenberg, Ciara Martinez, Stars; Erica Espinosa, Wierra Rose, Paige Sutter, Fireballs Goals & Assists: Julia Maitland-Knudtson (G), Andrea Sommer (2G), Heather Woelk (G), Amanda Zeck (G), Stars. While the Shooting Stars offense and defense triumphed over the Fireballs; the Fireballs played a fun and challenging game. The Shooting Stars all worked hardtogether, with goalkeepers Heather Woelk and Andrea Sommer executing good team defense as well as offense. Fireballs players Sierra and Paige played a hard line of defense while Erica displayed fantastic full body blocks while playing goalie. Miriam, Raegan and Haley were fast on their feet, controlling

the ball and running it down the field.

U-8 Girls Blazing Stars vs. Wildcats
Offense: Hailey Hahlbeck, Emily March,
Alyssah McCollum, Stars; Abby Theler,
Bridgette Meyer, Kalea Bartolotto, Wildcats
Defense: Ashley Lamb, Amanda Craft, Kylie
Muzzall, Stars; Sarah Wenzel, Anna Bailey,
Carly Schindler, Wildcats

Carly Schindler, Wildcats
Rattlesnakes vs. Mud Kittens Offense: Kennedy Griffith, Cassidy Bates, Tally Soto, Rattlesnakes; Maggie Rae McPeak, Lauren Farrauto, Kittens Defense: Haley Holt, Stephanie Boschee, Abby Fraser, Melia Miller, Rattlesnakes; Avery Perrault, Taylor

Stamps, Kittens
White Tigers vs. Shooting Stars Offense:
Kaylie Lawsen, Abby Hobbing, White Tigers; Fatima Mendez, Destiny Arriola, Stars
Defense: Yulisa Avina, White Tigers; Cassidy

Herberth, Brianne Radliff, Stars Rattlesnakes vs. Firebreathing Dolphins Offense: Theresa Lalor, Melia Miller, Rattlesnakes; Tyler Enderlein, Kylie Karter, Dol-phins Defense: Cassidy Bates, Jordan Kennedy, Rattlesnakes; Casey Sansoni, Julia

Rocha, Dolphins
Spirit vs. Mud Kittens Offense: Talina Quezada, Francesca Hyde, Emmerson Coberg, Spirit; Kate Hottinger, Kaitlin Krakoski, Clara Crittenden, Mud Kittens Defense: Maritza Espinoza, Kayla Jones, Lauren Zielinski, Spirit; Jamison Gray, Shelby Clark, Avery Perreault, Mud Kittens

Shooting Stars vs. Tasmanian Devils Offense: Camille Best, Olivia Armstrong, Stars; Nicole Fairbanks, Kayla McClendon,

Devils Defense: Jen Wise, Cassidy Herberth, Stars; Alicia Diaz, Peyton Fields, Kailee Haskins, Devils
Eagles vs. Mustangs Offense: Lindsay Harnish, Itzel Acosta, Camille LaBlanc, Eagles; Tiara Birdsong, Alexah Nava, Hayley
Thompson, Mustangs Defense: Abby Thompson, Mustangs Defense: Abby Harnish, Emily Rogers, Josephine Bretz, Eagles; Abby Andrews, Kamy Farro, Ashley

Eagles; Abby Andrews, Kamy Farro, Ashley Yamamoto, Mustangs
Dashing Dogz vs. Crushers Offense:
MacKenna Howell, Cortnie Johnston,
Melanie Laronde, Aleyia Whitehead, Dogz;
Madison Hood, Grace Groeniger, Rachel
Brock, Grace Leary, Crushers Defense: Brianna
Wheelock, Emily Turner, Ashley Myers,
Maddie Lovdahlv, Dogz.
U-7 Girls Wildcats vs. Dolphins Offense: Alexa Clatt Taylor Bond Lourdes

fense: Alexa Clatt, Taylor Bond, Lourdes Cacacho, Wildcats; Sierra Street, Carlie Spruiell, Jessica Carlson, Dolphins Defense: Eliana Eme, Madison Goard, Arianna Racanelli, Wildcats: Jordan Goodwin, Madeline Koning, Charlotte Schrodi, Dol-

Pink Poodles vs Wildcats Offense Megan Pretto, Loren Pretto, Adrianna Harker, Pink Poodles; Alexa Clatt, Hanna McDougall, Lourdes Cacacho, Wildcats Defense: Jillian Collom, Kayla Hebebrand, Sophia Dunn; Pink Poodles: Christina Castaneda, Julia Castaneda, Arianna Racanelli, Wildcats Cheetah Girls vs. Pink Poodles Offense:

Kaleigh Garcia and Alexa Harvey, Cheetah Girls; Kayla Hebebrand and Jillian Collom, Pink Poodles Defense: Jessica Warren and Joanne Flores, Cheetah Girls; Sydney Keshniry and Meghan Partto, Pink Poodles. U-6 Girls Wildcats vs. Jaguars Offense:

Wyatt Nostrand, Haiden Arruda, Kelsey Wyatt Nostrand, Haiden Afruda, Kelsey Sako, Wildcats; Maddlynn Riddle, Hop McKeever, Eliana Miano, Jaguars Quakes vs. Superstars Offense: Morgan Kibbe, Katie Wilson, Katie Keenan, Quakes; Kylie Neubauer, Jenna Crampton, Kelsey

Brumm, Shannon Snell, Superstars Dragonflies vs. Fluttering Fairies Of-fense: Nicole Stewart, Lily Redell, Dragon-

flies; Melanie Branda, Ainsley Gibbs, Fair-ies Defense: Ava Hall, Caitlyn Foster, Drag-onflies; Rebecca George, Fairies. U-12 Boys Earthquakes (5) vs. Flaming

Monkeys (2) Offense: Mauricio Dias, Christian Buenrostro, Isaac Orozco, Earthquakes; Austin Roeder Nick Badders Ryan Stuart Monkeys Defense: David Zamora, Earthquakes; Anthony Miller, Dillan Milan,

Monkeys.
Dark Knights (3) vs. Strikers (1) Offense:
Jeffrey Baron, Austin Toland, Joseph, Villegas
Rodriquez, Knights; Joel Udoutch, Jordan
Mossinger, Jacob Kerling, Strikers Defense:
Levi Makepeace, Matthew Marty, John
Paggiardo Knights: Sterling Jeppson, Reggiardo, Knights; Sterling Jeppson, Jonathon Gutierrez, Austin Armstrong, Strikeers Goals & Assists: Jeffrey Baron (G), Austin Toland (G), Joseph, Villegas Rodriquez (G), Knights; Omar Naison (G), Strikers

Blazers (3) vs. Strikers (2) Offense: Matthew Wells, Joey Grande, Brandon Replogle, Blazers; Sterling Jeppson, Omar Naisan, Gino Stoneham, Strikers Defense:

Sean Lambert, Chris Lassen, Zack Kline, Blazers; Will Mullins, Jeff Mullins, CJ Shimozono, Strikers Goals & Assists: Mat-thew Wells (2G), Edgar Alvarez, Stephen Kai A), Vince Rizzo (A), Blazers; Omar Naisar Joel Udoutch (G), Jacob Kerling (A),

U-11 Boys Team Revolution (1) vs Cyclones (0) Offense: Joel Iniquez (G), Chris Heinds, Julian Mylvis, Revolution; Connor Lovoi, Keegan Garlick, Jose Gutierrez, Cyclones Home Defense: Salvador Alatorre, Dameon Veingas, Revolution; Brandon Pereira, Joe Roberts, Daniel Byrnes, Cy-clones. This was a nail biter game because both sides could have broken the game wide open in the second half, but Team Revolution held on, scoring one goal, and preventing Cyclones several times from equalizing.

U-10 Boys Earthquakes (4) vs. Scorpions (2) Offense: Jordan Mello, Earthquakes; Connor McCormick, Scorpions Defense:

Kyle Wahlgemuth, Earthquakes; Ethan Aboumrad, Scorpions Dragons (4) vs. Terminators (3) Offense: Conner Gibbons (2G), Daniel Alvarez (G), Jose Araiza (G), Luis Rios (A), Dragons; Nathan Coats (G), Ryan Marta (2G), Terminators Defense, Alex Hattor, Holden Tanner nators Defense: Alex Hattori, Holden Tanner ragons; Garett Parnaudo, Jose Mariscal, Terminators

Fireballs (4) vs. Vipers (1) Offense: Tyler Ward, Omar Maklaf, Nicholas Brown, Fire-balls; Joshua Grande, Jason Spangler, Shashwat Verma, Vipers Defense: Ethan Epperly, Leonardo Ramirez, Taylor Williamson, Fireballs; Paxton Bammer, Nathan Fish, Noah Reno, Vipers
Dragons (6) vs. Earthquakes (1) Offense:
Ben Dupuis, Dillon Eng, Dragons; Jordan
Mellow, Sean Slabaugh, Earthquakes Defense: Luis Rios, Holden Tanner, Dragons;
Dominic Hill, Kyle Wohlgemoth, Earth-

quakes Goals & Assists: Goals: Jose Araiza (G), Ben Dupuis (G), Dillon Eng (2G), Conner Gibbons (G), Ryan Myers (G), Dragons; Kevin Spence (G), Earthquakes U-9 Boys Terminators (7) vs. Hot Lava Strikers (1) Offense: Nicholas DeLisle, Omar

Strikers (1) Öffense: Nicholas DeLisle, Omar Jesus, Terminators; Miles Gomez, Strikers Defense: Nicholas Bertolucci, Jared Hill, Terminators; Kai Berkey, Strikers Goals & Assists: Omar Jesus (4G), Joshua Garcia (2G), Anthony Kumar (G), Terminators; Miles Gomez (G), Strikers
Thunderballs (1) vs. Hot Lava Strikers
(1) Offense: Wes Williams, Ryan Heise, Thunderballs; Alex Fregoso, Strikers Defense: Hunter Calkins, Alex Forgatsch, Thunderballs; Philip Knierieme, Strikers Goals & Assists: Braden Jackson (G), Thunderballs: Alex Fregoso (G). Strikers

Thunderballs; Alex Fregoso (G), Strikers Goal Miners (4) vs. Predators (0) Of-fense: Oscar Franco (3G), Nick McClendon (G), Miners; Ryan Carlson, Eamon Smith, Predators Defense: Jonathan Song, Ethan Vincent, Miners; John Bueno, Zachary

Ridenour, Predators Dominators (0) vs. Emerald Dragons (0) Offense: Hector Salcedo, Zachary Scribner, Dominators; Nathaniel Sproul, Chad Hemmig, William Chacon, Dragons De-fense: Samuel Knuth, David Sanchez, Dominators; Garrett Slone, Diego Hernandez, Pierce Kadlec, Dragons
Earthquakes (5) vs. Predators (0) Of-

fense: David Rider, Sam Miller, Cameron Geyer, Earthquakes; Victor Peralta, Ryan Carlson, Predators Defense: Chase Dunn, Cade Shortridge, Colton Casey, Earthquakes; Zachary Ridenour, Michael Hallock, Christian Johansson, Predators

tian Johansson, Predators
Vipers (3) vs. Fighting Black Sharks (3)
Offense: Connor Sweeney (3G, Kyle Conrad
(A), Vipers; Chris Sanchez (2G), Miles
Larsen (G), Sharks Defense: Aaron Eppstein,
Sam Jeppson, Vipers; Sammy Elardo, Jace
Gersten, Sharks. This was a great, even
matched game. Aaron Eppstein (Vipers)
stopped seven attempts on goal, shutting out
the Fighting Black Sharks in the first half.
Connor Sweeney scored his first goal of the Connor Sweeney scored his first goal of the season before the close of the first half. The Fighting Black Sharks came back with three goals in the second half, 2 from Chris Sanchez, 1 from Miles Larson. Connor Sweeney scored two more goals for the Vipers

to tie the score.

U-8 Boys Crushers vs. Quakes Offense Zachary Macintire, Crushers; Cameron Meier. Quakes Defense: Caleb Hardesty, Crushers; Guakes Bishop, Quakes Goals & Assists: Wesley Gladen, Crushers; Kevin Buklin, Quakes Game Summary & Highlights: The boys played an exciting game.
U-7 Boys Jedi SC vs. Fireballs Offense:

A.J Morais, Drake Small, Colin Wiese, Jedi; Tyler Hattori, Spencer Williams, Matthew Hagan, Fireballs Defense: Michael Straus, Ryan Juric, Griffin Lawrence, Jedi; Bradley Mitchell, Bradley Rittman, Ty Marks, Fire-The Incredibles vs. The DiamondBacks

Offense: Zach Rittman, Trent Crisp, Carlos Ventura, Incredibles; Brandon Foye, Matthew Gomes, Bobby Farner, DiamondBacks Defense: Cameron Winter, Ryan Bartl, Jackson Brown Incredibles: Ash Lawson Maximilliano Gomez, Colin Eads Torpedoes vs. Sonic Offense: Dylan

Silva, Mason Smith, Peyton Peterson, Tor-pedoes; Gabe Emfinger, Matteo Crivello, Gabe Hazen, Sonic Defense: Blake Texeira, Jake Carmichael, Jack Bosso, Torpedoes chary Fumero, Brent Young, Douglas Wynne, Sonic

Bulldogs vs. Golden Eagles Offense: Mateo Moncada, Brett Oelrich, Justin Pestana, Bulldogs; Sean Pascual, Patrick Connolly, Blake Burrell, Eagles Defense:

Connolly, Black Burrell, Eagles Defense: Dylan Breesch, Will Nodrvik, Joshua Spen-cer, Bulldogs; Nick Donaldson, Spencer Tadokoro, Phillip Weaver, Eagles The Dragons vs. The Raptors Offense: Ethan James, James Renouf, Jacob Perterson, Nathan Woolsey, Dragons; Ricardino Alvarez, Kevin Vega, Thomas Cowels, Raptors De-fense: Jason DeSantis, Saul Buendia, Emilio Martinez, Dragons; Conner Mercer, Jojo Feliciano, Eddie Garcia, Raptors Thunderbolts vs. Lightning Offense:

Nino Sabella, Jackson Stuart, Rylan Matheson, Thunderbolts; Travis Silva, Joey Katen, Connor Hardesty, Lightning Defense: Jeffrey Fairbanks, Anthony Guerra, Noah Gibson, Thunderbolts; Connor Campbell, Jake Johnston, Jack Hansen, Lightning.

U-6 Boys Poisson Spiders vs. Thunder-bolts Offense: Chris Santos, Austin Macedo, Steven Lee, Spiders; Ryan Wohlgemuth, Vijay Memula, Dylan Baxter, Thunderbolts Defense: Parker Moore, Anthony Miller, Michael Grant, Spiders; Sean Olgardt, Anthony Opipari, Kelly Galicia-Thomas, Thun-

derbolts
U-5 Boys Panthers vs. Kung Fu Pandas
Pyan Demo. Nate Lee, Offense: Leif Jensen, Ryan Demo, Nate Lee, Mateo Contreras, Panthers; Mario Valdez, Moses Soto, Mikey Duperly, Pandas De-fense: Jackson Nystrom, Christian Silva, Jack Martin, Brett Demo, Panthers; Dominic Medina, Luke Harrech, Jordan Bender, Pan-

Green Rangers vs. Screamin' Demons Offense: Robert Seymore, Adam Tupos, Nolan Denno, Rangers; Jake Fields, Garett Robb, Chandler Olsen, Demons Defense: Kyton Gleon, Jared Sanchez, Peyton Hendrickson, Rangers; Tyler Eaton, Nicl Hall, Chase Kerezsi, Demons

Light Speed vs. Pirates Offense: London Bishop, Will Wentworth, Garret Riddiough, Nicholas Yamamoto, Luca Montalvo, Speed; Issac Romero, Ryan Guggiana, Colton Chroman, Pirates Defense: Ryan Bond, Tybalt Anderson, Seth Tobeck, Speed; Fernando Fragoso, Daniel Vergara, Nicholas Carrano, Pirates.

#### **Pleasanton Rage**

Pleasanton Rage U-16 Division 1 defeated Bay Oaks 3 to 0. Lauren Floro of Rage scored two goals and Cheyenne Kisthardt scored another to beat Bay Oaks 3-0. Assists were from Vivian Climent and Simone Melvin. Alana D'Onofrio, Natasha Springer and Sara Brathwaite played well to secure the

win.

Pleasanton Rage U15 Premier played a reasanton Rage U15 Fremmer played a determined Marin FC side Saturday, but after falling behind midway through the first half, came back to prevail 2-1 in nail-biting fashion. Rage's sluggish start caused them to trail at the break and in need of a spark, which came in the 62nd minute when Erika Emmanuel knotted the score courtesy of ar error by the Marin keeper. From that point on, Rage applied relentless pressure but could not break the deadlock until very late in the game as Florife Nichols slotted home a perfect cross from Kiki Simmons. Darlene Dang and Gabe Stange keyed the late Rage attack, while the stout defense of Rachel Charkowicz, Brett Scheckla, Kiley Zietler, Sabrina Unglaub, and Jill Anderson limited Marin to only two shots. Rage GKs Ani Nahapetian and Phoebe Brown played well in stifling the opposition's attack by cobbling un seweral through belle attack by gobbling up several through balls that their forwards attempted to run on to.

Pleasanton Rage U11 Grey played a

game resulting in a 2 to 2 tie against the Mustang Stampede. Sophia Martinez and Sabrina D'Ambrosia (with an assist from Bailey Sanchez) tied the game at 2 to 2. Awesome goalie play by Christy Jensen and Cara Ingr Offensive: Sophia Martinez, Sabrina D'Ambrosia, Christy Jensen Defensive: Kayla Bowers, Hannah Schwartz, Hailey Bouchard. Pleasanton Rage U13 Premier Team

shut down the Mount Diablo FC on Sat. Sept. 20. at the Sports Park in Pleasanton. Andie Boehm dribbled down the right wing and fired a 25 yard shot that looped into the corner of the net for the first goal. Boehm passed to Tori Larsen who dodged defenders and sent the ball over the goalie's head for another score. Great stops by Nicole Fetsch and excellent speed by Jessica Medina. Final

score 2-0. Pleasanton Rage U13AC, 0, San Ramon Illusion 0. came out strong in the third game of the season. The offense played a trong game of the season. The offense played atrong second half with many shots on goal, but kept out by the goal post. Offense of Melissa Muller, Molly Grozier, Keli Wheatley and Anjali Rai kept up the attack. Defense was led by Dani Leedeman, Paige Hughes, Lauren

Pan and Evan Murphy.

Rage U13AC faced the Walnut Creek Stampede in a hard fought physical game. Keli Wheatley, Rebecca Dumanski, Anjali Rai and Hannah Jackson took shots on goal, but it was Molly Grozier with an assist from Sami Williams who scored the game's only goal. Goal keeper Olivia Brown fought hard to protect the goal and Dani Leedeman, Lauren Fan and Marisa Riordan led the defense. Top Offensive Players: Top Defensive Players: Dani Leedeman, Lauren Fan, Paire Hughes Evan Murphy, Marisa Biordan

Paige Hughes, Evan Murphy, Marisa Riordan.
The Plesanton Rage U11 AC White team won a hard fought game against their NorCal division rival Mustang Courage 3 to 2. Goals were scored by Madison Avery, Lisa DeFeo and Julia Densmore in the team's 3-2 win. Makenna Elias played well at midfield as did Megan Shackley and Nicole Tsuno at defense. Goal keepers Juliet Allen, Bryanna Schreiber and Monica Martinez each had multiple saves. Top Defensive Players: Megan Shackley, Nicole Tsuno.

The Page 1119 improved their league

Shackley, Nicole 1suno.

The Rage U19 improved their league record to 5 - 0 with a pair of wins over Marin FC and Walnut Creek Rampage. On Saturday, Rage had a hard fought battle with Marin coming out on top 4-2. Marin jumped out to a quick lead, but Rage tied it on a goal by Ufffany Lang. Just before the half Krista. Tiffany Leung. Just before the half Krista Bormann gave the Rage the lead with her first goal of the year. Leung and Katelyn Golik added goals in the second half to secure the victory. On Sunday the Rage recorded its 4th shut-out with a 3 - 0 win over Walnut Creek. Katelyn Golik got the scoring going on a nice crossing pass and assist from Claire Kennedy. Toni Gonis got her first goal of the year on an nice assist from Ailsa Smith. Smith scored the final goal on a breakawsy. Top Offensive Players: Tiffany Leung 2 goals Katelyn Golik 2 roals Krista Bermanna Goal Katelyn Golik 2 goals Krista Bormann a Goal Ailsa Smith a goal and assist. < Top Defensive Players: Nicole Rains Megan Davidson.

Pleasanton Rage's U15 Orange took on the Rage's U15 White team with the Orange team defeating the White team 1-0. Arielle Siegel scored the game's only goal in the 10th minute with a 30 yard right side kick on an assist from Danielle Homan. The Rage Orange fought hard through the White's defensive attacks. Top Offensive Players: Arielle Siegel, Devon Gold, Madison Nethery. Top Defensive Players: Pascale Masri, Jessie Hopson, Devon Lutz. Pleasanton Rage U15 Div. 3 Orange

improved their record to 3 and 1 with a 4-2 win over Danville's Xtreme early Saturday morning. The first goal was scored by Katey Cloonan in the 25th minute. Many strong defensive plays were demonstrated by Au-tumn Whitney, Molly Rowse and Kristen Dumanski. Arielle Siegel scored two goals, one with an assist by Danielle Homan. Kara Matsune also contributed with one goal. Top Offensive Players: Arielle Siegel, Katey Cloonan, Kara Matsune, Danielle Homan. Top Defensive Players: Kristen Dumanski, autumn Whitney, Molly Rowse, Sarah

The Pleasanton Rage U12D3 Orange and Mustang Tornados played a hard fought game, with the difference coming from Kalyn Epps on a follow-up shot after a break-way started by Julia Amos a few minutes into the second half. Both teams were solid in the midfield and scoring opportunities were few The Rage received outstanding defensive play from Ally Nickel, Natalie Reichenbach, Jessica Amos, and Lauren Epps. Their midfield play was anchored by Julia Amos, Taz Rad, Anna Copenhagen, and Devon Buteau. The Rage received smart and efficient goalkeeping from Mo Baker all game. Ally Nickel, Natalie Reichenbach, Jessica Amos, Lauren Epps, Mo Baker.

It was Rage against Rage this weekend as the U13 Div 3A Orange team faced off against the White team, in what would prove to be a fight till the end. The Orange team got off to a slow start, and the White team was there to take full advantage. Fortunately, the Orange defense led by Cassie Santana, Kayla Cerri and Claire Hickle was abble to deny all White advances, keeping the game at 0 to 0 at the half. The Orange team began to rally in the second half. Midfielders Patti Norcross, Ali Racer and Ariel Gershman demonstrated great ball possession and movement down the field. Rage Orange had multiple shots on goal by Sara Ryan, Paige Peterson and NIkki





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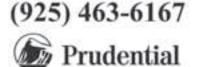
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#### SPORTS NOTES

Cerri, but the White goalie did an amazing job preventing any and all goals. In the end, the Orange team was not able to capitalize on their scoring opportunities and the game ended in a scoreless 0 to 0 tie.

Pleasanton Rage U15 Premier maintained their perfect GSSL Gold league record with a 3-2 victory over the stubborn Hayward Cyberrays. Rage found themselves in a 0-1 hole at the half after being unable to clear a bouncing ball in the box that Hayward got a foot onto midway through the first half. Rage unleashed a strong passing game to begin the second half, and got the equalizer in the 45th minute when Bria Outland put away a shot from 10 yards out after a poor defensive trap came right to her. Rage continued attacking effectively thanks to controlling midfield effectively thanks to controlling midfield play by Kiki Simmons, Erika Emmanuel, Darlene Dang, and Elisa Verita. Forwards Gabe Stange and Florife Nichols finally broke through the Hayward defense in the 70th and 76th minutes, each scoring pointblank goals by way of assists from the other to put the game out of reach.

Pleasanton Rage Division 4

**Under-6:** It was only the third game for the Dynamites, but it looked as if they had been playing together for years. Emily made the game exciting with her determination to score goals. Olivia also sparkled on Offense and was even named player of the game. Equally as impressive was the Dynamite Defense. Gianna and Kyrah thrilled the crowd with their control of the ball and ability to get with the Color than a dark a way to get it moving back in the right direction. Top Offensive Players: Emily Sanchez, Olivia Martin, Dynamites; Donna Kellar, Sarah Rieble, Hanna Fleshman, M&Møs; Kristen Greene, Carly Muser, Minnie Mice; Clare Beer, Victoria Frentz, Emily Cassetti, Dashers: Top Defensive Players: Gianna Viller ers; Top Defensive Players: Gianna Vilter, yrah Woodward, Dynamites; Sarah Voodall, Hannah Sevilla, Rayaan Khawaja, M&M¢s: Elizabeth Howell, Julia Camillo. Rachel Pettey, Minnie Mice; Alexis Barerra, Kylie Hatfield, Annika Jernstedt, Dashers.

Under-7: The Tornados' second game of the season was played against the Tinkerbells. The Tornados' offensive players were on fire, Ine tornados oriensive players were on Tire, with Lily Manos scoring 4 goals, and DeLaney Soble and Savana Sadler scoring 1 goal each. Top Offensive Players: Lily Manos, DeLaney Soble, Savana Sadler, Tornados; Top Defensive Players: Zoe Morgenroth, Dominique Darius, Anika Kapai, Tornados;

Under-8: The Monarchs rebounded from

last's week game with great offensive plays and goal stopping attempts. Haley kept her feet grounded and scored several goals. There was also contributions by other teammates, Hannah, Tesia, and Isabel. Great defensive stops and efforts by the goalies Rochelle and Emma along with defenders Ashley, Katie, Hailey and Stephanie. It was fantastic teamwork at its best. Top Offensive Players: Haley Roundtree, Tesia Toth, Hannah Thoe, Monarchs; Madison Mole, Abby Fried, Emily Monarchs; Madison Mole, Abby Fried, Emily Haskell, Mustangs; Julianna Pereira, Alyssa Serrano, Paige Lombardi, MudDogs; Top Defensive Players: Ashley Lopez, Rochelle Cloward, Emma Monsen, Monarchs; Cami Lane, Ava Holbrook, Mustangs; Allison Defazio, Lacey Hicks, Sarah Baxter, MudDogs;

MudDogs; Under-12: A very exciting game for both teams, goals back and forth! Gabriella has a great game as goalie. Daniella has a fabulous great game as orate. Barleta has a rabulous game scoring 2 goals. Maria scored 1 goal and Reese also scored a great goal. Carlie scored a 1st time ever goal, but was called back due to off sides. The final goal that decided the tie was a penalty kick awarded to the Strikers. Scores: Strikers 4. Elemonators 4: Top Scores: Strikers 4, Elemonators 4: 10p
Offensive Players: Daniella Lyng, Maria
Akhter, Reese Wilson, Elemonators; Top
Defensive Players: Gabriella Lemoine, Sara
Gibbons, Zoe Zimpher, Elemonators;
Under-14: Both of United's goals made

Under-14: Both of United s goals maue by Linsey Cole. A hard fought defensive game ending in a tie. Scores: United 2, Aftershock 2: Powerage 1, Cuties 1: Top Offensive Players: Lindsey Cole, Anisha Sheth, Kourtnie Anne, United; Olivia Buescher, Sierra Guzman, Mina Corpuz, Cuties: Top Defensive Players: Kayla Cuties; Top Defensive Players: Kayla Ashtiani, Shayna Doyle, Kylie Cardoza, United; Andy Bright, Rachel Duggan, Madi-

#### Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic Black un-The Pleasanton Ballistic Black under-19 boys Al Caffodio team split its two games over the weekend with a 1-2 lost to the Walnut Creek Evolution on Saturday, and bounced back with a 5-2 win over the Walnut Creek Revolution on Sunday. Ballistic

Creek Revolution on Sunday. Ballistic record is now at 5-1 for league play.

Ballistic lost a tough match to the Evolution on Saturday. Nathan Roberts scored early in the game from a David Norton pass on the end line. Ballistic rebounded on Sunday and scored a 5-2 win over the Walnut Creek Revolution. An own goal by the Revolution got the Ballistic started. Norton took a down the middle pass from Aaron Lek and scored. Justin Dorsey followed with a nice shot to make it 3-1 by half time. Norton's rocket one into the goal from 19 yard out. Jonathan Ramirez punch one in from a nice pass from Norton to round out the scoring. Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U-15 continued their recent unbeaten run in league play this week-end with a thoroughly convincing 4-2 win over the East Diablo Lightning at the Sports Park in Pleasanton. They fell behind early when the East Diablo right-winger scored. Ballistic acquiring when Table Harvey, the life tic equalized when Toby Harvey the left-winger cut in from the flank and fired home past the keeper. Ballistic were enjoying a period of midfield domination just before half-time, taking the lead on a free-kick to Seth Niermeyer inside the box who eagerly snapped up the chance to put Ballistic ahead. East Diablo came out fired up in the second half and drew level when defensive uncertainty by the Ballistic back-four allowed an East Diablo forward to sneak in behind them and hook the ball home off a defender. They were not level for long however as Toby Harvey restored Ballistics lead from the penalty spot minutes after a handball call on an East Diablo defender. Ballistic put the game beyond reach when Jason Chow headed on a throw-in to Seth Niermeyer, who blasted home his second goal of the game to make the final score 4-2 in favor of Ballistic. Top Offensive Players: Seth Niermeyer, Toby

Harvey. Top Defensive Players: Micheal Viebeck, Suchi Kuo. Ballistic United U12 Class 1 started off slow in the first half against Livermore falling behind 2-1 at half time. Stephen Dougherty scored the first goal on a cross from Sahit Menon. In the second half Daniel Rodriguez scored the second goal on a penality kick from about 20 yards out. The defense of Daniel Payne, Cameron Casby, Collin Alexander, Blaz Perko and Collin Blaney kept Livermore from scoring in the second half. Final score Ballistic 2 Livermore 2.

In the second game of the day Ballistic United faced Placer 97 Black in Nor Cal Cup

play. Ballictic won 5-1. Team work was the key to the victory with assists coming from Collin Richardson, Alex Krause, and Sahit Menon. The offensive scoring power of Gabe Thurner, Stephen Dougherty, Justin Taylor, Alex Krause and Sahit Menon found the back of the net for Ballistic. The defense again kept their opponent scoreless in the second half. Sam Musbach agian did an outstanding job as goalie, stopping many scoring chances by the opponent. Top Offensive Players: Sahit Menon, Stephen Dougherty, Alex Krause,

Gabe Thurner. Top Defensive Players: Cameron Casby, Collin Alexander, Collin Blaney, Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez. The U12 Division III Black team continues to build on its winning streak at 3 in a row by defeating the Fremont Vipers by a score of 5 to 0. The boys came out strong from the opening whistle scoring their initial goal within the first five minutes of play. Ben Smedley drove the ball up the right side several times deep into the opponents box, ending the drive with a strong cross shot to one of his teammates poised and waiting in front of the Vipers goal. Ryan Vicencio led both teams in scoring with a personal best of three goals. Assists were by Andrew Griehshammer, Ben Smedley, Brian Kinnee, Brad Pilkington and Mason Picone. Other offensive standouts in the contest were Brian Kinnee, Jack Geasa and Chris Goldhawk 3 shots on goal each. Six additional BUSC players executed shots against the opponents goal creating a offensive attack differential of 22 shots on goal to the Vipers 1. Brendan 22 shots oil goal to the vipers 1. Beltidan Gold finished off the scoring attack with the teams fifth and final goal. The Black team also had a number of scoring opportunities with corner kicks taken by Roberto Beard who launched several balls high and just in front of the Viper goal. The defensive play was just as strong throughout the course of was just as strong throughout the course of the game, led by Andrew Griehshammer with four "Clears" and Alex Lee with two, stop-ping or reversing the point of attack by the Fremont team. Other defensive standouts

were Joshua Cole and Matt Teng with Sam Hansen and Jared Siegel providing goalie support (even though there was only 1 shot on goal by Fremont) during regulation game

The Ballistic United U-16 team beat local rival, the Mustang Red XI, 3-2. United took only two minutes to score the game's first goal. Jamie Somerville slotted a pass to Gustavo Rivera, who found the back of the net after beating Mustang's keeper. Five minutes later. Zac Arellano connected on a immutes later, Zac Areinalo connected on a shot that grazed the crossbar. A Mustang's forward tied the game, 1-1, by intercepting a soft pass from United's keeper Adam Bailey. In the 25th minute, Rivera passed to Zac Savoy, who beat the defender and Mustang's goalie to put United back in the lead. Four minutes later, Savoy fired another shot that hit the crossbar, but did not score. James Metz, Parker Quesinberry and Brandon Krumbach were able to adjust, and control the midfield, ensuring the half-time score remained.

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In the 45th minute, Mustang tied the game, 2-2, with a well struck, long range shot. Mustang's team members increased the pressure on United as they looked for another goal, but United defenders Zacharias Laranang, Wesley Ostrowki, Sam Fox and Evan Larsen kept them from achieving their objective. The game turned around in the 56th minute when Stefan Agustsson took a shot that was blocked by a Mustang defender on the goal line. Taking advantage, Joey Pereiramade a pass back to Eddie Schoennagel, who was entering the field of play after taking a corner. Schoennagel put the ball into the penalty area, where Ryan Cox made a perfect header to give United the 3-2 win.

Ballistic United U16 White played the Walnut Creek Diablos in a 4 to 1 win on Laranang, Wesley Ostrowki, Sam Fox and

Walnut Creek Diablos in a 4 to 1 win on Saturday at Arbolado Park. The Ballistic had a total 17 shots on goal in the match taken by Josh Cho, Jake Lorentz, Randy Copeman, Jared Shohfi, Brandon Cohen, Anthony Hu, Luis Castillo, and Tyler Mende. Jake Lorentz scored the first goal for the Ballistic in the 25th minute with assists by Randy Copeman and Brandon Cohen. Jared Shohfi punched in the second goal with an assist from a well placed cross by Yashar Behnam ending the first half up 2 to 0. The most exciting goal of the match was a head whipped header into the net by Anthony Hu in the 44th minute off a perfectly placed cross by Randy Copeman. Walnut Creek followed with their only goal in the 63rd minute. A foul by Walnut Creek in the 77th minute resulted in a direct kick taken by Brandon Cohen from 30 yards out that was a textbook bending shot into the top right corner of the net which capped off the win for the Ballistic. Keeper Lukas Moses had 3 key saves in the match. Top Offensive Players: Jake Lorentz, Anthony Hu, Jared Shohfi. Top Defensive Players: Brandon Cohen, Randy Copeman, Frank Morley.

BUSC U12 Div III Black team continued its undefeated season in the Al Caffodio taken by Brandon Cohen from 30 yards out

ued its undefeated season in the Al Caffodio Youth Soccer League by shutting out Dublin Rapid Fire 4 to 0. The teams record is now 4-0 with an average goals scored per game of 4.5 while only giving up an average of .5 goals to their opponents. In the Dublin game, goals were credited to Jared Siegel with 3 and Ben Smedley with 1. The assist for one of Jared Siegel's goals came from an outstanding physical effort by Roberto Beard. Well ing physical entor by Roberto Beard. Well executed "assists" also came from Mason Picone with 2, Brad Pilkington and Ben Smedley with I apiece. Brian Kinnee and Ben Smedley anchored the right side offensive attack and were relentless in their drive on goal each. The defense continue its impenetrable force by intercepting passes, disrupting the flow of an opponents' attack and turning the ball back up field. Matthew Tengled the defensive take-away charge with four. Jack Geasa, Chris Goldhawk, Andrew Grighthemark Levius Cole. Plan Visance Griehshammer, Joshua Cole, Ryan Vicencio and Alex Lee all contributed to the swarming coverage. Dublin slipped through the BUSC defense in the first half and was racing to the goal when Sam Hansen, from the opposite side of the field, turned on his speed and intercepted the opponent, breaking up their scoring opportunity and maintain the shut-

out.
The Ballistic U12 White team bounced The Ballistic 012 white team obtained back from a tough loss the weekend before to defeat the Dublin Rapid Fire 5 to 0. The team started quickly and dominated the game resulting in the final score. The team's play continues to improve with every game. Offensive: Yousef Diab - 3 goals, Daniel Mendoza - 1 Goal, Thomas Rozsa - 1 Goal Assists - Alex Martinez, Chris Klahr, Ben-jamin Chau-Chiu, Jordan Ott; Defensive: All players played a great defensive game. The U12 White team fought a hard match

battling throughout the game against a tough Livermore team. After many promising attacks the Livermore teams stifling defense kept the White team off the scoreboard. The White team goalies Brandon Ruotolo and Jordan Ott made an enormous number of saves to keep the game close and give their team a chance to win the game. An offensive flurry at the end of the game came very close to tying the game up. Top Defensive Players: Brandon Ruotolo, Jordan Ott. DIVISION 4

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Under-7: Serpents played the the Storm in the Under 7 BUSC league. Serpents made an early run, with 2 quick goals. Storms made a few attacks, but couldn't get a goal past Brigg Wenstrand at goal for the Serpents. Storms regrouped in the second half and made a run at it, making it an evenly played game. Parth Saxena was a workhorse in the midfield for the. Serpents in this evenly matched for the Serpents in this evenly matched contest. Top Offensive Players: Parth Saxena, Danny McGowan, Connor Grimes - Ser-Dalmy McOowah, Colinio Gilmes - Serpents; Evan Thomas, Tanner Fehrmann, Allan Ard - Stealth. Top Defensive Players: Eizak Sanchez, Brigg Wenstrand, Tyler Larson - Serpents; Kaleb Real, Jeremy Goodwin,

- Serpents; Kaleb Real, Jeremy Goodwin, Jackson Hilton - Stealth.

Under-9: The Dawgs and the Dynamos met for an exciting match up. Dawgs defense brought on the pressure thanks to Kenyan Branscomb, Lucas Pafumi, Devin Powell, James Kroll, and Kushaan Bahl. The Dawgs offense was incredible with goals scored by Bradley Russo, Timothy Wolfenberger, Pasha Saadat, and Kyle Walsh. While Tyler Self, Dylan Kolon, and Joshua Kyong all helped with their terrific passing abilities. TopOffensive Players: Bradley Russo, Timothy Wolfenberger, Dayley Players: Bradley Russo, Timothy Wolfenberger, Players Russo, Play thy Wolfenberger, Kyle Walsh - Dawgs; Jake Dean, Cameron Ghoddoucy, Matthew Schulz - Dons; Andy Caravan, Mykel Patrick Hayes, Jake Bell - Dragons; Top Defensive Players: Kenyan Branscomb, Kushaan Bahl, Lucas

Pafumi - Dawgs; Braeden Fitzgerald, Nick Arkin, Luke Bell - Dragons. Under 10 The Admirals played another exciting game, beating the Aces 9 to 1. In the first half, Paul Meyere scored two goals in the first 5 minutes of the game, and then turned acorner kick into a third. Dhruv Pradhan also scored three goals, followed by two goals by Graham Catudal and an exciting steal away goal by Maxamillian Kim

Scores: Admirals 9, Aces 1 Top Offen-sive Players: Dhruy Pradhan, Paul Meyere, Maxamillian Kim, Admirals; Top Defensive Players: Graham Catudal, Joshua Cho, Adrian Vargas-Loaiza, Admirals; Under 12 Jake Molz scored the only goal

for the Raiders in a hard fought, very evenly matched game against the Rush. The Raiders also stood up to their name with six goals against the Raptors. Chris Rydman turned a corner kick into a goal and then minutes later scored another goal to get the game started. Other goals were scored by Teagan Bowman, Bryan Collins, Luis Garcia and Dylan French. Scores: Raiders 1, Rush 0; Raptors 0,

Raiders 6; Rampage 4, Richochet 0; Rayens 0, Rampage 5 Top Offensive Players: Christopher Rydman, Teagan Bowman, Jake Molz, Kenny Collings, Raiders; Sam Shahriary, Alex Song, Jacob Duarte, Patrick Piptone, Poher Pitz Pumpaga, Top Defensive Play Robert Pitz, Rampage; Top Defensive Players: Matthew Gray, Dylan French, Quentin Kim, Matthew Serrano, Raiders; Ignacio Molina-Moyano, Rampage
Under 14 Many shots made on both
goals, but no scoring in the battle between the

Pack and the Panthers in a game that ended

#### Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League re-

Senior Division: Saints 32, Jets 28 The Livermore Saints remained undefeated following a wild game played on Saturday against the mighty Jets. The Jets scored first and the Saints answered on a 43 yard scamper by HB Austin Ochoa. The Jets scored again on a 68 yard run by Luis Hernandez. The Saints answered again on a 52 yard run by O.B. Zach McPherson. The score at halftime was Saints 12, Jets 12. In the fourth quarter, with 2:25 left in the game, the Jets were ahead, 28 to 18. This is when the Saints' voodoo magic took over. O.B. Zach McPherson scored on a 67 yard Q.B. sweep with a convoy of blockers. The extra point was good. The score became, Jets 28, Saints 26. On the ensuing kickoff, with 1:41 to go, the Saints recovered an onside kick at the Jets' 40 yard line. On 3rd down and 10, Saints Q.B. Zach McPherson stood in the pocket and pretended to throw a pass but scrambled for 40 yards down the sideline for the final touchdown. With 45 seconds on the clock and no time outs remaining for the Jets, the Saints defense stopped the Jets' offense on 2 plays as time ran out.
Giants 44, Cardinals 26 The Giants

fought a tough battle against the Cardinals and ended with a decisive 44-26 victory. The charge was led by running backs Matt Richards and Rio Orozco with Richards rushing for 140 yards and 3 touchdowns, and Orozco rushing for 130 yards and 3 touchdowns. Receivers Ryan Hansen, Jacob Payne and Tyler Fitzgerald all pulled in passes, as Hansen caught one for a 45 yard TD. Quarterback Jamal Patel, once again directed his team with confidence and efficiency. Offensive linemen, Devin Bernacil, Blake Thurlow, Scott Chapeta, Tony Nonrog and Thomas Brown did a great job creating holes for the six rushing TDs. The Giants' defense was again top notch, led by their tackling safety Josh Sanders, pulling in his second interception in three games. Linebackers Al Russell, Taylor Disbrow and Chris Harker totaled the largest number of tackles, while defensive tackle Nick Sposeto and defensive end Timmy Harris hammered away for a QB sack and a tackle for a big loss. Defensive linemen Ashraf Hammad, Kevin Hayes and Lucas Bumonlag stood their ground as the Giants held their opponents scoreless in the second half. Bumonlog also ran for 25 yards while playing fullback. Defensive backs Nick Vickers playing fulloack. Defensive backs/Nick vickers and Brian Garcia came up hard to stop a number of would be challenges by the pow-erful Cardinals running game. The Cardi-nals' offense was led by DJ Moffitt with 214 yards rushing and TD runs of 78, 58 and 44 yards and by Mac Morgan with 79 yards rushing and an 11 yard TD run. Defensively, Kyle Campiotti has 9 tackles, forced a fumble and also recovered a fumble while Clayton Bueno had 6 tackles and Alex Currie recov-

ered a fumble Advanced Division Ravens 24, 49ers 0 The 49ers fell to the Ravens in week three, 24-The 49ers' offense looked much better behind the play calling by QB Peter Munns. The Niners showed some success in the air, opening up the game with HB pass from Miko Asifoa to Austin Gibbs for 21 yard gain. The Niners produced a solid running attack by running backs-Miachel Kutsenda. Conner Cruz, Austin Gibbs, fullbacks-Jacob Benavidez, and Miko Asifoa behind a strong offensive line led by Stevie Royster, Jr Wilkins, Brett Bernstein, Dylan Guilin, and Dominic Luzador

Raiders 12, Bucs 6 The Bucs and Raiders battled hard in a back and forth game that ended with the Raiders on top 12-6. The Bucs had strong performances by Robbie Payne, Eric Meeks and Ryan Lewis. The Bucs had 228 yards of total offense but could only manage to punch it into the end zone 1 time against the Raiders' stingy defense. Bucs highlights included a 21 TD pass from Travis Adams to Jacob Mitchell, Ryan Silvas rushed for 80 yards with 10 tackles, Ben Parker rushed for 72 yards with 11 tackles, Chris Jones had 45 total yards, and Jeremy Cardenas had 10 tackles.

#### Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League re-Senior Division: 49ers rode big plays and a stifling defense to a 15-0 win over the Dolphins. On their first drive, Alec Hillman

hit Kevan Knaggs on a short crossing route and Knaggs, picking up a key block from Zach Sigl, turned it into a 28-yard gain that Zach Sigi, turned it line a 28-yard gain that took the ball down to the one yard-line. After a procedure penalty moved the ball back to the six, and Spencer Umidon got the five yards back on a sweep to the left. On the next play, Hillman rolled to his right and found Sigl in the back of the end zone for the score. The two also connected on the conversion and the 49ers led 8-0 at the half. On the Niners first drive of the second half, a pair of runs by Trent Kravitz set up Kevin Murphy's 19-yard run for a touchdown. Murphy started to his left, then, four yards up field, cut back to his right and got into the corner of the end zone for the score. Kravitz ran in for the conversion to make it 15-0. The 49ers defense, led by Aaron Silva's two sacks and big plays in the backfield by Knaggs, Austin Simmons and Will Heredia, held the Dolphins to one first

down and kept them out of the end zone.

Steelers vs. the Redskins: The Redskins receiving the opening kickoff and held the ball for 4:21 before turning the ball over on 4th down. The Steelers went to their ground game behind RB Joshua Yu who picked up game termind No Joshua 14 who picked up 9 yards on his 1st carry of the game. The Redskin 'D' held. The Redskins then went to the air with 3 passes picking up 6 and the 2 point PAT for their first TD of the game. The Steeler offense also took to the air with little weeks of the foundation the Steeler. little success, after a few penalties the Steelers the success, after a rew penalties the Steelers punted from their own 18. A bad snap gave the ball to the Redskins on the 5 yard line who quickly run it in on their 1st play for 6 and the 2 point PAT for their 2nd TD of the game 16-0. The Redskin then forced the Steelers to punt again, a 2nd bad snap gave the the Redskins get the ball back at the Steelers 35. Four plays later they pick up their 3<sup>rd</sup> TD and 2 point PAT 24-0. The Steelers resumed their ground attack this time going to RB Mike Echavia, 15 yards on three carries, and RB Joshua Yu, 40 yards on three carries, to the Joshua Yu, 40 yards on three carries, to the Redskins 2 yard line. With only seconds left on the clock and no timeouts the Steelers run out of time ending the 1st half 24-0. The Steelers received the 2nd half opening kick Zack Wilhite picking up 15 yards and 3 plays later set up a key block sprang Joshua Yu to the sideline and a footrace to the end zone for their 1st TD of the game 24-6. On their next possession the Redskins kept it on the ground going 58 yards on 5 plays to pick up their 4st going 58 yards on 5 plays to pick up their 4<sup>th</sup> TD of the game 30-6. The Steeler 'D' never said quit either forcing a Redskin fumble, recovered by 'D' End Lamont Banks. With 3:40 left on the clock the Steeler offense managed 20 yards before time ran out ending the game Steelers 6. Redsking 30

the game Steelers 6, Redskins 30.
Paced by the play of back up quarterback
Logan Finley, the Senior Seahawks were able to grab their second straight win, rallying for a 12-8 win over the Saints in Pleasanton Junior Football League Senior play. After giving up a big play in the second quarter, staking the Saints to a 8-0 lead, the Seahawks defense shut down their opponents the rest of the way out. Parker Dalton, Grant Sherrod and Dylan Isquirdo all had big efforts in hold the Saints to the lone score. Lineman Mike Harris, Brandon Car-Lee and Sean Flynn stuffed the middle, with defense ends James Frair and Alex Jadar turning everything back

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inside, Defensive back Nick Mendonca, K.C. Chisim and Eli Karlson (who made his first interception) also were solid throughout. The offensive line of Kevin Miller, Tyler Rains, Grant Soyka, Ryan Walsh, Nate Vickers, Harrison Heiser and Ushman Kahn overcome a slow start to open some big holes for the Hawks backs. Cale Rubinson and Raymond Bartolomucci scored the touchdowns for the Seahawks

Bantam Division: The Pleasanton Junior Football Bantam Division Chiefs came out fired up Saturday and earned a huge 16-0 victory over the Lions. It was a total team effort, with contributions made by each player. Focused blocking by offense linemen Dillion Pedro, Jake Massie, Nick Massie, Trevor Wallace and Brahim Diop allowed big running plays by Grant Manning, Jared Byom, Tyler Bonitz and Nicholas Brdar that resulted in several first down conversions and two touchdowns. The defense came on strong in the first quarter keeping the Lions from gaining much ground. With the Chief's first possession, quarterback Bobby Payne handed off to Byom who blasted out to the side and ran for 60 vards to the 20. Time ran out on the quarter as the Lions took over on downs. Following two plays by Brdar that included a 15 yard pass completion and run, the Chiefs found themselves on the Lions' one yard line. Payne took the snap and charged through the Lions D-line for the touchdown. Byom then took a handoff from Payne, swept to the side and slid into the corner of the end zone for the two-point conversion. The defense kept the pressure on through the end of the first half thanks to big tackles by Jake and Nick Massie, John Hodgers, a sack by Manning and key stops by Carter Pierce, Zach Mickels, and cornerbacks Shawn DeLuz and Christopher Reese It was a defensive battle Christopher Reese. It was a defensive battle Christopher Reese. It was a defensive battle for most of the third quarter. In the fourth, Manning took a Payne handoff and as he swept to the left looking for the end zone, Justin Wiegel made a perfectly timed block allowing Manning to score. Bonitz then pushed through for the extra two points. With 7:06 left in the game, the defense came on strong with two back field tackles by Wallace and the defensive line breaking up a Lions and the defensive line breaking up a Lions pass keeping them scoreless

Intermediate Division: The Raiders kicked off to the Broncos and played to a 26 to 14 victory. Kane Millerstrom bolted into the Broncos backfield shooting between QB & RB steeling the handoff and taking it untouched 39 yds for the Raiders 1st defensive TD of the season and the game. On the TD of the season and the game. On the Broncos next series they return to their air attack only to have the ball picked by LB Trevor Berryman who returns it 20 yds to the Bronco 39 ydline. Seven plays later RB Drew Imhof ran for 6 more. Hayden Goldstein punchee it in for the 2 point PAT 14-0. Contributing on the drive was QB Nick Martin and TE Nick Gilfillan who connected for a 20 yds. Raider 'D' is ready to play with Aaron Andrews and 'D' Lineman Nata Redditt Aaron Andrews and 'D' Lineman Nate Redditt team forcing a Bronco fumble recovered by Jaron Thexton. The Raider 'O' led a 4 play 39 yd drive for the 3<sup>rd</sup> TD of the game behind TE Nick Gilfillan & RB Drew Imhoff. Tyler Wilhite recording two touchdown saving tackles to stop the Broncos. The Broncos scored on a four yard pass to make the score 20-6. The Raiders received the 2<sup>rd</sup> half kick and marched 69 yards for their 4<sup>th</sup> TD of the game. The Raider 'D' held the Broncos with and marched 69 yards for their 4th TD of the game. The Raider 'D' held the Broncos with corner Tyler Wilhite & 'D' lineman Brannon Derdak combining for 2 backfields tackles and LB Harrison Mayo & Safety Kyle Hooker converging to knockdown a Bronco pass. The Bronco 'D' held the Raiders to a punt. Later, with 23 yds between the Broncos and 6 points the Raider 'D' steps up big forcing a Bronco fumble recovered by corner Tyler Wilhite. The Raiders then fumble right back to the Broncos who on their I the play run it in for their Broncos who on their 1st play run it in for their 2<sup>nd</sup> TD and pick up the 2 point PAT 26-14.

#### California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in Small World, hosted by Gimfinity gym in Livermore on September 20. The Level 5/6 team earned the first place award. RESULTS (by event):

LEVEL 5/Age group: Younger VAULT-Katarina Weissbach, 70.5) BARS-Katarina Weissbach, 3rd(8.25) BEAM-Katarina Weissbach, 2ndt(9.15) ALL AROUND-Katarina Weissbach, 2ndt(9.15) ALL AROUND-Katarina Weissbach, 5. (3.7); Age group: Katarina Weissbach, 5th (33.7); Age group:

Older VAULT-Alexandra Weissbach, 5th (8.0) BARS-Alexandra Weissbach, 2nd (8.75) BEAM-Alexandra Weissbach, 1st (9.5) FLOOR-Alexandra Weissbach, 3rd (8.95) ALL AROUND-Alexandra Weissbach, 1st

ALL AROUND-Alexandra Weissbach, 1st (35.2)

LEVEL 6 AGE group: Younger VAULT-Isabella Orecchia, 1st (9.4) BARS-Isabella Orecchia, 3rd (8.9) FLOOR-Isabella Orecchia, 3rd (8.9) FLOOR-Isabella Orecchia, 1st (9.1) ALL AROUND-Isabella Orecchia, 1st (36.2); Age Group: Older VAULT-Dori Lucero, Ist (9.35); Celina Moufarrej, 2nd (9.0); Elizabeth Higa, 3rd (T) (8.9) BARS-Dori Lucero, 2nd (8.2); Celina Moufarrej, (7.05); Elizabeth Higa, 1st (8.5) BEAM-Dori Lucero, (7.3); Celina Moufarrej, 2nd (9.025); Elizabeth Higa, 3rd (T) 9.0) FLOOR-Dori Lucero, 2nd (8.975); Celina Moufarrej, 5th 8.65); Elizabeth Higa, 3rd (33.825); Celina Moufarrej, 4th (33.725), (33.825); Celina Moufarrej, 4th (33.725), Elizabeth Higa,1st (35.225).

#### **Gymfinity Gymnastics**

Gymfinity Gymnastic hosted the It's a Small World Invitational at their new gym located at 230 South Vasco Rd in Livermore on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The Level 4, 5 & 6 teams worked hard and displayed their skills in each event. In the Level 4 younger age group, Paige Chew took the top spot in the bars event while Megan Hebert placed 3rd. Kaylee Brist balanced her way to a 2nd place finish on beam. Megan Hebert also placed 3rd in the all-around. Jessica Biggs secured a 2nd place medal on bars for the Level 4 middle age group. In the Level 5 older set, Rachel Pombo showed her grace and place 2nd on the balance beam. Amy Morrison took 2nd place on the vault and floor, 3rd on the bars and placed 3rd in the allaround for the Level 6 younger division. We would like to thank all of the coaches gymnasts and their families for choosing to

would like to thank all of the coaches, gymnasts and their families for choosing to spend their day with us.

Level 4 - Younger - VAULT: Megan Hebert, 4thT, 9.1; Kaylee Brist, 4thT, 9.1; Paige Chew, 7th, 8.8. BARS: Chew, 1st, 8.85; Hebert, 3rd, 8.6; Brist, 7th, 8.15. BEAM: Brist, 2nd, 8.65; Hebert, 4th, 8.6; Chew, 5th, 8.575. FLOOR: Chew, 7th, 8.45; Hebert, 8thT, 8.4; Brist, 8thT, 8.4. ALL-AROUND: Hebert, 3rd, 34.70; Chew 4th, 34.675; Brist, 7th, 34.30. Middle -VAULT: Jessica Biggs, 5th, 9.0. BARS: Biggs, 2nd, 8.95. BEAM: Biggs, 5th, 8.95. FLOOR: Biggs, 3rd, 35.450.

Level 5 - Younger - VAULT: Katie Mathers, 8th, 8.325. BARS: Mathers, 4th, 8.20. BEAM: Mathers, 10th, 8.35. FLOOR: Mathers, 6th, 8.70. ALL-AROUND: Mathers, 6th, 33.575. Older - VAULT: Mariel Chiong, 5th, 8.0; Rachel Pombo, 7th, 7.95. BEAM: Pombo, 2nd, 8.9; Chiong, 7th, 8.35. FLOOR: Chiong, 7th, 8.7. Pombo, 10th, 8.15. ALL-AROUND: Chiong, 4th, 33.05; Pombo, 5th, 32.95.

Level 6 - Younger - VAULT: Amy Morrison, 2nd, 8.85; Sara Vukojevic, 4th, 8.6 BARS: Morrison, 3rd, 7.85; Vukojevic, 5th, 7.6. BEAM: Vukojevic, 4th, 8.725; Morrison, 5th, 8.3. FLOOR: Morrison, 2nd, 9.0; Vukojevic, 7th, 7.35. ALL-AROUND: Morrison, 5th, 8.3. FLOOR: Morrison, 2nd, 9.0; Vukojevic, 7th, 7.35. ALL-AROUND: Morrison, 3rd, 3.4.0; Vukojevic, 6th, 32.275.

6th, 32.275.

#### Lady Hustle

Lady Hustle 14U Girls Fast Pitch soft-ball team took Salinas by storm on the way to the Championship game at the ASA Fall Ball Kick Off Tournament Sept 20-21. Hustle took 1st place amongst a total of 12 teams from all over the bay area. Championship Game Lady Hustle 5, Mize Diamonds 4. The Hustle team stayed

initto winit with Josie Howatt on the mound as another big hitting team was stopped by standout defensive players Morgan Taylor with 4 catches in RF and a double play. Alyssa Lanza and Breanna Herrera both had good defensive catches along with infield Norman, Chaw and Devoto making great plays. The 5th inning started with Sweeney with a single and Meyer bunted to get on base as Rachel Norman had 1-RBI and Karen Chaw followed it up with 2-RBI's in the 5th inning taking the score to 4-4. Beights came in and pitched the 7th and closed the Diamonds down, and with that the offense came out hungry for the win with singles by Ashley

Lotoszynski and Nicole Evans. Karen Chaw ended the tournament with the game winning

The New Lady Hustle 14U team has The New Lady Hustle 14U team has defeated 10 of the last 11 opponents and took home a well deserved Championship. Earlier in the tournament, Hustle beat the Salinas Storm A team 5-4 which put them in the Championship Game. This was a nail bitter as the Salinas Storm came out hitting and the Hustle team bent fighting through 7 innings. Hustle team kept fighting through 7 innings. Alyssa Beights adjusted on the mound and defense backed herup with catches by Howatt, Norman, Devoto and Herrera. It was a battle to the end when Hustle came out down by two but loaded the bases with hits from Howatt, Evans and Norman. Then Bianca Devoto came up to bat with bases loaded and roped a walk off triple to win the game. Hustle Beat Salinas Storm's second team 4-1 game with Josie Howatt on the mound. The defense was ready to play as Rachel Norman in right field held runs while closing the gap making 2 catches and Ashley Sweeney holding a run with a throw out at home from LF. Alexis Meyer and Alyssa Beights turned a double play and both played excellent defense. Offensive standout players were Karen Chaw and Ashley Lotoszynski with triples and Meyer had an overall great game with a double, single and RBI. On Saturday, Hustle corned the gumbar one seed by hostirus the earned the number one seed by beating the Penisula Blues 17-0, Hollister Heat 6-3, and the WB Nuggets 2-0. With Alyssa Beights and Ashley Lotoszynski (10 strike outs) and both pitched shut outs. Breanna Herrera and Jillian Ceccanti both had triples.

Lady Hustle Life girls coftball participations.

Lady Hustle U16 girls softball participated in the R&R Gold Showcase of talent Sept 20th & 21st in Stockton & Lodi. Lady Hustle won all 3 games on Saturday with victories over Lady Canes (3-2), CC Comets (6-1), and finishing with a 7-0 shutout of the North Valley Rapids. Lady Hustle played solid defense behind 5 different pitchers, including Katie Mannion who had a perfect game broken up with 2 outs in the final inning against the rapids. Kayla Bufardeci added a triple and scored a run to lead a balanced

On Sunday, Lady Hustle fought back from a 4-0 deficit to tie the NorCal Shockers of Sacramento and finished their tournament with a 2-1 victory over Salinas Storm. Katie Keller and Montana Berg pitched well for Lady Hustle with leading hitters Erin Cathey, Kristin Ormsby, & Sami Schiller providing the offensive spark. Overall Lady Hustle

outscored their opponents by a combined score of 22-8, going undefeated with 4 wins and a tie. Lady Hustle 18's

The Lady Hustle 18U Team had a very successful weekend at the RR Gold/Team Wilson Showcase of Talent this past weekend in Stockton, California with 5 wins and no lease a Unstability nave that pair of discussions. losses. Hustle hitting was the topic of discussion this weekend with five hitters hitting 500 or better for the tournament Alexis 500 or better for the tournament. Alexis Martinez's bat was on fire as she hit 667 for the five games. Kris Lupo's bat remained hot and she is hitting 600 for the last two tournaments. Megan Scherer hit 556 with 2 RBI's and 2 DBL's. While catching for the tournament couldn't be any better with Jamie Costa and Maggi Horn sharing the duties, they both added to the offense while Jamie hit 500 with an amazing 7 RBI's and Maggi 500 with an amazing 7 RBI's and Maggi adding in with her 500 batting average and 2 RBI's. Jessica Varady was in control in the circle, pitching superbly both days, while only giving up 1 run in two games on Saturday and no earned runs on Sunday. While Kaitlyn Taylor showed her pitching While Kaitlyn Taylor showed her pitching abilities by only giving up 3 runs all weekend, KT added to the offense with a 417 batting average of her own. Alanna Leasau had another tournament with solid defense at 3B while adding a DBL to the offense. Ashley Vignola put on another defensive Ashley Vignola but on another detensive display at SS and covering a lot of ground in CF. Ashley ended the tournament with game ending throw from deep CF to gun a runner out at the plate. Lady Hustle made it a complete team contribution while Jenica Holt and Jullisa Sclafani both played solid defense. They both also added hits to the offense that Hustle displayed throughout the weekend, rounding off the tournament with hits for the entire team.

#### **Bowling News**

James Murphy rolled his highest series so far in the Friday Chevenne League, with (continued on page 10)



#### **SPORTS**

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games of 300-257-248 he ended the night with a 805. In the Getaway Fours League, Lee Pettus bowled a 225 game, Keving Hutcherson a 204. In the Balhorn/O'Dell Match Point league, Andrew Klino turned in a high game of 227, Denise Greimsley rolled a 225. In the Modified Guys & Dolls on Wednesday night, John Graf rolled a 741 series with games of 256-268-217. Right behind him David Drab had a great series of 727 with games of 246-258-223. Maria Lockridge also bowled a great set with games of 256-215-245 for a 716 series. High games in the Cheyenne League from Mark McCreary a 286, Ray Salas and Tim Piper a 279 each, and Mark Sanders a 278 game. Ron Shaffer in the Friday Family Affair rolleda 238 game. Brian Kirby bowled 80 over average with a 198

Senior bowler, Rich Lukes in the Sirs & Sirettes league, rolled a nice 233 game, Jim Rochin a 215, and Pete Oaks a 214. In the Donna's Mixers league, Jim Rochin had a great series of 634 with games of 201-203-230. In the same league, John Foscalina rolled a 625 series with ames of 206-221-198. More high games came from Rose Nelson with a 226 and Sam Cancilla a 208. In the Friday Primetimers, senior bowler Rich Baguio started off with a 255 game.

Youth bowler, Noah Eagan who sports a 67 average, rolled a 135 in the Friday Family Affair League.

#### **Sharks Tickets**

 $The\,Livermore\,Area\,Recreation\,and\,Park$ District is selling San Jose Sharks hockey tickets for the upcoming season. All tickets are \$51 and located in the Upper Reserved

Available tickets are: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, vs. Detroit Red Wings; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, vs. Los Angeles Kings; and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, vs. Anaheim

To reserve tickets, please call LARPD at 925-373-5700.

#### Softball Signups

Livermore Girls Softball Association/ Livermore Smoke will be hosting its walkin registration on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Mocho St. from 6pm-9pm. This will be the only walkin registration. Any player from Livermore, Sunol or unincorporated are are eligile to play. Copies of birth certificates mandatory for all new players joining the league. To obtain Registration Form and BOTH Player and Parent Code of Conduct forms please go to www.livermoregirlssoftball.org. These three forms are mandatory to play. T-ball & three forms are mandatory to play. T-ball & 8U = \$125 and 10U and up \$160. \$20 discount for families with more than one sibbling playing. Mail in option: Send Registration Form

AND both Parent and Player Code Of Conduct Forms and registration fee to: LGSA/ Livermore Smoke, Attn: Registration, P.O.

Box 905, Livermore, CA 94551.

Mandatory tryouts for 10U and up are scheduled for Saturday, November 15 & December 6, 2008 at Joe Michell School on Elaine Ave. Last names that begin with A - L 9am-12pm; M - Z 1pm-4pm. Pitchers and Catcher tryouts following regular tryout. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to check-in. Pre-registration is requested for tryouts.

Questions? Contact Stacie Heinz ww.livermoresmoke2008@comcast.n

#### **Livermore Youth Football**

Livermore Youth Football results:

The Livermore Norsemen traveled to Martinez to bring home a shutout victory over the Bull Dogs 26-0. Big special teams plays, an onsides kick recovery, and a blocked punt helped set the table for the Norsemen offense. Vince Volpatti scored twice with TD runs of 71, and 49 yards. Volpatti added two TD passes to Miles Mastrobuoni to lock up the game by halftime. Once again great offensive line play opened huge holes for Livermore backs to pile up 250 yards on the ground, and 310 yards over all.

The Bull Dogs running game was shut down by the strong Norsemen front eight led by Brian White, so Martinez tried the passing game. They were met by an untested Norsemen secondary who rose to the task. Excellent play from defensive backs Jason Barrow, Steven Chappell, Levi Banks, Jessie Taylor, and Salvatore Glaviano. The Bull Dogs only drive into Norsemen terriory was stopped with a great interception in the Livermore end zone by Miles Mastrobuoni. Livermore gave only two first downs, and held Martinez to less than 100 yards total offense.

#### 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 Baer Park. The clinic provides instruction on the fundamentals of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 8 to 14. This is an excellent introduction into the fast moving and ever growing game of lacrosse. Demonstrations will be presented by local coaches, high school and college players, and maybe a surprise guest. \$50 fee includes quality lacrosse stick, t-shirt, & ball. For updated information and registration info please visit www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901.

#### 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 and a live auction.

For information or to sign up call 417-

0486 or go www.younglifetrivalley.younglife.org.

#### 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 Regional Park in Pleasanton on Saturday, September 27. 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

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.

#### Girls Softball

2009 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Soft-ball 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 Costa at Nancy 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 playersshould arrive by 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.

#### **Pleasanton Hosting Swim Meet**

The City of Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center will be the venue for the Junior Plus Swim Meet on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 2008. The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim team will host the two-day event that is expected to draw about 400 swimmers plus their families. Competitors arrive each morning at 7:00 a.m. and the meet will continue until approximately 3:00 p.m. Swimmers will be visiting from throughout the Greater Bay Area, the Sierra Nevada region and Central California.

The City of Pleasanton has been working closely with all organizations involved to implement its plan for both a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. Congested traffic conditions are anticipated on Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue each morning as the swimmers begin to arrive for the day's competition. Accordingly, City staff has developed a traffic flow system for the Aquatic Center to facilitate competitor dropoff, and participants have been notified of pre-designated parking locations that would reduce the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

For more information, please contact Ian Anderson at (925) 931-

#### Celebration of Life Slated

The 16th Annual Celebration of Life will be held Tues., Sept. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faz Restaurant in Pleasanton.

Theme is "Healing Through Touch." Presenters include Katherine Darlington, RN, Healing Touch Practitioner, and Jennifer Dayrell, acupressure therapist.

Sponsors include the American Cancer Society, Alameda County Unit; Hope Hospice, Jack Kuhn, Kaiser Permanente, LifestyleRX, San Ramon Regional Medical Center, The Wellness Community, and ValleyCare Health System, Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center.

To RSVP, call 734-3319 and leave name and number in party.



#### OBITUARIES



**Chris Lagiss** 

#### Chris Lagiss

Chris Lagiss passed away on Friday September 19, 2008 at the age of

He was a Livermore Valley grape growers since 1955, a very vocal member of the Livermore Valley wine community, and a founding member of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. In 1978 he established Livermore Valley Cellars which he proudly owned and operated for thirty years. His greatest enjoyment was spending an afternoon sitting in front of the tasting room (except during football season), talking with customers and regaling them with his stories. The Livermore Valley will be a

little quieter with his passing, but the memories he helped to create will live on and leave a lasting impression on all who crossed his path.

He leaves behind his wife Beverly, daughters Terry and Chrysanne, and his grandchildren Brendan and Alliana.

There will be a viewing from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore with a Trisagion Service at 7 p.m. The funeral service will be Friday, September 26, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore.

#### Larry Edward Hauser

Pleasanton resident Larry Edward Hauser died September 16, 2008 in

He was born May 18, 1941 in Los Angeles, CA. He attended college for two years. Larry worked as assistant general manager of Uniform Laundry Service. His hobbies included bowling, bocce, hunting, fishing, and water

He is survived by his mother, Jimmie Jean Hauser, daughter Rhonda Lynn Ferriter, and brothers Donald Craig Hauser and Duane Alan Hauser.

Funeral services were held September 19 in Pleasanton, Burial was at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### Tom "Heavy" Gowler

Pleasanton resident Tom "Heavy" Gowler was born in Valentine, Nebraska on May 3, 1938. He passed away on Sept 16, 2008 of lung cancer.

He is survived by his sister, Beverly Buffington. Heavy has lived in California most of his life. He was an excellent horseman and will be missed by many at the Pleasanton fairgrounds.

No services will be held. Arrange ments by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### Joe Humphrey

Joe Humphrey died September 17, 2008. He was surrounded by the love of his family after a short struggle with pancreatic cancer. He was loved and supported by family and many friends throughout his illness.

Joe was born November 9, 1922 in Hollywood to Sam and Helen Humphrey, and then moved to Oakland where he attended school and graduated from Fremont High with the class of January, 1941. He attended Merritt Business School and was first employed as a stenographer with Safeway Stores, Kaiser Shipyards and in the personnel office in Sitka, Alaska for one year. He joined the Marines in April, 1943 and served aboard a troop transport ship, the General Hugh L. Scott. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant.

Through a friendship formed in the service, he enrolled at Valley City State Teachers' College in North Dakota. While in college, he excelled in sports and he met his wife, Geneva. They were married in 1947; he completed college and moved to Elbow

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Lake, Minnesota for his first teaching and coaching position. After 8 years, he and his family moved to Livermore in 1957 where he taught and coached in the Livermore School District until

Since retirement, he enjoyed fly fishing, tennis, traveling the US and more importantly an annual family camp-out in Northern California with his children and grandchildren – the last one in July of this year. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Min-

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Geneva. Sons, Tim of Washington State, Kurt (Rebecca) of Portland, Scott (Tracy) of Portland, daughters Beth Fitch (Alan) of Oregon and Jill Rogers (Marcus) of Pennsylvania. Also ten grandchildren-Peter Vanek, Sam and Ben Humphrey, Kelsi and Alexandra Fitch, Megan and Eric Humphrey and Jason, Jessica and Nicholas Attebery, five great-grandchildren and his sister Betty Carvin, of Vacaville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Kaiser Hospice and the American Cancer Society. A memorial service celebrating Joe's life will be held on September 27, 2008 at 11:00 am. at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

#### **Helene Marie Castro**

Helene Marie Castro passed away on September 13, 2008. She was born April 2, 1948.

Helene was a resident of Pleasan-

ton, California for 21 years and a teacher for over 25 years. She was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. After high school she worked as a secretary in the Chicago police department for 3 years to pay for her college tuition. She earned undergraduate degrees in Elementary and Special Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago and taught special education in Chicago area schools. She earned her Master's in Education from California State University East Bay (Hayward) while raising her children. She taught in Hayward for 8 years at Ochoa Middle School and in Livermore for 9 years at Junction and Christensen Middle Schools and Granada High School.

She was the beloved wife of John Castro for 38 years; loving mother of Daniel (Kimberly), Karyn, Lisa (Spencer) Scribner; proud grandmother of Myles and Ellie Scribner; sister of LaVerne (John) Robertson, Sandy (Den) Carolan, Diane (Trevor) Sibley. Debi Keate; aunt to many nieces and nephews; and daughter of the late Daniel and Helen Newman.

Helene was an excellent cook who always enjoyed hosting family and friends, and her kitchen was a favorite gathering spot for holidays, special occasions and everyday meals. Friends and family enjoyed her warmth, conversation, contagious laughter and unconditional love. She is and will be missed greatly.

A vigil/prayer service was held Sept. 21 in Pleasanton. A Catholic funeral mass was be celebrated in Pleasanton at St. Augustine Church September 22.

To honor her generosity and giv-

ing nature, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Shepherd's Gate Shelter for displaced and abused women and children in Livermore.

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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 homosexuality, this seminar is for you.

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Members of the choir pose in front of the quilt they created.

#### Quilt Created by Boys Choir Shown at Quilting in the Garden

A handmade quilt crafted by students at the Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School of Oakland recently was selected to be displayed at the 2008 Quilting in the Garden event at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, 2033 Railroad Ave. The annual quilt show, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 27 and 28, features quilts by local and regional artists and members of the community, food and drink, and quilting supply vendors.

This past year, Livermore resident, art teacher, and mom Carolyn Lord has been hard at work leading a project for middle school boys at the Pacific Boychoir Academy (Oakland): The production of a handmade "family quilt."

At Pacific Bovchoir Academy Middle School in Oakland, Lord taught fifth-through eighth-

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Auditions Valley Concert Chorale by

appointment on Monday, Septem

ber 29, at the First Presbyterian Church

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Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging

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jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association 36th annual, application deadline is Sun., Oct. 5. Open to

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 musi-

cians 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 prelimi-

nary 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.

at 44/-1947.

Diablo Light Opera Company, Gloria Trombley directs, "Will Rogers Follies." 8 p.m. Sept. 26, 27; 2 p.m. Sept. 27. \$34-\$41. Center for the Arts,

1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7479, www.leshercenter.org. **Pops Concert**, reservations for the

Livermore-Amador Symphony's October 10th and 11th evening POPS

concerts on sale (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.). This

Competition for Young Musicians,

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grade boys all about sewing, color, and composition and helped the boys craft their very own, Amish-inspired family quilt. Each student designed and sewed one square. Each square is comprised of sixteen pieces of fabric reflecting the school's logo, a sixteenth note. In the process, the boys learned how to use a sewing machine, power tools, and more. The finished product represents the interests and aesthetics of the group and commemorates a specific time of their lives.

Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School students in grades five through eight created their "family quilt" this past school year. In the process, the boys learned all about the color wheel, composition, and working with a sewing machine and power tools. The traditional Amish-inspired quilt represents the unique

each. If leaving a phone message,

state name, phone number, and the date and number of tickets desired.

Patio: Nova Jazz Trio Friday, September 26, a first rate professional ensemble that has been playing San

Francisco's hot spots for years. Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner. Restaurant open 6 p.m., music 7-10 p.m..

\$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information con-

tact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road,

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-

tory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton

Playhouse) Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Sept. 26, 27, 28; Oct. 3, 4, 5, 10,

11, 12. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121

Del Valle Fine Arts, Saturday Oct 4,

www.trivalleyrep.com.

8:00 pm, Bankhead Theater.

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forms on a battery of instruments, familiar and exotic. Tickets are \$29,

\$24 and \$19 (high school students

free and college \$10 day of performance) and can be obtained at the

Bankhead Theater box office, 925-

373-6800, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or online at

www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Additional information is available

at www.pgcinfo.com and www.delvallefinearts.org or by call-

Fiddler on the Roof, Asbury Players present a Reader's Theater presenta-

tion of Fiddler on the Roof, September 26, 27, 28. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Liver-

more. 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 tick-

ets. Tickets can also be purchased at

, City of Pleasanton Čivic Arts Pre-

sents, 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 tele-

vision 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.

sary 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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interests and aesthetics of the group and commemorates a specific time of their lives.

This fall, the quilt will be auctioned to help raise funds to support the Pacific Boychoir Academy's mission.

The boychoir is a nonprofit community organization not affiliated with any church, ethnic group or specific geographic

The Oakland-based Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School is a day school for boys in grades four through eight that seeks to develop confident, engaged young men capable of achieving extraordinary outcomes through personal discipline and teamwork. To learn more about the Pacific Boychoir Academy and the middle school, go to the website at www.pacificboychoiracademy.org.

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thru high school can also be sched-uled by calling 925-292-2663. Please visit our website at

www.cantabella.org for more regis-

from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm Pleasanton Hotel. No Cover, grill menu, Full bar. Schedule: Sept., 25: Georgi and the

Rough Week; Oct., 2: Terry Hanck and his Sax; Oct., 9: Alvon Johnson;

Oct., 16: The J.C. Smith Blues Band.

snacks and full dinner menu, Pleas-

anton Hotel. Schedule: Fri., Sept., 26 Island Wave Dance Party 8:30;

Sat., Sept., 27 Wave Dance Party

8:30; Wed., Oct., 1 Ken Brock's Jambalaya Swing 7:30-9:30 pm; Fri., Oct., 3 Island Wave Dance Party

8:30; Sat., Oct., 4 In-Phase Band 8:30. 855 Main St., Pleasanton. 846-

855 Main St., Pleasanton. 846-8106. **Lounge entertainment**, No Cover. Bar

Food & Blues on the Patio, Thursday

tration information

#### Back to Nature for **Century House** Poet Reading

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer will host nature poet Sandra Stillwell and City of Pleasanton naturalist Eric Nicholas at the next Century House Poetry Reading on Sunday, October 5, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Admission is \$5.

Stillwell finds inspiration for her poetry in life and nature as well as in the culture of her ancestors, the Karuk People of Northern California.

Nicholas, a writer as well as a naturalist, will discuss how nature and art relate.

An open mic segment will follow when aspiring and accomplished poets of all ages will be invited to read a favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less.

Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

Century House poetry readings take place on one Sunday of even-numbered months, with the exception of December 2008. For more information, contact Michelle Russo at 931-5350 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or visit www.civicartsliterary.org.



#### Film Classics Screen at Library

The Pleasanton Public Library and Las Positas College present: Great Performances: A free series of classic films for the entire family. The series is hosted by Candace Klaschus, Professor of Media Studies at Las Positas College. She presents a talk about each film prior to the view-

Programs begin at 7 p.m. The first film, Oct. 2, is "The Public

Refreshments are served. The schedule is as follows: Oct. 2, The Public Enemy; Nov. 6. Gold Diggers of 1933: Dec. 4. I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang; Feb 5, Now, Voyager; Mar 5, Stella Dallas; April 2, The Westerner; May 7, Kitty Foyle; and June 4, Sullivan's Travels.

The program is free and open to all. No registration is required.

The Classic Film Series continues every first Thursday of the month through June 4, 2009. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

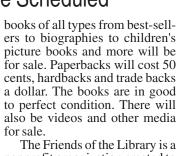
#### Fall Book Sale Scheduled

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

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 avail-

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

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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.

For book sale information, call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.



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#### Magic At the Pleasanton Senior Center

The Pleasanton VIP Senior Club will host an afternoon with Majinga the Magician and Magic Genii on Oct. 5.

The festivities will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 3535 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Majinga the Magician and

of magic, comedy and juggling to entertain audiences. They have performed in 13 countries, in Las Vegas and at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. The show features trained

Magic Genii use a combination

birds that appear and vanish at the magician's fingertips, a rabbit, lots of audience participation and feats of leviation.

ets are \$10. They will be available through Oct. 2 at the travel desk at the senior center. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information, contact Joanne Kelly, 224-9888.

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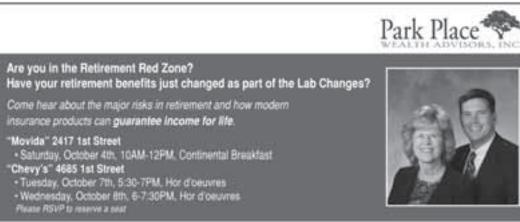
Jazz Age P-Town is a 48-hour film contest, held in connection with The Big Read: The Great Gatsby. Competitors, single, or grouped into teams, have 48 hours to create a 4-7 minute film, discovering the 'secret required elements' on Friday Oct. 3 and turning in a finished DVD on Sunday October 5. The contest is open to all filmmakers and/or creative people of 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

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#### Performance Benefits Valley **Concert Chorale**

Concert Pianist Daniel Glover will perform a piano recital to benefit the Valley Concert Chorale on Saturday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. Tickets are \$25.

Glover, who is the accompanist for the Valley Concert Chorale, is an internationally known concert pianist who has performed extensively throughout the world. Of Glover's talent, the San Jose Mercury News said, "Glover is an incisive, exciting, and apparently tireless player...a natural for hyper-virtuosic challenge.'

The Livermore program will feature the religiously inspired works of Franz Liszt including his Benediction of God in Solitude, and the descriptive Legends, which tells the story of two events in the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Francis of Paola.

The second half of the recital is dedicated to two Russian composers, Nicolai Medtner and Sergeo Rachmaninoff.

Tickets and information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

Glover has performed in 42 states and 22 countries throughout Europe, Asia, North America and the Caribbean. He holds a master's degree from New York's Juilliard School, where he attended as a scholarship student. Among his numerous competition awards is first prize in the prestigious Liederkranz Competition in 1990.

The Chorale's educational outreach program Music in the Schools, presents original musical performances at Tri-Valley primary school assemblies to celebrate the joy of music and singing with area students. Individuals and corporations are invited to provide financial contributions of any amount.

For information, call Pam Grove at 925-462-4205.

#### Group Showcases Classic and **Experimental Music**

Del Valle Fine Arts begins its 40th season at 8:00 pm on Saturday October 4 at the Bankhead Theater with a bang - many

A trio of musicians, The Percussion Group Cincinnati, performs on a battery of instruments, familiar and exotic. A Washington Post review concluded, "Some of the most beautiful and unusual chamber music of the season...a performance of remarkable intensity and a far wider range than the usual chamber music fare."

PGC was founded in 1979 and consists of members Allen Otte, James Culley, and Russell Burge, all of whom are faculty members and ensemble-in-residence at the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati.

Showcasing classic and experimental concert music from America, Chile, South Africa and China, their musical palette consists of marimbas, drums, gongs, prepared piano, a computer, a deck of cards and more. No stoneor rather, no instrument, no potential for beauty- is left unturned here. In addition to community concerts, workshops, and master classes, the Group regularly appears as concerto soloists with symphony orchestras, and has presented their program "Music From Scratch" to hundreds of thousands of children across North America.

Percussion Group Cincinnati is particularly respected for its knowledge of and experience with the entire range of the mu-



The Percussion Group Cincinnati

sic of John Cage, having made tours and festival appearances with him on a number of occasions in Europe and in America. The group's work appears on various CDs, including their own "ars moderno" label; their recording of John Luther Adams' evening-length "Strange and Sacred Noise" was released in surround-sound by Mode.

Tickets are \$29, \$24 and \$19 (high school students free and college \$10 day of performance) and can be obtained at the Bankhead Theater box office, 925-373-6800, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Additional information is available at www.pgcinfo.com and www.delvallefinearts.org or by calling 925-447-2752.

The theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Liver-





#### Grammy Award Winner Rickie Lee Jones Performs Oct. 1 at Bankhead

The Grammy Award winning composer and song stylist, Rickie Lee Jones, will bring her distinctive musical talents to Livermore's Bankhead Theater on Wednesday, October 1 at 8pm for one performance only.

Jones has experienced significant commercial success. However, a restless creative spirit combined with a stubborn refusal to fit comfortably into any one musical niche —sealed her ultimate destiny as a highly regarded cult heroine

Rickie Lee Jones' career spans nearly three decades spanning many genres: folk, rock, jazz, soul, spoken word and pop.

Despite her continuing efforts to challenge herself and her work, to most of the world, Jones will forever be defined by her breakthrough hit, "Chuck E's in Love," a Top Five single which led her to a best-new-artist Grammy Award in 1980.

Rickie Lee Jones in concert is a presentation of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's acclaim LVPAC Presents program. Next up in the series, on Friday, October 3rd at 8pm are the incomparable comedians, musicians and political satirists, The Smothers Brothers - headlin-



Rickie Lee Jones

ing LVPAC's fall gala.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore and operated by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6 p.m. On performance days the ticket office opens at noon and remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 373-6800, or visit the Bankhead Theater website at www.bankheadtheater.org.

#### New Date for Reception

The artist reception for a new show at Worthington Gallery West will be held Fri., Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. The show, "Signs of the Past - Today: Iconic Neon Signs and Advertising Images found in California and Nevada will run Sept. 26 through Oct. 25. The work is by photographer

#### of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents Series at the Amador Theater. Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats will perform Fri., Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats(R) have been performing for onver 20 years. Their productions feature acrobatic displays, feats of daring and balance, explosive Kung Fu, brilliant costumes, and a touch of Chinese comedy. Tickets are adults \$20, \$25, \$30 and child (12 years and under)

\$10, \$15, \$20. On Sunday, the focus is on comedy when the San Francisco Com-

Acrobats, Comedy at

**Amador Theater** 

Two performances this weekend will raise the curtain on the City

edy Competition hits the stage. Curtain time is 8 p.m. For the past three decades, the San Francisco Comedy Competition has produced many of America's best known club and television comedians. Former winners include Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, Dana Carvey, Patton Oswalt and Will Durst. The show is appropriate

for adult audiences. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25.

The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets for either performance are available at the theater box office, by calling 931-3444 or go to www.pleasantoncivicarts.org

#### Pleasanton Resident Wins Film Making Prize

Northern California filmmaker Clinton Torres was chosen the winner of the Dell Frame of Reference \$25,000 grand prize on Sunday, August 31, at the 35th Annual Telluride Film Festival for his "Prohibition 2020" short film.

Torres lives in Pleasanton, and works at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the Global Security "S" Program, where he does bioinformatics for biological threat detection. He plans on using his prize money to fund filmmaking classes and his next film.

Contestants completed films in two separate rounds for the competition. The first round entry was a film up to five minutes long which blended a film style, a theme, and a song. Three finalists were selected based on creative execution, technical skill,

with a required theme and song.

The first round film that Torres wrote and directed was filmed on a video camera he borrowed from his girlfriend's parents. Each of the three first-round finalists received a computer, a cash prize, and a trip for two to the 2008 Telluride Film Festival.

His second round film, at approximately 16 minutes, was the longest and most complicated he has made yet. Selected by a panel of judges as the winner, his short film screened at the Dell Lounge in the Brigadoon tent during a special breakfast awards ceremony at the Telluride Film Fes-

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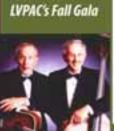


Rickie Lee Jones

mmy Award Winning Song Stylist

This two-time Grammy Award winner experienced significant commercial success, but a restless creative spirit seals her destiny as a highly regarded cult hemine. Rickie's music transcends all historical touchstones to create compositions full of grace, soul and adventurous sonic textures. Oct 1 • 8pm \$55/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12

Free Pre-Show at 7pm, featuring Blind Dog SheaHomes Stage, Livermore Valley Plaza



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ree Pre-Show at 7pm, featuring The Jeff Reed Trio SheaHomes Stage, Livermore Valley Plaza



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Tickets 925.373.6800 www.bankheadtheater.org

#### Ann King and public appeal. The finalists The gallery is located at 739 were then tasked with creating a Main St. in downtown Pleasanten to twenty minute short film ton. There is no admission in the style of French New Wave, charge.

LAA Gallery Features Jewelry The Livermore Art Associa-

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tion Gallery will feature the jewelry of Diana Carey during the month of October.

Bird pendant by Diana Carey.

Diana creates unique pendants and earrings from carved stone, silver and bronze. The gallery will be displaying about 30 pieces from her collection. They will be for sale.

Other local artworks, which celebrate the harvest theme of "Oranges & Golds," will also be displayed.

LAA Gallery hours are 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun, and also Thursday evenings until 8:00 during the Farmer's Market season. The Gallery is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St. Livermore. For more information call the Gallery 925-449-



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#### Humorous Evening at the Theater

by Janet Armantrout

It's a crazy evening of farce when "Lend Me a Tenor" hits the stage with slamming doors, ladies in their underwear and, of course, mistaken identity.

The Tri-Valley Repertory Studio Theatre production drew both chuckles and big laughs from the opening night audi-

"Lend Me a Tenor" is set in Cleveland, where the local opera company has staged a major coup in convincing the great Italian tenor Tito Merelli (Noah King) to come sing the lead in "Otello." Things begin to unravel when Merelli, who is known to his fans as "Il Stupendo," does not appear when scheduled.

The hero, Max (Doug Santana), sets the background for what is to come if Merelli were unable to perform. He tells girlfriend, Maggie (Jennifer Malman) that he himself is a singer, much to her amusement and doubt

Max also tries to explain the situation to his boss, Saunders (Bruce Kaplan), who is the father of Maggie. When Merelli finally shows up, he is friendly but uncooperative. He doesn't want to

attend the rehearsal. He has eaten massive quantities of food earlier, and is sick.

Saunders leaves, instructing Max to do "whatever it takes" to ensure that Merelli shows up for the performance. Max gives him some pills to calm him down. However, he takes too many and falls into a deep sleep. Max is unable to wake him. He thinks Tito has committed suicide because his wife, Maria (Leslie Roadarmel) has left him.

Upon learning of the "death," Saunders convinces Max dress up at Otello and sing the part as if he were Tito Merelli. Saunders says with the makeup, crazy wig, no one will recognize Max. He agrees with the hope of attracting Maggie and pulls off the substitution. In the meantime, the real Tito wakes up and gets into costume. Now there are two Tito Merellis running around causing a great deal of disturbance.

Maggie, opera diva (Shannon Wicker-Mitchell), opera foundation leader (Bonnie DeChant), and bellhop (Brian Olkowski) are all attracted to Merelli. Having two Titos, each with a different experience with the four, leads to some very funny conversations with double meaning.

Doug Santana as Max has the

comic timing and the right touch of vulnerability to carry off his role. Noah King plays Tito using bigger than life gestures and speaks in an easy to understand Italian accent. Other cast members are also good in their roles.

Lend Me a Tenor is directed by Carol Hovey and produced by Jo Ann Loitz.

Performances continued at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through October 12, at the Tri-Valley Rep Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased 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).

#### County for Contributions to the Arts Charlotte Severin of Pleasanton was among those recognized by the Alameda County Arts Commission for their achieve-

ments and contributions impacting the arts community and residents of Alameda County.

There were six recipients of the 2008 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award.

Severin was honored for her work as an artist, arts advocate and arts educator who founded the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and the Pleasanton Arts in the Schools Program, (Representing Supervisorial District 1). Others are John Orosco of

#### Concert to Benefit Transplant Fund

Three bands will perform at a benefit concert on Sun., Sept. 28 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Red Feather Winery in Livermore.

The concert will benefit NTAF Southwest Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Fund in honor of Chris Garcia. Don Potter of KKIQ will emcee the festivities. Bands include Georgi and the Rough Week, Ebzabah and Just Truckin.

There will be a raffle. Purchase one drink ticket, one barbecue ticket and one entry for door prize. Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20

Red Feather Winery is located at 5700 Greenville Road. Information, go to www.redfeatherwinery.com, or contact Elizabeth Garcia at 799-1856.

Union City for his work as Director of Instrumental Music at Tennyson High School in Hayward (Jointly Representing Supervisorial District 2); Ken Rawdon of Hayward for his work as Director of Vocal Music at Mt. Eden High School in Hayward (Jointly Representing Supervisorial District 2); Arthur Wright of Oakland for his work as an artist and leader in the development of the Bay Area African-American artists' group, The Art of Living Black (Representing Supervisorial District 3); Matin Abdel-Qawi of Oakland for his work as High School Principal of East Oakland School of the Arts (Representing Supervisorial District 4); and Tony Taccone of Berkeley for his work as the Artistic Director of the Berkeley Repertory Theatre (Representing Su-

Charlotte Severin Among Those Honored by

pervisorial District 5). The Alameda County Arts Commission selected these individuals from a group of nominees whose names were submitted by the public. Award recipients were selected based on their achievements within the arts field and their contributions to the com-

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FILE NO. 414371-414376 The following person (s) doing business as:

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August 12, 2013. on August 14, 2008. Expires The Independent Legal No. 2374. Publish September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008,

#### NAME STATEMENT FII F NO 414441

The following person (s) do ing business as:Complete Property Management, 377 Yosemite Drive, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Blau & Associated Property Solutions, Inc., 377 Yosemit Drive, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted

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names listed. Signature of Registrant: s/:Carna M. Blau This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on August 13, 2008. Expires August 13, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2375. Publish September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414484

The following person (s) doing business as:First Street Bakery, 1987 First Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Annette Jo Mifsud, 2483 Bess

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#### OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 372286 The following person (s) has

(have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:Windermere East Bay Realty, 1550 Via Di Salerno, Pleasanton Ca 94566. The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on December 5

2005 in the County of Alameda. PG Partner's Inc., 7031 Koll Center Pkwy #210, Pleasanton Ca 94566

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/s/:Jahan Honardoost for Ignatio Monamalis This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2008. The Independent Legal No.

2377. Publish September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2008. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415087 The following person (s) do-

ing 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

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18, 25, October 2, 2008. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415125 The following person (s) do-

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2379. Publish September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415157 The following person (s) do-

ing 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.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415542

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 transact 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. Expires September 10, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2382. Publish September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415393

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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Signature of Registrant /s/:Dennly R. Becker This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 9, 2008. Expires September 9, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2383. Publish September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415525

The following person (s) doing business as:JP Handyman Services, 620 South "K" Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following Joe Pitta Jr., 620 South "K"

Street, Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by:an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 1, 2008.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Joe Pitta Jr. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 10, 2008. Expires September 10, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2384. Publish September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415367

The following person (s) doing business as: Family Orthodontics of Dublin, 6378 Clark Ave., Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Susan Hsieh, 4365 Fitz-William St., Dublin Ca 94568

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Susan Hsieh This statement was filed with

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415912

The following person (s) doing business as:Taylor Made Construction, 3111 Saginaw Court. Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Jeffrey Lane Taylor, 3111 Saginaw Ct., Pleasanton Ca

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Signature of Registrant /s/:Jeffrey L. Taylor This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 19, 2008. Expires September 19, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2386. Publish September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415599

The following person (s) doing business as:Image Setters, 2178 Rheem Dr. Ste C, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Computer Technology Spe-

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tious business name (s) listed above on 1984. Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Evonne Hopkins This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2008. Expires September 11, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2387. Publish September 25. October 2, 9, 16, 2008.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 415520 The following person (s) doing business as:Perfecto Cafe, 6923 Sunridge Dr., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered

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/s/:Heather Mariconi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 10, 2008. Expires September 10, 2013. The Independent Legal No 2388. Publish September 25 October 2, 9, 16, 2008.

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#### Benefits of Using a Real Estate Professional When Buying a **Newly Built Home**

#### By Cher Wollard

When purchasing a resale home, most consumers use a real estate professional. They understand that having experience and knowledge on their side helps ensure they get the great deal and make the transaction run more smoothly.

But if you are one of the 700,000 Americans who will purchase a home from a builder this year, you may not be aware that working with an agent can have significant benefits for you. An experienced agent will be familiar with the builders in your

area, and know which ones have reputations for quality and service.

You do not want to move into you dream home only to find the builder used inferior materials or allowed shoddy workmanship. In Livermore, there are about a dozen new home developments, ranging from a handful of detached homes or townhouses, to full

multi-style developments featuring homes of various sizes and prices. New home pricing ranges from about \$400,000 to over \$1 million. Many people like to purchase new because they enjoy moving into a "clean slate" that they can customize to their own needs and tastes, and because they feel they will not have to deal with repairs

for many years. Your agent will also know about square footage, lot sizes, pric ing and features, which can save you time if you have specific needs. He or she may even be aware of which builders have priced their homes with room to negotiate price or upgrades. And when it comes to upgrades, your agent can advise you as to which items will add long-term value to your new property.

As with resales, prices have dropped considerably in the past 18 months, and builders are more willing than ever to offer good deals. When John and his wife purchased their condo in Mountain House, their agent was able to negotiate one year free homeowners'

"She really helped us," he said. In fact, the couple was so pleased with the service, they recently referred a friend to their agent. The builder has a broker and often a team of Realtors helping to

association fees, in addition to a great price and terms.

sell their inventory. Buyers benefit from having their own experienced negotiator on their side. Many developers also partner with mortgage brokers, and will sometimes offer incentives to use their in-house lender. Your agent

can help you figure out if that is best for your situation and, if not,

will recommend a mortgage specialist better suited to your needs.

'A sales professional is familiar with the legal complexities

and risks inherent in the home buying process. When questions arise, he or she can steer you to the right advisors and services," the National Association of Realtors notes. As in resales, your real estate agent can guide you to information

and professionals to answer your tax, title and legal questions, and can arrange for you to have inspections of your new home, if you Home builders usually offer full warranties on their construction

tion can help you identify potential problems early, so the builder can address them. When relocating to a new area, sales professionals can provide information regarding local schools, day care or elder care services,

public transportation, proposed development, and so on.

Once construction is under way, he or she can periodically stop by the work site, supply you with progress reports, and photograph or videotape phases of the construction, the association advises. And a sales professional can accompany you on the walk-through or builder orientation before you move in.

Builders usually pay the sales professional's commission, so you enjoy individual attention and support at no cost to you. They usually require that your agent accompany you on your first visit to the site, so if you see a development you are interested in viewing, make an appointment with your agent to meet you there. Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.

#### **Livermore Marketing Association To Elect New Officers** The Livermore Marketing Association will be accepting nomi-

nations for 2009 officers beginning Oct. 2 through 23. Elections will be held the end of October. This change in schedule will allow the incoming board to work

with the current LMA offers to ensure a smooth transition in Janu-Agents, mortgage specialists, title and escrow officers, and related real estate professionals who do business in Livermore are

welcome to participate in all LMA functions. The group meets Thursdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Roundhouse Grill, 2300 First Street, Livermore.

#### **Legacy Has New Agents**

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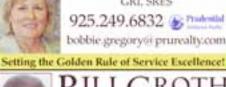


















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#### Nine Members of Girl Scout Troop 1930 Earn Gold Awards

By Patricia Koning

All nine members of Girl Scout Troop 1930 have reached the pinnacle of the Girl Scout world by earning their Gold Award. On Sunday, Sept. 7, the Girl Scouts celebrated their achievement at a special ceremony. Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand presented the girls with certificates on behalf of the City of Livermore.

"It's very rare for this many girls from one troop to achieve a Gold Award. I think it happened because of Troop Leader Kathy Dreisbach's leadership and the fact that they girls really supported each other," said Clare Kalantar, a parent of one of the Girl Scouts.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a 14- to 18-yearold Girl Scout can achieve. It's akin to the Boy Scout's Eagle Award. The project, which must be approved by the Girl Scout council, is intended to fulfill a need within a girl's community (whether local or global), create

change, and become ongoing. Projects must encompass organizational, leadership, and networking skills.

The girls began working towards fulfilling the Gold Award requirements about three years ago. Achieving the end result the community service project required a lot of prerequisites, such as leadership activities, community service hours, related badges, and research. The girls had to obtain supplies by raising money or through donations.

Many of the girls' projects benefited Livermore schoolchildren. Katrina Kalantar worked with 17 students in the BE-LIEVES program at Portola Elementary School, helping them create projects for the Livermore School District's Science Odyssey. Caroline Snow collected games, movies, and other activities for Marylin Avenue Elementary School's Extended Student Services (ESS) program, which she attended while in elementary school. She also helped refurbish

classrooms and labeled materials in English and Spanish.

Other projects helped the broader Livermore community. Kelsey Engel added 60 feet to the path at the Butterfly Garden outside the Livermore Public Library. Sunde Edwards-Stewart created "treasure chests" of toys and new blankets for children at Shepherd's Gate.

Three girls worked on projects to benefit Oakland's Children's Hospital and Research Center. Nadia Lillie created activity kits for young patients. Jennifer Dreisbach made six quilts that were distributed through Quilts for Kids. Sydney Batchelder made 67 comfort pillows for autistic children at the hospital.

Both Jennifer and Sydney organized sewing days so that their troopmates could provide assistance. To be comforting and suitable for autistic children, the pillows had to be made from thick, durable fabric with specific patterns and beans sewn inside.

Alanah Waples pursued her



Taking part in the Gold Award ceremoney were, standing, left to right, Caroline Snow, Jennifer Dreisbach, Sydney Batchelder, Lindsey Herbert, Katrina Kalantar; front, left to right, Kelsey Engel, Sunde' Edwards-Stewart, and Alanah Waples

love of animals and created pet starter kits with the Pleasanton SPCA. She asked the community for donations and enlisted the help of a fourth-grade Girl Scout troop, who earned a badge for their efforts.

Lindsey Herbert created "sunshine in a box"—care packages of cards, games, and socks—to send to U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. "I wanted to give back to those keeping us safe," she said.

Six of the nine members of 1930—Sydney Troop Batchelder, Jennifer Dreisbach, Kelsey Engel, Lindsey Herbert, Nadia Lillie, Alanah Wapleshave been together since they were Daisies in Kindergarten. Those six members plus Katrina Kalantar, who started Girl Scouts in kindergarten with a different troop, also received their 10-year Girl Scouts Award.

Troop Leader Kathy Dreisbach notes that while the Gold Award must be completed by the end of a Girl Scout's senior year, the members of Troop 1930 are just starting their junior year at Granada High School. "This gives them the freedom to pursue activities that aren't necessarily required," she explained. "Their leadership can benefit the Girl Scout organization as a

As leaders, the girls have a message for younger Girl Scouts. "They should stay with it. We've been in this troop together for so long it's like we are family," said

"We weren't at the same schools for many years, so seeing my troopmates at meetings

felt like a big party every week," adds Kelsey. "It's just fun to hang out together."

Caroline has the final word: "People think Girl Scouts are nerdy, but we are definitely not."

#### **Applefest Set at Ravenswood**

A \$2 donation to attend an event that will be giving out pink pearls may seem too good to be true - except for when the pink pearls aren't the kind you wear as jewelry. These pink pearls are apples. They are only one of the many types of heirloom apples that will be part of Applefest, coming up Saturday, Sept. 27, at Ravenswood Historic Site.

Applefest, organized by Ranger "Apple" Amy Wolitzer with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, allows the public a chance to sample many unique types of apples in a historic setting. The event features activities such as cider making, old-time games and docent-led tours of the buildings and orchards. Visitors can also learn about the apple's role in U.S. history. Old-fashioned games will feature "hoop 'n' stick," a potato sack race and charades of classic apple stories (think Snow White).

The apple orchards were planted in the 1980s as part of LARPD's effort to give visitors a feel for what Ravenswood was like in the 1890s during its heyday. There were apple and almond orchards on the original estate. Apple varieties include trees from the original strain of Golden and Red Delicious, Court Pendu Plat, the Baldwin and the Pink Pearl. The Park District also planted 35 new apple trees this spring at Ravenswood. When selecting the trees, LARPD choose varieties popular in the late 1800s, such as the Spitzenburg, Ribston

Pippen and Cox's Orange Pippen.

Applefest will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. A \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call the LARPD Ranger Station at 925-960-2400.



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Brandon McCallum and Cameron Carlson demonstrate a balancing skill.

#### **ACROBATS**

Gymnastics senior national acrobatic team. Maren Focke Rey, Jillian Giblin, and Katie Rodgess were selected for the junior national team. On the Junior Olympic National team are Brandon McCallum, Cameron Carlson, Hannah Douglas, and Soffia Metzler.

"This is a huge accomplishment for me and the team," says Marie Annonson, head coach and owner of WCTC. "All twelve of our athletes who tried out for the Worlds' team were accepted. The enthusiasm in the gym right now is terrific. The athletes are really excited to go to Scotland together.'

Acrobatic gymnastics is a relatively unknown, yet familiar sport. Athletes compete in groups of two, three, or four and perform balance and flight stunts that are similar to those seen in Cirque de Soleil performances. (In fact, acrobatic gymnasts are often asked to join Cirque de Soleil and other similar performing groups.)

The gravity-defying stunts are just one component of complex routines that incorporate tumbling and dance sequences similar to floor routines in artistic gymnastics, all choreographed to any style of music.

Annonson, who has been a competitive gymnast since the age of 5, says she was drawn to the sport because of the balance between artistry and skill strength. "I was also scared of the high beam, so acrobatic gymnastics was a nice fit for me, because there is no apparatus involved," she explains. "In each group, there is a base so not everyone has to go flying through the air."

Parent Linda McCallum, whose son Brandon will perform at Worlds, likes the teamwork aspect of the sport. "The kids really learn to work together," she says. "Every routine is unique, down to the costumes and music. It's almost like pairs ice skating in the artistry.'

Acrobatic gymnastics is not a sport to be dabbled in. The elitelevel athletes practice between 20-25 hours a week with double workouts on weekdays. Many of the athletes are on independent study so they can fit schoolwork into the rigorous training routine.

Kristin is in her second year of independent study. "We've done it both ways, fitting in practices around the school day and working independently," says her mother Karen Sprague. "The biggest benefit of independent study is she can sleep more, which means she's healthier."

Steffi Scheid, a sophomore at Livermore High School, says the commitment is the toughest part of being an acrobatic gymnast. She's the base of a trio, which means during routines she's often supporting her two partners Hannah Busha and Mariah

In a stunt called a teepee, Steffi and Hannah do face-to-face handstands with their feet touching. Using the back of Steffi's head as a step, Mariah climbs up to the girls' feet, where she performs a sequence of balance moves.

The tumbling sequences are the most nerve-racking part of the routine," says Steffi. "When we do the balance stunts, it's easy because we are so focused."

Steffi's trio has been performing together for four years and they've won their level at nationals every year. The acrobatic gymnasts make a yearlong commitment to their partners at the start of the season, but the groups tend to be stronger if they've been together for multiple seasons.

Kristin and Michael have only been together for about six months, which makes their outstanding performance at nationals even more impressive. They've got their eyes on gold at Worlds and Michael expects them to finish at least in the top

If they finish in the top six, they will earn a spot at The World Games 2009, which will held next July in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. The World Games feature sports not contested in the Olympic Games, such as water skiing, field archery, competitive climbing,

and sumo wrestling. (Only acrobatic gymnasts competing at the senior elite level, ages 15 and older, can qualify for the World Games; the other WCTC athletes are competing at the age group level.)

For updates on the WCTC athletes' performance at the Worlds, www.acro2008.com/. For more information on WCTC, see http:/ /westcoast-tc.com/. For more information on acrobatic gymnas-

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The event will be at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple, 1232 Arrowhead

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There will be free evaluation of blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and bone density. Bone morrow donor registration will be available.

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The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is holding an emergency preparedness fair on September 25 from 4 to 8 p.m in conjunction with the Farmers' Market.

Both the market and the fair will be at Carnegie Park, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore.

In addition to the fire department, the following groups or agencies will be on hand with information: Livermore Police Department, Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, Noah's Wish, LDS Church, DOMs, LARK, Boy Scouts of America, LPFD HazMat, Your Safety Place, and the Masonic Lodge.

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