

Livermore School District Considers Using Facebook

By Patricia Koning
The Livermore Board of Education discussed the pros and cons of creating a Facebook page as another external communication tool for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The discussion occurred at the Sept. 21 meeting.

"We're seeking ways to engage with the community, especially younger people," explained Geoff Warner, the District's chief technology officer. "We can use Facebook to share accomplishments, highlight student work, and keep the community informed. It will also be a useful way for District employees to connect with resources."

Warner and Erik Taylor, a teacher on special assignment, explained to the Board other benefits of Facebook and discussed how they would mitigate security issues. Access to post information would be controlled and, at least initially, comments would be disabled. "We're taking a conservative, slow approach," said Warner.

A main advantage, they said, is that as new information is posted on the District's Facebook page, community members who have subscribed as fans of the page will be notified. This can be a more effective means of sharing information than a website where community members would only know of new events if they went to the website themselves.

Both of the student representatives to the Board of Education—Kathryn Rambo from Livermore High School and Jaimeson Cortez from Granada—stayed to comment on the discussion. "I think having a Facebook page shows an effort to expand and connect to parents and students," said Cortez. "But to be honest, I'm not sure how many students will be active on the site. But I think parents will benefit greatly."

Rambo noted that there are many Livermore High School Facebook groups already and that a District Facebook site would provide a way to connect them together. A quick search on Facebook showed over 30 Livermore High School related groups representing sports such as lacrosse, track and field, tennis, and water polo; music programs such as the orchestra, clarinet section, colorguard/winterguard, and cowboy band boosters; and a number of alumnae groups, including cheerleaders and graduate boosters.

Las Positas College to Host Major Faire

College students, high school students, and parents are invited to the 12th Annual Major Exploration Faire at Las Positas College on Wednesday, October 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will take place on the central walkway on campus, near buildings 500, 600, 700, and 800.

"Students can take the time to explore careers that appeal to them and learn the many different directions a major can take them," said Andrea Alvarado, Las Positas College counselor and event coordinator. This year's theme is "Plan to Succeed: Engage, Explore, Experience, Emerge."

Professionals and representatives from four-year colleges including California State University East Bay will join Las Positas College instructors to help students understand opportunities in different major fields of study and options for transfer to four-year colleges.

Las Positas College students who visit at least two Major Faire information tables can receive a free lunch, courtesy of Associated Students of LPC. Lunches are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission is free. Parking is \$2; purchase day permits at the machines in parking lots on campus. For more information about the Major Faire, please contact Andrea Alvarado at (925) 424-1400 or visit the college website at www.laspositascollege.edu.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Livermore a 'Start' City for Cycling Tour

The host cities for the Amgen Tour of California professional cycling road race have been announced by race presenter AEG.

The City of Livermore has been selected as a stage start and finish community for the 2011 event. The date for Livermore is May 18.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "Livermore is thrilled to have been selected by the AMGEN Tour of

California as a Stage Start Host City for 2011. I am certain that our picturesque hills and vineyards, our incredible cultural arts venues and events, our beautiful neighborhoods, and the sweeping changes to our downtown will be the perfect setting for the Tour and that the enthusiastic response from the cycling community will welcome the Tour in grand fashion."

The Amgen Tour is considered cycling's most important

and successful road race held in the United States. The sixth annual event will cover more than 800 miles over the epic eight days.

The 2011 Amgen Tour of California will travel to and through 15 Host Cities throughout the state over the course of eight days from May 15-22, 2011. Last year's date change from February to May allowed the Tour de France-style road race to visit locations that would not have been

possible previously, including a visit to Big Bear Lake.

The race will wind through miles of California terrain, beginning with the first-ever visit to Lake Tahoe, a well known cycling destination and home of "America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride." The race will take competitors through some of the state's most scenic landmarks, with the overall finish taking place in title-sponsor Amgen's hometown community of Thou-

sand Oaks.

The 15 official stage start and finish communities that have been selected for the 2011 race include: South Lake Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe-Northstar at Tahoe Resort, North Lake Tahoe-Squaw Valley USA, Sacramento, Auburn, Modesto, Livermore, San Jose, Seaside, Paso Robles, Solvang, Claremont, Mt. Baldy, Santa Clarita and Thousand Oaks.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Kathy Judson races her daughters Corey, 5th grade, and Katie, kindergarten, to Walnut Grove School as part of the annual Walk to School Day.

Pleasanton Ranks 12th, But 'No Child' Starts Challenge

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton ranks 12th highest in the state among the more than 300 unified school districts. It still has one challenge to face: the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

For the first time, the district failed to meet all of the federally mandated standards. The failure involved a small number of students in two categories out of a total of 38 categories reported by the district.

District staff at the school board meeting Sept. 28 discussed the results for No Child Left Behind, and also the results of the state-mandated Academic Performance Index (API).

No Child Left Behind sets a

rising standard annually in its academic yardstick, which is called the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report. The expectation in the law is that all districts in the United States will have their students operating up to proficiency at grade level by 2014.

In 2010, the standards rose to a level where, for the first time in the AYP reporting, the Pleasanton district fell short in meeting them.

The two subgroups were socio-economically disadvantaged (SED) students and special education students, both on math testing.

Special education students came very close to meeting the

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Councilmember Takes On Incumbent in Pleasanton Mayor's Race

Incumbent Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman is being challenged by Councilmember Cindy McGovern this November.

The Independent interviewed both candidates on a variety of issues. The interviews are in alphabetical order.

JENNIFER HOSTERMAN

Jennifer Hosterman is running for her fourth and final term to serve as mayor of Pleasanton.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of Pleasanton over the past six years. There are projects in the pipeline I'd like to see to fruition," declared Hosterman.

Those projects include Staples Ranch, a Safeway Lifestyle store, mixed use housing, and the hous-

ing element update. She would like to focus on implementing policy to safeguard local control. In addition, the city is embarking on a climate action plan that she would like to be involved in creating.

Traffic has been an area of focus for Hosterman. She says she has worked towards a regional agreement on projects to improve traffic flow on the surrounding highways. In addition she is involved in efforts to gain the allocation of money towards the widening of Highway 84.

There are improvements in the works on 580 and 680. She points to the recent opening of the HOT lane on 680 as a step toward keeping traffic moving.

Hosterman said she believes

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Livermore School District Joins "Save Me a Spot in College"

By Patricia Koning

For students whose parents never attended college, navigating the eligibility and admissions process can be quite daunting. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is hoping to make that process simpler for potential first-generation college

attendees by joining the Early Commitment to College (ECC) program.

"The idea of 'early-commitment' is vital because it facilitates timely information sharing to students and parents and provides a key opportunity to chart a path of academic rigor prior to making

selections on high school coursework," said Livermore School Superintendent Kelly Bowers. "We are always researching ways to increase opportunities and positive outcomes for our students to ensure they are fully prepared for lifelong 'learning' (See COLLEGE, page 2)

Three Candidates in Race for Seat in 11th Congressional District

Democrat Jerry McNerney faces two challengers in his bid for a third term as the representative for the 11th Congressional District.

The challengers are Republican David Harmer and David Christensen, a member of the American Independent Party.

He is the third attempt in a third district by Harmer to be elected to Congress. Previously, Harmer unsuccessfully ran for Congress in Utah's 2nd District to replace U.S. Congressman Enid Greene Waldholtz, for whom he served as chief of staff and campaign manager. Most recently, he was defeated by John Garamendi in the California 10th Congressional District.

The Independent interviews McNerney and Christensen.

Harmer did not respond to attempts to contact him for an interview. The two interviews are in alphabetical order.

DAVID CHRISTENSEN
American Independent Party candidate David Christensen is a Tracy resident. He is an engineer.

Christensen said of his decision to run, "Just sitting around and complaining won't affect change. You have to get out there and get active."

He was first inspired to become involved by Ross Perot. "I liked what he was saying. I've always been suspicious of the government," he declared.

He says of health care reform, "Please show me in the Constitu-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The plane belonging to Jacquie Warda, an aerial acrobatic performer, was one of the attractions at last weekend's Livermore Airport Open House. She performed one of her routines as part of the open house.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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and earning' in our ever-changing world, and this is one such opportunity.

Within the District, about 25% of students are socioeconomically disadvantaged and their rates of college readiness and acceptance tend to be lower than their peers from more affluent backgrounds. In addition, said Bowers, there are students whose families lack knowledge of the opportunities and built-in financial and academic support available for students to pursue higher education, especially those who are prospective first-generation college attendees.

Middle school is the critical age, according to the California Education Round Table (CERT), which suggests parents begin planning for college in sixth grade or even elementary school. According to CERT, students who take algebra and geometry by the end of the eighth and ninth grades are more likely to go to college. In a nationwide sample, only 26% of low-income students who did not take geometry went to college, while 71% of students who took that course enrolled in college.

State Senate Bill 890 created ECC in Sept. 2008. The California Department of Education (CDE), in collaboration with the CERT Intersegmental Coordinating Committee and the Campaign for College Opportunity designed and developed a statewide college awareness initiative to implement ECC.

To participate in ECC, low-income students in grades 6-9 and their parents sign the "Save

Me a Spot in College" Pledge. The student must graduate from high school and complete the University of California "a-g" admission requirements or Career Technical Education courses, plan financially for college; pass the California Standards Test in each grade and the California High School Exit Exam; file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and submit his/her grade point average to the Student Aid Commission by March 2; and within 12 months of high school graduation enroll in a community college or apply for university admission.

If a student meets these requirements, the State of California pledges to save him or her a spot at a community college, provide a fee waiver under the Community College Board of Governor's fee waiver program, and a Cal Grant. The State also will save a spot at California State University or the University of California for students who meet admission requirements.

"ECC is empowering and unique because it packages college and financial aid opportunities into one commitment made to students at an early age," said Bowers. "This is not a difficult program to implement and there is no cost to us."

The District must provide a "Roadmap to College" suite of services, including information for parents, visits to a community college and university campus, and assistance with college and financial aid applications. As students enroll, the District will review their transcripts and academic assessment to develop course planning and communicate how the student is doing relative to state standards and other benchmarks.

Bowers said that all students in the District can take the "Save Me a Spot in College" Pledge, regardless of their demographic or socioeconomic background. "The ECC program allows us to conduct additional, concentrated outreach with prospective first-generation college attendees and students from impoverished backgrounds," she added. "This targeted support is critical because the college preparation, admission, and application pro-

cess can be particularly daunting for families who have not had the benefit of prior experience."

District staff is now in the process of registering the District for the program. Cindy Alba, assistant superintendent of educational services, is slated to become the District's liaison to the CDE relative to ECC implementation.

When the program was discussed at the Sept. 21 Livermore Board of Education meeting, Trustee Kate Runyon suggested arranging for a first-generation college graduate to speak to the participating students. "We need to talk to kids where they live," she said. "It's important for them to meet people from the same circumstances who have been successful."

The trustees also suggested covering college applications in the Freshmen in Transition class offered at both comprehensive high schools and requiring students to fill out a job or college admission application in English classes. "It's one more tool in the toolbox," said Board president Stu Gary. "Any outreach is good."

Prime Outlets Will Be Developer of Outlet Mall

The high-end factory outlet mall planned for the Livermore side of El Charro Road will be built by Prime Outlets after all.

Prime Outlets Acquisitions Company, based in Baltimore, was purchased late last year by Simon, which has its headquarters in Indianapolis. Prime Outlets' 22 retail sites, including Livermore, were part of the deal.

However, in a final decision about the purchase, Simon is allowing Prime Outlets to keep Livermore and two other sites, according to a story published Aug. 30.

Livermore city civil engineer Lourdes Esperanza confirmed the news last week. Esperanza said that some of the permits necessary for the development are already obtained, but others must still be acquired. It looks as if the

The Urban Farmer Is the Topic of Presentation at Livermore Library

Novella Carpenter, author of *Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer*, will speak at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 24.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Carpenter loves cities - the culture, the crowds, the energy. At the same time, she can't shake the fact that she is the daughter of two back-to-the-land hippies who taught her to love nature and eat vegetables. Ambivalent about repeating her parents' disastrous mistakes, yet drawn to the idea of backyard self-sufficiency, Carpenter decided that it might be possible to have it both ways: a homegrown vegetable plot as well as museums, bars, concerts, and a twenty-four-hour convenience mart mere minutes away.

What started out as a few egg-laying chickens led to turkeys, geese, and ducks. Soon, some rabbits joined the fun, then two three-hundred-pound pigs, and no, these charming and eccentric animals weren't pets; she was a farmer, not a zookeeper. Novella was raising these animals for

dinner. Carpenter's corner of downtown Oakland is populated by unforgettable characters, and every day on this strange and beautiful farm, urban meets rural in the most surprising ways.

For anyone who has ever grown herbs on their windowsill, tomatoes on their fire escape, or obsessed over the offerings at the local farmers' market, Carpenter's story will capture your heart. If you've ever considered leaving it all behind to become a farmer outside the city limits, or looked at the abandoned lot next door with a gleam in your eye, consider this both a cautionary tale and a full-throated call to action.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For

additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

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back to 1965. There is also a "fans of Nelson Fong, teacher extraordinaire" Facebook page, honoring the popular Livermore High School math teacher who recently retired.

"I think Facebook will be valuable for posting information. It's another way to let people know what is going on," said trustee Kate Runyon. Trustee Bill Dunlop admitted to not using Facebook personally, but thinks it is a good idea for the District.

Warner said the Facebook page could contain introductory videos about the different school sites, photos of special events and student work, and information about upcoming events such as Back to School Night and Principal for a Day. He added that an up-to-date and exciting Facebook page can be a valuable tool for parents considering moving to Livermore and enrolling their children in the District.

"The page can have linkages between the District and organizations like Boosters, site PTOs, and the Livermore Valley Education Foundation to provide a forum for a giant social conversation," said Warner. "I think it would be very cool."

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The following is a partial list of my goals as a Pleasanton City Councilmember:

- #1 Remain Committed to Ridgeline Protection
- #2 Retain Slow Growth and Planned Progress
- #3 Restore Ethical and Representative Government
- #4 Revitalize Pleasanton's Economic Development
- #5 Revisit the Community/Youth Center Plan

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Water Retailers Plan More Interaction with Zone 7

By Ron McNicoll

The Valley's four water retailers plan to continue to work closely in 2011 with water wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency on such issues as water supply, rate costs, and water quality.

The four retailers — Livermore and Pleasanton municipal water, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and California Water Service — issued a 56-page report outlining five actions they propose to take during the 2010/11 fiscal year.

The group, known as the Committee of Valley Water Retailers (CoVWR), will discuss the actions at their annual meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at the DSRSD board room, 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin.

The public may download the report at the DSRSD home page at <http://www.drsrd.com>, by clicking on Draft TVWRG Annual Report 2009-2010.

The five actions are consistent with the cooperation between the retailers and Zone 7 that already exists, says the report. The new document updates areas already in focus, and advocates even more communication than in the past between Zone 7 and the retailers, explained DSRSD general manager Bert Michalczyk.

The first action proposal in the CoVWR document is to support Zone 7 on Delta actions, including immediate term projects. Michalczyk said that there are no specific proposals right now. The term refers to any quick and inexpensive fixes for the Delta that might come up.

Zone 7 and other State Water Project contractors meet regularly with a committee that has been discussing a Delta fix for several years. The Delta is considered the key to generating more water for the Valley and other areas of the state.

The Delta serves as a conduit, through which water from the

Sierra snow-melt passes to Zone 7 and the 28 other state water contractors.

Delta water has been cut back by court order to preserve various fish and plant species. Ways must be found to balance the special status species' needs with water needs for human population and Central Valley agriculture.

As an example of a small, quick contributor to a Delta fix, Michalczyk cited a proposal by Contra Costa Water District to construct two rock barriers along the Delta across sloughs. It would help fish migration. "It could happen quickly and be inexpensive," said Michalczyk.

However, that idea is not moving forward because of objections from boaters and public safety agencies worried about access to certain spots to and from the waterway.

He said he was not sure it was a dead issue. People had hoped to build it in spring 2010.

MASTER WATER PLAN IS AN IMPORTANT TASK

Another goal of the retailers is to help Zone 7 with its water system master plan.

"Many different things might happen to increase or stretch the water supply to make it more reliable. Zone 7 has sophisticated computer modeling, which can help determine what an optimal mix could be," said Michalczyk. The mix would try to balance cost and effectiveness, he said.

In the past, Zone 7 has used past rain records to predict future wet years and dry years. However, with climate change, there has been a switch to look at a risk-based model that should offer a more accurate prediction about future weather impacts, according to Zone 7 officials.

Another goal is to have Zone 7 make more effective use of the water conservation fund. Michalczyk said Zone 7 has set aside several hundred thousand dollars annually from water rate revenue

to boost conservation.

"In the past, we undertook large landscape water conservation, but is there something else we could do to save more water? Let's find the optimum," said Michalczyk.

LOOKING AT WAYS TO SHAVE COSTS

Continuing to work with Zone 7 to update the agency's Asset Management Plan (AMP) is another action recommended in the report. The AMP is a fund that pays for replacement of old equipment before it malfunctions.

Michalczyk said the retailers want Zone 7 to find a reasonable balance between cost and infrastructure reliability. As a hypothetical example, he said that maybe it's not necessary to add extra pumps as back-up at four pumping stations, but to use two instead.

Even if a problem occurred, and back-up pumps were needed, there could be a way that water could be re-routed through the two pumping stations that have the back-ups, he said.

A final goal is development of a process in which the retailers receive regular operational updates on the Mocho demineralization plant.

This has been on the list previously. Now that the plant has been in operation for one year, it's still necessary to monitor how it is doing, said Michalczyk.

Questions to be asked include whether the plant has generated improved water quality, and how far away from the facility are customers served by improved water quality.

If that kind of examination can be done, even on a biennial basis, it could affect how the retailers operate their turnouts of water from Zone 7's system, said Michalczyk.

ZONE 7 LOOKING AT WATER FUTURE

The water retailers are keep-

ing a close eye on the development of Zone 7's water system master plan. Zone 7's three-member Delta committee met Sept. 29 to hear an update on the report, which is still in process. It is expected to come to the board next March.

The update of the plan is a response to court rulings and also findings concerning climate change that are new challenges for Zone 7 to meet its mission to provide water to the Valley retailers and agricultural users.

Zone 7 has projected that between 2015 and 2020, the long-term projected demands for Zone 7 may exceed demand at peak times.

Consultant Brad Ledesma developed the risk-based analysis that Michalczyk mentioned in talking about the water retailers report. Ledesma told the Independent, "We can't predict the future. We can analyze different figures and develop a range of individual impacts."

In the past five years, Zone 7 has picked up only one new source of water for its future challenges. That comes from another State Water Project contractor, and amounts to only about 600 acre feet, which is enough to serve 1200 homes.

Among options being examined to bring in more water are desalination, use of recycled water to displace potable water in appropriate uses, and expansion of the amount of water the district obtains from Byron Bethany Irrigation District.

Fixing the Delta would be a big help. However, negotiations are still underway on that situation, with issues centered on cost and environmental effectiveness, said Ledesma.

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EDITORIALS

11th Congressional District - Jerry McNerney

Jerry McNerney deserves to be elected to a third term as the representative of the 11th Congressional District.

McNerney, a Democrat, has been a hands-on representative, keeping in close contact with all areas of the district. He meets with constituents on a regular basis, including everyone from farmers to businessmen to educators and the man on the street. As a result, he understands the needs of the district and has worked to find solutions for a variety of issues.

His work on behalf of veterans is exemplary. McNerney's bill to provide help for those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries and his efforts to gain and keep VA services in the district are just examples of his efforts.

He has worked on job issues with a big push toward developing a green tech industry in the district.

Republican David Harmer is a carpetbagger, moving from district to district in an effort to be elected to Congress. This is the third district in which he has run. While McNerney is in touch with every group in his district, Harmer appears to be interested in only communicating with those who agree with his views. He did not respond to The Independent's efforts to contact him for an interview. This leads us to believe he would not represent the entire district.

Jerry McNerney has and will continue to represent the diverse interest of the 11th Congressional District. He should be returned to Congress.

Pleasanton City Council - Karla Brown and Jerry Thorne

The Independent recommends Karla Brown and Jerry Thorne for the Pleasanton City Council.

Brown is a newcomer to the political scene. However, she has been effective in battling for causes she believes would benefit Pleasanton. Brown was one of a small neighborhood group that blocked corporate giant PG&E's plans to install an untested powerline technology through a Pleasanton neighborhood. She helped write Pleasanton's current Ridgeline Protection Ordinance. She also co-chaired the "No on D/Oak Grove" campaign. Both measures received strong support from Pleasanton voters.

Brown says she decided to run for the city council to restore representative government. She doesn't believe the current majority listens to the concerns of citizens.

Thorne is running for what would be his final term on the council. While we don't agree with his votes on important issues regarding such issues as protection of the ridgelines. We have found him to be straightforward in his reasons for his votes and is willing to accept the final decision of voters in such causes as the Oak Grove referendum.

Brown would best represent the city when it comes to such issues as ridgeline protection.

Pleasanton Mayor - Cindy McGovern

Cindy McGovern is the best choice for Pleasanton Mayor.

McGovern was strongly opposed to the Oak Grove development as approved, supporting the referendum that overturned the decision. She was an advocate for Measure D, the ridgeland protection initiative.

She is well-liked, respected and willing to do the homework necessary to come to decisions she feels are best for the community. She asks questions that have resulted in better projects for the city.

She never forgets that she is there to serve the people of Pleasanton. She can be trusted to provide an honest, transparent explanation for any decision she makes.

We believe she would be a unifying force as mayor.

McGovern has shown no interest in moving on to higher office. Her focus has been and will be

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standards, with 56 percent of them achieving proficiency, compared to the 56.4 percent goal.

The SED students showed a wider gap. Only 46.2 percent of that group attained proficiency.

The special education group did attain proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA), where the goal is only 56 percent. They recorded a 56.9 percent performance.

The SED students succeeded, too, but they were scored on an alternative standard, called a "safe harbor." Instead of holding student performance to the firm number of 56 percent, the "safe harbor" permits proficiency attainment if the subgroup reduces its below-proficiency performance from the previous year by 10 percent.

The number of students who did not come up to expectation is a small handful. They can be helped individually, assistant superintendent Cindy Galbo told the board.

don't buy into AYP. However, this district does buy into the idea that every child needs to advance." He said that the district has worked hard to prepare teachers to meet that goal.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said that achieving the standards, and raising students' educational performance is really not about AYP. "It's a moral imperative."

DISTRICT TO SORT OUT HELP FOR STUDENTS

District public information officer Myla Grasso said that administrators, teachers and principals will look at the data from testing of students below proficiency. "They will look at how they performed in current testing, and think about the types of interventions they can offer to students," said Grasso.

"Also, districtwide, they will look at the way curriculum is being delivered. Some students learn better one way, and some another. It's important to deliver efficiently to every student," said

Grasso.

Asked about criticism that says teachers are teaching to the test, Grasso told the Independent that teachers teach to the standards, which the state has adopted, and has coordinated with the textbooks that the district has purchased.

"The testing is a good assessment of how students are learning those standards. It's not really teaching to the test," said Grasso.

Next year the AYP challenge will be stronger for all school districts. The AYP goals will rise to 68.5 percent in math, and 67.6 percent in ELA.

Based on this year's scores, the two subgroups that fell short in math this year would fail to meet math and ELA standards next year. There also would be English Learners, Hispanic/Latino and African American categories joining that shortfall next year.

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MAILBOX

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Candidates' Funding Margo Tarver Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Candidates' financial reports tell us a lot about the candidates. Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio received the \$12,000 to \$13,000 in funds during the last reporting period, while their challengers had not yet collected anything. The most telling information is who the donors were; the attorney representing the Lins who have repeatedly filed lawsuits against the city of Pleasanton to force their development upon us, and developers and developer interested parties. Their challenger, Karla Brown, is a grass-roots candidate who was co-chair of the committee to defeat the Lins' Oak Hill development. She is receiving support and funds from the residents of Pleasanton. She is the candidate that you can count on to represent your interests as a citizen of Pleasanton. The Mayor of Pleasanton had a large campaign fund from which she paid out \$5,000 to a campaign consultant. She may put out some slick mailers, but don't be fooled. Her challenger, Cindy McGovern, is the citizens' candidate. She voted against the Lin's Oak Hill development from the beginning and has consistently represented the interests of the residents of Pleasanton as a councilperson. Let's stand up for our interests as residents of this beautiful city and support the "citizen's candidates," Cindy McGovern for Mayor and Karla Brown for City Council.

Vote for Thorne Howard Seebach Pleasanton

Jerry Thorne, candidate for re-election to Pleasanton's City Council, has been an excellent steward of our taxpayers interests and funds. On most every City Council action he seeks that which will benefit the most of Pleasanton, not just the few.

His business experience as a corporate executive gives him the ability to wisely manage our city's programs and expenditures. I trust his judgment

Please vote for Jerry Thorne.

McGovern and Brown Paul Ebright Pleasanton

So much has been said and written about transparency in government, be it federal, state or local. In Pleasanton, in this years election, you have an opportunity to see that there is transparency in governing our city.

During the Oak Grove referendum, the incumbent mayor and her two rubber stamp cohorts accepted disgusting amounts of money to support the rape of the ridges. All of these funds were funneled through Political Action Committees. It is time to clean up our local government. It is time for Mayor Hosterman and her rubber stamp cohorts, Thorne and Cook-Kallio, to go.

Please join me in supporting Cindy McGovern for mayor and Karla Brown for city council. Both of these candidates will protect our ridges and defend the voice of the citizens.

Check Facts Brian L. Sanborn Pleasanton

One can debate whether a rehash of Rush Limbaugh's talking points as a letter to the editor adds to our political discourse but when the facts are wrong it begs an answer. Your writer of Sept. 16th (Go to the polls) wants to vote the current administration out for the sins of the past. It was George Bush's conservatives who drove our economy off a cliff then bailed out the Wall Street bankers. George W. inherited a budget surplus and squandered it with a tax cut for the rich and a war of his choosing. We've dumped \$800 billion into Iraq and it will be \$3 trillion by the time we have cared for all the heroes who have come back maimed from Bushes misadventure. Why would anyone want those conservatives back in power?

The rant against Pelosi's plane is what really galls me. Besides the fact that she is second in line for the presidency (does that scare you as much as having Dick Cheney one heartbeat away for eight years scared me?) the numbers are wrong. I am a 757/767 captain for a major airline and Navy veteran. 67,000 LBS. of fuel is more than enough to get from Washington to SFO even with Las Vegas as an alternate. We use pounds, not gallons, but it makes the math easier. At 6.7 lbs. per gallon that's 10,000 gallons. At \$3.00 per gallon (way high for

Jet A fuel) that is \$30,000. Half of your writers number.

My wish is that people do their own research. Fox News is not a reliable source. Glen Beck is not a nonpartisan. The internet is not fact-checked, nor are letters to the editor. As maligned as they are, a newspaper is still your best source of factual information. Best of luck in November.

Rebuttal to Letter Alan Belluomini Livermore

I am in agreement that green energy is good, and personally use solar power for the house. To then say that Congressman McNerney is the "Right Man of the Job" is a comment that has to be questioned.

Congressman McNerney has voted for: stimulus package, cap and trade, health care reform?, financial reform?, and more, almost perfect down party (Pelosi) lines.

Have you noticed that most Americans are not happy with the direction the country is headed? At one time I had great promise for Congressman McNerney, but he has been very partisan and I question his judgement for increasing our debt by trillions with his voting record. Voting records don't lie. Tri-Valley voters know what we have now. Rein in the out of control spending, the health care and financial bills (that no one knows what is in them), shrink government. Mr. Harmer has these values. And, by the way, reading the Declaration of Independence is a good thing.

Ballot Recommendations Barbara Hempill Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters Pleasanton

The League of Women Voters California has the following recommendations for propositions on the November 2 Statewide ballot.

Prop 20 Redistricting of Congressional Districts Oppose: Well-intentioned but premature. Take this next step for Congressional redistricting in the future.

Prop 23 Suspends Clean Energy and Air Pollution Standards Oppose: This is a Dirty Energy Proposition funded by out-of-state oil companies. It virtually kills AB32, the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Prop 24 Tax Fairness Act Support: Repeals corporate tax cuts that were passed in closed-door budget deals of 2008-09 that cost approximately \$1.3 billion a year

TO A HIGH RANKING

The board also heard some highlights from the state API testing, which was reported earlier this year in its first form. A later refinement of data-shuffling at the state Department of Education shows schools where they stand in comparison to other schools.

On the districtwide level, Pleasanton ranks 12th this year among unified school districts. In previous years it has been ninth or 10th. The differences are so slight, that they are not statistically meaningful.

The state has more than 300 unified districts, and a total of 1000 districts.

The district met all its required growth benchmarks, and achieved a total district score of 906, far above the 800, which the state says is "exemplary." The state wants to see improvement of at least one point each year.

in revenue to the state.

Prop 25 Simple Majority Vote for Budget Support: Changes vote required for Legislature to pass a budget from the current two-thirds to a simple majority. Legislators would forfeit salary if they fail to meet the budget deadline.

Prop 26 "Polluter Protection" Oppose: New definitions of taxes require a two-thirds vote on many more government revenue decisions at state and local levels. Decisions on revenue measures should be made by a simple majority vote.

Prop 27 Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting Strong Oppose: Would kill major redistricting reform voters just approved in 2008 and return redistricting to the backrooms of the Legislature.

Prop 19 Legalize and Regulate Marijuana No Position
Prop 21 \$18 Vehicle License Fee for State Parks and Wildlife Programs Neutral

Prop 22 State Government Prohibited from Taking Local Funds Neutral

For one place to find out about everything on the ballot, visit SmartVoter.org.

Firehouse Arts Center Rob Woodworth Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, President

I am sending a brief note to recognize the astronomical level of support and public involvement currently being experienced in the Arts in Pleasanton.

Coming fresh off a very successful grand opening of our new Firehouse Arts Center this last weekend, with hundreds of people attending grand opening events over the course of three days, without a doubt, creativity is in the air. Everywhere you turn there is talk of the visual arts, gallery showings, an upcoming monthly art walk, musical presentations at the new theater, a revived Amador theatre, opera performances, dance performances, and much more. It is truly a special time for creating, enjoying, and learning in the City of Pleasanton.

The new Firehouse Arts Center is a flower of many cultivators. The City of Pleasanton, many generous donors, artists, local arts organizations and others have all played a part in weeding and watering this project to fruition.

One of the groups who played a huge part in this effort was The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation. The Foundation sprouted from The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) which is a non-profit arts advocacy group who has been in existence for over 30 years. As the Foundation winds down its efforts (needing just a small boost to reach its funding goal) it will fold back into PCAC to keep the arts alive and well nourished in Pleasanton for many years to come.

We would encourage you to support the arts and ride this tidal wave of community involvement all the way to the shore, by becoming a member of The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council today. Get involved! Show your artistic side! Several membership levels and benefits are available via the PCAC website at www.PleasantonArts.org, or by calling 925-931-1111.

If you haven't already, be sure to make your way to the new Firehouse Arts Center soon. Take in an event or simply take in the beautiful building's architecture and it's surrounding gardens.

Again, thank you so much to the residents of Pleasanton and its surrounding communities for all of your support!!!

CAMPAIGN 2010

Republican David Harmer continues to gain strong backing from small businesses with the announcement today of support from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). The endorsement comes just days after Harmer received the endorsement of the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau in his effort to unseat incumbent Congressman Jerry McNerney in

California's 11th Congressional District.

The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest business advocacy group in the United States. Since its inception in 1943, the organization has worked to promote the free market and small business growth.

Over 100 local women offered their strong endorsement of Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11), joining together as Women for McNerney, a group co-chaired by Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston and San Ramon Vice Mayor Carol Rowley.

The group includes women who are leaders in their communities, from teachers to small business owners, and who strongly endorse Congressman McNerney for his work to create jobs, improve schools and invest in programs that serve women and families.

Mayor Ann Johnston and Vice Mayor of San Ramon Carol Rowley offered the following words of support for Congressman McNerney.

"I'm glad to support Congress-

man Jerry McNerney because he stands up for what's right for our area," said Carol Rowley, Vice Mayor of San Ramon. "Jerry McNerney is a strong supporter of our schools and personally helps local charities, including a shelter in the Tri-Valley for victims of domestic violence. We can count on Jerry McNerney, who is always accessible to the people he represents and responsive to our area's needs. I'm honored to co-chair Women for McNerney."

The deadline to register to vote for the November 2, 2010 General Election is Monday, October 18, 2010.

Alameda County residents must be citizens, 18 years old and not in prison or on parole for

the conviction of a felony to be eligible to register to vote.

Voter registration affidavits are available at the Registrar of Voters office and at libraries, fire stations and post offices. Download and complete the registration form on our website at www.acgov.org. Completed affidavits must be delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office at 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612 or postmarked by October 18th in order to be eligible to vote for this election.

Voters can call the Registrar of Voters Office at (510) 272-6973 or (510) 267-8683 or visit the website at www.acgov.org/rov to check on their registration status.

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Sandia Taking on Problem with Bioguels from Algae

Sandia National Laboratories are tackling algal pond collapse, an issue that may be preventing some companies from producing the amount of algae it will take to make algal biofuels a cost-effective form of alternative energy.

Algae are widely viewed as a potential source of renewable fuel. However, the technology to mass-produce fuel-grade algae is still in the early stages. A major roadblock is the inability to produce large amounts of the greenish, chlorophyll-containing organisms.

Algae are commonly grown in raceway ponds, large, shallow, artificial ponds that serve as fields for algae crops. When

water is constantly re-used, mixed or blended (a common practice at multi-acre algae production facilities), the ponds are prone to attack by agents such as fungi, viruses or predators like zooplankton.

"The organisms fall into these ponds and can crash a pond overnight," said Todd Lane, a molecular biologist and algae researcher at Sandia's California site. "Many of the agents that are causing these pond crashes have not been identified. You can't develop countermeasures without understanding why something is happening." Pond crashes, Lane said, are often characterized by a sudden emergence of infection

followed by rapid loss of algal biomass.

Sandia's winning DOE proposal, titled "Pond Crash Forensics," will use pathogen detection and characterization technologies developed through the lab's Rapid Threat Organism Recognition, or RapTOR, project. RapTOR was originally developed for homeland security purposes.

The RapTOR program seeks to solve the "unknown unknowns" problem — lethal agents that could be weaponized from ordinary viruses or disguised to look harmless — by developing a tool to rapidly characterize a biological organism with no pre-existing knowledge. Sandia's researchers,

Lane says, are taking advantage of rapidly evolving molecular biology technology and the advent of ultra-high-throughput DNA sequencing in order to re-engineer time-intensive benchtop methods to be faster, easier and automated.

That same tool, he says, can be used to quantify the "unknown unknowns" at the root of pond crashes. Sandia's researchers will obtain samples of water from "freshly" crashed ponds and unaffected ponds grown in parallel at the same facility under similar conditions. They'll focus on common production strains such as Nannochloropsis and Neochloris in primarily open

pond architectures.

Sandia's technical approach will combine modern methods of metagenomic analysis, advanced imaging and field microbiology/virology to identify, characterize and, when possible, isolate the agent causing a pond crash.

The project's first year will focus on the identification and isolation of those agents causing pond crashes, while during the second year of the project researchers will create pond crashes "on demand" for laboratory analysis and experimentation leading to countermeasure development.

According to Lane, the goal is to develop a method for rapid characterization of the respon-

sible predatory agents and either a device or service for companies that will help make their algae ponds more productive.

"For the commercial sector involved in producing algae, this will save money since those companies will maintain better control over their ponds and experience less impact on their production schedules," Lane said. "We feel that we're in a good position to address this particular roadblock. It's a good niche for Sandia, and something that allows us to provide a service that will be of great benefit to the algal biofuel industry that will in turn greatly benefit the nation."

Lab Part of Research Effort to Improve Energy Efficiency

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's expertise in integrated multi-physics modeling will be an integral part of a new national effort in energy efficient building research.

The goal of the Greater Philadelphia Innovation Cluster for Energy Efficiency Buildings (GPIC) is to establish The Navy Yard in Philadelphia and the surrounding area as the national center for energy efficient buildings research, education, policy and commercialization.

The new center will be led by

Penn State University in partnership with LLNL and numerous other public, private and academic partners. The Department of Energy's \$122 million in funding will cover the core research and development activities of the Energy Efficiency Hub. Several federal agencies have been working in partnership with DOE to establish and fully leverage the building energy efficiency research cluster with an additional \$7 million.

One of the goals of the research is to develop integrated

end-to-end code for simulating building fluid/thermal flows. LLNL will build this modeling capability. In addition, the Laboratory will develop and apply algorithms and tools for uncertainty quantification for building energy simulations. GPIC partner IBM will develop the framework to integrate the code components and other GPIC partners United Technologies Corporation and Virginia Tech will work on simulating the control systems.

"This is a 'get it to work' solution," said computer scientist

John Grosh, who heads LLNL's role in the GPIC.

LLNL and the GPIC partners will bring a new approach to modeling integrated cyber-physical control systems, and then develop methodologies to create a scalable reduced order models that can be rapidly transitioned to commercial deployment. The expectation is that that this approach can yield significantly more robust and effective controllers. LLNL will be working with Virginia Tech in applying its adaptive meshing tools (SAMRAD) and math expertise to develop these new techniques.

The building sector consumes about 40 percent of the energy used in the United States and is responsible for nearly 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. The entire transport sector represents only about 28 percent of energy use. A 50 percent reduction in buildings' energy usage would be equivalent to taking every passenger vehicle and small truck in the United States off the road. A 70 percent reduction in buildings energy usage is equivalent to eliminating the entire energy consumption of the U.S. transportation sector.

To satisfy its goals of improved energy efficiency and operability and reduced carbon

emissions, and to stimulate private investment and quality job creation, the GPIC will focus on full-spectrum retrofit of existing average size commercial, industrial and multi-family residential buildings. The GPIC's tasks have been divided into five broad areas: Tools for integrated design, verification and modeling; Components, sub-systems, controls and diagnostics; Public policy,

behavior, economics and business; Education and workforce development; and Demonstration, deployment and intellectual property (IP) management

Research Earns Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Award

The team that helped to develop the Argus II retinal implant, including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has been recognized with a Popular Mechanics 2010 Breakthrough Award.

Popular Mechanics' Breakthrough awards, which were announced Tuesday, recognize the innovators and products poised to change the world in the fields of technology, medicine, aviation, environmental engineering and more.

"From soccer balls that generate light to cell phones that diagnose medical conditions, our diverse, inspired winners are making the seemingly impossible a reality," says James B. Meigs, editor-in-chief of Popular Mechanics. The Argus II retinal implant is designed to restore vision to people who are blind because of such degenerative retinal diseases as macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa. There are 10 million people in the United States with degenerative retinal diseases and millions more worldwide.

The device takes images from an external video camera and sends electric signals to an array implanted in the eye, bypassing damaged photoreceptors to

kick-start retinal cells that are still viable. Even as clinical trials for the second generation of the device continue, a massive effort involving six national labs, four universities and a commercial partner is developing technologies that will enable third- and fourth-generation models - which could provide enough resolution to read 24-point font and recognize faces.

Members of the U.S. Department of Energy Artificial Retina Team include: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Second Sight Medical Products, the industrial partner; the Doheny Eye Institute, University of Southern California (USC); University of California, Santa Cruz; USC; California Institute of Technology; and Sandia National Laboratories.

The commercial partner, Second Sight, sponsored the clinical trial of the Argus II, and is responsible for manufacturing and commercializing the devices. The company expects to receive a CE mark later this year clearing the way for a commercial launch of the Argus II in Europe.

The LLNL team will contribute three major components to the next generation of artificial

retinas: the thin-film electrode array that contains the neural electrodes; the biocompatible electronics package that contains the electronics for stimulating the retina and wireless power and communications; and an ocular surgical tool that will enable the insertion, attachment, and re-insertion of the thin-film electrode array. In addition, Lawrence Livermore will be responsible for the system integration and developing manufacturing procedures for the next generation implantable artificial retina system.

"It is very gratifying to see this multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional effort, which addresses a major global health problem, recognized with this prestigious award," said Satinderpall Pannu, leader of the Livermore group.

The winners of the 2010 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Awards will be celebrated at a ceremony at Hearst Tower in New York City on the evening of Oct. 5 and featured in the November edition of the magazine, which will appear on newsstands Oct. 12.

Green Scene Fair Planned in Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton and Hacienda will present a free Green Scene Fair for local employees and residents on Thursday, October 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will be held at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton.

This comprehensive Green Scene Fair will feature approximately 75 different vendors specializing in green practices in six main categories: Air, Water, Waste, Commuting and Transportation, Healthy Homes and Healthy Living, and Energy. Vendors will provide demonstrations

and information on green building and landscape design, solar power and energy conservation, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, financial incentives, and more. Representatives from various green businesses and agencies will be on hand to provide answers to questions and information.

A treasure hunt and raffle of green-related prizes will contribute to the fun of the event, which will also feature a display of fuel efficient vehicles and demonstration buses from the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (Wheels). Sustainably produced

food will also be available for purchase.

The Green Scene Fair is the first in a series of activities and events that will be folded into Pleasanton's climate action plan for the entire community. It will serve as a roadmap to reduce the carbon footprint of the collective community that includes both residents and employees who work in Pleasanton.

For more information about the Green Scene Fair and the climate action plan, please visit www.PleasantonGreenScene.org.

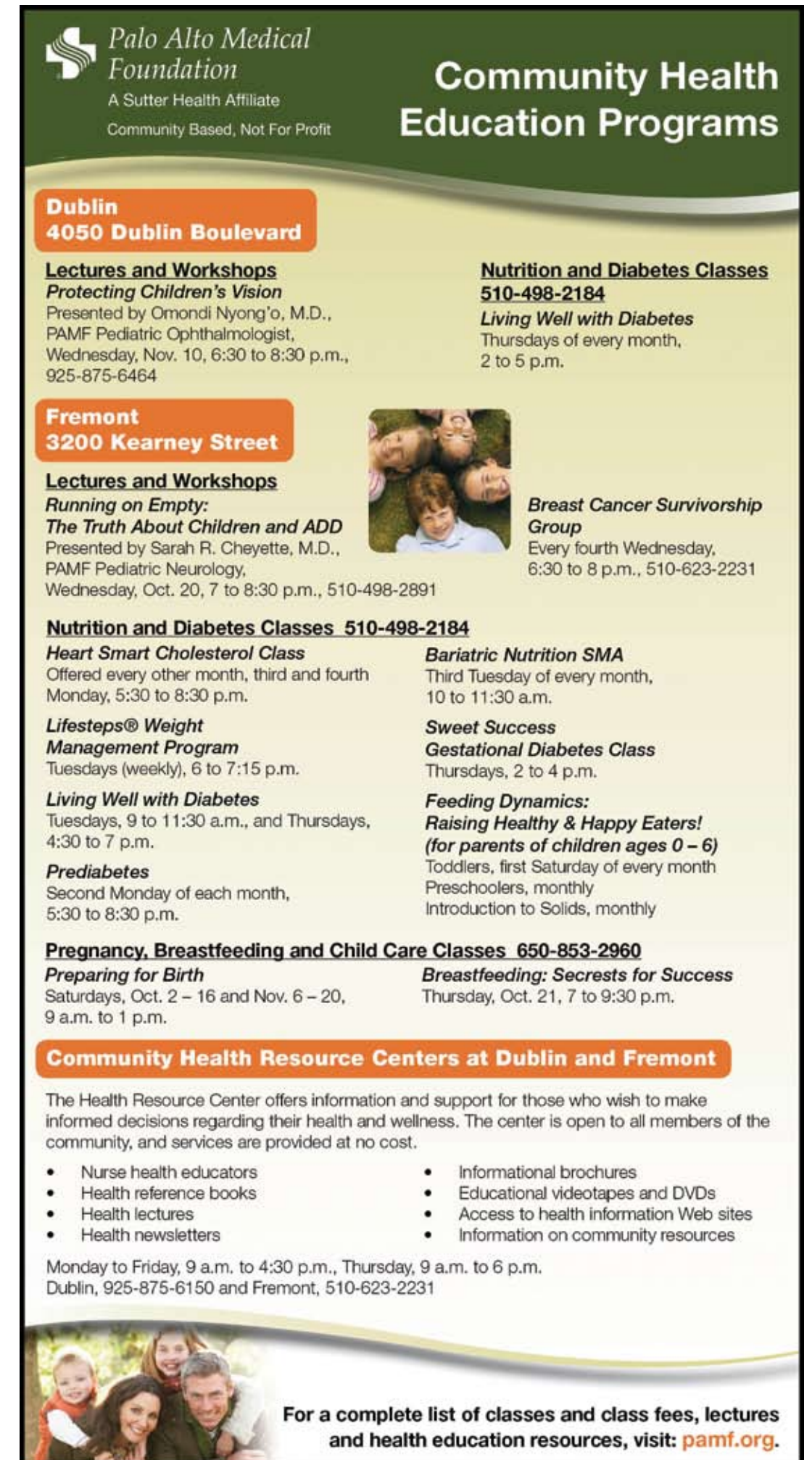


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Unfazed by the record-setting heat wave, the Mavericks Fastpitch 16U softball team set several records of its own at the "Battle of the Bay" tournament on September 25-26, 2010, in Hayward, CA. Battling through six games in a scalding heat, the team scored 46 runs -- record-setting for Mavericks, while its pitchers threw a record of 32 strike-outs overall. Holding a hard-fought runner-up trophy, the Mavericks are (front row, from left) Halle Niklewicz, Samantha Caravas, Skyler Kriz, (middle row, from left) Renee Dobson, Sara Journey, Jamie Orr, Marissa Cordisco, (back row, from left) Coach Glen Cordisco, Coach John Niklewicz, Marina VanVliet, Ashley Weiler, Selena Shang, Greta Kohlmoos, Coach Charlie VanVliet, and Manager Greg Dobson.



Pleasanton Rage U-16 D3 team members include Vidya Awasty, Rachel Black, Ashley Buchanan, Brooke Campbell, Isabela Castaneda, Alex Dickinson, Rachel Duggan, Alexis Faria, Jenel Firno, Sasha Greenlee, Bryanna Miller, Carly O'Brien, Annette Ramirez, Jessica Sanassarian, Maddie Solomon,



Livermore Fusion SC U9 G Maroon Team Triumph was out in full force at the 2010 Dublin Fall Classic. The team was the decided winner in the preliminary brackets by shutting out both Dublin United (5-0) and Mustang Impact (2-0.) In the semi finals the team battled and lost to Odyssey Red in a PK tie breaker. Then it was a Livermore battle in Dublin as the Livermore U9 Maroon Triumph faced off against the Livermore U9 Black Storm. Both teams played an exceptional game and exhibited outstanding sportsmanship, representing the Livermore Premier league well. The game (3-3) went into overtime and then into PK tie breaker but outstanding goal keeping helped to deliver a victory for team Triumph!



The Livermore Fusion SC U9 Boys Black team had a great game Saturday morning. They defeated the Dublin Slammers 4-2. The goals were scored by Eddie Topete (2), Trent Crisp and Matteo Crivello. Shown in the picture are front row: Douglas Wynne, Trent Crisp, Eddie Topete, Matteo Crivello, Parker Moore, Will Nordvik, Matthew Hagan; middle row: Michael Buti, Patrick Connolly, Brandon Martin, Dylan Breesch, Paimon Goulart; back row: Assistant Coaches Mike Buti and Angie Gagliardi and Coach Dave Tinoco



Livermore Fusion SC Storm 98, earned 2nd place at the Stockton Triad Tournament. Pictured are (back, left to right) Christiane Codington, Kathryn Tietjen, Danielle Frevert, Kate Wise, Jenna Hagan, Tatiana Hernandez, Hannah Gibson, Coach Nancy Tietjen, Jamie Zogoric; (middle) Lauren Stuart, Claudia Chavira, Morgan Hall, Kayla Carlucci; (front) Carli Henderson, and Hayley Bell. (Not shown) Katrina Herweg, Asst. Coach Candace Plevyak.



West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy level 4 team members pictured are Coach Josh Ruby (and from left to right) Jessica Staker, Anna Foehner, Corrine Jackson, Malaigha Kinzer and Lauren Swenson Lennox)



Livermore Fusion SC Lasers, U10 Girls Rec-Plus took first place in the Saddleback Soccer Tournament on Oct. 2 and 3. Lindsay Harnish scored the tournament-winning goal in overtime against the Livermore Dynamite. Pictures are: (back row, left to right) coach Eric Harnish, Caitlyn Quartaroli, Kalea Bartolotto, Lindsay Harnish, Grace Groeniger, Caroline Eckel, and Coach Deana Bartolotto; (front row) Abby Harnish, Haylee Kramar, Madeline Koning, Emma Hyde, and Lindsey Warren (Alexah Nava is not shown).



The Livermore Dynamite U10G continued its strong season with a Runner-up finish in the annual Saddleback tournament this weekend in Danville. The team won their first three games and did not allow a single goal from the competition. In the championship game they fell just short (2-1) in a hard fought game that extended into overtime against the Lasers and placed an impressive 2nd place overall in the 13 team tournament. The players pictured are (front row) Jordan Kennedy, Kennedy Griffith, Kaitlyn Guggiana, (middle row) Shaylin Vadney, Kelsi Green, Kate Wallace, Lindsay Plant, Sarah Davisson, Samantha Victor, Jessica Zogoric, (back row) Steve Griffith, Mackenzie Lemieux, Katie Kennedy, Abby Fraser and Kevin Fraser.



Pleasanton Rage U13 Orange player, Hailey Mann is shown scoring a goal against Lamorinda United. Photo by Alan Elias.



The Fusion SC U9 Boys Maroon Team won its NorCal Preliminary game against Elk Grove Everton FC with a score of 2-1 on Sunday. Two goals were scored by Carlos Ventura with an assist by Bradley Rittmann. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Coach Manny Moncada, Jack Bosso, Chad Madrid, Caleb Loth, Thomas Kello, Brett Oelrich, Nate Miskella, and Nick Hill; (front row) Mateo Moncada, Zach Rittmann, Carlos Ventura, Bradley Rittmann, and Ryan Lortie.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U12 White team came through with a strong performance in a State Cup game against the MPHFC Psychochicks. The Rage won 4-0. The Rage scored 3 goals in the 1st half with Alyssa Bardakos, Belle Henry and Shancee Hunsaker scoring. The Rage tallied one more in the 2nd half to win 4-0. The Rage threatened all afternoon with forwards Bardakos, Hunsaker, Henry, Samantha Lai, Mira Greenlee and Lalinda Xu a constant threat to score. Midfielders Madison Soble, Emily Mickelson, Sophie Adams, Ryan Murphy and McKenna Moura controlled the ball and kept it by the Psychochicks goal all game. And defenders Jenyce Dutcher, Katey Rademann, Olivia Verbeck and Haley Beltran were not going to allow the Psychochicks to get even close to Rage goalie Lizzy Neads.

The Rage U12 Orange Premier team scored a series of wins over the weekend. Saturday's game was a league game in which the Rage beat the Mustang Velocity 1-0. The defense of Ariana Nino, Sadie Grozier, Tiara Lewis and Rachel Rice proved to be an outstanding combination that kept the Mustangs from spending much time near their goal, however when they got there they were completely shut down by keeper Juliet Allen who had several incredible saves. The only goal of the game came from Sam Frost's corner to Brooke Roberts and ultimately to Megan Von Sosen's who shot into the net.

Sunday's State Cup qualifying game was even more exciting as the girls really picked up their play and controlled the ball most of the game. Diablo FC scored in the first quarter, but the Rage's Rachel Rice answered back quickly with a goal of her own. Rachel was able to score a second time

in the first half with a great assist from both Lorna Roberts and Sarah Brocha. Midfielder Hunter Vice made sure the ball was kept up field and Saturday's fantastic combination of defensive coordination was evident again on Sunday. The second half highlight was a corner kick from Sam Frost, whose kick amazingly went into the net for Rage goal number 3. The final score was another great U12 Orange win: 3-1.

The Pleasanton Rage U-16 D3 White team played extremely well in the extreme heat at the Benicia Fall Classic this past weekend. Winning three straight games against tough teams, Rage advanced to the Championship game and took 2nd in a tight match that was undecided until the last few minutes.

Game 1 was against a familiar competitor, Mustang Rush. Rage came ready to play, fought hard, demonstrated excellent possession and passing, and walked away with a 2 - 1 win.

Game 2 was a great match against El Cerrito Futbol Club. Rage dominated the field with the majority of the game played in the attacking half. But with temps above 95, the girls were fighting conditions as much as their opponents on the field.

Game 3 was the only thing standing between Rage going to the Championship game and the girls knew it. The forward line kept the pressure on and scored 3 vs. 2 for Rage.

The Championship Game was against Vacaville Aftershock and played in 95 degree weather as well. The competition was the toughest yet. Rage rose to the challenge and scored first. Before the half was over, Inferno scored as well. The second half was 1 - 1 until the very end when an Inferno striker shot off a rocket to end the game 1 - 2. Rage

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School varsity football team dominated Livermore 34 to 7 in EBAL action last week. Pictured is Amador's AJ Tyson (7) heading upfield for more yardage, while Stephen Niessen (52) and John Lozano (27) from Livermore try to stop him.

Coaches Julie Solomon and Wayne Buchanan are immensely proud of their team's showing and fortitude.

The Rage U10 White team came through with its first league win of the season with a 1-0 win over the Mustang Blast. The game was very competitive with both teams going into halftime tied 0-0. The Rage broke through in the second half when DeLaney Soble scored off a penalty kick. Goalie Allison Jenezon came through with another shutout. This was a very good all around performance from the Rage.

The Rage U10 White team came through with its best performance of the season. They took on the San Ramon AZURI in San Ramon field. The 1st half was very competitive with the Rage team taking a 1-0 lead. The goal was scored by Quinn Lombardi who dribbled through the AZURI defense and shot it just to the left of the AZURI goalie. The Rage picked up the pace in the 2nd half and kept the ball in the AZURI end of the field for most of the half. Holly Judson scored by stealing a goalie kick, dribbling up and shooting past the goalie from 20 yards out. Yasmine Springer capped the scoring with a sweet goal from just outside the goalie box. This was truly a team effort with fierce defense from Lombardi, Allison Hunter, DeLaney Soble, Lexi Trucro, Sarah Hurr, Jenna Brown. Kiera Hegarty, Abby Fried, Zoe Moura and Emily Tincher controlled the middle of the field. And Allison Jenezon was her usual steady self in goal.

Rage Division 1 U15 AC played Diablo Saturday with Hannah Gooby scoring first with assists by Hannah Jackson and Kayla Bautista. Diablo quickly scored an equalizer goal, but a Paige Peterson goal on a Kayla corner kick put Rage back in the lead. Goalie Hannah Menk made 2 great saves in the 1st half to keep it close. Diablo then put the game away with 2 consecutive goals, while midfielder Mathea Turkalj scored Rage's last goal, her 2nd on the weekend (Diablo 4, Rage 3). On Sunday Rage battled an excellent Lamorinda team to a 1-1 tie at the half with some excellent saves by goalie Olivia Brown. Mathea scored the only Rage goal of the game. Rage was unable to capitalize on back-to-back corners by Kayla or a good Ariel Gersham shot, while speedy Lamorinda scored 5 goals in the 2nd half. (Lamorinda 6, Rage 1).

Pleasanton Rage U13 Grey 2, San Ramon AZURI 0: Rage scored in the first half on an unassisted goal by Avery Jones who also scored on a penalty kick in the second half. Dahlia Shafi, Gaby Cabrera and Darcy Kron played a very tough midfield controlling and keeping the ball in the Azuri side of the field for most of the game. Precise passing by midfielders Amanda Chun and Erin Overland set up many scoring opportunities. Defense was led by their goalie Olivia Christensen and defenders, Megan Shackley, Bailey Sanchez, Dahlia Shafi. Top Offensive Players: Dahlia Shafi, Avery Jones, Gaby Cabrera and Darcy Kron. Top Defensive Players: Olivia Christensen, Megan Shackley, Bailey Sanchez, Dahlia Shafi.

Pleasanton Rage U-13 Grey 2, Livermore Fusion 1: Great team effort by the Pleasanton Rage team kept the Livermore Fusion team off balance in a very physical game. The referees handed out two yellow cards to Livermore players. Taylor Campbell and Kaitlyn Coleman scored in the second half for the Rage team. Defense was anchored by Olivia Christensen, Megan Shackley, Bailey Sanchez and Dahlia Shafi. Outstanding goalkeeping by Abigail Mitchell helped preserve the win. Top Offensive Players: Erin Overland, Kaitlyn Coleman, Taylor Campbell, Emma Theroux. Top Defensive Players: Olivia Christensen, Megan Shackley, Bailey Sanchez, Dahlia Shafi.

Pleasanton Rage U13 Orange played tough against a physical Juventus Lightning team with a 4 to 2 win. Once Rage had the lead, they never let it go. The initial goal was made by Malissa Shadle, with an assist from Symone Darius. Julia Denismo made the next goal thanks to a ricochet off of an opposing player. Keeper Sophia Brown punted the ball far enough down field that it counted as an assist for a goal by Christy Jensen. Brown was also outstanding in the net with six saves. She received some help from defensive player Hanna Mallie who saved a goal of her own. The final Rage goal was made by Carley Robertson who received the ball in a sequence from Eilis Hegarty to Malissa Shadle.

Pleasanton Rage U13 Orange dominated the game against division rival Lamorinda United, 3 to 0. Malissa Shadle scored two goals, one with an assist by Brookley Villanueva. The other goal was made by Hailey Mann. Shots were taken by Makenna Elias and Sophie Santos. Shots on goal were made by Symone Darius, Julia Denismo, Eilis Hegarty, Christy Jensen, Juliana Leedeman, Hanna Mallie, Hannah McGilivray, Carley Robertson, Villanueva, as well as goal scorers Mann and Shadle.

Pleasanton Rage Division 4
U14: Ladyhawks 4, Ratattack 4; Row-

dies 2, Chaos 1; Karina Galvez scored two goals. Cara Ingram and Suman Tripathy both had a pass on 2 of the scoring goals. Goalie Jenna Orozco held the Ratattack to only 1 goal before half-time. Top Offensive Players: Karina Galvez, Cara Ingram, Suman Tripathy - Ladyhawks; Emma Himsl, Rachel Butler, Chloe Reilly - Rowdies; Top Defensive Players: Jenna Orozco - Ladyhawks; Rikki Albert, Morgan Iverson, Avery Mohndavi - Chaos;

U12: Natural Disaster 0, Earthquakes 2; Her-ricanes 1, Earthquakes 7; Natural Disaster 1, Nightmares 2: What a strong game for both Natural Disaster and the Earthquakes. Both teams played a great game despite the heat. Dani Block, Lilli Radwan and Tori Garcia made a great effort in defense. On the other end of the field Emily Crimi, Brianna Sobrero and Jenna Radwan worked with teammates Maci Manos and Tori Garcia in attack mode as they tried to even out the score. Top Offensive Players: Emily Crimi, Jenna Radwan, Brianna Sobrero - Natural Disaster; Top Defensive Players: Lilli Radwan, Daniela Block, Tori Garcia - Natural Disaster;

U10: Jelly Beans 1, Juggle Cats 1; The Juggle Cats and the Jelly Beans were well matched teams as the score ended 1-1. Juggle Cats' goalies Isabel Mayfield, Lexi Valentine and Stephanie Dunlop were busy keeping the JB's from scoring as they defended off multiple penalty kicks. Lexi's quick fast hands batted the ball from the goal at the last moment to keep their opponent from scoring a game winning goal. Katie Schmitz scored the only score for the Cats during the first half with her quick footwork. The Cats had multiple opportunities from other teammates Tesia Toth and Ashley Lopez but were denied from the JB's goalies. Top Offensive Players: Katie Schmitz, Tesia Toth - Juggle Cats; Top Defensive Players: Isabel Mayfield, Ashley Lopez, Lexi Valentine - Juggle Cats;

Livermore Youth Football

In their homecoming game of the 2010 season, the Walnut Creek Raiders hosted Livermore Youth Football and Cher at Acalanes High School on Saturday, 10/02/2010. This Saturday, 10/09/2010, LYFC will play the West County Spartans at Hercules High School, with games starting at 8:30AM. For more information about LYFC teams and standings, please visit www.livermorekids.com.

Gladiators (Scout): Scout is a developmental division and scores are not recorded. October brought a crisp morning game for the small but mighty LYFC Gladiators against a determined Walnut Creek Raiders team. The first quarter was marked by spectacular defense from LYFC. There were earth shaking tackles by several Gladiators, including Quinteros, Cantu, Cadena and a quarterback sack by Gonzales. On offense, the Gladiators tried for some exciting passes and a few runs by Claypool but just couldn't get over the goal line. The second quarter brought more defense by the Gladiators including more incredible penetration by Williams who continually broke through the Raiders line, getting to their QB several times and recovering a fumble, too. When the offense took the field again the Gladiators were excited with a 20 yard run by chandler but the Raiders held the line. The second half of the game brought more of the same from both teams. The Gladiators had a fantastic 25-yard run by Brandy on a shotgun snap in the 3rd quarter and finally found the end zone in the 4th with a 10 yard pass followed by a 40 yard run by Cantu. The Gladiators presented strong football from B. Nuddelman playing excellent strong fullback, Barnes and #14 McDonald at blocking receiver. It was a hard day of football and Coach Joe reminded the boys that, "Tuesday is a new day," so the Gladiators will be back hard at work next week.

Titans (Jr. Pee Wee): Walnut Creek Raiders 0, Titans 13. In game 4 of the LYFC season, the Titans held the Raiders scoreless through 4 quarters and came away with a 13-0 win. Jacob Hernandez scored both TDs in the second quarter, the first was a 30yd run down the right side, and the second a 25 yd run around the left side. Zachary Burrow recovered a fumble in the backfield and sacked the Raiders' QB. Jacob Peebles had a tackle on a pass reception and prevented a Raiders' TD. Zachary Burke recovered a fumble. Andrew Messner had 2 punt returns for TDs that were called back for holds. Xavier Pelican tackled the QB on the end around the keeper. Notably absent from the field today was Daniel Youngblood who suffered a season-ending injury during practice last week. This game is dedicated to him.

Warriors (Pee Wee): Walnut Creek Raiders 12, Warriors 14. The 2-1 Warriors met the 2-1 Raiders for a much anticipated Saturday morning showdown in front of an enthusiastic crowd of LYFC parents and supporters. The game started off slow with

an antsy Warriors team giving up the early lead with multiple off-side penalties, which sustained the Raiders long drive for the first score of the game. The Warriors answered back with a long drive of their own, stalling near the end zone. With time running out in the first half, Aaron Lucas sacked the Raiders quarterback, pinning them deeper into their side of the field. The Raiders scrambled for a pass, which was intercepted by Logan Potter, who ran the ball for the Warriors first touchdown of the game. Warriors made the conversion to take a 7-6 lead into the half time. In the second half of the game, the Warriors gave up another long, scoring drive to the Raiders, who, again, failed to make the conversion for a 12-7 lead. Warriors defense, as a unified line, prevented further scoring by the Raiders. In the final minutes of the game, the Warriors picked up a first down after a 4th and 13. Chandler Davis connected with Isaiah Hodgins on the first down, and later for the game winning touchdown. On the Raiders' final possession, with 1:32 to go in the game, the Warriors defense rose up and shut down the Raiders offense for a Warriors victory. Other notable defensive linemen include Garrett Hart, Brandon Munoz, and Bobby Pierce.

Norsemen (Jr. Midget): Walnut Creek Raiders 13, Norsemen 7. The previously undefeated 3-0 Norsemen met their match on Saturday against a vicious Raider team. The Norsemen came out with an immediate score by G. Toailoa with a kick off return run all the way to the end zone to put the Norsemen up by 7 with the conversion. The defense came out strong and held the Raiders with dynamic tackles by A. Carter and G. Toailoa. The Norsemen forced the Raiders to fumble the ball. When Walnut Creek got the ball back, they were met with impenetrable defense by G. Burke and M. Valencia who caused losses of yardage for the Raiders with tackles in the backfield. The Raiders answered with a 29 yard touchdown run but could not get the extra point conversion making the score 7-6 for the Norsemen. The Raiders were making a run for the goal line again but a tackle by K. Beck kept them from finding glory and bringing an end to the half. The Raiders came out for blood in the second half and with repeated first downs were able to score again. The Norsemen were plagued with penalties and could not answer the Raiders storm.

Vikings (Midget): Walnut Creek Raiders 8, Vikings 26. The Vikings played a great game this Saturday against the Walnut Creek Raiders. The first play of the game started off with a fumble recovered by Vikings Harrison Wayne. That started the momentum for the offense to take charge. The stands were full of excitement when our quarter back Brian Barnett threw a 25 yard pass caught by Michael Bohl. Vikings then moved the ball in for a Touchdown. Our defense played solid to hold the line against the Raiders offense. The 2nd quarter started with another fumble recovered by the Vikings. After a few great runs Vikings scored a second Touchdown. Momentum on the field was at an all time high and in the 3rd quarter Brian Barnett threw another great pass close to 30 yards. The Vikings played a great offense and ran the ball in for a touchdown. Raiders played well and scored a touchdown in the 4th quarter. Brian Barnett intercepted the ball for another touchdown.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion SC game results for week ending 2010-10-03:
Premiere League

U11-Girls Division-1, Gold: Clovis Odyssey Soccer Club Academy Cup
Game 1: Livermore Fusion SC Maroon 99 Pride 2, Clovis Odyssey U11 Girls Red 0: The Odyssey forwards were very fast but couldn't pull-off scoring a goal. Alize Perez had a great attempt on goal. Makenzie Farro, had a perfect pass to Samantha Dukes for an attempted goal, but the Odyssey goal-keeper saved a couple of great attempts. Livermore's Sophia Pearson (GK) had a great save in the first half of the game. She came out of goal many times, charged the ball and won. Kylie Martinez and Marley Walke were strong defenders during this game. Makenzie Farro scored the first goal of the game. Jenny Gibson, had her first goal of the season, a great hard kick from about 1/3-field for the score.

Game 2: Livermore Fusion SC Maroon 99 Pride 8, Bullard F.C. Blue 1: Tori Diehl, Makenzie Farro, Alize Perez, Samantha Dukes, and Kylie Beard were great offensive players for Livermore. Bullards offense tried very hard, but since Livermore is a much stronger team, Livermore held just about every play Bullard had. Livermore's team defense was great as a whole this game, not allowing many attempts on goal. Marley Walke, Lauryn Souza, Kylie Martinez, Andrea Sommer, Kaitlyn Oki, and Jenny

Gibson all played strong defense during this game. Sophia Pearson (GK) actually got to come out of goal and play on the field for part of the game. The Bullard defense wasn't enough to hold Livermore. Andrea Sommer had a beautiful shot on goal, up and over the goal-keeper's head for a score. Marley Walke shot for the corner of the goal for the score. Alize Perez had an amazing goal down the middle. Samantha Dukes also scored, and Makenzie Farro scored three goals during the game and had one assist to Kylie Beard for a pass across the goal, and Kylie kicked it into the corner of the net. The Bullard score came from a great pass from a corner to the middle to put it into the net. This was a hard game to watch, as Livermore is a U11 team and Bullard F.C. Blue is a U10 lower level team.

Game 3, Semi-Final: Livermore Fusion SC Maroon 99 Pride 1, California Odyssey U10 Girls Red 1: Livermore came out strong with Alize Perez, Tori Diehl, Kylie Beard, and Samantha Dukes showing well in this game. Cal Odyssey had a strong physical offensive line that couldn't pull-off the win. Livermore's defensive players Lauryn Souza, Kaitlyn Oki, and Marley Walke, were strong players along with Sophia Pearson (GK), who had one great dive and a slide out to prevent shots on goal from scoring. Cal Odyssey had a strong defense that blocked many of Livermore's attempts on goal. They are commended for their playing and fierce gamesmanship. Jenny Gibson got the only official goal of the game before overtime. The one goal that Cal Odyssey scored was a kick that was one-on-one with Livermore's goal-keeper, and she charged out to cut the angle, but the kick ending up scoring. Good battle between forward and goalie, Sophia. The game went into PK's with a 1-1 tie game. Livermore's Sophia Pearson (GK) had three great saves catching one and blocking the other two to prevent California Odyssey from scoring. One shot did end up going in, but Livermore prevailed with their PK's. Makenzie Farro, Kylie "Stix" Martinez, and Jenny Gibson all scored PK's to allow Livermore to advance to the Championship game.

Game 4, Championship: Livermore Fusion SC Maroon 99 Pride 4, Odyssey South 2: Alize Perez, Tori Diehl, Makenzie Farro, Kaitlyn Oki, Samantha Dukes, and Kylie Beard all had very strong offensive plays during this Championship game. Strong defensive plays and physical play by several of the Odyssey players. They made four strong attempts on goal. Livermore's Marley Walke, Andrea Sommer, Lauryn Souza, Jenny Gibson, Kylie Martinez, and Sophia Pearson were a very strong defensive unit that only allowed two goals. Very strong defensive unit. Samantha Dukes scored a hat trick in our Championship game to help lead Livermore to victory. Makenzie Farro set up a perfect cross to Tori Diehl for a score. They made it look easy! Of the two goals that the Odyssey scored, on one, Livermore's Sophia Pearson (GK), dove to stop the ball from going in, but the ball cleared the plain of the goal. Odyssey couldn't be stopped on that goal. The second and final goal that Odyssey scored, Sophia came out to cut the angle and slid, but the forward was able to push through and scored for the Odyssey.

The Livermore Fusion "Storm" SC 98 U12 Girls White team finished in 2nd place at the September 25-26th Stockton Triad tournament. Demonstrating their determination throughout the tournament, the team displayed outstanding defensive efforts, aggressive goalkeeping and well-executed offensive scoring in action-packed match-ups with the Rangers RC, CYSALady Dynamites and the SYSA Black Diamonds. Goals were scored by Claudia Chavira, Hannah Gibson, and Jenna Hagan with assists by Kathryn Tietjen and Jenna Hagan. Pictured (back row, left to right) Christiane Codington, Kathryn Tietjen, Daniella Frevret, Kate Wise, Jenna Hagan, Tatiana Hernandez, Hannah Gibson, Coach Nancy Tietjen, Jamie Zogarcia, (Middle row) Lauren Stuart, Claudia Chavira, Morgan Hall, Kayla Carlucci, (Front row) Carl Henderson, Hayley Beach. (Not shown) Katrina Herweg, Asst. Coach Candace Plevyak

U12-Girls, Division-3, Bronze: Stockton Triad Tournament: The Livermore Fusion SC "Storm" 98 U12 Girls White team finished in 2nd place at the September 25-26th Stockton Triad tournament. Demonstrating their determination throughout the tournament, the team displayed outstanding defensive efforts, aggressive goalkeeping and well-executed offensive scoring in action-packed match-ups with the Rangers RC, CYSALady Dynamites, and the SYSA Black Diamonds. Goals were scored by Claudia Chavira, Hannah Gibson, and Jenna Hagan with assists by Kathryn Tietjen and Jenna Hagan. Pictured (back row, left to right) Christiane Codington, Kathryn Tietjen, Daniella Frevret, Kate Wise, Jenna Hagan, Tatiana Hernandez, Hannah Gibson, Coach Nancy Tietjen, Jamie Zogarcia, (Middle row) Lauren Stuart, Claudia Chavira, Morgan Hall, Kayla Carlucci, (Front row) Carl Henderson, Hayley Beach. (Not shown) Katrina Herweg, Asst. Coach Candace Plevyak

Fusion SC's under 12 girls' Maroon team battled Pleasanton Rage to nil-nil last Saturday afternoon. In league play, Fusion Maroon battered the Rage goal with shots from all angles but could not find a hole through the stout defense. Fusion Maroon's outshot Rage by a 2 to 1 ratio with attempts from almost all positions from Marissa Pletschette, Amy Silva, Alyssa Oki, Lauren Sandy, Lesly Jimenez, Laura Duterte, Adriana Sblendorin, Madison Gannon, Colette Mardirossian, and Selina Cardozo. Fusion's best scoring opportunity came early in the second half on an empty goal, but Rage's backline was able to turn away several loose balls around the goal mouth. Fusion keeper, Ashley Morton, turned away every Rage shot

and quickly started Fusion counterattacks with long kicks to the Fusion midfield.

The Livermore Fusion Black U15 girls continued GSSL play with two 1-1 ties over the weekend. Against the ACC Mavericks, Elyse Codiroli led the offensive play in the first half by maintaining possession and setting up her teammates. On the defensive side, Sarah Wilkinson won a few one-on-one battles and played the ball forward nicely. Late in the half, Beth McCall set up Alyssa Stevenson who just missed wide right. The Mavericks opened the second half with a quick goal in the first minute. But nine minutes later, Alison Pierson sent a low ball to the middle to put it into the net. This was a hard game to watch, as Livermore is a U11 team and Bullard F.C. Blue is a U10 lower level team.

In a fast-paced match against the Delta Extreme, the Fusion scored in the first minute when Mickle Schmitt's well-placed corner kick was directed in by Mady Souza. Delta countered late in the half with a breakaway to even the score at 1. Livermore dominated the second half with several quality scoring chances and numerous shots. Anticombination of passing between Codiroli and Hatch set up a McCall shot which just went wide left. Ten minutes later Pierson broke into the box and managed to get a shot off as she was knocked down by an Extreme defender (shot saved). Midway through the half, Ryley Landreth drilled a close shot which deflected off the goalie's outstretched hands and bounced off the top post and Mikaela Priest fired a shot just high over the goal. On the defensive side, Marijose Chacon and Sarah Franklin did an excellent job of clearing and driving the ball up the field to set up their teammates. Despite 25 shots in the match, the Fusion could not finish and settled for a 1-1 tie.

Rec-Plus League, Division 4

U14-Boys: Matrix Reloaded 3, Sharks 1: All the goals came in the first half of a very energetically played game. Offense: Joshua Frazier, Chance Owen, Nathan Barros (Matrix). Defense: James Yarnell, Kevin Burkett, Will Mullins (Matrix); Florian Maenners (Sharks). Goals/Assists: Joshua Frazier (2G), Chance Owen (G), Sebastian Gromit (2G), Kevin Switzer (A), Cameroon Ourloume (A) (Matrix); Alex Wilson (G), Amir Sagafi (A) (Sharks)

Vipers 6, Matrix Reloaded 1: Offense: Daniel Glub, Chris Chang (Vipers); Andrew Long-Kettenhofen, Kevin Switzer (Matrix). Defense: Sebastian Gomez, Jonathan Short (Vipers). Goals/Assists: Daniel Golub (3G), Chris Chang (2G), Kade Harlmon (G) (Vipers); Kevin Switzer (G) (Matrix)

Matrix Reloaded 2, Mustang Diablos 0: Offense: Jared Leong (Diablos); Cameron Ourdoune, Erik Morik, Joshua Frazier (Reloaded). Defense: Andrew Garcia, Weston Lightfoot (Diablos); Kevin Burkett, Jeff Mullins, Sebastian Gomez (Reloaded). Goals/Assists: Joshua Frazier (G), James Yarnell (A), Jonathan Short (G), Cameron Ourdoune (A) (Reloaded)

U12-Girls: Saddleback Tournament: Livermore Boom 2, Mustang Stampede 1: Game 2 in the Saddleback tournament found Livermore Boom and Mustang's Stampede challenging each other. Boom's Delaney Foote got a goal early in the first-half, but Stampede held them for quite some time after.

Great work by Stampede's goal-keeper and defense. A second goal was scored by Boom in the second-half with a beautiful cross from Olivia Schormann to the center where Delaney Foote and Alexandria Cantril were both perfectly positioned. Delaney got a foot on it and Boom got their second goal! Soon after, one of Stampede's forwards got a break-away and got their first goal, ending the game at 2-1. Offense: Delaney Foote, Olivia Schormann, Alexandria Cantril (Livermore) Defense: Devynd Montesinos, Briana Estevez (Livermore). Goals/Assists: Delaney Foote (2G), Olivia Schormann (A) (Livermore)

Livermore Boom 1, Mustang Dynamo 0: What an exciting game this was as the 2 undefeated teams played head to head. It was a very even match and the score remained tied at 0 until the last 3 minutes of play when Livermore Boom's Delaney Foote had a break-away and got past Mustang Dynamo's Alyssa Steiger (GK). Excellent defensive play by Mustang's Alyssa (GK), and defenders Lexie Hooper and AJ Barnard. Livermore Boom's strong offense included Carley Estevez and Olivia Schormann. Boom's defense was able to hold Dynamo at zero goals due to excellent play by Briana Estevez and Missy Nunes. Offense: Delaney Foote, Carley Estevez, Olivia Schormann (Livermore); Carley Estevez, Olivia Schormann (Mustang). Defense: Briana Estevez, Missy Nunes (Livermore); Alyssa Steiger (GK), Lexie Hooper, AJ Barnard (Mustang). Goals/Assists: Delaney Foote (G) (Livermore)

U12-Boys: Wolverines 5, Earthquakes 1: Offense: Sam Miller, Peter Vance, Jacob Fumero (Wolverines); Blake Lindberg, Shervin Sorrooshian, Eric Chen (Earthquakes). Defense: Conner Sweeney, Kyle Parsons, Shane Clifton (Wolverines); Peter Lucas, Matt Bessa, Steven Collari (Earthquakes)

U10-Girls: Tournament: Lasers 4, Bolts 0; Offense: Amanda Craft, Abby Hoobing, Leah Kline (Bolts). Defense: Isabella Carrano, Brienne Radliff, Katherine Lewis (Bolts). Game Summary: The Lasers were on fire today, but the game was closer than

the score shows.

Bolts 1, Stars 2: Offense: Amanda Craft, Lyndsay Jones, Emily Rogers (Bolts). Defense: Olivia Armstrong, Shelby Clark, Arianna Racanelli (Bolts). Goals/Assists: Lyndsay Jones (G) (Bolts)

Super Rhinos 2, Bolts 2: Offense: Paige Decorara, Bridget Levesques (Rhinos); Emily Rogers, Abby Hoobing, Leah Kline (Bolts). Defense: Melanie Evan, Aliza Garcia (Rhinos); Katherine Lewis, Amanda Craft, Isabella Carrano (Bolts). Goals/Assists: Abby Hoobing (2G) (Bolts)

House (Rec)
U12-Girls: Goal Getters 4, Shooting Stars 1: It was tied at one at the half, but the Goal Getters scored 3 times in the second-half against a very vigorous Shooting Stars defense. Offense: Clare Collyly, Kate Marcel, Bella Vitale, Sandra Sakaue, Yfery; Monica Meier, Helen Moody, Adele Myers; Kyle Yocher, Jennifer Peres. Goals/Assists: Kate Marcel (3G), Bella Vitale (2G), Clare Collyly (A), Jenna Jorgenson (A); Cassie Ward (G)

U10-Girls: Red Pandas 3, Wildfire 1: Offense: Kara Kolte, Auni Vachhani, Kylen Johnson (Pandas); Olivia Powers, Hannah Kurian, Mary Griffin (Wildfire). Defense: Hannah Kavanagh, Anneliese Widman, America Oro (Pandas); Aislinn McEderly, Hannah Sandahl, Emmerson Cobern (Wildfire). Goals/Assists: Hannah Kavanagh (G), Anneliese Widmann (G), Citaly Soto (G) (Pandas); Sarah Peters (G) (Wildfire)

Goal Getters 8, TeamUSA 1: Offense: Payton Rose, Audrey Curtis, Claire Wiedenfeld (Getters); Rachel Brock, Rebecca Wheeler, Lily Rendell (TeamUSA). Defense: Lauren Farruto, Nicole Geary, Lauren Pretto; Olivia LaBarbera, Sarah Carlson, Katlyn Woolley (TeamUSA). Goals/Assists: Lauren Farruto (2G), Alexa Harvey (G), Bridgette Meyer (3G), Claire Wiedenfeld (2G) (Getters); Rachel Brock (G) (TeamUSA)

Sting 3, Shooting Stars 1: Offense: Valeria Gonzalez, Amber Feduniw, Taylor Stamps (Sting); Melany Brambila, Olivia Kelly, Brenda Gaspar Telles (Stars). Defense: Catherine Linney, Itzel Acosta, Phoenix McPeake (Sting); Zaret Zamora, Kaitlyn Wang, Brisa Roach (Stars). Goals/Assists: Amber Feduniw (2G), Valeria Gonzalez (G) (Sting); Brenda Gaspar Telles (G) (Stars)

U8-Girls: Speedy Centipedes vs The Firecrackers: Offense: Gretchen Krenz, Abby Licon (Centipedes); Maddie Allum, Katie Darling (Firecrackers). Defense: Caitlin Thompson, Gracie Ackerman (Centipedes); Grace Alfonso, Anastasia Weasner (Firecrackers)

Shooting Stars vs Purple Poppies: Offense: Sarah Adams, Kimberly Vega, Allyah Anderson (Stars); Ashley Bellesierri, Emily Silva, Katelyn Hornbeck (Poppies). Defense: Kaleigh Bolar, Kiley Ivy, Grace Boyd (Stars); Klarissa Cuenca, Hannah Whiteclock, Elsa Friedmann (Poppies)

U7-Girls: Purple Butterflies vs Soccer Sisters: Offense: Ava Lewis, Ysabel Smith, Naomi Zika (Butterflies); Samantha Cart, Makenna Bosque (Sisters). Defense: Sierra Swansiger (Butterflies); Macy Roberts (Sisters)

Blazing Butterflies vs Super Kickers: Blazing Butterflies Top Players: Madison Elridge, Grace Baker, Emily Gnecco, Super Kickers Top Players: Adielle Silos, Josephine Miller, Kayla Tobek

Charming Cheetahs vs Cheetahs: Charming Cheetahs Top Players: Regina Molitoris, Ciara Terry, Sophia Pulido, Destiny Roanhorse; Cheetahs Top Players: Megan, Reena, Alyssa, Caroline

U6-Girls: Pink Fireballs vs Pink Fairies: Offense: Carly Chance, Liana Bagby, Leanna May (Fireballs); Makenzie Rivera, Emily Tenoria, Elle Bowman (Fairies). Defense: Natalie Urban, Delaney Johnston, Faith Carroll (Fireballs); Angelica Evans (Fairies)

U12-Boys: Fireballs 5, Vipers 0: Offense: Jason Spangler, Jesus Ortiz (Fireballs); Connor McGlotion, Arduin Porrata (Vipers). Defense: Justin Pettis, Robert Hoff David (Fireballs); Galkowski, Daniel Anaya (Vipers). Goals/Assists: LuisAngel Ortiz (2G), Nicholas Brown (2G), Anthony Tomasino (A), Jason Spangler (G)

U10-Boys: Rockets 5, Arsenal 1: Offense: Edvardo Ramirez, Nicholas Benfield, Joshua White (Rockets); Kevin Lee, Jonas Lindquist, Nick Meyer (Arsenal). Defense: Elijah Collins, Ethan Payne, Oscar Prado (Rockets); Grant Ikeda, Alex Johnson, Todd Neizman (Arsenal)

Rockets 4, Spartans 1: Offense: Ty Bothwell, Wyatt Mosely, Adam Murphy (Rockets); Derek Ejiyansantos, Jack Molitoris, Taylor Pine (Spartans). Defense: Ethan Payne, Joshua White, Jarrett Jorgenson (Rockets); Benjamin Waxman, Jason Wiggington, Gaston Sanchez (Spartans)

U9-Boys: Destroyers 4, Galaxy Fighters 0: Offense: Jacob Dennett (Destroyers); Jacob Johnstone, Seth Lundin. Defense: Edward Garcia, Blake Burrell (Destroyers); Drake Small, Jonny Geyrell, Goals/Assists: Jackson Brown (G), Jacob Hutchinson (G), Alejandro Mendez (G), Mason Eastman (G) (Destroyers)

Strikers 0, Ghost Riders 0: Saturday saw an exciting game between the Strikers and the Ghost Riders. Each team moved the ball up and down the field, taking shots on the opponent's goal. Offense: Bradley Mitchell, Eric Ruloma (Strikers); Seth Jeppson, Siddhant Shetti (Riders). Defense: Josiah Knight, Logan Vinsom (Strikers); Juan Alonso, Shlok Bansal (Riders)

U8-Boys: Fireballs vs Destroyers: Of-

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TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: Livermore High School Student Union (600 Maple Street, Livermore)

WHAT TO BRING: A Birth Certificate & Proof of Residency are required for all players new to any league. Returning players, who have recently moved, please bring Proof of Residency.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Personal check, cash, or credit card.

*Little League: player's age as of April 30, 2011 will be that player's league age for the current season.

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SPORTS NOTES

Offense: Jonathan Crago, Connor Beauchamp (Fireballs); Luis Chavez (Destroyers). Defense: Robert Mullineaux, Jacob Bryant (Fireballs); Mason Broome, Jake Kennedy (Destroyers)

U-7-Boys: Ninjas vs Team Titans: Offense: Theo Xenakis, Stephen Geyer, Dale Spence (Ninjas); Michael Duperly, Eduardo Angeles, Luca Montalvo (Titans). Defense: Noah Thompson, Keith Perreault, Sebastian Verbinski (Ninjas); Ethan Poe, Max Flasek, Charlie Latkowski (Titans)

Fireballs vs PowerRangers: Offense: Leonardo Ortiz, Jaded Salgado, Zachary Halin (Fireballs); Thomas Basso, Nathan Evans, Bryan Gonzalez (Rangers). Defense: Joshua Nixon, Connor Layton, Bridy Price (Fireballs); Connor Morgan, Connor Day (Rangers)

Devastators vs Striking Falcons: Offense: Ben Wigginton, Tyler Eaton, Hunter Barbero (Devastators); Graedon Beeler, Jake Beers, Aleksandr Cortes (Falcons). Defense: Chase Kerezsi, Kevin Gad, Will Wentworth (Devastators); James Foley, Alec Phillips, Feoden Soriano (Falcons)

Hammerheads vs Tigers: Offense: Toa Laufasa, Ryan Hansen, Mathieu Rocheleau (Hammerheads); Fernando Fragoso, Ricky Martinez, Damien Stiles (Tigers). Defense: Kieran Campbell, Riley Gonzalez, Andrew Hofmann (Hammerheads); Ozzy Cervantez, Aaron Sullivan, Jonathan Castellanos (Tigers)

U-6-Boys: Rocket All-Stars vs Jedis: Offense: Duncan Maxwell, William Grenville (All-Stars); Donovan Umeki, Tyler Bury (Jedis). Defense: Jordan Trevehan, Sam Friedman (All-Stars); Dustin Murlos, Davis Carr (Jedis)

Sharks vs Batman: Offense: Jason Krakowski, Quinn Boyd, Mick Maier (Sharks); Joshua Morano, Eddie Santiago, Drew Kardy (Batman). Defense: Carter March, Drew Hansen, Derek Thompson (Sharks); Ayden Kellener, Austin Kring, Tyler Kirke (Batman)

Eagles vs Transformers: Offense: Alex Garcia, Damon Miller, Jorge Hernandez (Eagles); Austin Araya, Justin Johnson, Matthew Ludwig (Transformers). Defense: Jonah Andrus, Farin Soriano, Dylan Ison (Eagles); Guy Henry Gates, Jackson Montano-Newton, Trevor Olmo (Transformers)

U-5-Boys: LivermoreFC vs Earthquakes: Offense: Reagan Brunner (LivermoreFC); Joseph Vallejos (Earthquakes). Defense: Gabriel Anderson (LivermoreFC); Matthew Marty (Earthquakes)

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U13 Premier team scored a victory on Saturday against home side Hayward YSC, 1-0. Ballistic's game winning score came with only minutes remaining in the game, when defender Nick Tucker lofted a beautiful free kick from mid field to the far post, and Cameron Owens finished it with a stunning header into the net. Keeper Omeed Ziari used his cat-like reflexes to punch a wild bouncing ball just over the goal to preserve the clean sheet. Jeffrey Klei made his presence felt all game long with another outstanding defensive effort.

Ballistic Select U16 posted a solid 3-1 win over the Ballistic Advanced in Sunday's game. Select got on the board first as Rene Guerrero slipped the ball past the keeper for a 1-0 lead. Advanced tied the game scoring on a penalty kick to knot the game at 1-1. Select immediately responded as Shayan Koeksal fed Cristian Sierra with a beautiful through ball and after dribbling past the keeper, Sierra tapped the ball in for a 2-1 halftime lead. The defense took over in the second half as backline of Josh Valdivia, Zach Morrissey, Neil Marques, and Kevin Costello shut down each offensive advance. The solid play of and hard work on the outside by Jason Stearns and Mike Roeder opened up the middle for a spectacular run by Rene Guerrero, who dribbled through traffic and hit Justin Moore with a cross pass that was one-timed past the keeper for the game clincher and a 3-1 win. Tristan Lewis recorded eight saves in goal for the Select. Top Offensive Players: Jason Stearns, Mike Roeder, Cristian Sierra. Top Defensive Players: Zach Morrissey, Neil Marques, Josh Valdivia

Ballistic Select U19 fell behind Mustang Diablos in the 4th minute on a fluke goal scored from a corner kick. Mustang sent a dangerous ball out that was carried by a stiff win to the far post just out of reach of Pleasanton Keeper Josh Cho. Ballistic kept their heads up and quickly established possession and created numerous scoring chances. Winger Suhau Kuo scored an opportunity when he nutmegged an opponent on the right side of the penalty box and then beat two more defenders on the dribble. Kuo then sent in a cross that was narrowly missed by a team mate.

In the 23rd minute, Ballistic finally scored with Jared Chinn taking a Suchi Kuo pass. Chinn beat several players in the Mustang penalty box and then beat the keeper with a nice low shot. Chinn closed out the first half scoring when he finished a penalty kick awarded after Justin Liu was dragged down in the area.

In the second half Chinn scored his 3rd goal when Daniel Pittenger headed a cross back into the danger area which Chinn easily finished. Alex Caravan then finished a Jason Teague cross with a right footed blast from about 13 yards that found the upper far post. In the 63rd minute Keeper Josh Cho sent a long punt that Luis Castillo corralled. Castillo beat his defender and finished 1 v 1 with the keeper for his team leading 12th goal. Jason Scott scored the final goal when he finished a Luis Castillo pass. Scott's shot was sharply hit at the roof of the goal.

The win combined with Saturday's 2-0 win over Mustang Scorpions puts Ballistic in 1st place with 4 wins, loss, 12 points.

Top Offensive Players: Jared Chinn, Alex Caravan, Suhau Kuo, Luis Castillo; **Top Defensive Players:** Steven Gilbert, Suchi Kuo, Brodie Roberts, Albert Lin

On Sunday, Ballistic United Premier U-17s hosted the ACC Broncos looking for their first league win of the season. After a goalless first half, Ballistic caught a lucky break when a Bronco defender put the ball into his own net from a right-wing corner. Although grateful for the assistance, Ballistic were determined to win on their own merit and quickly proceeded to add a second goal when Lucas Heuer made a great run up the right flank and delivered a superbly measured cross for Seth Niermeyer to head home at the far post. As the Broncos heads went down, Ballistic roared into action and quickly added a third goal. Right full-back Collin Hartland cut in from the right wing and blasted a shot into the roof of the Bronco net from the narrowest of angles. Minutes later, Hartland was involved again, this time as provider as he burst up the right flank and crossed for Ricardo Gutierrez to slam home Ballistic's fourth goal. Time ran out soon afterwards leaving Ballistic with a well-earned first league victory of the season. Top Offensive Players: Seth Niermeyer, Collin Hartland. Top Defensive Players: Mike Viebeck, Nandor Krause, Matt DiGrolamo

Ballistic United U-17s traveled to Danville on Saturday to take on the Mustang Reds, and found themselves down 0-3 to the home team after only 20 minutes. After 16 minutes, the Mustang left winger found himself unmarked in the penalty area. When his shot was parried by the keeper, his team mate followed up to ram the ball home for the first score of the game. Minutes later Mustang extended their lead when they floated a free-kick to the far post to an unmarked forward who headed home easily from close range. A third Mustang goal came almost immediately. As the second half began, Mustang came out strong and dominated the first ten minutes of play. However it was Ballistic who scored first. A corner kick was cleared off the Mustang goal line but the rebound found Tommy Powell who fired home a low shot. For a while, Ballistic looked capable of mounting a come-back as they laid siege to the Mustang goal and created several chances to score. Sadly another Ballistic defensive lapse left a Mustang player unmarked on the end of a cross and he made no mistake with a close-range header. The set-back put paid to the Ballistic challenge and time elapsed without any further scoring. Mustang ran out winners by a score of 4-1 leaving Ballistic 0-3 in league play so far this season. Top

Offensive Players: Tommy Powell, Dane Shaffar. Top Defensive Players: Collin Hartland, Matt DiGrolamo.

BUSC U10 Select 1, Mustang Revolutions 3; Jack Jupina scored an early goal and then the Revolutions scored an equalizer in the 14th minute. Top Offensive Players: Jack Jupina (2), Kamran Matin (14), David Tovar (10), Ethan Allavarpu (9); Top Defensive Players: Andrew Pilch (20), Hunter McDaniel (50), Jack Bessiere (30), Max Maratosos (2), Nathan Samuli (36), Rajeev Thundiyil (15), William Busch (3), Zander Franco (7).

BUSC U10 Select 0, Livermore Black 1; Top Offensive Players: Jack Jupina (12), Kamran Matin (14), David Tovar (10), Ethan Allavarpu (9). Top Defensive Players: Andrew Pilch (20), Hunter McDaniel (50), Jack Bessiere (30), Max Maratosos (2), Nathan Samuli (36), Rajeev Thundiyil (15), William Busch (3), Zander Franco (7)

BUSC U10 Select 4, BUSC U10 Advanced 0; Jack Jupina scored 3 goals, Rajeev Thundiyil made 1 goal for U10 Select to win game 4-0. Top Offensive Players: Jack Jupina (12), David Tovar (10), Ethan Allavarpu (9), Rajeev Thundiyil (15); Top Defensive Players: Kamran Matin (14), Andrew Pilch (20), Hunter McDaniel (50), Jack Bessiere (30), Max Maratosos (2), Nathan Samuli (36), William Busch (3), Zander Franco (7)

On Sunday, **BUSC Elite 3 U9** was ready to put their Saturday loss to Castro Valley behind them. The San Ramon Azuri came to E3 home turf and Ballistic was looking great. Riley Gunning was an offensive powerhouse, taking the ball down field on multiple breakaways. The E3 offense continued to pepper the Azuri goal and got their first half score off a Michael Kackochue goal with Callum Ross assist. Azuri, however, was able to penetrate the defense and put 2 in the net before the half. The second half was Ballistic-dominated. The opportunities were many, but unfortunately, the second goal never came. Final score: 2-1. Top Offensive Players: Riley Cooper, Tanner Fehrman, Drew Wong; Top Defensive Players: Myles Molnar, Cooper Smith, Neil Benadjoud.

Recreational Divisions Results
U-5: Braves vs Broncos: Alexis Sliwak's goal on an assist from Niko Glafkides ignited a rally by the Braves in which every member of the team had at least a goal and an assist. In addition, Aidan Husejinovic, Niko Guzman and Griffin Shea had exceptional games dribbling and passing the ball. The Braves had great defense in the midfield by Mihir Prakash and Jackson Barth. Top Offensive Players: Niko Glafkides, Niko Guzman, Jackson Barth, Griffin Shea. Top Defensive Players: Aidan Husejinovic, Alexis Sliwak, Mihir Prakash

Bobcats vs. Bruins: Top Offensive Players: Colin Surridge; Top Defensive Players: Joseph Makram

Barons vs Bucks: The Bucks battled the buzz of the Barons! Joshua Felix, Sebastian Diligent and Max Couper pulled off hat tricks while Gus Shibliq and Kurtis Bauman stood strong on defense. Top Offensive Players: Sebastian Diligent, Joshua Felix and Max Couper; Top Defensive Players: Gus Shibliq and Kurtis Bauman

U-6: Captains vs. Cougars: The Cougars were led in scoring by Riley Balch and Brandon Misquita. Jackson Flora and Angel De La Cruz also scored for their team. Helping out with fancy footwork in both offense and defense were Kevin Ellis, Donovan Johnson, and Brandon Dacuquito. Top Offensive Players: Riley Balch, Brandon Misquita, Angel De La Cruz; Top Defensive Players: Jackson Flora, Owen Williams, Ryan Schick

U-7: Saber Cats vs. Stallions: The Stallions played a great game with seven boys contributing to the goal count! The boys worked together to give every player a chance to shine, and the end of the game had everyone on their feet, cheering. Top Offensive Players: Connor Perez, Anthony Tahir, Zach Young, Brandt Starron, Nicholas Walsh, Ale Fortuonati, Jack Basseer; Top Defensive Players: Noah Lombardi

Spiders vs. Strikers: The Spiders played another outstanding game with goals by Logan Roloff, JT Brugaletta, Euan Houston and a hat trick by James Weaver. Max Young and Garrett Emmett played an aggressive defense which held the Strikers.

U-9: Dolphins vs. Dons: A game between the Dolphins and the Dons ended with a beautiful goal by Dolphins' player Scott Drummond at the very last minute. The Dolphins controlled the tempo throughout the game and kept constant pressure on the Dons. The scoring started early as Dolphins right forward Cole Bushner scored in five minutes. The Dolphins led the game before half time with two more goals by Cole Bushner and Brendon Schlegel. Down by three goals, the Dons didn't give in and continued to play hard. The second half provided a lot more offense and at times it got very physical. The Dolphins exhibited excellent teamwork on both defense and offense. Midfielder Putty Basseer added another goal with five minutes remaining in the game. Forwards Mason Ward and Mathew Aboudi also had worthy performances on shooting and assisting on a goal. Fullbacks Thomas Goebel and Warren Xu displayed their strong defensive efforts. Goalie Peter Yu was excellent in the first as he held the Dons scoreless.

U-12: Raiders 3, Rocketts 4: In the first half, Ali Keshmiri came in with a great block to put the Raiders offense in great scoring position. The Raiders' first goal was scored by Danny Lopez with an assist from Kyle McGarrity. Their defense did an outstanding job of holding off the Rocketts with great position line throws by Troy Bechtold and defense header balls by his team mates. The Raiders second goal was due to outstanding passing and superb teamwork by Brendan Englert with the assist by Arnay Patel. The second half started with Elias Pratt showing no mercy when coming up against his opponent. The Raiders' third goal was accredited to Danny Lopez. With several goal saves by Josh Ose, Cole Flashberger, and no-mercy defense kicks by Kyle McGarrity, the Raiders gave up four goals, but not without a fight. Top Offensive Players: Kyle McGarrity, Benjamin Lombardi, James Du; Top Defensive Players: Alireza Keshmiri, Troy Bechtold, Elias Pratt

U-16: Ballistic Advanced 2, Danville Mustangs 2: Ballistic Advanced came back from being down 2 goals to tie up the game in the first half. They played tough defense in the second half, letting in no goals and holding onto a hard fought tie. Top Offensive Players: Sean Walsh, Josh Kardos, Ali Tayeb, Mike Martin, Jaja Jain, Brian Culy, Adam George; Top Defensive Players: Kevin Faggiano, Roshan Ramankutty, Bailey Roberts, Luke Snyder, Jason Smith, Jamie Ebbs

U-18/19: Livermore Spartans 3; BUSC Prestige 4: The BUSC Prestige used some late game heroics to pull out a 4-3 win over the Livermore Spartans. Livermore went up 1-0 in the 3rd minute, but the Prestige tied it up when John Cadaris chipped a lead ball to Sam Dissels, who converted for the tie. Livermore then benefited from a poor clearing attempt and scored in close to lead 2-1 at half-time. In the 57th minute, Dan Maslowski led Tarek Mousali, who finished to again tie the score. Ian Newbery kept the game knotted by saving a ball at the post on a corner. Mousali later led Dissels, who popped it over the GK for a 3-2 lead. It looked like it would hold up until a PK called in the 88th minute. GK Kevin

Vincenzo made the initial save but without the ball being cleared, it was followed and knocked in. In the 89th minute, Miguel Mera made a spectacular run out of the back, all the way to the touch line, and sent a cross that Mousali finished to stun the Spartans in the closing seconds.

Fremont Home, 2, BUSC Prestige 3: The Prestige were looking to continue the momentum from their first victory the day before. However, facing the explosive Fremont team, they only had 10 players. The "Magnificent 10" dug deep to pull out a stunning 3-2 victory. Man of the match was Tarek Mousali, who scored a hat trick in the first half, assisted by Luke Savage, Cam Baker, and Miguel Mera. Ian Newbery, for the second game in a row, cleared a corner kick off the line to put the Prestige up 3-1 at half. With the wind howling and Fremont pressing, the defense had to rise up large, and they did. Isaac Mohammed, Garrett Cappacilio, Newbery, and Merah held strong. Niveed Ziari played a terrific game at defensive mid, patiently denying the talented Fremont midfielders, GK Kevin Vincenzo was very active, including punching out a corner and making a diving tip save. A late Fremont goal made it close, but the Prestige hung on for a 3-2 victory.

Livermore Junior Football

Livermore Junior Football League Highlights from Oct. 2, 2010:

Senior Division: Giants 40, Cardinals 20. Behind 0-6, Giants Tim Harris fakes a punt, sweeps to the outside and runs 60 yards for a touchdown, tying the game. The Cardinals were held in check by mighty Giants defense with Michael Zoppo Kutsenda, Spencer Hickerson, Brandon Mullen and Conor Cruz making standout tackles. With the Giants on the 45, Tim Harris runs up the middle for 30 yards. Joseph Carillo then fakes the handoff and runs for 16 yards. On the next play, Tim Harris runs up the middle again, weaving around the Cardinals defenders for the second Giants touchdown. The Giants offense, Devin Bernacik, Tai Phan, Colton Mesarchik, Shane Ward, Tabor Kohlmoos, Sean Staver and Kyle Neeves provide an open hole for Thomas Navarro to run it in for the extra point. In the next series, the Cardinals only make it 3 yards before Spencer Hickerson brings them to the ground. The Cardinals attempt a second running play but Thomas Navarro puts an end to it with a solid tackle. The Cardinals go for a long pass which is tipped by Eric Meeks, they are able to catch the pass but Conor Cruz delivers a bruising tackle. One final long pass attempt is nearly intercepted by Michael Zoppo Kutsenda. The second half started with a bang when Tim Harris makes a huge run for a touchdown and Thomas Navarro gets the extra point, Giants 20-6. Giants defense can't hold them back and the Cardinals push their way over the line for both a touchdown, the extra point and a closer game, 20-13. Joseph Carillo completes a short pass to Tim Harris who runs for a touchdown. A handoff to Thomas Navarro gives the Giants the extra point and a solid lead, 27-13. Joseph Carillo, Mathew Calcagno and Eric Meeks shut down the Cardinals offense and Colton Mesarchik breaks through the Cardinals line and dispatches a quarterback sneak. Tim Harris makes the next tackle and the Giants get the ball back. A reverse to Thomas Navarro is successful and he runs it in for the next touchdown. Mathew Calcagno, Conor Cruz and Michael Zoppo Kutsenda turn up the heat tackling the Cardinals and preventing any significant yardage gain. Michael Zoppo Kutsenda brought the crowd to their feet after intercepting and carrying the ball for 30 yards and paving the way for the touchdown pass thrown by Joseph Carillo and carried in by Tim Harris. Joseph Carillo finds an opening and runs in the extra point putting the score at 40-13 with 6 minutes left in the game. The Cardinals get the final touchdown and extra point but this game is over, final score 40-20.

Advanced Division: Texans 28, Dolphins 14: The Texans took on the undefeated Dolphins this past Saturday and came away with a hard fought 28 - 14 victory in the LJFL advanced division. The Texans and Dolphins both came to play as the first series for both teams resulted in a punt. The Texans were able to get on the scoreboard first with a 9 play drive on their second offensive possession. Will Mohler was the workhorse for the Texans as he fought for tough yards. Mohlers 2 yard touchdown run put the Texans up 6 - 0 after a quarter. The Dolphins started moving the ball on the Texans when Logan Cole intercepted a pass and returned it 55 yards to the Dolphins 4 yard line. Two plays later, Mohler took the handoff and scored from 2 yards out. Mohlers two point conversion made the score 14 - 0. The Texans defense was able to contain the high powered Dolphins offense in the first half with the great play by defensive ends Michael Laflamme and Stephan Mohler, and linebackers Jack Lutz, Connor Parkerson and Cole. The Dolphins made things interesting starting the second half when on their first play, the Dolphins running back out raced the Texans defense for a 65 yard touchdown run to cut the score in half. The Texans were able to get on the scoreboard again on their second possession of the second half when Wesley Katz took the handoff from Raymond Carlson, and ran off tackle for a 35 yard touchdown. Katz again extended the lead for the Texans when he went 65 yards to make the score 28 - 7. Another long touchdown run by the Dolphins finished the scoring for the day. The Texans offense was led by quarterback Carlson, who took over the duties this past week, guided the Texans offense like a veteran. Linemen Jarrod Heise, Austin Birdwell, Jakar Montgomery, and Ethen Dreger played well opening holes for the Texans runners. The defense was led by Cole, with 12 tackles and an interception. Defensive backs Luke Vanburen, Karter Daniels and Jason Nunez played well against the pass and Magnum Resler-Miller and Joel Cook stopped the run.

Falcons 19, Raiders 18: Basim Elmashni and Cole Escover opened holes for Ian barnes who ran the ball well and scored two touchdowns for the Falcons. With under a minute remaining in the game, the Falcons ran a flawless play with Mathew Waller

catching the winning touchdown from AJ Ruth. The Falcons defense held the Raiders due to key contributors Parker Brandt who broke up Raider passes, Bradley Archer who put pressure on the quarterback, and Ryan Escover who made key tackles.

On **evens 26, 49ers 0:** For the second week in a row, the Ravens were firing on all cylinders on offense and defense. This week's challenge was the 49ers and their strong running attack. The Ravens' defense kept the 49ers busy with constant pressure up the middle, resulting in many tackles in the backfield and an interception by #28 Tia Malini that was run back for a touchdown. The offense was led by #34 Luke Dangler who plowed through the defense and stiff armed his way for a long touchdown run. Quarterback #12 Ben Kerling was on target hitting his receivers and kept the 49ers defense on their heels. This was a big win for the Ravens. The final score was 26-0. It was a great effort on both sides of the ball.

Golf Tourney

Registrations are now being accepted for the 4th annual Mason-McDuffie Mortgage Charity Golf Tournament. Oct. 11 at the Castledwood Country Club's valley course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Huntington Disease Society of America and the Contra Costa Association of Realtors Scholarship Foundation.

In the first three years of the tournament, Mason-McDuffie and its associates have raised more than \$40,000 for research on Huntington's disease and breast cancer. Huntington's disease is a genetic disease passed from a parent to a child in which certain nerves in the brain degenerate. There is no known cure, but the society is funding research seeking both better treatments and an eventual cure.

Mason-McDuffie chose the Huntington's society after some of the associates passed along information about a friend who had the disease.

The Contra Costa realtor's scholarship is designed for a college student who has been enrolled a major in college that could lead to a career in real estate. A grade-point average of 3.0 is required to apply for the scholarship.

The benefit golf tournament will feature a barbeque lunch, an 18-hole scramble tournament followed by a dinner with an auction.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start set for noon on Monday, Oct. 11.

Registration is \$195 per person. For information or to register, please see www.masonmcduffiemortgage.com or call tournament chairman Kaveh Sartipi at ksartipi@sartipi.com or 925-708-7178.

Basketball Clinics

The Panthers Basketball Club will be holding multiple Fall basketball clinics for 4th-8th graders. For more information please contact Coach Diaz, coachdiaz@gmail.com or look at the website, www.leagueonlineup.com/panthersclub.

2011 Little League Registration

Livermore National, Granada and Livermore American Little League will combine together to have a walk in registration. It will be held Saturday October 16, 2010, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Livermore High student union.

Must be 5 or older before April 30, 2011. Copy of birth certificate and current proof of residency is mandatory when registering.

PGSL Walk-Thru Registration

Representatives of the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League (PGSL) will be at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market this Saturday, October 9, 9:00am-1:00pm. They will have registration forms for the 2011 season and can answer any questions you may have regarding the league. Please stop by the PGSL booth at East Angela and Main St. For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org.

PGSL Registration:

2011 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play. Three ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Walk-Thru at Farmer's Market: Saturday, October 9 & Saturday, October 16, 9:00am-1:00pm - East Angela & Main St., Pleasanton OR Round Table Pizza: Thursday, November 4, 5:00pm-7:30pm - 530 Main St., Pleasanton; 3) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org.

Evaluations & Tryouts

Players in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades, please read the following information carefully: In an effort to continue to improve our players' experience, PGSL will be holding Player Evaluation Sessions for ALL players in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades. Attending a player evaluation session is mandatory for all players. Following those evaluations, we will have tryouts for our "Black" Divisions. Our goal for these sessions is two-fold: 1) to make sure all players are assigned to the correct level of play for their skill level and experience and 2) to balance the teams in each age group to the best of our ability to balance competition and maximize everyone's enjoyment. For 7th & 8th grade players, we will not have Player Evaluation Sessions this year, but we will have Black Division Tryouts for those wishing to be considered for that division. All Player Evaluation Sessions and Black Division Tryouts (all age groups) will be held in January 2011. Additional information and a detailed schedule for all of these sessions will be posted on our league web

site in late November or early December (www.pleasantonsoftball.org).

Livermore Smoke Fastpitch

Walk-in registrations on October 7, 2010 and October 28, 2010 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore, CA 94550. And thanks to Livermore Little League, Livermore Smoke will have a registration table at Livermore Little League's signups Saturday October 16 and November 6, 2010 from 10:00AM till 2:00PM at Livermore High School Student Union (600 Maple Street, Livermore).

Also available are pre-tryout all skill softball clinics for girls 10U-middle school and 8U hoping to play "up." All skill levels provided by California Fastpitch. Go to www.livermoresmoke.com for more information.

Edge Gymnastics

Edge Gymnastics team members competed at the Aloha Invitational. In the Level 5 Senior Division, Sophia Kalliaras placed first on floor and second in the All-Around and Bars. Sarah Fletcher placed second on Vault and Bars.

In the Junior Division, Stephanie Lowe placed third in the All-Around and Second in Bars. Hannah Skeper placed second on Beam and third on Bars.

In the Child Division, Amy Noda placed second in the All-Around and Bars. Jessica Pulver placed third in the All-Around, Beam and Bars. Gabriela Rego placed first on Bars. Amanda Fingerut placed third on Vault.

Edge Gymnastics, Level 5 Team, placed second.

Edge Gymnastics

EDGE Gymnastics sent a team to the Level 6 Competition - 2010 Galaxy Classic in San Diego on Oct. 2. The team finished in first place.

Level 6: 9-11: Serena Chan, 2nd all-around (34.75), 1st tie on vault (9.2), 2nd on floor (8.9), Rebecca Okmin, 4th all-around (34.55), 1st tie on vault (9.2), 4th on bars (8.425), 4th on floor (8.625), Brianna London, 5th all-around (34.5), 1st on beam (9.05), Rheeann Kheled, 5th all-around (8.925), 5th on beam (8.85)

12+: Sydney Wu, 3rd all-around (35.7), 3rd on vault (9.325), 3rd tie on floor (8.825), 5th on bars (8.9) Carrie Stouffer, 4th all-around (35.525), 1st on vault (9.5), 2nd on bars (9.225), 2nd on floor (8.85), Audrey Mesick, 5th all-around (35.05), 5th tie on vault (9.15), 5th on beam (8.8), Claire Koupal, 4th on bars (9.05), 4th on beam (8.825), Natalie Mauch, 4th on vault (9.25), 5th on floor (8.525)

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Livermore National Little League results:

A Division, Fall Ball. Livermore Expos vs. San Ramon A's: Another outstanding game for the Expos. Anthony Molleson had an extraordinary day. He caught two pop-fly's, tagged out a runner, and hit a Grand Slam! Xavier Lortie "Xavi" also had an impressive day. He caught a pop-fly, made several outs at 1st base, and had a great hitting game including a double. Luke Summerfield played awesome defense tagging out a runner and offensively smacking the ball every time he was up at bat. And as in every game, Elijah Maravilla showed his natural talents catching a pop-fly and having a fantastic hitting game including a double.

Bowling News

Jeremy Rosenberg Youth Bowler in the Generation Gap League bowled 145 pins over average with games of 159, 247 and 222 for a 628 series at the Granada Bowl in Livermore. Duane Moschetti in the Cheyenne League rolled a 288, 225 and 214 for a series of 727 (121 pins over).

Austin Stuber bowled a 247 in the Generation Gap and Dan Stuber 224. David Pendleton rolled a 245 in the Getaway Fours League. Dick Braden bowled a 234 in the Tuesday Match Point League. Mark McCreary rolled a 289 in the 4 Seasons Heating & Air League. David Bunch 287, David Drab 280, James Saltmann 278, Tom Roberts 258, Mike Hill 243, Joe Dimaggio 226 and Tom Grammatica 202. Graham Scott bowled a 239 in the Practice Kings & Queens League, Jeff Zaballos 203 and

Gerri Joyce 197. Ralph Soto rolled a 275 in the Cheyenne League, Mark McCreary 257, Dave Erwin 248, Kevin Duguid 243, Glen Thompson 243 and Zach Michelsen 241. Steve Reitz bowled a 258 in the Early Years Fun Time League, Jeremy Stuber 232, Mike Wood 228, Charlie Bukiewicz 220 and Brian Johann 215. Erica Smith rolled a 221 in the Family Affair League and Mike Collins 202.

Senior Bowler Frank Carras bowled a 223 in the Monday Primetimers, Joe Burns 216, John Foscalina 213, Richard Almeida 209 and Mary Parley 175. Dick Greene rolled a 248 in the Sirs & Siretes League, Ron Knott 225, Rich Baguio 217, Don Tunison 213, Paul Guerrero 206 and Shirley DiGrolamo 200. Doug Parker bowled a 234 in the Donna's Mixers League, Tom Crane 214, Betty Winn 198 and Sam Cancilla 191. Ron Knott rolled a 223 in the Friday Primetimers League, Otis Farris 213 and Clara Elda 189.

Youth Bowlers Shawn Donohue bowled a 269 game and a 749 series in the Generation Gap League, Casey Vangalaer 259, Eric Smyth 248, Payton Giamborne 238, Joey Wolfson 224 and Jacky Faltans 223.

West Coast Gymnastics

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy of Pleasanton girls level 4-6 competed in their third competition of the season, Sock Hop Invitational at Diablo Gym, on October 2nd.

The level 6 girls competed individually with Morgan Fiske placing 2nd and Megan Quinton placing 9th all around.

The level 5 girls team finished 1st for the 3rd consecutive time this season and the level 4 girls finished 2nd! The girls individually performed well with all of them placing in their age groups. The level five team is Kristianna Coffey, Shayne Estill, Sabrina Kheirloomom, Alexandra Kim, Adrienne Kwee, Sara Ling, Abigail McKeag, Alicia Powers, Rebecca Silva and Chaisa Wong. The level four team is Anna Foehner, Corrine Jackson, Maleigha Kinzer, Jessica Staker, Lauren Swenson-Lennox.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The Level 4 and 5 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics participated in the Beach Blast competition hosted by Monterey Gymnastics in Monterey, CA on October 3, 2010. The Level 4 team placed first with 105.20 points. The Level 5 team was also first with 106.45 points.

There was a pink and black take over of the podium as the Level 5 girls in the younger age division took the top 5 spots in the All Around. Many individual 1st place medals were awarded as well as personal best scores achieved by the Gymfinity gymnasts. The Level 4 and Level 5 teams brought home the 1st place banners in the team competition.

Level 4: Younger - ALL-AROUND: Madison Pilger 35.30 (2nd); Maddie Banks 35.15 (3rd); Alexandria Xigacos 34.30 (5th). VAULT: Banks 9.225 (3rd); Pilger 8.95 (5th); Xigacos 8.925 (6th). BARS: Pilger 8.90 (1st); Banks 8.875 (2nd); Xigacos 8.75 (4th). BEAM: Pilger 9.20 (1st); Banks 8.75 (2nd); Xigacos 8.30 (5th). FLOOR: Xigacos 8.325 (4th); Banks 8.30 (5th); Pilger 8.25 (6th); Older - ALL-AROUND: Morgan May 34.525 (5th). VAULT: May 9.125 (4th). BARS: May 8.00 (6th). BEAM: May 9.10 (2nd). FLOOR: May 8.30 (8th).

Level 5: Younger - ALL-AROUND: Emily Rakestraw 35.15 (1st); Kimmy Dennington 34.95 (2nd); Zoe Potter 34.625 (3rd); Payton Young 33.80 (4th); Veronica Knolden 33.675 (5th). VAULT: Rakestraw 8.925 (1st); Potter 8.575 (2nd); Knolden 8.35 (3rd); Dennington 7.975 (7th); Young 7.75 (8th). BARS: Rake

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she has learned much during her terms as mayor. She believes her experience enables her to talk with the development community to let them know what will work in Pleasanton. In addition, her jurisprudence degree provides her with the ability to review contracts and project proposals.

Hosterman continued, "I have learned the importance of consensus in bringing all parties together on issues." The public is an important part of the process.

She commented on complaints that it takes a long time to complete projects in Pleasanton. "People are empowered to come forward and share their opinions. The process may be slow. However, I think we get better projects as a result."

She added that referendums and lawsuits are a problem. Projects come to a standstill until there is resolution. "I think people are sick of litigation. It's about time the Staples project moved forward. She admitted, "Sometimes I am frustrated by the slow process."

One example of a project that has taken a long time is the planning for the future of Kottinger Place, an affordable senior housing project. "A task force spent seven years studying the options. I liked the recommendation. The task force changed my mind as to what should take place on the property. I do like the current individual units. However, the condition of the units is such that it doesn't make sense economically to pour good money into rehabilitating them with such a pressing need for senior housing."

Providing affordable housing for any age group is a tough problem. Hosterman pointed out that the city has been told by Bridge Housing, a nonprofit developer, that the cost of one affordable unit is \$325,000. "How does one subsidize housing at that level of cost. The city has \$2 million in unincumbered funds in its in lieu housing fund. It's clear the city will have to embark on private-public partnerships to provide affordable housing."

Hacienda Business Park is one location where such housing could be built. She is proud that recent negotiations with Urban Habitat to settle a lawsuit have allowed the task force to have input into the design of housing in the business park.

The city has lost its housing cap. Hosterman notes that other cities use different tools to control growth. Those tools will be studied as part of the housing element update, she stated.

Local control is an important issue for Hosterman. In Pleasanton, she says one of the best tools to retain local control is the urban growth boundary. "We know growth will only occur within the UGB."

She isn't concerned about rapid growth. She points out that since she has been in office, at no time have applications exceeded the 350 units per year allowed under the current growth management policy. "The more relevant impediment to growth is the lack of material resources. State law requires developments to identify a water source. I'm not sure Zone 7 can say every project will be compliant with state law by 2014."

When it comes to the local economy, Hosterman says her focus will be on maintaining fiscal health and work on job creation.

She says Pleasanton has done well. Even with revenues down, employee cuts have been through attrition and the city has been able to maintain services.

She looks to plans in Livermore for the open campus and i-GATE to also create jobs in Pleasanton. "Businesses have led the way in moving ahead with these types of plans. What is healthy for Dublin and Livermore is good for Pleasanton. My sense is that we are truly in this together."

Hosterman expects another boost to the Pleasanton economy to come from the recently

launched "shop local" campaign.

The streamlined permitting process is one to help businesses locate in Pleasanton.

Ridgeline protection has been important to residents. Hosterman doesn't believe the Measure D (Oak Grove referendum) arguments were well articulated. "We didn't get the message out to people as to what was involved. The development would have provided an almost 500 acre park. It's easy to sway opinion with the right message before the facts are brought forward," stated Hosterman.

She continued, "Development attempts on the Oak Grove land won't go away. I think the Lins are setting the city up for a 'taking' lawsuit. They could be successful."

Hosterman says the referendum process is a good tool to use to check local government. "I think it is overly used. I think the process is appropriate for a specific plan or general plan update. Using it to stop specific projects concerns me."

Pensions aren't sustainable. "The biggest issue for the city is contributions. The city has paid 100 percent to date. Firefighters recently agreed to contribute 2 percent towards retirement. The next discussions will be with employee unions, and police and management representatives," she stated.

Hosterman says that working together as a region has been a plus. Local representatives have been able to lobby successfully in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. for many things including a communication system.

The city recently increased the filing fee for candidates from \$250 to over \$1100. Hosterman stated, "That does make it expensive for first time candidates to make a serious run with such a huge first hit. The city had been picking up the cost of filing."

Pleasanton has a voluntary spending limit for candidates. Hosterman supports that. As for independent expenditures, "I don't like them, particularly when they send out negative messages."

As a final thought, Hosterman says she believes her national activities benefit Pleasanton. "I have been able to bring back new ideas for public discussion." Recently, she was appointed to serve on the local action committee to review new rules at the EPA. The goal is to determine what the impact would be on local jurisdictions, she explained.

Hosterman also serves on the U.S. Conference of Mayors - Energy Committee, Urban Water Forum, Climate Protection Committee. As such, she will be hosting a conference in Pleasanton October 14-15.

CINDY MCGOVERN

Cindy McGovern stated, "It took a lot of push by the community for me to run for mayor. I believe the community needs a choice in leadership. I have shown I'm an effective leader who can work with a variety of groups to solve issues. My goal is to bring back public trust in our government."

McGovern is currently serving on the city council. Prior to that she was a member of the Pleasanton School Board.

She added that she does her homework and asks the questions and works with developers in an effort to make projects better. "I think I've always been fair."

"The current mayor and I disagree in many areas. In particular, we differ on ensuring the proper public process and protecting the public's right to disagree with a council decision," McGovern continued.

She pointed out that those who disagree with the majority's decisions are being called "obstructionist." "Pleasanton grew to be what it is today, because people were engaged. The council needs to be redirected in its priorities."

McGovern talked about one thing that the current mayor

does that bothers her. "She gives preference to paid consultants during public hearings. The problem with that, is that Hosterman has them speak at the end of the hearing. Residents never have a chance to respond to their statements."

McGovern also believes the current council does not follow city procedures. The planning commission did not approve the Oak Grove environmental impact report (EIR). The decision was appealed to the council. Instead of just certifying the EIR, the council passed the development agreement and development plan. Once the EIR was certified, the project should have gone back to the planning commission to vet the plan with full public input, explained McGovern.

Oak Grove was eventually referended. The Lin family sued over the validity of the referendum. The council voted not to support an appeal. "That makes me really mad. I don't see the council as supporting the public. There is an engaged group of people in this city that works hard to protect our quality of life."

The economy is impacting Pleasanton. McGovern notes that she has a close relationship with the school district and is concerned with the district's current budget situation. "Good schools are of value. They attract people and businesses." She would like to see the city and school district combine to take bids for health care benefits. By increasing the pool, it could save both money.

One idea she has for attracting business is to use dwelling unit equivalent. This is sewage capacity not used by current businesses, yet counted as used. If someone wants to build a restaurant, the city could provide the excess capacity. The cost of the sewer hook-up would be covered by the equivalent. The business could pay back the cost over time. The excess would then be available to another business. The idea is to reduce start-up costs, said McGovern.

She likes the new "shop local" campaign that makes use of Facebook and Twitter to let the public know about specials, sales and events available at local businesses. She believes it will help to bring people to the city to shop.

McGovern describes herself as a fiscal conservative. As a member of the school board, she said she pushed policies that doubled the district's reserves. That has served it well now. She supports putting the capital improvement projects on hold and putting any excess into the economic reserves for the city.

She is concerned about the loss of the housing cap. "The court saw it as discriminatory. I believe it was about creating a sustainable community. We need to look at how the city will manage growth in the future to assure long term sustainability." Linking growth with infrastructure is an option.

Affordable housing numbers assigned to the city are an issue. One area considered for more housing is the Hacienda Business Park. McGovern said that if the decision were to build more housing in Hacienda, she would vote to reduce the entitlement for commercial, office and retail in the area. Her reasoning is that housing numbers assigned to the city are based on job growth. If there continued to be more job growth the city would have an increased jobs/housing imbalance and be assigned more housing.

It is difficult to build affordable housing. "In no way do the in lieu fees paid by developers cover the costs. It is estimated the cost to build an affordable unit is \$325,000. When affordable housing is built, it should be mixed in with market rate housing."

McGovern said there are other ways to provide affordable housing. The construction of second units should be encouraged. Smaller houses should be approved. "The city has gone way overboard with large homes."

Senior affordable housing is needed. McGovern said she wants to see a financial analysis of what it would cost to rebuild Kottinger Place, the city owned senior housing project. Each of the current units is an asset with monetary value. Tearing down the unit cost money, as does relocating the residents. Then there is the cost of building the new housing. "I have talked to people living in Kottinger. They love the life-style of having a garden. I believe the city should offer all different life-style. Not everyone wants to live in a three story apartment."

Employee pensions are an issue. Employees don't contribute now. "I am the only person who voted twice not to let the city attorney have a pay raise just before he retired. It looked like a spike that would provide a larger pension. I think he did a good job, but 'spiking' is a complaint I hear." McGovern continued, "My number one goal is to keep people working. I believe there have to be changes to make pensions sustainable and not be a drag on current employment. That includes employees contributing to retirement."

Local control has always

been a big issue. The state balances the budget on the backs of the city. Although Pleasanton doesn't have a redevelopment agency, raiding redevelopment funds is one place that has a negative impact on growing the economy in California pointed out McGovern.

To help control growth with the loss of the housing cap, McGovern would look at policies that have stood the test of time and court challenges. One idea is to tie growth to the infrastructure.

It does take time to accomplish something in Pleasanton, admitted McGovern. "There are a multitude of reasons. One is regulatory agencies with new requirements that mean the city has to back-track in some cases to deal with them." She thinks the city has made an effort to help businesses speed up the approval process by streamlining the permitting process.

Working regionally is important. "I think people find me to be prepared and respectful. I try to reach agreements through consensus. Working together to lobby in Washington, D.C. is very important. I am proud of the communication system that has

been funded as a result."

As for campaigning, McGovern said she wasn't aware that the filing fee had been increased. "It should not be so expensive to run. It makes a person question whether to run for office." She pointed to seniors on fixed incomes and young people with student debts as those who may not be able to afford to run for office.

For her campaign, she will take no money from special interests.

One of her top priorities as mayor would be to look at building a youth center. That would provide an opportunity for youth to be involved in running programs, to develop leadership skills. "I am looking forward to the building of the Bernal Park. I think it will be one of the best places of art you can live in with its grand meadow and mature trees."

"I love the Firehouse Arts Center and public art. I want to see more of it. I would like to see an outdoor plaza with a fountain and art near the Firehouse."

Workplace Learning Expo Features Author

Richard Bolles, bestselling author of *What Color Is Your Parachute: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers* will deliver the keynote address at the ASTD Mt. Diablo 5th Annual Workplace Learning & Performance EXPO on October 19, 2010. The event is open to the public from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, California.

Bolles has been engaging audiences for almost 40 years—since 1972 when *What Color Is Your Parachute?* was first published. Today, this book is published in 20 languages and has sold 10 million copies in 26 countries; the Library of Congress chose it as one of 25 books throughout history that have most shaped people's lives. Last year, Bolles published *The Job-Hunter's Survival Guide: How to Find Hope and Rewarding Work, Even When "There Are No Jobs."*

Jeff Bell, nationally recognized author, speaker, and radio news anchor (KCBS Radio), is the 2010 EXPO headliner. His

two books, *Rewind, Replay, Repeat* and *When in Doubt, Make Belief*, have established Bell as an authority on motivation and uncertainty. A decades-long sufferer of severe OCD (aka the "doubting disease"), Bell nearly lost everything to the debilitating compulsions that consumed his life. At the EXPO, Bell will offer his perspective on the many challenges that uncertainty presents and some of the "greater good" decision-making techniques that can help us all thrive.

The EXPO also features more than 20 national and regional vendors with ideas for the workplace.

Everyone is welcome at the ASTD Mt. Diablo 5th Annual Workplace Learning & Performance EXPO. Tickets for the October 19 event range from \$45 to \$60. Online registration is currently open at <http://astdmtdiablo2010-10-19.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, visit the Mt. Diablo Chapter website at www.mtdiabloastd.org.

OBITUARIES

Gladys Elizabeth Nelson

Gladys Elizabeth Nelson died Sept. 29, 2010. She was born March 15, 1914. She was raised in Wisconsin. She had her own business in Marysville, CA for many years. Upon retirement she moved to Castro Valley where she lived for 21 years. Gardening was her passion.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice Gardner of Pleasanton, grandsons, Ron Gardner of San Jose, CA and Steve Gardner of Pleasanton, three sisters, Edna Franks of Castro Valley, Doris Germeman and Beverly Voss of WI. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Jeffrey Gardner of Pleasanton.

Family and friends were invited to her Memorial Service, Monday, Oct 4, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin, CA 94568

Elizabeth Hantow

Elizabeth passed away peacefully on Sept. 30, 2010 into the

arms of our Lord with her loving daughters Elizabeth and Pauline at her side. She was born Sept. 10, 1913 in Youngstown, OH. She was one of 12 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Peter. She is survived by her children, Elizabeth, Peter, and Pauline. She loved her seven grandchildren dearly, Christopher, Patrick, Scott, Laura, Keith an her beloved Taylor and Matthew. She always considered her seven great-grandchildren "the icing on her cake." Dominic, Anthony, Isabella, Nicholas, Gianni, Koen, and Liam.

Cooking, baking and sewing were her passions in life. She was an excellent seamstress. In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, stained glass, oil painting, guitar and canning.

She was the "hostess with the mostess." Nobody went hungry in her house. She always welcomed walk-ins.

Our special thanks to her devoted doctor, Dr. R. Zamary and friends at his office.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 2 at St Michael's Catholic

Church in Livermore. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in New York.

Maria Gracilla Grino

Maria Gracilla Grino, of Livermore CA died Friday, Oct 01, 2010 at ValleyCare Medical Center.

Maria was born Jan. 5, 1935 to Tomas & Rosario Gracilla in the Philippines. She came to the US in 1995. She is well liked by a lot of Filipinos in Livermore for her wonderful smile and caring attitude. Her caring/positive attitude and strong personality will always be remembered by her children.

She is survived by her children: Albert/Bridgette Grino; Evelyn /Rholie Bumanlag; Lolita/Rolando De Ocampo; Romulo/Myla Grino; Danilo/Ma Teresa Grino; Cesar,Jr/Angelita Grino, 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Maria was preceded in death by husband of 57 years, Cesar Grino Sr. and her daughter Zenaida Nanit.

Mass will be celebrated on October 7, 2010 at 11:00 am at St Michael Catholic Church in Livermore.

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tion where it authorizes Congress to legislate over health care. It comes down to the role of government. Is it to be a nanny state or to create a level playing field where there is equal opportunity for all," he asked. He added that there are grounds for providing a safety net so people don't die in the streets. "There are moral obligations."

Christensen says that in the past, the government did not provide hand-outs. Charities took care of people in need.

He doesn't like federal funding for education, because the money comes with strings attached. He sees education as the role of the family.

Christensen does not support the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. "The United States is a republic, not an empire. I'm a noninterventionist."

Religious freedom is necessary, as is separation of church and state. He commented on the controversy regarding building a mosque near ground zero. "People have a right to buy property if they have money to pay for it. Then they can use it for the purpose for which it was purchased."

He sees the controversy as an effort to create suspicion and fear concerning Islam. "Islam provides a scapegoat people can rally around," he declared.

Immigration reform is needed. He points out that there are economic forces driving people to come to the United States that need to be dealt with. He observed that illegals provide a cheap labor force for some employers. He argues that if all of the illegal immigrants were arrested and deported, it would have a negative impact on the economy. He supports prosecuting those who employ illegals.

When it comes to Wall Street reform, Christensen would look to existing regulations and enforcement of them. "The new laws are too incomprehensible. Laws should be written so that they are brief and easy to understand," he stated.

He is a strong supporter of free enterprise. "Without economy liberty, we can have no political liberty," he declared. He believes that large corporations are illegal. He explained that in the past,

government could grant the right of incorporation in limited cases for a limited period of time. "The current system of large corporations creates a moral hazard. If a corporation can gamble with its investors' money, lose it and not lose personally and then beg for a bail-out, that promotes the worst type of behavior," according to Christensen.

Asked about extending the current tax cuts, Christensen said that if elected, he would work to repeal the federal reserve act and the 16th and 17th amendments. One changed how Senators are elected. Previously they were chosen by state legislatures. Now they are elected by popular vote. He prefers to have state legislatures select Senators, because it makes it easier to impeach someone who is not doing a good job. The other amendment established the right to tax all income, something he opposes.

When it comes to the environment, he sees government's role as preserving, protecting and allocating common resources. He said there are those who want to control natural resources and the wealth that is created through that control. "The government can't deny the use of natural resources. They are needed to maintain a modern life-style. Think what would happen if there were no electricity." He used wood as an example of a natural resource that is needed, many homes are built using wood.

He sees global warming as a result of actions on the sun years ago. He adds, "There are enough people saying greenhouse gases causing global warming is wrong to support that viewpoint."

The only way to get out of the Social Security mess is to figure out what people have paid in, convert those funds to gold and silver certificates and let people cash out the certificates, according to Christensen.

He says of the current partisan atmosphere, "Politics is theater. Politicians are actors. It's important to ask who is writing the script. Part of the drama is to have conflict as a way to keep people watching."

Christensen said he will not be accepting campaign contributions. "I don't want to be in bed with any special interests. I'll be

working for the people."

JERRY MCNERNEY

Democrat Jerry McNerney is running for his third term. He believes that with the experience he has gained along with greater seniority, he will be able to accomplish more during his next term. His interests include energy policy and veterans affairs.

McNerney noted that he has a background as an engineer, entrepreneur, has worked with venture capitalists and worked on renewable energy. He has a background in telecommunications and was in the forefront of harnessing wind energy. He has a Ph.D. in mathematics.

Health care reform has been a contentious issue. McNerney said of the health care bill, "It was the result of having to gain enough consensus to move ahead. If there were greater changes than what the country is ready for, there would be a backlash."

He pointed out that one of the provisions in the health care bill means that people cannot be turned down by insurance companies because of a pre-existing condition.

McNerney did feel that the President let Congress down when it came to health care reform. He didn't step up and support our efforts.

A good education system is important if the United States is to remain competitive in the international economy. McNerney does believe the current federal education requirements need to be overhauled.

"What I can do is to identify local programs I think are outstanding and try to obtain funding for them," he stated. He referred to a program in Manteca that provides every child a chance to succeed. "The results have been outstanding."

In addition to funds, teachers need the tools and training to be able to cope with some of the issues facing them. For example, he said that there are 82 languages identified as spoken in the Stockton schools.

One of his focuses during his first term was on veterans issues. He was instrumental in having a bill approved to deal with traumatic brain injuries. "I am really proud of that," declared

McNerney.

He believes there is strong support for veterans. He recalled the Danville 4th of July Parade where a disabled veterans contingent drew the largest cheers. "We owe them. We need to invest in them." Among the investments McNerney supported was the 21st Century G.I. Bill.

McNerney has also lobbied to keep the Livermore VA property in the VA system and will continue to do so.

Addressing the current wars, McNerney said we have good people in place to run them. "The troops are doing a marvelous job in a dangerous situation."

He said he is committed to the current Afghanistan policy of withdrawing troops next year. However, the policy needs to be evaluated on a frequent basis.

His one concern is that if the Taliban were to regain control of Afghanistan that would destabilize Pakistan, a nation with nuclear weapons.

When it comes to attacks on Moslems, McNerney believes it is an aberration. He adds, "I think those who lost someone on 9-11 are justified in feeling strongly one way or another."

He points out that there are a lot of Moslems in the 11th Congressional District. "They are good family people. They create jobs through their businesses."

The fact that the immigration law passed in Arizona, McNerney said, illustrates that the federal government hasn't done its job. The government has a responsibility to protect the country's borders.

When it comes to illegal immigrants, McNerney said a discussion needs to be held to find a realistic way to deal with the issue. He believes that those who employ illegals need to be held accountable.

Jobs and the economy are major issues. McNerney said that thirty years ago, products were made in the USA. That is not true now. He used as an example the fact that the U.S. helped to develop technology for wind energy. Production was sent overseas. "We need to look at changing policies that allowed so many jobs to be sent overseas, including policies that allow for tax breaks. In addition, we need

to make sure our trading partners are playing by the same rules that we are.

"We ship enormous opportunities overseas. I am determined to make sure our utilities support green jobs. If we require them to buy green power, that will create a demand for service jobs and pull manufacturing jobs back into this country."

McNerney believes this region has the ability to be a global leader in green technology. "We are positioned to unleash a tremendous amount of innovation. I want to see it happen."

When it comes to retaining the current tax cuts, McNerney stated, "There will be a vote at sometime. We need to make sure the tax cuts are extended. The length of time is up for discussion." He said he is reluctant to limit the extension only to those who make \$250,000 or less.

There needs to be a national consensus before there can be a policy to deal with global warming, he said of the issue.

Social Security is a good program. It provides a minimal

level of support for those who need it. People have paid into the system. They are entitled to receive Social Security.

McNerney said of the deficit, "Mounting federal deficits are a serious problem and pose a threat to our economic future. It's critical to do what we can to reign in federal spending. I've taken a tough stance on getting spending under control, including supporting numerous across the board cuts to federal agencies, slashing spending for congressional budgets, and voting against hundreds of billions in unnecessary expenditures. I'm going to stay committed to fiscal responsibility and fight to cut spending."

He calls the current partisan atmosphere frustrating. "That makes it necessary for a super majority in order to pass something. There is talk among the young senators of trying to change that. We need people to work together to achieve consensus on policies that will move this country forward."

AMGEN

"Last year we witnessed the benefits of moving the Amgen Tour of California to May - better weather, a new, challenging route and more intense competition," said Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports. "In 2011 we plan to continue to showcase the beautiful features the state of California has to offer, while also continuing to raise the bar for what it means to be the largest, most important cycling race in America."

During one segment, the riders will summit Donner Pass on the way to Sacramento. Heading for San Jose, America's largest cycling event will venture into the Diablo Mountain Range for the first of two mountain stages for the world-class cyclists. The riders will once again take the Pacific Coast Highway down the coast through Big Sur.

The May date provides cyclists more time to train. In previous years, the race has drawn some of the world's most renowned and respected riders, such as

top Tour de France competitors, World Champions and Olympic medalists that include Lance Armstrong, Tom Boonen, Oscar Freire, Paolo Bettini, Fabian Cancellara, Carlos Sastre, Ivan Basso, George Hincapie, Mark Cavendish and Andy Schleck.

"I was in as good a shape the past three years [when I won the Amgen Tour of California] as I am now," said Levi Leipheimer, race winner from 2007-2009, after the 2010 race. "The difference this year is that you see a couple of riders on the same level. The competition has definitely risen."

A description of Livermore includes the following: Livermore's arts, culture, western heritage and vibrant wine industry provide a unique blend of small-town ambience and metropolitan amenities. The award-winning and newly redeveloped historic downtown provides an active urban living experience with a performing arts center, fine dining, shopping, and year round

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This business is conducted by: Husband & wife
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Victoria Steiner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 442067
The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Wine Destinations, 1257 Deep Creek Rd., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Wine Destinations, LLC., 1257 Deep Creek Road, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a Limited liability company
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 442351
The following person(s) doing business as: Tradesecrets International, 1934 Nicosisia Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ronald L. Copenhaver, 1934 Nicosisia Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by: Husband and wife
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 1, 2010
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Ronald L. Copenhaver and Kelly Copenhaver
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 442487
The following person(s) doing business as: Techknowledgy, 743 Saint Michael Cir., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Charles Springmeyer, 743 Saint Michael Cir., Pleasanton Ca 94566

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The following person(s) doing business as: Team 292 - Sold, 2602 Old First St., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tammy L. Pryor, 946 Coronado Way, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1, 2001
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Gregory P. Lanet and Tammy L. Pryor
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The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Pleasanton Weekly, 2) Pleasanton Weekly.com, 5506 Sunol Blvd. Ste 100, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto Ca 94306

This business is conducted by: a Corporation
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Michael I. Naar
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 443037
The following person(s) doing business as: Crossfit Ver-satility, 405 Boulder Ct Ste 600, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Travis Sleighter, 1898 Lynwood Dr Apt C, Concord Ca 94519

This business is conducted by: a General partnership
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Leigh A. LeGare
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 443071
The following person(s) doing business as: Wise Guys Philly Cheesesteak N Gyros, 885 Airway Blvd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wise Guys Philly Cheesesteak N Gyros Inc., 5440 Heatherland Rd., San Ramon Ca 94582

This business is conducted by: a Corporation
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Michael Spencer
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The following person(s) doing business as: Anapath Diagnostic Services, 1330 Saybrook Rd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michele Lynn Kowalczyk, 1330 Saybrook Rd., Livermore Ca 94551

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1) JDG Sales, 2) JDG Marketing, 2648 St. Helena Ct., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Janet Doreen Gordon, 2648 St. Helena Ct., Livermore Ca 94550

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 443263
The following person(s) doing business as: Home Integration Technologies, 924 E. Mockingbird Lane, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael J. Spencer, 924 E. Mockingbird Lane, Pleasanton Ca 94566

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REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES

Ups and Downs of Short Sales for Buyers

By Cher Wollard
You and your spouse have been looking for just the right house. You don't need anything fancy – three bedrooms, two baths, a fenced yard for the dog, a two-car garage.

Your Realtor has shown you several homes in your price range, but nothing is quite right. Now, back at the real estate office, you are going through MLS listings on the computer. One house is too small; one is too old; another is in the wrong school district.

And then ... right on the screen ... a charming house with all the qualifications you are looking for. There are several photographs. Hardwood floors. Dual-paned windows. A newer roof. It looks perfect.

You glance at your agent. Hesitancy, then finally a reply: "I am happy to show it to you, but it is a short sale."

"Short sale." You've heard that term before. Doesn't short sale mean it's a bargain?

Your Realtor explains that a short sale occurs when the seller owes more on the property than it can be sold for. The seller then applies to the mortgage holder to agree to accept less than is owed.

Often, they are bargains for buyers. But buyers should be aware that the short sale process can be long and onerous, with no guarantee of success.

The house is perfect – even better in person. You and the spouse want to make an offer. So your Realtor starts by calling the listing agent and asking a few questions:

- How many loans are on the property?
- How many lenders are involved, and which ones?
- Is the listing agent experienced in short sales?
- Has the seller filed bankruptcy?
- Have other offers been presented?
- Have any inspections or appraisals been done?
- Has a Notice of Default been filed on the property?

The simplest short sales are transactions in which there is one loan on the property, and the lender is an existing bank with an efficient short sale approval system in place.

Short sales in which there are multiple loans and/or involving more than one lender – especially if one or more of those lenders has a reputation for being demanding or slow – generally take longer.

Chances are your Realtor knows which lenders are easiest to work with.

The listing agent must work diligently and with great precision to make a short sale successful. Any licensed agent can list and sell a short sale property. But buyers can have more confidence in listing agents who are experienced in short sales, or who have credentials as short sales specialists.

You decide to go for it. Your agent helps you write a purchase offer, using exactly the same form as purchase offers on non-short sales.

Attached to that is a Short Sale Addendum. The addendum says that the sale is contingent on approval by all lien holders on the property. The addendum also includes a section in which you will indicate how long you are willing to wait for the lenders' response. If the lender does not respond in the time indicated, you will be free to make offers on other properties.

The short sale addendum will also indicate whether you will put our earnest deposit in escrow upon acceptance by the seller, or wait for bank approval. More sellers are insisting on opening escrow right away, but this is negotiable.

Short sale contracts are, generally, "As Is" agreements. Lenders will seldom pay for any repairs, and sellers have no incentive to do so, since they will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale.

If you are not paying cash for the property, you will also need to submit a pre-approval letter from your loan officer, indicating that you qualify for a mortgage, and proof that you have funds necessary for the down payment and closing costs.

Sometimes the seller's bank will require prospective buyers to be pre-qualified with them. You are not required to get your mortgage through that bank, however.

Once the seller has accepted to your offer, the listing agent will send it – along with the seller's short sale package – to the bank's short sale division.

Your next step? Wait.

Lenders typically take weeks to assign a short sale package to a bank officer, known as a negotiator, who will handle the file. Then it may be several more weeks before that negotiator orders a BPO, or broker price opinion, to verify the offer is reasonably close to market value.

And it will likely be two to four months before the negotiator has a response. If there is more than one mortgage on the property, the secondary lenders will then have an opportunity to weigh in with the negotiator.

While you are waiting for the lenders to respond, problems may arise.

- The property may go into default. Most lenders halt foreclosure proceedings when a property is in the short sale process. Not all do. Even those that have a policy of halting foreclosures sometimes make mistakes, as the short sale division is separate from the division that handles mortgages that are in arrears.

- The sellers may abandon the property, leaving lawns to die and the home exposed. A few angry sellers even remove items, such as appliances or fixtures. This will be something to note during the home inspection.

- The sellers may initiate bankruptcy proceedings, which will delay and possibly jeopardize closing.

- The terms of your mortgage could change.

When the lenders finally do respond, they will likely counter the short sale request. The counter may simply be to insert their preferred language in the contract.

Sometimes, however, lenders will counter on price, terms, brokers' fees or timeline. A few things to watch for:

- Lenders may refuse to pay back taxes or homeowner's association dues.
- Lenders may require the transaction close within a short time frame – often 30 days. The listing agent can usually obtain an extension.

- A lender may require the buyer to pay part of the amount owed. This usually happens when the holder of the first mortgage does not offer junior lien holders a large enough settlement. Even if you are willing to pay the amount requested, the first mortgage holder can block such an agreement.

- One or more lenders may require the seller remain responsible for the remaining debt, which the seller may not agree to.

If, however, the lender's counter offer is reasonable and agreeable to all parties, you will proceed as with any other transaction.

Have inspections done. The lender is unlikely to pay for repairs, but you should know what you are buying.

Read and sign all disclosures. Even though it is a short sale, the seller is required to provide this information to you.

Arrange for home insurance and a home warranty. Lenders seldom provide home warranties on short sales, but your Realtor can help you order one, if you want it.

You will sign paperwork a week or so before close of escrow, and transfer funds to cover the down payment and closing costs.

When you close, your Realtor will hand you the keys, and you'll be the proud owner of a new home.

Congratulations! It will have been along wait, but worth it.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

Winegrowers Want PG&E Specifics on Wine Country Pipeline

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Livermore Valley winegrowers want to know more details concerning the location of a PG&E natural gas transmission line that runs through South Livermore Valley Wine Country.

An eight-mile segment of Line 107 is at the head of PG&E's priority list for replacement. It runs through the heart of Wine Country, judging by vague maps with little detail available to the public on-line.

The governmental relations committee of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association met Sept. 30, and agreed to write to PG&E to obtain specific

information from PG&E about the exact location of lines, said LVWA executive director Chris Chandler.

The committee wants to be able to understand where the pipelines go, and which vineyards or wineries may be affected according to Chandler.

Depending on what the maps show, a PG&E representative may be invited to the committee's next meeting on Oct. 20.

The committee wants to look at the consequences of digging in the vicinity of a line. "We are in the fact-gathering stages right now," said Chandler.

PG&E spokesman Jeff Smith said in an earlier story that although Line 107 is the top priority on a list of 100 projects, it

doesn't mean the list is talking about the 100 highest-risk sites. They are simply the priorities for replacement.

If a line were seen as a risk at all, it would be a safety concern, and PG&E would work on it right away, said Smith. Line 107

is scheduled for replacement sometime between 2011 and 2014, said Smith.

PG&E looks at a combination of things when it projects its priorities for pipeline replacement. Included are the line's age, the seismic conditions in the area,

and its proximity to heavily developed areas, which can put it at higher risk of being struck by a third party digging in the area.

Line 107 was on the PG&E list because of possible seismic activity, which can include an earthquake or landslides.

PG&E has cited security concerns as the reason for not providing a more detailed look at the Line 107 route on its web page. Instead, the utility offers a toll-free phone number, 1-888-743-7431, to obtain more information on whether a transmission line is near one's own home.

Agreement with Tri-Valley Conservancy Extended

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors voted last week to authorize the General Manager to extend an agreement with the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

The Right of Entry Agreement allows District staff and consultants to enter the Bobba property site for maintenance and inspection purposes, once the site has been acquired. Tri-Valley Conservancy purchased the 73.88-acre Bobba property, adjacent to Sycamore Grove Park, in August 2009 with the intent to transfer title of the property to LARPD and place a conservation easement on it. Extension of the agreement is necessary because the District is still in the process of obtaining a resource management plan that studies the property for development of future public access trails. Completion of the resource management plan is required for property transfer. The extension will give LARPD and consultants an additional 12 months to develop the resource management plan.

The Board also voted to authorize the general manager to approve an amended and restated agreement with the City of Livermore to provide planning services for LARPD. The District has successfully contracted with the City since 2004 for planning, engineering, inspection and research functions that have allowed LARPD to continue executing the capital project program despite ongoing challenging economic conditions. LARPD spent about \$50,000 for these City services in fiscal year 2009-2010 and estimates a similar amount for 2010-2011.

In matters initiated by direc-

tors, Vice President Scott Kamena made a motion to consider amending the 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Budget to exclude the Sycamore Grove Ranger Station project. He expressed

concerns that the project may be too expensive and that there may be other projects worth giving higher priority. The motion failed on a 2 to 2 vote.

SHORT NOTES

Orienteering II

Orienteering II is the topic of the program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Oct. 9.

Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 2 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

In September, an LARPD ranger program explored the flatter parts of the park on an exciting orienteering course. This month set off for greater adventure on an exploration of the hilly areas. Orienteering is navigating a course of cones hidden throughout the park with only a map and compass. Participation in previous program is not required. Please wear sturdy shoes capable of going off trail. This program will last two to three hours.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

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NARFE Convention

Vivian Nathanson, Livermore, recently joined some 1,100 other delegates, members, and guests at the 31st Biennial National Convention of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) held in Grand Rapids, MI, August 29-September 2.

One of the highlights of the convention was the kick-off of NARFE's 90th anniversary celebration for 2011. Founded in 1921, NARFE is one of America's oldest and largest associations. The NARFE mission is to protect the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. NARFE represents the interest of nearly five million federal employees, retirees, spouses and survivors.

One of the speakers to come before the convention was John Berry, director of the Office of Personnel Management, from Washington, D. C. who thanked the delegates for their service to America. Berry noted American advances made over the past 50 or so years, including putting man on the moon, mastering the atom, breaking the sound barrier and the creation of the Internet. All these things, he said were made possible by federal employees.

The delegates elected Helen Zajac of Vallejo as the Regional Vice President of local area Region Eight. Ms. Zajac will represent the local region on the 14-member NARFE National Executive Board.

The next NARFE National Convention will be held in Reno, NV, in August 2012.

Forest Home Farms

Moore's Pumpkin Patch will be open at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard in San Ramon. Moore's Pumpkin Patch & Christmas Tree Lots are a family operated business that has been serving the Bay Area since 1984 and providing lots of family fun over the years.

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The Pumpkin Patch will be open October 2 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more info or to make a reservation for a field trip, call (925) 831-2998. Visit the website at <http://www.moorepumpkinpatch.com/>.

Pedestrian Safety

The Livermore Police Department is taking a proactive approach to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The department's Traffic Unit routinely conducts pedestrian safety operations throughout the City to enforce pedestrian right-of-way violations. The department has worked with the City of Livermore's traffic engineers to obtain grant funding for

the installation of several crosswalk traffic devices throughout the city at locations with high vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The devices are in-ground flashing lights to warn drivers of foot traffic crossing the roadway. Pedestrians are encouraged to use these crosswalks.

Drivers and pedestrians have equal responsibilities in the efforts to reduce pedestrian collisions. Drivers should take extra caution when approaching crosswalks. Look for pedestrians near the crosswalk and prepare to yield when they enter the crosswalk. When driving in a residential area, particularly during the afternoon hours, or near a school zone, scan ahead for pedestrian traffic, especially for children, who may suddenly run out into the roadway. Drivers should apply extra caution in the evening hours when visibility is reduced and more pedestrians are likely to be crossing roadways.

Pedestrians should always use designated crosswalks when crossing a busy roadway. Pedestrians should assume that drivers don't see them until they have made eye contact. Once in a crosswalk, pedestrians should continue to scan for traffic in each lane of the roadway. When walking in traffic, pedestrians should protect themselves by staying on the sidewalk and using crosswalks whenever possible. If they have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, they should walk facing traffic. Pedestrians should cross at intersections, as most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections. Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that a pedestrian intends to cross the roadway. If possible, pedestrians should wear bright colors or reflective clothing when walking near traffic at night. Carrying a flashlight when walking in the dark is also helpful.

During the month of October, the Livermore Police Department will be making extra enforcement efforts in the area of pedestrian safety. The Traffic unit will conduct at least two pedestrian decoy operations at marked crosswalk locations. During these operations, LPD employees will be pedestrians and uniformed officers will be watching for and citing drivers who fail to yield to the pedestrians.

The Livermore Police Department is participating in the "Walk and Roll to School" campaign at Junction Avenue School. During the month of October, students are encouraged to walk or bicycle to school. As part of this campaign, LPD staff has provided safe walking and riding information at two school assemblies. LPD staff will interact with students throughout the month of October encouraging their use of traffic safety tactics while walking or riding their bicycles to or from school.

The Livermore Police Department Traffic Unit's primary goal is to reduce traffic collisions, particularly

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Anonymous 4 performs medieval music.

Del Valle Fine Arts Opens Season with 'Anonymous 4'

Del Valle Fine Arts opens its season with Anonymous 4, medieval music by four unaccompanied female voices, on Saturday October 16th at 8:00 pm at the Bankhead Theater.

The program opens with "A Medieval Ladymass", a British chant and polyphony in honor of the Virgin Mary. The second half of the program is entitled "Gloryland, Sacred Music from the American Folk Tradition", and includes selection such as Amazing Grace,

Sweet Hour of Prayer, Wayfaring Stranger, O, were I like a feathered dove and Shall We Gather at the River. The versions of the religious ballads and folk songs on this program follow the performances of traditional singers from the Ozark and the Appalachian mountains. They sing shape note tunes in the spare three-part harmonizations in which they first appear in the nineteenth-century tunebooks. Similarly, they have chosen to

perform several gospel songs as they were originally set by their composers. The other hymns and gospel songs were arranged by members of Anonymous 4.

Lovers of medieval music will enjoy the sound created by the blending of these four unaccompanied female voices. Combining historical scholarship with a contemporary sensibility, the four members of this ensemble have been enchanting

audiences with their performances in major concert series throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. Festival appearances have included Tanglewood, Wolftrap, BBC Proms, Edinburgh, and the Brisbane Biennial. The ensemble's many recordings for Harmonia Mundi USA—most notably 11,000 Virgins and The Origins of Fire, and their recordings of the music of Hildegard of Bingen—have been top sellers and

National Watercolor Society Show in Pleasanton

The Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery will host the traveling exhibit of the National Watercolor Society October 19-December 2, 2010.

A reception, free and open to the public, will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, Calif.

The National Watercolor Society exhibit represents the best of water media painting, representing a wide range of directions and techniques. The current traveling exhibit features a selection from the society's 89th annual exhibit in 2009, which travels to numerous venues nationwide during the following year.

"We are very excited that this exhibit of nationally-ranked artists is coming to the Firehouse Arts Center," says City of Pleasanton Visual Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan. "We think that having the best of the best in our midst will be inspiring to both artists and patrons as they witness the extraordinary skill level displayed, as well as the breadth of expression."

Livermore artist, Carolyn Lord is one of four Signature Members of the National Watercolor Society (NWS) who were invited by Visual Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan, to show at the Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton. This show will be concurrent with the NWS's 89th Annual Exhibition's Traveling Show. Lord will exhibit still-life paintings. The other artists are Karen Frey of Oakland (urban figurative); Robin Purcell of Danville (landscapes); Micheal Reardon of Oakland (architecture).

The National Watercolor Society encourages support for watercolor as a vital, enduring and expressive medium.

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Support Wildness on October 7 At Tri-Valley Conservancy's
 "Conservation Affair" at Casa Real, Ruby Hill

Gala to Benefit Open Space Features "Livermore Uncorked" Medal Winners

By Laura Ness

The charter of Tri-Valley Conservancy is to protect and preserve the precious open space that is tucked into the hidden, wooded canyons and small, quiet streams that lie just beyond our daily grind. We rarely delight in them, but should. Should we lose our vigilance, they could fall victim to the relentless march of civilization. Could conscience rest?

To catch a brilliant sunset over the hills behind Cedar Mountain, as the long low rays turn the vineyards to the east of Tesla to a thousand shades of gold, is to experience one of the joys of this precious agricultural area. But not everyone has the pleasure of living along that corridor and seeing it every day. As TVC Executive Director Sharon Burnham points out, "I think we sometimes forget the beauty that surrounds us. We take it for granted. At TVC, we are working hard to preserve that beauty, not only for the current generations, but for those to come. It is our responsibility to protect the heritage of the land."

She points out over 4160 acres are protected under conservation easement, most of them in the south Livermore area, about 3k of which are in vineyard. About 70 acres are designated to become parkland. She'd like to expand holdings to 5k protected acres, adding more acreage in north Livermore. Frankly, though, people are not interested in selling land right now. She remains hopeful that someone will see the win-win of a magnanimous bequest to posterity.

Despite the overwhelming percentage of conservation land currently planted to vineyards, diversity is also a goal. About 300 acres are in olives, and 130 acres are planted to nuts. That's still a vast juice to solids ratio, or as my dear, departed father-in-law would say, we're a few sandwiches shy of a picnic, but we do have plenty of booze. So, there is work to do, and we can help. And, at the same time, we can also have some fun.

This year's Tri-Valley Conservancy "Affair" offers a unique twist: it will feature a wine tasting of the medal winners from the first ever TVC "Livermore Valley



Photo taken at last year's festivities.

Uncorked" wine competition. Livermore wineries producing Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and Zinfandel from the Livermore Valley and San Francisco Bay appellations, were recently invited to submit entries to be judged at the competition, which was held Sunday, Sept. 19, at The Wine Steward in Pleasanton. Three medals were awarded for each varietal, and the Best of Show will be announced the night of the event. Don't miss this chance to taste a dozen of Livermore's most impressive wines.

Hats off to Sharon Burnham and Laura Mercier of the TVC for helping create this first of its kind opportunity for wineries to showcase some of the heritage varietals of Livermore. Not only did it serve to begin dialogue about how to hone

the messages regarding the wine region's identity, but it should help raise the visibility of the winemakers who are making wines that stands out, in a good way. The competition also directly benefits the Tri-Valley Conservancy's fundraising efforts, which are critical in preserving the natural beauty of the area, making it even more attractive to visitors, and thus improving the economy for everyone living in the region.

Highlights of the Affair include sumptuous food by Beats Catering, followed by entertainment at 9pm, by The Front Porch. Live auction items include: Tour CBS 5 Television and watch Eyewitness News; Condo at El Cid Marina in Mazatlan; Winemaker's Dinner with Karl Wente; Condo in Montana for a week; Luxury Suite at A's Baseball Game; Spa

Party at Aventine for four; Duck Hunting at Sprig Haven Farms in Los Banos

Some of the silent auction items look like fun, especially these: Biplane ride over the Livermore Valley; Hike and lunch at Brushy Peak; Jewelry from Caratti Jewelers; Exclusive Chef and Sommelier tasting dinner for 2 at Uncle Yu's; Private tour and hike for 8 at Fernandez Ranch (not open to public); Watercolor painting "Distant Barn" by Linda Jeffery Sailors; Four-strand, multi-color fresh water pearl necklace from Lance Cavalieri Jewelers

Dress is wine country casual. But no matter what you are wearing, bring your curiosity and your generosity. These are probably the most important factors that contribute to growth, regardless of age.

Help preserve the wild nature of

the land that renews our spirit and sparks our curiosity in the natural world around us. If you can't attend, consider purchasing a ticket so that someone else who might not be able to do so, can. You might change a mind, perhaps a life.

As Sharon Burnham is fond of saying, "We will measure our success by the amount of natural, undeveloped land that is left for our children and our grandchildren. It is our greatest legacy."

TVC Conservation Affair
 Thursday, October 7, 2010,
 5:30PM - 11pm

Tickets \$95 each, includes dinner, hosted bar, silent/live auction and music by The Front Porch

Tickets are booked in advance at www.trivalleyconservancy.org or calling 925 449-8706

Classical Guitarist Featured at Livermore Library

Award-winning classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform a diverse program of music from four centuries at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010. There is no charge for this event.

This concert will feature selections from Fletcher's 2008 CD release on Tower Hill Records: *Music of the Baroque*. Other repertoire will include *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* from Cantata No.147 as well as the *Chaconne*

in D minor by J. S. Bach; *Usher-Waltz*, an unusual and intense piece by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin; two works from Maurice Ravel's exquisite *Mother Goose Suite* and music of Weiss, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos Ponce, Reusner, and Grieg. The program will culminate with *Koyunbaba*, by composer/guitarist Carlo Domeniconi.

Peter Fletcher began guitar study at the age of seven under classical guitar instructor, John Sutherland. In 1980 classical

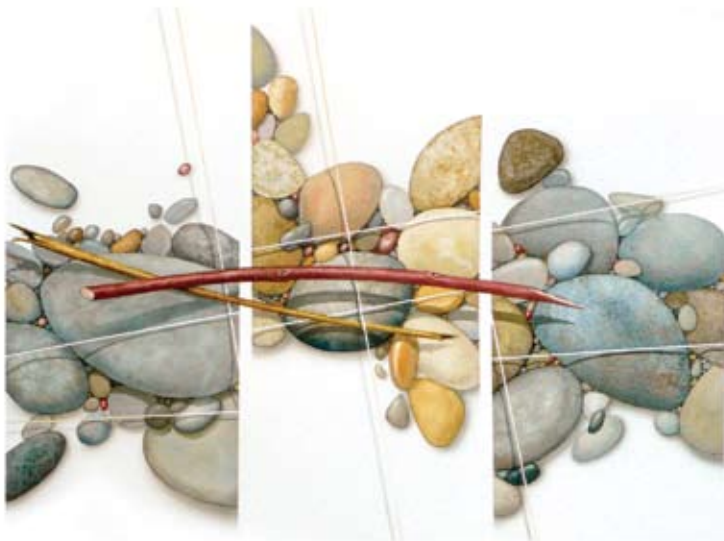
guitarist José Tomás, Andrés Segovia's teaching assistant in Spain, held a week long Master Class in Atlanta, GA. Peter Fletcher was the youngest student to perform in the class, playing music by Bach and Carcassi.

In December, 1983, he made his formal debut at the age of fifteen under the auspices of The Brasstown Concert Association in North Carolina. Fletcher furthered his studies in Master Classes with David Leisner, David Russell, Oscar Ghiglia and Pepe Romero. As a performer in the Christopher Parkening Master Class he was chosen to play in the student recital two consecutive years and, in 1988, the class was broadcast on National Public Radio (NPR). In 1990, the Music Teacher's National Association (MTNA) awarded Fletcher a prize at its National Level Competition. In 1995, he received the Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music under Nicholas Goluses and was twice the recipient of an Eastman Graduate Award.

In demand as a performer in cultural venues throughout the country, Mr. Fletcher appeared as a special guest in 2005 at the World Music Series in Oceanside, California. In 2003 he performed on the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series at the Chicago Cultural Center, and in 2005, Mr. Fletcher was invited to join the distinguished jury of the 9th Annual Schadt String Competition in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He made his New York Debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in February 2007, returned in 2008 and 2009, and in March of 2010 played the venue to a completely sold out audience.

Peter Fletcher's three recordings, *The Art of Classical Guitar*, *A Peter Fletcher Recital* and *Federico Mompou: Guitar Works*, have received critical acclaim. In September '05 Centaur Records released *Peter Fletcher plays Erik Satie*, and in 2007, *Music of Four Centuries*. His current release, *Peter Fletcher Plays Baroque Music for Guitar* was released last October on the Tower Hill Recordings label.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have generously underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.



'Red Twig' by Geoffrey McCormack.

HARRINGTON GALLERY

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organization is available at www.nationalwatercolorssociety.org.

Admission for the National Watercolor Society exhibit is \$5.00. Admission is free on Wednesdays. Harrington Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., for one hour prior to

each Firehouse Arts Center performance and during intermission.

The entrance to free parking is located on Spring Street near First Street. Call (925) 931-4849 for more information or visit the Firehouse Arts Center website, www.firehousearts.org.

DEL VALLE

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merous awards. The foursome has appeared on many radio and television programs, including NPR's "All Things Considered" and "A Prairie Home Companion." Fanfare Magazine their "...loveliness of tone that sets them apart from even the finest choirs and a warmly blended sound that distinguishes them from solo singers."

Tickets are \$33, \$27 and \$21. Students through high school are

admitted free although tickets must be obtained at the box office, 2400 First Street in Livermore.

Purchases may also be done online at the website www.livermoreperformingarts.org or by calling 925-373-6800.



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ART WALK THIS SATURDAY, OCT. 9



Visitors enjoy a display at last year's ArtWalk.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Art Education Classes Displays at Art Walk

Several art education groups and educators will exhibit during the 9th Annual ArtWalk Livermore on October 9, from 11am to 5pm. The event is a fund-raiser for the Bothwell Arts Center, which is itself a destination for arts educators and students, providing classroom and rehearsal space for visual, theatrical, and performance arts.

Arts Education exhibits in or near the Bankhead Theater this year run the gamut from graduates from the San Francisco Art Academy to be on display at the Bankhead Theater to Las Positas College art students from painting students to graphic design, LVJUSD students district-wide, including works from the Special Day program at Marilyn Elementary School for mild to severely disabled children, three local high school art programs, and the City of Livermore's Pathways to Picasso summer program recycling container mural art project. ArtWalk day is the only day that the SF Art Academy show will be open to the public without a ticket to the theater.

Additional arts education exhibits include the Disabled Veteran's art works, which include both classroom paintings from Charles "Bud" Donaldson's all-volunteer painting program to some works created in the VA Hospital's art therapy program, which often focuses on treating vets suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Jen Lock, a private arts teacher, will display her works and lead children in an arts activity in the art, crafts and activities area. Other private art teachers include Angela Johal in the Holidays Tree Pocket Park, and Barbara Stanton, who will display work along with other Bothwell Arts Center studio artist residents at Panama Red Coffee Company. Stanton's students also created two spectacular art banners which will be auctioned off at the Bankhead – look for the sea turtles and the whale.

ArtWalk Tour maps will be printed and available in participating businesses the week prior to ArtWalk; for more information, see www.artwalklivermore.org, or call 925-447-ARTS. ArtWalk can also be followed on Facebook by searching for Artwalk Livermore.

Art Banners to Be Auctioned

Street-pole Art Banners created by local and regional artists are currently creating a temporary display of public art in the approach to downtown. They will be on display until they are auctioned off on Artwalk Day.

The 9th Annual ArtWalk Livermore 2010, produced by the Bothwell Arts Center, is set for Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 11am-5pm. The close of the Art Banner Auction will occur toward the end of the Artwalk event.

Donating their talent and time

to create the works were 38 hand-selected artists, art students and youth groups, including the Pleasanton Art League summer programs for the area middle schools, a teen from the Pathways to Picasso group through the City of Livermore, students from private art classes and Las Positas College, and a 4-H teen who created hers to promote her 4H painting class. Many reflect the theme challenge, "Think Green (but don't use green paint)," from which Waste Management, the sponsors of the

banner project, will judge for their Sponsor's Theme award.

ArtWalk draws thousands out to stroll and enjoy a day of art, music, and shopping. Well over 150 artists will set up exhibits displaying their work in boutique shops, wine bars, restaurants, sidewalks and parks throughout the heart of Livermore. Artists will display artwork from contemporary to traditional, pottery to textile art, paintings, photography, handmade jewelry and more, from artists who are just beginning to award-win-

ning professionals that display in museums and galleries across the country.

For more information about ArtWalk Livermore 2010 or to browse the gallery of artists, see www.artwalklivermore.org. The banner event and ArtWalk itself can also be followed on Facebook by searching "artwalk Livermore". Proceeds from ArtWalk help to support the nonprofit Bothwell Arts Center, a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

'Sing Out' Part of Saturday Event

"Valley SingOut!" will present a free all-day concert of acoustic music performed by excellent Bay Area musicians at the Livermore Valley Plaza on October 9th during ArtWalk 2010.

Amanda West's voice and guitar will be heard live in Livermore for the first time at this music event. She is a songstress with a firm belief in the power of music as an avenue to world peace and interconnectedness. Amanda has toured and sung in folk festivals from California to Washington,

the California World Festival and Freight & Salvage in Berkeley.

This year's event will also include local musicians who have supported the annual Livermore ArtWalk for several years, including Gabriel Duffin and The Mundaze. Duffin, a native of Northern Ireland, made Livermore his home after touring Europe with top Irish bands, performing at venues such as the London Palladium and the Apollo Theater. The Mundaze is a popular award-winning "jam

band" that delivers a rare energetic unplugged performance at this annual Livermore event.

Ira Leitner will travel from Nashville for his fourth ArtWalk performance. Leitner is a folk singer/songwriter that has performed across the United States and at international folk music festivals. Another ArtWalk favorite and a regular at local pubs and wineries, Roger Kardinal returns to give us his classic heart and soul melodies from the ArtWalk stage.

Skylar Catapult Fuxion returns to ArtWalk to open the event with her "Avante Garde" music.

This free concert and ArtWalk are family-friendly events. For further information and performance schedule, visit valleysingout.com. Valley SingOut is a volunteer event in which the musicians, sound technicians, and organizers have donated their time, talent, and equipment to provide a musical gift to the community.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The cast of "James and the Giant Peach" is in final rehearsals for opening night at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. The production will be staged by the Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company on Oct. 8, 9, 15 and 16, 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2 p.m. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. For ticket information, go to www.firehousearts.org. The plot centers on a young English orphan boy who enters a gigantic, magical peach, and has a wild and surreal cross-world adventure with a group of anthropomorphic insects he meets within the giant peach.

Jubilee American Dance Theatre Performs at the Library

The award-winning Jubilee American Dance Theatre will perform at the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, October 16 beginning at 2:00 pm. Jubilee American Dance Theatre is a truly unique performance ensemble, bringing to life the dances, music, songs and stories of the folks who made America.

From Appalachia to Swing Era dance halls to Cajun Country, the North American Whalers, Baja California, and more, Jubilee transports you to another time and place through its rich performance tapestry.

This performance continues the 4th year of the library's popular Dance & Sing Around the World series, celebrating the music and dance of the many cultures which make up Pleasanton and the greater Bay Area.

These 30-45 minute free programs are open to all ages. No registration is required.

For information on these and other family events, visit the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

'Astro' Author to Present Program at Livermore Library

Jeanne Walker Harvey, author of *Astro, the steller sea lion*, will read to children at the Livermore Public Library. The program is Mon., Oct. 18.

Harvey, a Bay Area author and teacher, will read from her new book which tells the true story about Astro, a Steller Sea Lion, whose injury and rescue were not the end of his adventures. Attendees will also be invited to join in a game about Astro, and make a craft.

Harvey has held a number of interesting jobs, including operating the Corkscrew Roller Coaster at Knott's Berry Farm, before becoming a Language Arts teacher and writer. She has dreamed of being a children's book author ever since she was a child, when she saved her allowance to buy magazines on writing.

The program is 7 p.m. in the

Storytime/Craft Room of the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. This program will be held in lieu of the regular Monday evening Family Storytime.

All ages are welcome to this free library program. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 or Gary Myer at (925) 373-5500, ext. 5582, for more information.

Entries Sought for Fusion Teen Zine

Livermore teens ages 13 to 18: Send art, poetry, and short story submissions for the third issue of Livermore Public Library's *Fusion Teen Zine*. The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2010.

Fusion Teen Zine is an art and literary magazine created to showcase the diverse and unique character of Livermore through the eyes of teens. Created by teens, for teens, Fusion combines the artistic talents of Livermore teen artists, poets, and writers

into a free 32 page, full color publication that may be enjoyed in local doctors' offices, hospitals, restaurants, wineries, businesses, schools, and libraries throughout the community.

To view the first and second

issues of *Fusion Teen Zine*, or to download the Submission Guidelines and Release Form, please visit Teen Space on the library's website: www.livermore.lib.ca.us

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Review

Don Giovanni - 'A Winner'

Rousing Applause Greet Livermore Valley Opera's New Production at the Bankhead Theater

by Sarah Bobson

The word is out: Livermore Valley Opera has scored a winner with its *Don Giovanni*. Although LVO audiences are used to more traditional interpretations, the current production opened Saturday night at the Bankhead Theater to rousing applause, enthusiastic chatter during intermission, and a standing ovation at the end of the performance. In a word: The audience simply loved it, which must validate the direction that LVO's new Executive Director Sara Nealy is taking the regional company.

This is an inventive production full of clever uses of technology clearly aimed to attract a younger audience. But it also delights and engages all ages from beginning to end with an outstanding, talented cast of singers.

Director Mark Streshinsky's contemporary version of Mozart's opera is borrowed from the Berkeley West Edge Opera's low-budget production presented earlier this year, which Streshinsky also directed. Gone are the traditional lavish period sets and costumes of 1787, the year the opera was first performed. In their place: minimalist scenery, modern-day props, and contemporary clothing. Yet, should the traditionalists cringe at the thought of a contemporary version going too far, the current production does not reconfigure the original opera. It is faithful to Mozart's sublime music and da Ponte's story and characters. The famous reprobate still has an insatiable appetite for anything feminine. And he still gets his just deserts in the end. But instead of the notorious lothario dashing through the countryside in an 18th century cloak, ruffled shirt and tights, this modern womanizer dashes through women's yoga classes barefoot, dressed in leather pants and an opened shirt, showing enough skin to send female hearts fluttering into the stratosphere.

The updates continue. During the famous catalogue aria, when Leporello warns Dona Elvira, one of Giovanni's conquests, about his master's other conquests, he uses his iPhone to connect to Google Earth. With the image projected on a screen, pushpins sprout up like



Eugene Brancoveanu as Don Giovanni sings to Jennie Litster as Zerlina.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

heads, pinpointing the locations of the Don's 2,065 global conquests. When Leporello accesses his electronic address book, thumbnail photos of the women appear, with names listed in alphabetical order. Another update: A giant Plexiglas mirror occupies a good portion of center stage. The clever prop, which Giovanni looks into constantly, is central to portraying his personality. It symbolizes his extraordinary narcissism and the fact that he derives his power over women by focusing exclusively on himself.

The minimalist sets, elegant in their simplicity, show the director's eye for design. His theatrical devices mostly work in serving the contemporary interpretation. However, the projected black-and-white images at the end of Act II of the Commendatore, who Giovanni has killed, do not. The images fail to create the required foreboding when the mouth movements of the glowing ghost who has come

to drag Giovanni down to hell are out of sync with his words.

Don Giovanni is often called the greatest opera ever written. It is a brilliant blending of opposites: comedy (opera buffa) and tragedy (opera seria), light and dark, characters and couples playing off each other. Streshinsky's stage directing and Alexander Katsman's orchestral conducting have created a seamless blend of these opposites. The opera is also difficult to perform due to scene changes, plot shifts, character dialogue, and music and arias proceeding at a rapid clip. But the gifted singers/actors in this production pulled it off, seemingly effortlessly.

Eugene Brancoveanu personifies the Don's disturbingly lusty, virile magnetism, brash egomania, and rapacious appetite, which recognizes no geographical and moral boundaries. His large, beautiful baritone voice is also capable of wonderfully controlled pianissimos and melting lyricism. In addition to

a commanding stage presence, he has the unbridled energy, passion, and youthful, athletic vitality to propel effortlessly over walls and whirl like a dervish. And he can sing from the most challenging positions: lying flat on his back or bent over backwards.

Marie Plette brings a gorgeous, large soprano voice to the role of Donna Elvira, another woman seduced and abandoned by Giovanni. Rather than play the character as angry, as many singers do, Plette has fun with the role. She portrays the unhinged woman who obsessively runs after Giovanni with a comedian's sense of timing. Plette, Streshinsky's wife, has sung in many of the major American opera houses, including the MET. Her appearance with LVO pushes the 19-year-old company to new heights of accomplishment and polish.

Baritone Roberto Gomez, an LVO favorite, delighted the audience as the Don's mistreated servant, Leporello.

Soprano Melody Tachibana King sang the demanding role of Donna Anna with strength and fortitude, although her full-bodied voice had an occasional slight vibrato.

Soprano Jennie Litster charmed as the innocent, coquettish Zerlina. She sang her "Batti, Batti" aria with sparkle and suppleness. A nice touch: accentuating her runs while tickling her fiancé. A few of her Italian words, though, sounded slurred.

Baritone Sean Sullivan, as Masetto, captivated the audience as he captured, in acting and singing, the personality of Zerlina's jealous bridegroom. It's hard to believe he's only 19 years old. He's definitely someone to watch in the coming years.

It took a while for Matthew Pena, as Ottavio, to warm up his voice. When he did, in his famous Act II aria, "Il mio tesoro intanto," he displayed a strong, lyrical tenor.

Bass James Grainger sang Il Commendatore with strength and resolve.

One final note: It would have been nice for the chorus to take a bow, even if the women only sang 14 bars of music in the whole opera.

All performances take place at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Tickets for the Saturday evening performance, October 9, at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday matinee, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. are available at the box office, at 925-373-6800, or at www.livermoreperformingarts.org. But be warned: The tickets are going fast.

Prices are: \$39-\$59. Students \$10 off on all days.

Included in the ticket price is a pre-performance lecture one hour prior to curtain. A traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

For more information about LVO, visit www.livermorevalleyopera.org

Occasio Samples New Releases, Holds Dinner: Meat on Meat at Izzys

By Laura Ness

Does the idea of a wine that whispers something beneath its breath, much like young Brett does on “The Middle,” intrigue you? If so, you might want to head over to the Occasio tasting room this Friday, October 8, 6-8 pm, to sample their new 2008 Sotto Voce. Winemaker John Kinney is particularly excited about this red wine blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Zinfandel. The name means “in a low, soft voice.”

This elegant wine has a soft mouth feel, full of fruit and chocolate notes. But look further, as the wine has something profound to say about its origins. It whispers of Livermore, with its gravelly soil and cool maritime influences, a special terroir that is just beginning to announce itself, once more, to the world.

This after hours event is for members only, so please RSVP at (925) 371-1987, or email the winery, and reserve your spot. Can't make it? Don't worry, the wine will be available exclusively to members until its public release at the end of the month.

On Saturday, October 9, join winemaker John for a delightfully prepared reprise of the Taste of Terroir pairing and more at Izzy's. If you liked what you sampled then, you'll be extra delighted at the presentation of a larger body of work by both winemaker and chef. This dinner will also feature the new Sotto Voce blend. Contact the winery for details.

On Saturday, right next door to Occasio, visit Nottingham Cellars for a special preview of a wine that does not normally speak in hushed tones. You'll be treated to a barrel tasting of the '09 Petite Sirah, from Noon to 3PM. You won't be disappointed in this wine's range of flavors and luxurious mouth feel. When sampled in July, it was already decadent and was barely old enough to walk on its own. Hats off to Nottingham Cellars for pursuing the production of this heritage grape of Livermore Valley that gives such lugubrious voice to the local terroir, especially in the hands of dedicated growers like Julio Covarrubias, who grew the fruit for this wine. Perhaps you'll be fortunate enough to meet this



humble and hard-working farmer who takes such pride in his work, and in the delicious-to-consume fruits of his labors. However, being as it is harvest and the weather is set for another warm up this weekend, Julio may be otherwise and understandably occupied.

Nottingham will also be releasing several new wines in the coming weeks and months. On Saturday, October 30th, they will be releasing their non-reserve Chardonnay and a wine club member-only Syrah.

It's exciting to have two wineries sharing neighboring spaces that are dedicated producers of some of the varieties for which Livermore has long been known. One variety in particular that is worthy of attention is Sauvignon Blanc, especially in the hands of Occasio's John Kinney, who has done this grape proud in two different styles. The stainless 2009 Sauvignon Blanc is available now, and ready for your Indian Summer drinking pleasure. The Fumé style version is lovely now, but will be like Sleeping Beauty for a while, getting her beauty rest in the bottle until her debut in the chill damp days of February when one longs for a taste of Spring. For now, dream of delectable pineapple, honey and lemon cream pie.

'That's Amore' Benefits Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) will host its main fundraiser on Saturday, October 16, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., the 11th annual “That's Amore” dinner and auction. The event is being held at Goal Line Productions, located at 5959 Coronado Lane in Pleasanton.

The theme of this year's event is “Vintage Vegas.” Along with appetizers, dinner, dessert, and a hosted bar, the evening will include silent and live auctions. There will also be a grand prize raffle of a weekend in Las Vegas (or destination of choice, via a Southwest Airlines Vacation gift certificate valued at \$1000). The winner need not be present to win.

Funds raised from “That's Amore” go directly toward TVAR's mission to rescue homeless animals in the Tri-Valley area. Last year TVAR saved over 1,000 homeless animals from being euthanized at local animal shelters by placing them in temporary foster homes, providing them with needed medical treatments, and successfully matching them to permanent “forever homes.”

TVAR is a 100% non-profit, 501c(3) charitable organization, which is run solely by the commitment of volunteers. TVAR relies on donations and contributions from the community. Having no overhead or payroll expenses, all

resources are focused on helping homeless animals in the Tri-Valley area.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Ticket price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, and ALL beverages including wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, and water. Tickets may be ordered online at www.tvar.org, or by mailing a check to TVAR, P. O. 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

For more information about TVAR, and to see details about this year's auction packages and sponsors, please visit www.tvar.org. You can also contact TVAR by email at contact@tvar.org, or by calling the message line at 925-803-7043.

Mystery Writers Convene at Pleasanton Library

Hear the trade secrets of murderous mystery writers at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sun., Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.

Featured will be a poisonous panel discussion with mystery writers: Rhys Bowen, Royal Blood; Hailey Lind, Arsenic and Old Paint; Terry Thayer, False Impressions; and Penny Warner, How to Crash a Killer Bash.

Warner will host the panel of successful mystery writers discussing their latest books and the secrets of their craft.

Penny's latest mystery is set in

the De Young Museum. “The de Young Museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park is throwing a murder mystery party to raise money, and the notorious yet benevolent philanthropist Mary Lee Miller wants Presley Parker to host it. Though Presley is surrounded by breathtaking artwork, it's a heated squabble between Mary Lee and her son Corbin that catches her attention. When Mary Lee is found dead with a fake dagger in her chest, Delicia—Presley's friend and Corbin's girlfriend—is

the key suspect. Presley begins sleuthing to clear her friend and solve the mounting murders, only to find someone wants this life of the party dead.”

Penny lives in Danville.

Books will be available for sale at the event. For presale, please call Towne Center Books, 925/846-8826.

Library Programs are free and open to all. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405 or see the website at www.pennywarner.com.

Lions Club Hosts 'Big Money Giveaway'

The annual Lions Club “Big Money Giveaway” dinner and drawing will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 with hosted cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM and a complete barbecued steak or chicken dinner beginning at 7:30 PM with the event culminating in a drawing for \$5000 in cash. There are also smaller cash prizes. Tickets are limited to 250, so odds of winning are very good. Ticket donation is \$100.

This event is sponsored by the Amador Valley Lions Club benefiting Lions Sight Conservation and Community Projects. We help support two facilities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties teaching the visually impaired life skills and help with job placement. Again this year, it will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, at the Palm Pavilion with free parking directly across the street on Pleasanton Avenue.

Silent auction, raffles and sports memorabilia sales begin at 6:00 PM. Items and prizes are donated by local businesses. Items range from gift baskets to dinners, hotel stays, wines, limousine service, etc.

For tickets and information, contact any member of the Amador Valley Lions Club or, Chuck Doran at (925) 484-4097.

'Secretariat' Showing Benefit for Rotary

There will be a fun family evening Monday, October 11 in downtown Livermore.

Join the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley and Livermore Cinemas for a movie night FUND-raiser. See the “blindsided movie of the year,” Secretariat (with John Malkovich and Diane Lane). Receive complimentary beer, wine or soda and of course popcorn, all

for just \$20.

This is a fund-raiser for the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley to help in their many community projects for this year. This fun family night out will help support the “Every 15 Minutes” program, the 3rd grade dictionary program, vocational and educational scholarships for local students, the Las

Positas College Veterans Club and much much more.

Doors open at 7pm. The movie starts at 7:30, Monday, October 11 at Livermore Cinemas (corner of First St. and Railroad Ave.). For tickets or more information please contact Anne Wilburn at Livermore Valley Rotary Club at 925.449.4650 or 925.200.2801

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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Call for artists. Fine Art Exhibition October 22 & 23 in the Center Court at the Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton. Presented by Poetry On Canvas, sought are a handful of Unique Artists in Painting, Sculpting and Glass Work. Submit a sample of your work to PoetryOnCanvas@mac.com.

Our Best Shot. Oct. 1-31, Livermore Art Association exhibit, Livermore Library Art Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

The Wild Vine. Taylor Common is the featured artist through September. Taylor's acrylic paintings draw the viewer in with colorful images and intend to generate an emotion, whether good or bad. "I want people to rethink what they see as beautiful, to see beauty in perhaps something that you have not considered before." Taylor received the 2010 PAL \$1000 scholarship award in recognition of her art and in support of her continued art practice. The Wild Vine is located at 2187 First St., Livermore.

Museum on Main and Pleasanton Art League. Explore the imagination of Pleasanton's art community in an exhibit entitled *Imagination Expressed 2010*, showing through October 16 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Thirty-five members of the Pleasanton Art League and the Museum on Main are partnering in this fourth annual showcase that is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays 1-4 p.m. Additionally, artists will talk about and/or demonstrate their particular art form at various times during the course of the exhibit; phone the Museum for details. Artwork will also be for sale. For more information phone Pleasanton Art League members Carole Hilton at 443-3849 or Charlotte Severin at 846-6382, the Museum on Main at 462-2766 or email: office@museumonmain.org.

The Wild Vine. Livermore artist Lenore Kreit, presents "Works in Life Drawing" from Oct.-Nov. A life-long artist, her work includes extensive life drawings & paintings in an expressionistic style as well as abstracts. Kreit exhibits throughout the Tri-Valley Area, Berkeley & Oakland areas. Reception is Thurs., Oct. 14, from 7-9 p.m. at the Wild Vine Art Gallery & Wine Lounge, 2187 First St., Livermore.

9th Annual ArtWalk. Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Livermore. Over 150 artists will set up exhibits, displaying their work in boutique shops, wine bars, restaurants, sidewalks and parks throughout the heart of downtown. The event is a fund-raiser for the Bothwell Arts Center. More info is available at www.artwalklivermore.org; music event info at www.valleysingout.com. Follow it on Facebook by searching "ArtWalk Livermore."

Ceramics by Barbara Johnson, artist reception Oct. 10, 1 to 3 p.m. Exhibit on display through Oct. 31. Wentve Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd, Livermore 925.456.2305, wentvevineyards.com

Nudes Exhibition at Ryan Fine Art October 9 - November 15th. Gallery reopens with figurative work in larger-than-life sculpture by Don Homan, realism by Jennifer Wildermuth, Ozell Hudson and Steve Calderon, nude yoga-based photography by Matt Haber, Art Nouveau-inspired hermaphrodite drawings by Jacob Hankinson, woodcut prints and etchings by Laura Miller, abstract figurative by Linda Ryan. Gallery is located at 171 So. J Street, sponsored by It's All About Dancing. Opening reception to be held during ArtWalk from 11-5pm on October 9th. Post ArtWalk, Ethereal Designs

will join the gallery with one-of-a-kind jewelry offerings and increased open hours. See www.artwalklivermore.org for more info.

National Watercolor Society exhibit, paintings from the 89th Annual Exhibition. October 19-December 2, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Information at 925.931.5355

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Karen Frey Watercolor Workshop. Oct. 20-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton. Presented in conjunction with the National Watercolor Society exhibit. Deposit of \$100 due by July 1. The fee for this workshop is \$295. Space is limited to 16 people. Phone 925-449-4226 or e-mail lsbeach@comcast.net.

Grumbacher Introductory acrylic painting classes taught by local artist, Sally Haig, scheduled at the Michaels, Dublin store. The workshops are for beginners or artists who would like to brush up on their skills. Workshops are taught in a step by step follow along fashion. In two hours you will have a finished painting. For the month of October, Thursday evening classes 6:30 to 8:30, 10/7, Floral, 10/14, Landscape, 10/21, Still Life, 10/128 Seascape. Saturdays in October, from 2 to 4 p.m., 10/9, Seascape, 10/23, Still Life. For more information call Michaels at (925) 829-2265.

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. At the Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore, Ca. 94550. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Alexander's Fine Art Gallery, series of summer and fall art workshops. Instruction will be in acrylic, oil, pastel and watercolor. Classes will be held at the 608 Main Street. Visit www.alexandersfineart.com for complete workshop information, or call Rosalinda Herrera at (925) 846-6015.

Art Critique and Coffee, every Friday, 10 a.m. at Border's Cafe, Rose Pavilion, Pleasanton. Information go to poetryoncanvas@mac.com.

WINERY EVENTS

October 9th Summer music at Crooked Vine Stony Ridge Winery, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Featuring, The Redhouse Allstars along with CV/SR wine available by the glass or bottle and appetizers, sandwiches or full dinners for purchase from Scotty's Catering, yes the ribs will be there while they last. Come on out for a fantastic evening under the stars with great wine, food, music & dancing. Only \$10 per person, \$5.00 for CV/SR wine club members. <http://www.crookedvine.com> also <http://www.scottyscatering.com>. Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Road, Livermore: calendar of events; **Ladies night in the barrel room** on Oct. 15, \$20, wine and food included, must purchase tickets in advance - clothes, jewelry, shoe swap. **Picking party and stomp** on Oct. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Music by Frankie's Band, \$20. **Adult game night,** 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 22, bring an appetizer to share, wine available for purchase, free admission. **Music and barrel tasting** noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 23, future wines. **Kids day at the winery,** 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 29, games, costume parade, grape stomp, photo shots in the vines, and much more. **Annual costume party** on Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

to ? Music to dance by Luna Fish, inside event with food and wine available for purchase. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com.

Tamas Estates, Livermore, final Buon Appetito of 2010. Wed., Oct. 13, 4 to 7 p.m. Complimentary for wine club members, \$10 for guests. 462-2380 for reservations.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Music every Saturday in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band, plays at The Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's, 30's, 40's.

Blacksmith Square Saturday Concerts, Thomas Coyne Winery, John Christopher Cellars, Swirl Tapas Bar and Victorian Olive Oil present live music in the Square, 3 to 6 p.m. Wine tasting (fee waived with purchase), food at menu prices. No outside food or adult beverages. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.

Jim Brickman, solo piano, An Evening of Romance, 8 p.m. Oct. 9, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. 973-3343 or SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

Amanda West, singer, songwriter will give a special evening performance of deeply introspective acoustic folk/rock on Oct. 9, 6-7 PM, at Panama Red Coffee House, 2115 First Street, Livermore. Information at www.valleysingout.com. Come early as seating is limited.

Anonymous Four, 8 p.m. Sat., Oct. 16, Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets or information 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Award-winning Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher will be performing a diverse program of music from four centuries on Sun., Oct. 17 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, 2 p.m. This concert will feature selections from Fletcher's 2008 CD release on Tower Hill Records: Music of the Baroque. Other repertoire will include Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring from Cantata No. 147 as well as the Chaconne in D minor by J. S. Bach; Usher-Waltz, an unusual and intense piece by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin; two works from Maurice Ravel's exquisite Mother Goose Suite, and music of Weiss, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos Ponce, Reusner, and Grieg. Free and open to the public. Information at 373.5500 or www.livermore.lib.ca.us/ The program will culminate with Koyunbaba.

Tia Fuller Quartet, 8 p.m. Sat., Oct. 23. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets or information www.firehousearts.org

A Ceremony of Cellos in Memory of Lawrence Granger, Sun., Oct. 24, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Red Priest, Nightmare in Venice, Chamber Music reinvented for the 21st Century. Thurs., Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets or information www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.

San Ramon Symphonic Band, October 29, 7:30 p.m. "A Night at the Cinema" Pops Concert, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. 973-3343 or SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

Concerto Concert, 8 p.m. Oct. 29. Las

Positas College Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Performing Arts Events Line at 925.424.1100 or go to www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

ON THE STAGE

My Way, musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. Oct. 8, 9, 10. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Call 462-2121 or go to www.trivalleyrep.com.

James and the Giant Peach, Civic Arts Stage Company, Oct. 8, 9, 15 and 16, 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

It's Magic starring Mark Kalin & Jinger, Jeff Hobson, John Shryock and Joel Ward. Thurs., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets or information www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.

Lost in Yonkers by Neil Simon. Directed by Robin Taylor. October 22-November 13. Role Players Ensemble Theatre, Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets or information www.danvilletheatre.com or 925-820-1278.

A Fractured Fairy Tale, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. Las Positas College Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Performing Arts Events Line at 925.424.1100 or go to www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Oct. 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, Nov. 5, 6, 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Call 462-2121 or go to www.trivalleyrep.com for information.

COMEDY

The Second City, comedy, Fri., Oct. 22, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Teen Improv, Tri-Valley High Episodes of Horror by Creatures of Impulse, Thurs., Oct. 28-Sat., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets or information www.firehousearts.org

DANCE

Friday Night Dance Parties, themed parties each Saturday night from Salsa to Swing, includes an optional group dance lesson at 8:15. \$15 cover charge, 8:15 dance lesson, 9:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. \$15 cover charge. Information 925-449-9292, or studio@itsallaboutdancing.com.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Auditions, Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy will hold auditions for young performers ages 8-high school for roles in You're A Good Man Charlie Brown. Auditions take place Saturday, Oct. 16 from 2-6pm at Jamie's Dance, 3688 Washington Ave., Pleasanton. Rehearsals are Thursdays 5:30-8:00 and Fridays 7:00-9:00. Performances are the weekend of February 4. Once cast list has been posted, tuition fee is \$395. Please register at www.TriValleyYPA.org and the audition material will be sent.

Livermore's 2011 Regional Talent Competition is now accepting applications. Top winners in each of two categories - youth (17 and under) and adults (18 and over) - will each take home \$2,500. This competition will feature singers, dancers, bands, pianists, magicians, comedians and other types of performances. Aspiring performers from anywhere are invited to audition and compete. Information

and applications for auditions are available at LivermoreTalentCompetition.com. Applications must be received by December 31, 2010.

Auditions, Bat Boy: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. October 11th and Oct. 12th at 7:30pm Call-backs by invitation only, Saturday October 16th at 12:00 noon. TVRT Studio Theater, 1048 Serpentine Lane #307 Pleasanton. Prepare, 16-32 bars up-tempo pop or Broadway. Bring sheet music --accompanist provided. No tapes, no a capella. The role of Parker has been pre-cast. Please download the audition form and bring to audition with current headshot and resume. www.trivalleyrep.org

Auditions, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Saturday October 23th at 12pm and Sunday October 24th at 7:30pm No Appointment Necessary Auditions and call-backs are held at the Triple Threat Performing Arts, 315 Wrights Bros. Avenue Livermore. Dance Call: October 30th at 11:00 am. Actors will be seen in order of arrival. Prepare 32 bars from classic Broadway. Please bring sheet music in your key. An accompanist will be provided. Rehearsals start November 8, 2010. Show dates are January 21, 2011 through February 7, 2011 at The Bankhead Theater in Livermore. www.trivalleyrep.org

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, Vine Cinema and Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore. Schedule: Oct. 14: Casablanca; Nov. 11: Raiders of the Lost Ark; Dec. 9: Gone with the Wind; and Jan. 13: Star Wars. All movies begin at 7 p.m. Information at www.VineCinema.com or 447-2545.

Going Places: A Classic Film Series, shown the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room through June 2, 2011. The program is a partnership of Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library proudly present. Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College, is the host. There is no admission charge. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. 931-3400. No registration required.

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale, fund-raiser concert, "Musical Reflections," Sun., Oct. 24, 3 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. Tasty treats and beverages while you listen to some selections from popular movies and musicals, including music from A Choral Celebration by Sondheim, a King and I Medley, A Choral Portrait by Jerome Kern, A Sentimental Journey through the 40's, and Fiddler on the Roof. \$35, www.valleyconcertchorale.org

OPERA

Don Giovanni, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Livermore Valley Opera production. Gala opening night, Oct. 2; additional performances Oct. 3, 8, 9, 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Tosca, Opera San José continues its 27th Anniversary Season with Puccini's *Tosca*. In Italian with English Supertitles The story of a popular opera diva brought down by the chief of Rome's secret police, *Tosca* always leaves its audiences startled and breathless by the searing beauty of Puccini's melodies. Eight performances are scheduled from November 13 through 28 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at www.operasj.org. *Tosca* is made

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possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

MISCELLANEOUS

A Conservation Affair, Thurs., Oct. 7, Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, Pleasanton. Proceeds will benefit Tri-Valley Conservancy projects. Evening includes dinner, silent and live auctions, and music. Information and tickets at 449-8706 or www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

Bed racers and chili cooks, Competing for prizes and fame, Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. Sunol 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To help Little Brown Church of Sunol celebrate 125th anniversary. Entry forms for the chili cook-off and for the bed races are available for downloading at www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org.

Pirates of Emerson - Haunting Fields, Oct. 1-31. Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For 2010, the award winning Pirates are bringing Chills, Thrills and Cut Throat Terror to the Bay Area for the 19th year. Consuming over 4 acres, including 5 haunted houses, metallic maze, theatre, games and the spectacular Never was Haul, and not to mention the fiery pirate ship stage filled with entertainment. Not recommended for children under 13. General \$20, Speed Pass \$30, Amusement Ticket upgrade \$5 at door. Parking \$8. Doing our best to make Pleasanton UN-Pleasant. 510-657-2121 www.PiratesOfEmerson.com

Canine Companions for Independence® (CCI) East Bay regional chapter of CCI first fundraiser. This birthday celebration will be a fun, casual affair. "Paws to Celebrate" will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Retzlaff Winery, 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. A BBQ lunch will be served along with wonderful organic wines from Retzlaff Vineyard. In addition to the silent auction, carnival games and raffle, the event will have demonstrations from service dogs teams and trainers. A DJ will also provide the music for the doggie dancing demo, and will be playing throughout the afternoon. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children under 18. They can be purchased on our chapter website, www.cciastbay.org.

Kelly Corrigan, author of *The Middle Place* will speak about her latest book, *Lift*, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. Rae Dorough Speakers Series, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 925.373.6800

Spirit Talk with Terri Carlson, Thursday, October 14, Welcome the many spirits that surround the life of Pleasanton local, Terri Carlson. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. 7 p.m. at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$5 members

and seniors, \$10 nonmembers, \$3 students and teachers with ID. Reservations are suggested. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call the Museum on Main at 462-2766.

Tahiti in San Ramon, Oct. 16, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Tahitian dancing, drumming and music, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. 973-3343 or SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

That's Amore Goes Vintage Vegas, theme of the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue dinner and auction fund-raising, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Goal Line Production Studio, 5959 Coronado Lane in Pleasanton, from 6-10 p.m. Catering by Girasole Grill. Information and tickets at www.tvr.org.

BOO_etry 2: A Halloween Party with Poetry, Oct. 21. Dust off the scariest poems to read at the suspiciously special open mic. Halloween costumes are welcome, but optional. From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Cost: \$5.00, students free. Michelle Russo at mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or 925-931-5350 or Deborah Grossman at pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/PleasantonPoetry.

3rd Annual "Put A Little Love in Your Heart" fund-raiser for Open Heart Kitchen, Fri., Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Blacksmith Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Live music by El Desayuno - Latin Jazz and Salsa. Wine tasting with John Christopher Cellars, Thomas Coyne and Little Valley Winery. Appetizers provided by Scotty's Catering. Food and wine pairing provided by Swirl Restaurant and Green Leaf BBQ. Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar tasting provided by Victorine Olive Oil Co.. Michelle Bucket, of Michelle's Jewelry Box, will be selling her custom jewelry. Raffle prizes. Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be on hand to accept tax deductible donations. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted. For more information call 925 580-6793 or go to <http://www.openheartkitchen.org>.

Reducing the Nuclear Stockpile, Tues., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. William Perry and Michael May Former Secretary of Defense William Perry and LLNL Director Emeritus Michael May discuss the potential for and the issues associated with reducing American and Russian nuclear weapon inventories to zero. Rae Dorough Speakers Series, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 925.373.6800.

Downtown Halloween Carnival, October 27, 2010 - 4pm to 7:30pm in downtown Livermore. For families with children in 5th grade and younger. To participate,

children will need to purchase a \$5.00 Fun Pass that will give them access to all of the downtown activities. The Fun Passes may be purchased in advance through Livermore Downtown Inc. at 20 S. L Street. Passes will also be available the evening of the event at the Fun Pass Booths in each activity location. For more information contact Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795 or go to www.livermoredowntown.com

1st annual "Race to the Flag Pole" presented by the Livermore-Granada Boosters Saturday, November 13, 2010. The one mile race will go through downtown Livermore, starting on Second Street and finishing at Livermore's original flag pole in Carnegie Park. This event is open to all ages. All proceeds will support the Livermore-Granada scholarship program. Race-day registration will begin at 7 a.m. at Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore. The race will be divided into age groups. The first age group will start at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration fees are \$10 for kids ages 10 and under and \$20 for ages 11 and up. On race day, all registration fees will be \$5 higher. For more information visit www.livermoregranadaboosters.org. Application forms can be downloaded or registration can be made online. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535.



The Picazo Vineyards' vineyard was blessed by Father Robert of St. Ignatius of Antioch in the presence of many friends and family. The ceremony was performed in the vineyard at the home of Jose and Pam Picazo. The day began with a Rosè from PICAZO vineyards paired with morsels served in and around the patio and pool area. here was prayer and laughter as Father Robert expressed the mutual feeling of exuberation by all in attendance. As he concluded his sermon, he blessed the grapes by scattering holy water on the grapes, the winemaker, the family and friends. Afterward, the group meandered back to the home to engage in a Lobster feast paired with 2009 Sauvignon Blanc.

Six Orphans Perform in Pleasanton

Six orphans from the Caminul Felix home in Romania will present a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court.

The six teen-agers will present the vocal music as part of a four-week tour of California under the auspices of Assist International, a ministry based in Scotts Valley. The presentation of Christian music will include songs in both English and Romanian.

The youth live in the modern Caminul Felix home, the name

of which translates into "Happy Home." It has been recognized in Romania as a model home for orphans. Children live in family units with a "mom and dad" instead of in an institutional setting.

The plight of Romanian orphans was covered by all of the major networks after the 40-year reign and fall of the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. It is estimated that more than 60,000 children lived in state-run orphanages or on the streets just 10 years ago.

Since joining the European

Union, Romania has moved many orphans into foster care and smaller, more modern institutions. In contrast to Caminul Felix, most of these children still lack family life and connections.

During the concert, the singers will also share some of their individual stories.

There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be taken.

For more information, please call 925-846-4436 or see www.centerpointechurch.info or www.caminulfelix.org or www.assistinternational.org.

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Students Chart a Different Path at Vineyard Alternative School

By Patricia Koning

Sheryl Howser admits to having doubts about Vineyard Alternative Elementary and High School's program when she became principal a few years ago. "I thought, how can one hour a week do justice for these kids," she says. "But it's the one-on-one contact that is the key to the program's success. I am a convert."

Vineyard is an independent study program, run through the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. This means that the 200 or so students in first through twelfth grade use the same textbooks and take many of the same tests—including state standardized tests—as their counterparts in the District's other schools.

These students are home-schooled, in that they are taught at home by a parent or guardian (or work independently at the high school level), but they also have a weekly one-on-one meeting with a credentialed teacher at the Vineyard school site who reviews their progress, assigns homework, and monitors testing. Families do not pay any additional costs for the program and the District still receives the same Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding as it does for students enrolled in traditional schools.

Vineyard offers an alternative for students who aren't able to succeed in public schools for a variety of reasons, and a way for parents to homeschool without having to

purchase or create curriculum.

"This school is the best-kept secret in Livermore," says Susan Bierwirth, who began teaching middle school at Vineyard last year.

One of her students, an eighth-grader, was struggling at a traditional middle school last year. The student is extremely shy and was having problems concentrating in large, noisy classes. She also missed a lot of school for medical treatment of headaches.

Her mother heard about Vineyard only because her older daughter was attending Adult Education classes and noticed the Vineyard office. Both Vineyard and Adult Ed are located at the Almond Avenue school site; ironically, Howser was also principal at Almond Avenue Elementary School, which closed in 2004.

Since starting at Vineyard, the student's grades are back up and she's keeping up with her peers. "This is a nice place to stop and get your bearings," says her mother.

Other students choose Vineyard because Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), anxiety, or other conditions make it difficult for them to learn at traditional schools. There are also students who have experienced tragedies in their life who need the quiet and individual attention at Vineyard to regroup.

Currently, there are only a handful of students in Vineyard's

elementary school program, which covers grades one through eight, and about 170 students in the high school program. Howser says enrollment in both programs will increase dramatically after the first grading period, to about 230 students total.

Vineyard's high school program has as much variety as you'd find at a traditional high school. There are the struggling students who come to the school to recover credits, and students with disabilities like ADHD who learn better through independent study. There are also students who need to work and can't commit to the traditional school schedule and teen mothers who still want to finish high school.

Vineyard students are also world-class athletes who need a school schedule that works around practice and competition. Acrobatic gymnast Kristin Allen, who won a gold medal with her partner Michael Rodriguez at the 2010 World Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships and 2009 World Games, graduated from Vineyard last year.

Baljinyam Dashdorj, a native of Mongolia who moved to the United States at the age of nine, enrolled in Vineyard after his freshman year in high school. His parents were concerned that they might have to move back to Mongolia before he graduated. "We decided it would be easier for me

to stay in the United States on my own if I was in college," he says.

Dashdorj was very advanced in math, so independent study offered him the chance to accelerate his studies by taking classes at Las Positas College. He also continued taking orchestra and German at Livermore High School. "There was a lot of driving around," he says. "When I got my license, my parents had a joyous celebration."

He was able to finish high school a year ahead of schedule and started at Stanford University in the fall of 2008. Independent study also gave him the chance to take care of his younger brother while his parents worked. "It was great fun," he says. "I would never have known him like I do now."

Dashdorj credits his Vineyard teacher, Helen Daniel, with his course of study at Stanford. Always a math whiz, he's now studying philosophy and German and intends to become a second grade teacher. "I hated English but Ms. Daniel really changed my mind," he says. "She was a godsend."

Daniel feels that Vineyard has been a godsend for her. In 2002, she was the chair of the English department at Livermore High School when then-principal Nancy Steele asked if she'd be interested in teaching for a few hours each week at Vineyard. "I was about to call Nancy to see if I could teach in the adult school because I needed

some extra income," says Daniel. "If I could have taught here for my entire career, I would have."

Daniel retired from Livermore High School in 2004 and has taken on more students and a larger role at Vineyard. "In the regular classroom you try to have a good relationship with your students, but you really can't get to know them very well," she says. "Here we develop really close educational and personal relationships. The teachers also work very closely—there's a real sense of teamwork that just isn't possible in a larger faculty."

The teachers have different areas of expertise and refer their students to one another based on their needs. Vineyard also offers math and writing tutoring to all of the students.

"Every student here is a special needs child in some sense," says Daniel. "The decision to come to Vineyard, even if it's for the best reasons, is traumatic. But once they are here, they don't want to leave."

Vineyard graduates about 70 students each year. While the students graduate at various times throughout the school year, many come back for the graduation ceremony in June, which also includes Adult Education graduates.

For more information on Vineyard, visit <http://vineyard.school-loop.com>.

Las Positas College Welding Program Offers Variety of Opportunities

John Bruskotter, President of the American Welding Society (AWS), toured the Las Positas College Welding Department last week. A fieldtrip for Las Positas College welding students was planned for Bruskotter's Bay Area AWS presentation later that evening, "Offshore Oil and Gas Platforms: AWS Energizes the World," in which he addressed the BP Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico.

Las Positas College Welding

Technology Department Coordinator and Instructor Scott Miner noted that the college had the most new student welding society members on the west coast and the seventh highest increase in the nation.

Las Positas College's Welding Technology Department offers both degree and certificate programs. The Associate of Science Degree is recommended for students who wish to pursue a four-year degree program. The degree program includes the Certificate, plus additional welding, industrial

technology, and general education courses. Students earning the degree also will have demonstrated a broader educational basis and writing ability that can give them an advantage for employment and advancement opportunities in the future, Miner explained.

He noted that his program benefits diverse students who are interested in taking welding classes. Students include professionals with bachelor's degrees who work in engineering and technical professions and take classes to learn new skills and

technology. Miner also offers a popular welding art class where students create sculpture, jewelry, and other metal artwork. An annual welding art show features students' creative work.

Making welding technology an inclusive and accessible program for women, traditionally an under-represented population in welding, is one of Miner's priorities. Las Positas College is one of eight California community colleges selected for the CalWomenTech Project, connected with the Institute for Women in Trades, Tech-

nology and Sciences (IWITTS), a national nonprofit organization with funding from the National Science Foundation.

For more information about the Las Positas College Welding Technology Program, please visit the website at www.laspositascollege.edu/WELD, or contact Miner at SMiner@laspositascollege.edu, or 925 424-1134.

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Tri-Valley Conservancy will host its 6th annual gala fundraising event "A Conservation Affair" on October 7th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The evening events include Hosted Cocktails, Silent and Live Auction, Dinner, & Entertainment provided by The Front Porch. The winning wines from our "Livermore Valley Uncorked" wine competition will be tasted and the "Best in Show" winner will be announced. The attire is wine country casual. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave, Pleasanton Tickets are \$95 per person ~ purchase on line: www.trivalleyconservancy.org or call 925-449-8706

The Livermore Filipino American Organization (LFAO) will host its annual dinner dance on October 23, 2010 at Livermore Elks Lodge Located at 940 Larkspur Street, Livermore, Ca. 94551. For tickets, please call Pinky or Fred Kelsey at 925.449.1887 or Thess Watson at 925.858.5560. Money raised from this event will go to our Scholarship Program that will help deserving high school students from Livermore & Granada High Schools. All graduating seniors at Livermore and Granada High Schools, who are eligible for the annual Livermore FilAm Scholarship award, may contact Racquel Holt, Scholarship Committee chairperson at 925.373.9754 for more information.

3rd Annual Team KC Swim Strong swim-a-thon, Sat., Oct. 16, Robert Livermore Community Center Pool, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Proceeds benefit the pediatric cancer patients and families of Kaiser Oakland. Swimmers will swim as many laps as possible in a 30-minute time slot. They collect sponsors either per lap or a set amount. Raffle tickets, t-shirts, bake sale. Free BBQ for all swimmers. For information go to www.teamkcswimathon.com or contact Cindy Gary, 686-7767.

Free Diabetes Class. 7 week series will teach you how to manage your Type 2 diabetes or Pre Diabetes, eat the foods you love, how and why to check your blood sugar, medications, exercise and more! New series begins Oct. 12 in Dublin. Please call the Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 for more information and to register.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, October 15, 1-7:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.RedCrossBlood.org, and use ASBURY925 as the sponsor code. For more information contact Tom Petty at 925-980-8164.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 9, 20 miles celebrate Navy Fleet Week, meet 10 a.m. at Ferry Building in San Francisco, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Oct. 10, 30-35 miles Dublin to Sunol Regional Park, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Elaine Nadeau, 577-6506. Wed., Oct. 13, 25 miles Las Trampas Park, meet 10 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin, Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets on Saturday, October 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We meet in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. Do you know anyone who is blind or is experiencing vision loss? The organization can help people to adjust. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more info.

Alameda County Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Organization For Women hosting Deputy District Attorney Sharmin Bock from the Alameda County District Attorney's office HEAT Watch Program. HEAT stands for "Human Exploitation And Trafficking". HEAT Watch brings together those who interact with children who are victims of commercial sexual

exploitation and abuse, and along with Alameda County Health Care, law enforcement, social services and the court system, they join forces and provide a collaborative effort to combat human trafficking of minors that happens on our streets and in our communities everyday. Deputy DA Bock will speak on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:30 PM @ the Round Table Pizza, 530 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The public is welcome to attend.

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet Thursday, October 14 at 7p.m. at the Alisal Elementary School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Speaker, Barry Hoffer of the Maples for All Seasons Nursery in Pleasanton, widely known as "The Maple Guy," will focus on the pruning of Japanese Maples, his specialty for the past fifteen years. Visitors welcome. For more info see website: www.LAVGC.org.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated hosts Allison Olson, Legislative Advocate of the California Federation of Republican Women, as guest speaker at its next dinner meeting on Thursday, October 14. The public is invited to come and participate in a lively discussion of the upcoming election. Meeting starts at 6:30pm at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. \$26 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Advance reservations required by Sunday, October 10. Call Phyllis at (925) 462-4931 to RSVP. Visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org for more information.

Holiday Boutique Vendors. Donlon Elementary is hosting a Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 11th and is looking for merchants. This event is a fundraiser for the Donlon Parent Faculty Club and all proceeds will benefit the classrooms. The event will run from 10 am to 2 pm and is held in the school's multipurpose room. To reserve a space, go to donlonboutique2010@gmail.com. The cost is \$20 per half table or \$40 for an entire 11 foot table. Space is limited.

Night Sky Saunter, Fri., Oct. 8, 7 p.m. Mt. Wanda at John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez. Two hour round trip adventure. Pace will be moderate with numerous stops. Reservations are required. Please call 228-8860. Bring water and binoculars, if available. Wear good walking shoes. If rains heavily, the walk will be cancelled. For more information, call 228-8860.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Oct. 14, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cal Wood will show digital photographs of his adventures with his wife Dixie in Antarctica and the Chilean Fjords. Cal and Dixie traveled on a small cruise ship (the Clelia II, capacity: 100 passengers), which allowed for a great deal of personal attention and a marvelous experience with very knowledgeable expedition leaders. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Pleasanton, volunteer women's service organization descended from a patriot of the American Revolution. Dedicated to patriotism, preservation of American history and securing America's future through better education. For more information, contact anarcisco@comcast.net or phone 510-507-5509.

IMA, Amador Valley and Diablo Valley Chapters, meeting Thurs., Sept. 30, 6 p.m. Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Round Hill Rd., Alamo. Guest speaker John Templeton, founder and owner of Team Edserve, Inc. Topic is Workplace Team Building: The Power of Red and Green Language. Please contact Joan Kushner at jckushner@comcast.net, if planning to attend. #35 for members and guests, \$20 students. Information about the group, call Chung Bothwell, 423-3614.

Fremont High School, Oakland, is having their semi-annual luncheon for all Alumni on Oct. 26 at 11 am, at Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley. "Hugo and His Guitar" will entertain. \$16.00 payable to "Women of Fremont," sent to Ellie Carrera Dailey, 3512 Squeri Dr. San Jose, CA 95127. For Info: Donna-925-837-6589 or Jo-925-846-6155.

Holiday Boutique, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a Holiday Boutique

on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place in the gymnasium at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact the office with any questions, 925-447-1246.

The Livermore READ Project is seeking volunteer literacy tutors. Over 90 students are waiting for tutors. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Monday, October 18, from 7-9PM and on Saturday, October 23rd, from 9AM-4PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Tutoring is on a one-to-one basis and can be done on any day or at any time. The Livermore READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public Library. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507.

35th Annual Holiday Boutique, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 is hosting its 35th annual Holiday Boutique on Friday, October 15, 2010 from 11:00am-7:00pm and Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 10:00am – 4pm. A variety of handmade gift items, jewelry and home and holiday decorations will be for sale. For more information, please contact Joyce at (925)606-7676.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, 7p.m. on October 13, Wednesday. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. A peaceful war protest will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, October 27 between 5-6 p.m. at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowling@pacbell.net. Please see our New P4P web site www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

Mind-Body Techniques To Take the Edge Off Grief, Wednesday, October 13, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Explore ways to move through your grieving process. Hope Hospice Grief Support Center, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. Information 829-8770.

3rd Annual "Put A Little Love in Your Heart" fund-raiser for Open Heart Kitchen, Fri., Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Blacksmith Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Live music by El Desayuno - Latin Jazz and Salsa. Wine tasting with John Christopher Cellars, Thomas Coyne and Little Valley Winery. Appetizers provided by Scotty's Catering. Food and wine pairing provided by Swirl Restaurant and Green Leaf BBQ. Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar tasting provided by Victorine Olive Oil Co. Michelle Bucket, of Michelle's Jewelry Box, will be selling her custom jewelry. Raffle prizes. Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be on hand to accept tax deductible donations. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted. For more information call 925 580-6793 or go to www.openheartkitchen.org.

Clutter-Less Self Help Support Group, (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings in Room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our one of the volunteers: 925-200-1943, or go to www.ClutterLess.org.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new and established residents to its monthly luncheon on Oct. 21 at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. The speaker will be Gil Jardine, topic is wine and food pairings. 11:30-2pm. Cost is \$20. Call Susan, 925-718-5214, for reservations & information.

Birthright Pregnancy Support Service, looking an office volunteer to assist clients weekly on Wednesdays 10-2, and substitute office volunteers for all days. Also looking for a volunteer CPA to assist annually with reviewing books and other related assistance. For information on a variety of volunteer opportunities, please call John Kupski evenings at 606-8230. We are presently open M-Tu-Fri 10 am-2 pm, Thurs. eve. 6-9 pm, and we are anxious to reopen on Wed. Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., just behind the Granada Shopping Center, or call 449-5887. 1-800-550-4900 Hotline number is staffed 24 hours a day. All Birthright services are free and confidential. www.birthright.org

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Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities, and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at denicia.gresel@cnil-online.org. All services are free.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Annual picnic in Pleasanton, Oct. 23, 2:30 p.m., RSVP and send checks by Oct. 20 to Ruby, 462-9636. Champagne brunch in San Ramon, Oct. 10, 11:45 a.m. RSVP by Oct. 7 to Marsha, 830-8483. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Oct. 14, 5:00 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 12 to Marge at 828-5124. Friendly bridge in Pleasanton, Oct. 16, 1 p.m., RSVP by Oct. 12 to Jan, 510-919-4740. Chinese dinner in Pleasanton, Oct. 17, 5 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 15 to Hilda, 398-8808.

Toastmasters, Amador Valley group meets at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin, 7 a.m. Thursday mornings. Learn to communicate more effectively, improve presentation skills and leadership potential. Contact Hal Brown, 462-2412, for information.

Hillsdale High School, Class of 1980, 30th Reunion, on November 6, 2010. Classmates, send contact information to Hillsdale1980@gmail.com

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee on the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, bunco, Mah Jongg, bridge, walking and hiking groups, family activities and monthly adult socials. Information, call 215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

RELIGION

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 p.m., workshop 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. www.livermoresda.org/

St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Bible study for adults and activities for all ages on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. 447-1848.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concanon Blvd., Livermore. Services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Tuesday Bible study, 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Class for children, ages 1-10, during church service, 10 to 11:15 a.m. Ongoing adult classes and small groups. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com

Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. 13-week seminar and support group for people going through divorce or separation. A 30-minute video shown each night featuring experts on a variety of topics. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. starting Oct. 5. There is a one time charge of \$25 for the workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mporter@hotmail.com.

Meditation Study Group, Practice new meditation methods, based on teachings of

Shinzen Young, using audio, video and hand-outs, 7:15-8:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehle@comcast.net

Spiritual Reiki Group The Japanese system of Reiki is a spiritual practice which uses meditations, chanting, visualizations, and hands-on energy group work so that we can connect to our true nature. No prior Reiki experience is necessary. On the first and third Saturdays of every month, 10-11:45 a.m. at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehle@comcast.net.

Stepping Stones on Grief Journey Workshop, eight weeks, Thurs., Sept. 9 to Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Meetings are open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Preregistration required. Space is limited. One-time donation of \$15 is requested. For registration or information, call Mary Hagerty, 846-5377.

Community Bible Study Class, book of Luke will be the topic of study in Pleasanton at Valley Bible Church. CBS is a non-denominational Bible study ministry open to all women, with a special children's program for ages 0-5 years old. The class meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30AM beginning 9/9/10 and goes until 5/12/11. More information about the CBS program and registration available by contacting Sharon at 925-399-5072, or email bobsharonmerrill@gmail.com.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school – 9:45 a.m.; worship service – 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Awaken Your Catholic Faith, six session series, learn and ask questions, all in a friendly and confidential setting with other Catholics. The Catholic Communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, and San Ramon invite you to six Awakening Faith sessions, Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton. It is for Catholics who have been away from their faith and also for Catholics who want to enhance their faith. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Father Joseph at (925) 846-4489.

Bible Study, All are welcome to the St. Charles/St. Michael's Bible Study beginning Monday, September 20th through November 1st from 7:30-9:30 pm. The topic is "How to Be Happy" in light of the Gospel of Matthew. Materials are \$10. For more questions or to reserve space, contact Julie at upatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549 ext. 114. St. Charles Borromeo is located at 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

Blessing of Pets, Sun., Oct. 3, 1:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, in the parking lot, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Dogs must be on leashes and all other animals contained.

"Why & How is the Mass Changing?": The 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal" is the topic for the 7:30-9:00 pm, Tuesday, October 12th's L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experience) evening. Join us as Julie Gallagher, the Life Long Learning Minister at St. Charles, shares the upcoming changes that will be occurring in the wording of the prayers that the people and the priest say during Mass. Julie will approach the evening talking about the history of the Missal, the reason why parts of the mass are changing, and how it is changing. Of course with such a topic, there will be plenty of time for discussion and Q&A. The presentation will be held at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. For more information please contact Julie at upatholic@aol.com or at 925-447-4549 ext 114.

Rock Bible Church, Grand Opening. Oct. 10, 5 p.m. at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. www.rockbiblechurch.com. Safe and accepting atmosphere for people to explore scripture and experience a practical ministry.

Class on Prayer Study/discussion group on the book "Setting a Trap for God: the Aramaic Prayer of Jesus." Class taught by Dinah Chapman, Saturdays, (Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, and Nov. 13) 12:15 - 2:15, at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Dinah at dichap@att.net