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Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board listings.

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Chief Retiring

Fire Chief William M. Cody, who has overseen the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) for the past four years, announced his retirement effective November 1, 2009.

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho declared, "We will miss him."

Livermore City Manager Linda Barton stated, "We are grateful for the many years that Bill has dedicated to the LPFD, and to the fire services overall. He is a Livermore resident and well respected by the community. We extend our best wishes for a happy retirement to Bill."

Chief Cody's retirement caps a 32-year career in fire services that began in Southern California with the Los Angeles City Fire Department, where he started as a firefighter and moved up the ranks during his 25-year tenure with that agency. He then joined the Newark Fire Department, where he served as Assistant Fire Chief before joining the LPFD in 2005 as Fire Chief.

He is highly regarded for his operational expertise and spear-

(See FIRE CHIEF, page 4)

Sculptures to Adorn Downtown Pleasanton

The Pleasanton City Council approved two projects related to the arts.

The first is a temporary downtown exhibit of eleven sculptures by artist Seward Johnson. The cost is \$18,000.

City Councilmember Cindy McGovern commented, "These are life-size bronze sculptures of people conducting day-to-day business. It is a very exciting project."

The sculptures will be placed at locations along Main Street for three months starting April 2010. The exhibit is part of activities leading up to the opening of the Firehouse Arts Center in the fall.

According to a staff report, "Cultural facilities and events enhance property values, tax resources and the overall profitability for communities. The arts become a direct contributor to urban and rural revitalization." It is anticipated that the project will benefit the downtown with added energy and interest.

Suggested locations along Main Street are in front of Gay 90's Pizza, Museum on Main, The Wine Steward, Berry Patch, Main Street Green, Comerica Bank, Rose Hotel, Fleet Feet Sports, Sincerely Yours Cards & Gifts, Murphy's Paw, and Meadowlark Dairy.

The council also approved a \$36,000 contract with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival for production services for the city's civic arts program.

The city produces two to three theatrical productions each year. It contracts with an outside company to create and coordinate all the technical elements for each show including design and execution of scenery, costumes and theatrical lighting.

One production, "Charlotte's Web" opened recently at the Amador Theater. A holiday production of "Cinderella" is in the

Dumping Impacts Flood Control

By Ron McNicoll

Some people are using the Valley's arroyos as a way to get rid of unwanted furniture, mattresses and other refuse. The eyesore creates more work for Zone 7 Water Agency, which has the responsibility for Valley flood control.

Zone 7 has to keep the arroyos free of debris as much as possible to ensure unencumbered passage of run-off water flowing from the Valley.

Pictures taken by Zone 7 show a mattress and a sofa, which were dumped in the Arroyo Mocho

about 500 feet east of the Nob Hill store on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

A county clean-up crew was expected to go into action Oct. 8 to remove the objects. Joe Seto, who heads Zone 7's flood control section, estimated that the county will bill Zone 7 approximately \$1000 for the clean-up. It will involve two trucks and a crew of four, including the truck drivers, and a back-hoe operator.

The obstruction was found by Pleasanton source control inspector Brian Lorimer, said Seto. The discovery came after volunteers

in September cleaned up 76 abandoned tires and removed 1300 pounds of refuse from Pleasanton arroyos.

The motivation for dumping the sofa and mattress was not known. It could have been a prank, or someone trying to dodge dumping fees, said Seto. Either way, Zone 7 will have to pay the bill.

Debris can cause erosion of arroyo banks, and interfere with the readings on gauges in the streams, said Zone 7 spokesperson Boni Brewer. Such obstructions can also destroy stream

habitat.

Zone 7 board president Dick Quigley told the Independent that he hikes around many of the arroyos. "From time to time it's bad in all three cities. I report back (to Zone 7) when I see problems," he said.

TRAILS CAN HELP CONTROL PROBLEM

The problem is worse where there are no trails alongside the arroyos, said Quigley. Trails bring enough people to the arroyos to discourage most such activity, he said.

Associations of recreation (See DUMPING, page 4)



Zone 7 Water Agency was slated to remove mattress and sofa in the Arroyo Mocho east of Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton this week. Illegal dumping harms habitat, and interferes with water-depth measurements. Big objects, such as these, require expensive measures for removal.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty discussed some of the projects designed to reduce traffic congestion in the area. Behind him are Congressman Jerry McNerney and Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan. The crane in the far background is some of the equipment working on one of the projects, the I-580/Isabel interchange.

Traffic Congestion Relief on the Way

Declaring it a "great day," officials gathered last Friday to celebrate the opening of an east-bound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on I-580 and the start of work on the I-580/Isabel interchange.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty noted that there had been a series of ground breakings and ribbon cuttings amounting to over a billion dollars worth of projects held in the county in recent weeks.

The \$123 million worth of projects, including the HOV lane and interchange, would result in a 22 percent decrease in congestion and 42 percent decrease in driving time, according to predictions. Funds for the projects come from Proposition 1B, Alameda County Measure B sales tax funds, the federal govern-

ment, Tri-Valley Transportation Council funds, and other local development contributions and the City of Livermore funds.

"The HOV lane will truly relieve congestion. It will also improve air quality, improving the quality of life of those who live and travel along this corridor," stated Haggerty.

The first 5-mile segment opened between Portola and Greenville Road. "It is ahead of time and within budget," declared Haggerty. The second segment, due for opening in 2011 would allow travel from Hacienda Blvd. to Portola. At that time, it would become a high occupancy toll (HOT) lane. Carpools and buses would still be able to use the lane at no charge.

Congressman Jerry McNerney referred to I-580 as being

of true national significance. It opens the Bay Area to the rest of the country. "The more we work to keep traffic flowing, the more the country benefits," stated McNerney.

"These improvements are a crucial investment in our region's economy and will reduce congestion in a transportation corridor," said McNerney. "I am proud to have worked to bring home funds for critical projects like these. I will continue to be an advocate for transportation improvement projects that reduce residents' commute time and spur local economic development."

The freeway connects to two major ports, Oakland and Stockton. Goods coming in and out of the ports are delivered by trucks. Agriculture goods are also deliv-

(See TRAFFIC, page 4)

Concerns Raised About 'Zoning' Airport

Concerns were raised regarding what Livermore's proposal to change from a master plan to a new zoning district for the Livermore Airport.

An outreach meeting was held last week to answer some of the issues. One issue related to the belief that the zoning district does not provide a plan for future development of the airport. Some pointed out that there do not appear to be any limits as to what could occur at the airport.

There were also questions as to why the impacts of fixed base operations (FBO) were not included in the environmental review of the zoning district.

Some in the audience were sceptical about the projected number of operations that would take place at the airport and results of the noise impact study.

The City of Livermore operates the general aviation airport. Most aircraft that use it are small privately owned single and twin

engine propeller and turbo prop planes. There has been ongoing controversy over any proposed changes. A previous effort to amend the master plan, which was adopted in 1975, met with such stiff resistance that the idea was abandoned. Instead, the city has decided to rescind the 1975 master plan and to rezone the airport to better reflect the land use. It is currently zoned education and institutions.

City Planner Susan Frost told the 30 or so people attending the outreach session that the objective of the rezoning would be to establish a maximum development level for the airport and to set standards for airport operations.

It would also establish procedures for city review and evaluation of development proposals that take into account both aviation needs and community concerns. The airport would continue

(See AIRPORT, page 4)

Probe Rejects Zone 7 Worker's Retaliation Claim

By Ron McNicoll

An investigator hired by the Zone 7 Water Agency board looked into accusations that general manager Jill Duerig retaliated against a Zone 7 employee for "whistle blowing."

All seven board members met in closed session Sept. 29 to discuss the matter. Afterward, board president Dick Quigley issued a statement that concluded that although the accusation of retaliation was made in good faith, it was not substantiated.

"The board accepts the report and adopts the findings," according to Quigley's statement.

The statement continued, "The

board appreciates the Zone 7 staff members who have brought to our attention some management issues that they feel impede the progress of the agency. We have expressed our concerns to the general manager, and are pleased to see that she already has taken some steps to improve internal communications, and has retained outside help to continue in this direction."

Duerig told The Independent that she has hired the Mathis Consulting Group, a specialist at organizational communications. Assistant general manager John Yue said the contract will

(See ZONE 7, page 4)

Union Steps Up to Help County with Budget

Alameda County announced that its largest union, SEIU Local 1021, will help the county government weather the severe economic downturn with a plan that will save as many services as possible for local residents while keeping union workers employed.

Members of SEIU Local 1021 met and discussed what they could do. The union offered to forego the three percent raise members were due to receive in December 2009. In return, the current contract will be extended for another two years to December 2012, preserving all the other terms of the agreement. This will save the County \$5.5 million this year and \$11 million annually.

"We understand these are tough times," said Fran Jefferson, Field Director for SEIU Local 1021. "Our members stepped up and did the right thing for our community, protecting vital services for our neighbors and protecting each others' jobs. I was

impressed by their overwhelming willingness to help."

The County has seen revenues plummet as costs have soared. In July the Board of Supervisors approved a \$2.4 billion budget for 2009-2010, closing an unprecedented \$178 million budget gap. Further cuts were then adopted by the State legislature and the Governor to close the growing gap in California's budget, including "borrowing" more local property taxes and redevelopment agency funds and making deep cuts to safety net programs and services for the County's most vulnerable populations. For Alameda County, this means the loss of \$40 million more in property taxes, \$10 million of redevelopment agency funds and additional program cuts of at least \$15 million - on top of the \$178 million funding gap.

SEIU 1021 members' action comes as Alameda County con-

(See RAISE, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Josh Laine of Lavish Laine Winery spent last week picking the grapes at Ravenswood Historic Site. For the story, go to page 3.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Sylvester only has three legs, but you would never know it with the way he gets around! He lost one of his front legs in an accident and still remains the sweetest, gentlest lap cat. To meet Sylvester, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more info. Bring your pet to VHS on Sat., Oct 10 from 10AM to 2PM for our annual Blessing of the Animals. Blessings are free with all donations greatly appreciated.

'Great Race' Through S.F. Helps Send Foster Kids to College

By Ron McNicol

A new Pleasanton-based foundation that provides college scholarships to former foster children made a recent fund-raising task into a game.

Borrowing from network TV's "The Great Race," the Bridge of Opportunity foundation set up a "great race" from Pleasanton to locations in San Francisco.

The contest, which resembled a hectic scavenger hunt, raised \$8400 in one day, thanks to pledges from the 12 teams of couples, and their friends, who backed them with their donations.

Contestants showed up Saturday at the home of one of the foundation founders, Bryan Gillette, for instructions. They caught the 8:42 a.m. BART train to San Francisco, and picked up their first clue right on the train.

They looked for a young man reading an adventure magazine. The contestants didn't know it then, but found out later, that the young man who gave them the clue is the first, and so far only, recipient of the foundation's scholarship. Learning his identity was a big, pleasant surprise for the donors, said Gillette.

The contestants trekked their way through the Embarcadero, North Beach and Chinatown. They found a clue posted in a museum on Pier 39, which told them to go to Aquatic Park, and fly a kite for someone there. After that challenge, they went to Coit Tower, and then had lunch together in Washington



Teams take time out for a group photo.

Square, with sandwich makings that they had purchased on the Embarcadero.

Contestants' times of arrival were noted. Each was given a time one minute later than his or her predecessor, so there would be less of a gap in competition, said Gillette.

Later activity included finding a fortune cookie factory, and discovering the next clue in a cookie. The cookie clue took them back to their cars at the Pleasanton BART station, then over to a fire station, where the contestants had to roll up fire hoses and present them to the station captain.

Then it was back to Gillette's house for identification of photographed scenes from San Francisco. Four of the 12 had not been visited by the group. They had to tell which they were.

There was further testing, with

a winning couple emerging. They were Barb and Dan Fritschen of Sunnyvale. Gillette knows them from his work at a Peninsula software manufacturer, where he is human resources director. The winners received a dinner for two at a downtown Pleasanton restaurant.

The original fund-raising goal was \$4200, so the event doubled the intended funding. The plan is to provide four students with \$1000 per year for two years, to cover book and tuition cost at a community college of their choice. More fund-raising activities are planned for the future. Gillette is also looking into grants.

Gillette was inspired to start the foundation by his father's example. Roy Gillette, also a Pleasanton resident, retired not long ago from the custom-home construction business. He had

been a foster child, and had the drive to accomplish things, said Gillette. He wants to find young people who are in that same boat, and help them, too.

When kids leave foster homes at age 18, they often have little in the way of money to move ahead in life, said Gillette. He wants to provide the springboard to help them make it happen.

Community Shred Day Scheduled

UNCLE Credit Union is celebrating International Credit Union Day with a free Community Shred Day.

Free, secure destruction of financial records is being offered on Thursday, October 15 from 10am - 2pm at UNCLE Credit Union's Main Branch, located at 2100 Las Positas Court, Livermore. Shredding documents helps protect personal information from theft and misuse.

This event, sponsored by UNCLE Credit Union and Cintas, will enable UNCLE members and local residents to destroy financial documents such as checking and savings account records, credit card receipts and statements, and other documents with private financial information*.

According to Jim Ott, UNCLE Credit Union's President and CEO, "Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. As a credit union, our mission is to help people make the most of their money and protect their financial well being. By providing a free Shred Day, we continue our mission of 'People Helping People'."

Materials collected at this event will be used for recycling, and therefore, will keep hundreds

or thousands of pounds of paper out of landfill sites.

For more information regarding the Shred Day event, including a list of what items will be accepted, please visit www.unclecu.org or call us at 800-34UNCLE ext. 83.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Bonding Assistance Program

Alameda County, in partnership with Meriwether & Williams Insurance Services, is launching a countywide Contractor Bonding Assistance Program (CBAP) to assist County construction contractors struggling in these tough economic times.

This effort will be the focus of a CBAP Kick-off event on Thursday, October 8, from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm at Martinelli's Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, Ca 94550.

The County has launched the CBAP to assist local construction contractors to participate in county projects. Specifically, CBAP will help local contractors through one-on-one consultations to obtain bid, payment and performance bonds required to participate in Alameda County construction projects.

Alice Lai-Bitker, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, states. "This innovative program combines social responsibility with fiscal responsibility and is a 'win/win' for the business community here in Alameda County, as well as for the taxpayers who pay for the construction and maintenance of our public facilities and roadways."

Alameda County's construction community is encouraged to attend the free kickoff event on October 8. To RSVP, please contact Joan Fisher by phone (510.677.8008), fax (510.440.8008) or email (joan_LLA@comcast.net).

For more information on Alameda County's Contractor Bonding Assistance Program please go to <http://www.acgov.org/cbap.htm>

NNSA Continues to Remove Nuclear Materials from the Lab

About two-thirds of special nuclear material requiring the highest level of security protection has been removed from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) made the announcement last week. The move is part of NNSA's efforts to consolidate special nuclear material at five sites by 2012, with significantly reduced square footage at those sites by 2017. This is expected to further improve security and reduce security costs.

The Lab has completed shipments to five different receiver sites, including Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Nevada Test Site, the Savannah River Site, Y-12 Security Complex, and the Idaho National Laboratory, since the removal project was initiated in October 2006.

"The removal of two thirds of LLNL's nuclear material demonstrates real progress and is the result of some very hard work," said NNSA Administrator Thomas P. D'Agostino. "NNSA continues to make tremendous strides in transforming a Cold

War nuclear weapons complex into a 21st century Nuclear Security Enterprise that is smaller, safer, more efficient. Staying on schedule in meeting our commitment to remove all special nuclear material from Livermore is a major part of that effort."

The original date to remove all high-security material from LLNL, based on equipment capability and capacity, was 2014. NNSA has developed a timeline to remove this material as early as possible, accelerating the target completion date to 2012.

First Crop at Ravenswood Comes Off The Vines

The vines at Ravenswood Historic Site are bearing fruit again, with this year's grapes the first to be harvested for winemaking. Vineyard workers hand-picked grapes at Ravenswood on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, marking the inaugural harvest for these particular vineyards at the historic site.

The current vines were planted in 2006, replacing diseased vineyards removed in 2002. The site was historically home to vineyards when the Buckley family built Ravenswood in the 1890s. Some of the vines at Ravenswood now mimic the historic style. The vines in front of the home are grown sustainably with one vine per stake. Planted in this historic way are some of the varieties traditionally grown in this area, including Grenache, Mourvedre and Zinfandel.

Ravenswood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, which allowed the vineyard restoration project to be possible through a partnership with the City of Livermore and Coastal Viticultural Consultants (CVC). CVC, which consults with winegrape growers throughout the West Coast, designed, planted and manages the vineyard.

Before starting the restoration project, soil and weather studies were performed to investigate what varietal clones would produce the best quality grapes and wines for this area. Based on this research, most of the modern trellis vines at Ravenswood are planted with Zinfandel and Petite Sirah, as well as some smaller plantings of other varieties expected to do well at the site. All the grapes at Ravenswood are "red" varieties. A portion of the vineyards also uses today's latest viticultural techniques to produce high-quality fruit. Some of the varieties planted in this method include Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

As for the grapes harvested by hand last week, some are being purchased by local Livermore Valley wineries, some by wineries in the Napa and St. Helena regions and some fruit will be used to produce CVC wines.

LARPD Adopts Personnel Rule Changes

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board of directors accepted the Karl Wente Park playground improvements and approved changes to the District Personnel Rules and Regulations at last week's meeting.

The changes in personnel rules was approved 4 to 1 with David Furst voting "no." He objected to the inclusion of grandchildren in the list of relatives that would trigger bereavement leave.

Beth Wilson pointed out that many grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Adding them on the list makes sense.

Karl Wente Park's new playground includes new tot lot

equipment, an ADA compliant ramp and stairway, paved access to the playground, new planting and seating areas and a new sand/water play area. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Sept. 17.

The Board also was introduced to Kathleen Streeter, LARPD's new representative on the City of Livermore's Commission for the Arts.

Streeter provided a brief report on her first meeting. Among the commission's activities is the placement of four columns decorated with tiles at the El Charro/580 intersection. Another project is the creation of a walking map of downtown indicating where art can be found, said

Streeter.

Board President Maryalice Faltings commented, "It sounds like you will be a very knowledgeable and effective representative on the commission."

Board Members and LARPD staff members also announced several upcoming events for the month of October. A volunteer cleanup day of the Arroyo Mochito along Robertson Park will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The annual Halloween Carnival will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Haunted Barn dates are also coming up on Oct. 22-25 and Oct. 28-31. For more information on upcoming LARPD programs and events, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us or call 925-373-5700.

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EDITORIALS

Walk To School

This week is International Walk to School Week. In Pleasanton, the school district is in its ninth year of participation.

Parents are encouraged to walk to school with their children on that school's designated day. Arriving at the school, the walkers enjoy refreshments provided by the City of Pleasanton before going on to their classrooms.

It's an upbeat experience for all, promoting pedestrian safety and other good habits. The walkers learn, among other lessons, that walking can reduce traffic congestion around the schools at the start and end of the day.

May this event long continue. It shows that the simple act of walking to school can boost a community's quality of life in a significant way.

Food Drive

The Valley's business community, led by the Doubletree Hotel of Livermore, has launched a fall food drive for the Open Heart Kitchen.

There are four drop-off sites: Doubletree Hotel, 720 Flores Road, Livermore; Livermore Chamber of Commerce, 2157 First Street, Livermore; Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, 349 Main Street, Suite 203, Pleasanton; Livermore Airport, 636 Terminal Circle, Livermore.

Needed are canned goods, paper items and cleaning products. A full list is available at www.openheartkitchen.org. Donations will be accepted through the end of the year.

Open Heart Kitchen provides free, nutritious, warm meals. It is the only service of its kind in the area. With the economy shaky, more people than ever are turning to it. Please give.

FIRE CHIEF

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headed the development of the XAL Regional Academy. Working together with the leadership of fire agencies in the City of Fremont and the County of Alameda, the academy was established to train new recruits. Today it serves as a model of regional collaboration and capitalizes on assembling the instructors and resources from all three agencies.

In addition, Chief Cody has

served on the Board of Directors for the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA). The Authority is charged with developing a state-of-the-art communications system to serve the public safety agencies of the East Bay for many years to come.

The two cities of Livermore and Pleasanton are collaborating on a timeline to recruit a new Fire Chief.

DUMPING

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professionals and trail enthusiasts have gathered statistics that show there is much less dumping, and less of all kinds of crime where there are trails, said Quigley.

Quigley, who has lived in the Valley for 50 years, said trails he has used in South Livermore look much cleaner now than they did in the past. He credits trail use for that.

One dramatic example to Quigley has been Lake Del Valle, a state water reservoir which is managed by East Bay Regional Park District. On the east side, which has a trail, the area is fairly clean. On the west side, with no trail, "it is significantly junkier," said Quigley.

Instead, fishers come in boats, picnic on the west shore and leave bait cans and bottles. There have been homeless encampments there, too, with litter left behind, he added.

Quigley noted that Zone 7 is not a recreational agency. However, it is open to having recreational trails from the recreation districts and cities alongside the arroyos. This approach is sound-

ed strongly in Zone 7's Stream Management Master Plan.

Quigley, a long-time trails advocate, said that while Zone 7 doesn't have recreational money in its budget, the agency can partner with others to obtain grants. There are grants available for recreation and transportation (The goal is to encourage use of trails and bicycle paths to get people out of their cars).

Tim Barry, general manager of Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, said that Quigley is right about dumping where there are not many people around. LARPD doesn't have a problem at Sycamore Grove Park, for example, because the park users who frequent it are responsible people. Also, there is no opportunity for people to drive a vehicle onto the grounds and do any dumping.

"Citizens are being good citizens, not littering open space areas. I think they appreciate them," said Barry.

TRAFFIC

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ered along the route.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena stated, "This is a day we've been waiting for for a long time." Ultimately, drivers will have a new crossing, and connections with Pleasanton via Stoneridge Drive and Dublin along Dublin Blvd."

Haggerty concluded by noting that both taxpayers and the business community stepped up to make the projects happen. "Without them, stuff like this does not happen."

I-580 in Pleasanton and Livermore is one of the most congested routes in the Bay Area. The commute eastbound in the evening was the third worst in the Bay Area last year, and worst on a per-mile basis, according to a study released earlier this year by Caltrans and MTC, with more than 5,200 vehicle hours of delay every day.

Dennis Fay, Executive Director of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, stated, "The new HOV lane is an important step in our overall plan to reduce or manage conges-

tion in the Tri-Valley area. The agency is working cooperatively with federal, state and regional agencies to implement roadway improvements as quickly as practical."

The new Isabel/I-580 interchange is intended to relieve congestion at the existing Airway/580 interchange and improve access to homes, businesses, Las Positas College, and any future development north of I-580. There will be two additional crossings over I-580, and the partial-access Portola interchange will be replaced by a flyover extension of Portola Avenue that will connect to Isabel Avenue and Portola Avenue north of the freeway.

The realignment of State Route 84 to the new interchange will provide an alternate route to southbound I-680 and reduce congestion at the I-580/I-680 interchange.

Motorists can keep up-to-date on the I-580 corridor improvements online at www.i580.info. The website has details on all aspects of the improvement projects.

Haggerty Gives Speech; Presented with 'Oscar'

By Ron McNicol

When actors receive an Oscar, they make a little speech afterward. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty gave a speech, then was presented with a surprise 'Oscar' from the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Film Commission.

Haggerty was given the faux Oscar from Livermore Chamber president and CEO Dale Kaye, who said simply, "He gets things done."

Haggerty's speech, titled "State of the County," told a chamber luncheon gathering just what things he has been getting done in cooperation with other supervisors and area politicians.

Speaking at the Martinelli Events Center on Oct. 1, Haggerty said that he was proud to have been the driving force behind having the amassing of a \$135 million reserve fund as part of the county's \$2.4 billion budget. When Haggerty was elected to the board in 1996, there was only \$3 million in reserves.

"You can't just turn off the PG&E, so we built up a rainy day reserve. No previous board

said that we needed to put money away for a rainy day," said Haggerty.

The board has been fiscally responsible in this tough state budget year, too, stated Haggerty. Supervisors closed a projected \$178 million budget gap by anticipating state and federal cuts.

"We can leave here feeling good. We are in good shape," said Haggerty. That is especially true compared to some counties in the state that gave high pension raises in the past, and now have to deal with funding them, he said.

However, Haggerty acknowledged that closing the projected deficit gap came with a cost. Some 30 people were slated for lay-offs in the sheriff's department. Further, there are services "we can no longer provide." The county pays for foster care, for health care for people who don't have it, and food and shelter. The county is a safety net.

PRESCRIPTION CARD A SUCCESS

One way in which the county helps people is by partnering with a private prescription drug

plan. The county has passed out 58,000 cards in one month working with 180 pharmacies, which provided 60,000 medications to patients.

The prescription program's average discount has been 38 percent. The county is receiving 75 cents for each prescription, which it puts into the county health care fund.

In the transportation area, Haggerty plays a significant role as president of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) board. He said that MTC has reserved \$12 million to \$13 million reserved for the Livermore BART extension. MTC rejected CalTrans' request for \$4 million for truck pull-out lanes eastbound on Interstate 580 in the Altamont, because it was important to guard the BART dollars. (CalTrans obtained the money elsewhere.)

Haggerty said that once local government is able to obtain "the first million dollars" for the BART extension, it will be easier to find the rest. He urged the audience to push for the money.

Other items covered by Haggerty included:

Making Vasco Road safer — The county was able to obtain federal stimulus funds to construct a median, to prevent the kind of fatal accidents that involved unsafe passing of vehicles.

Warm Springs BART — Haggerty attended a ground-breaking last week for the BART extension to Fremont that will provide a major speed-up for rail commuters going to the San Jose area.

Power line placements — Haggerty is part of an ad hoc committee that is keeping an eye on future developments when it comes to power lines, which were vehemently opposed by many South Livermore landowners. Haggerty said he favors requiring removal of power lines not in use, and under-grounding the remainder.

Constitutional reform — "It's time to hold a candid discussion on taxes and a two-year budget" for California, said Haggerty. "The state is extremely sick and extremely broke. We are a laughingstock (of the nation).

RAISE

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ducts ongoing negotiations with its other employee labor groups aiming to help minimize the impact of this deep recession and to stabilize salary and benefit costs going forward. In balancing the current County Budget, the Board of Supervisors was forced to eliminate 285 positions within the County workforce of about 9,300 full-time equivalent positions. SEIU 1021 represents about 4,350 Alameda County employees.

Throughout the budget delib-

erations, County supervisors and labor groups openly discussed the possibility of negotiating labor pacts that included employee concessions to save jobs. To date, the managers represented by ACMEA have stepped up and agreed to zero salary increases for three years and to begin sharing in the cost of their health care premiums next year. The unrepresented managers will also forego salary increases for three years and begin contributing to-

wards health care premiums.

Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, who chairs the County's Budget Work Group, said, "I am proud of the positive working relationships we have developed with employee labor groups over the years, including their engagement and understanding of the budget process which certainly helped us to get here. We still have a way to go before we emerge completely from the economic storm we are

currently in, yet this agreement is a sign of the collaboration and cooperation County government will need to survive these tough times and remain a positive force dedicated to improving the lives of residents of Alameda County."

The Board of Supervisors approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting the amended memorandum of understanding on September 29. The second reading will be noticed for October 13, 2009.

ZONE 7

pay Mathis \$50,000. Yue said that he expects the invoices from the investigator to total about \$10,000. He said that he didn't know the name of the firm, but that it was recommended by outside counsel. Duerig would not name the firm.

Internal communications are an issue raised by employees publicly over the past two months at board general and committee meetings. Employees face two emotionally unsettling issues: a potential severance from Alameda County administration and the discussion and adoption of the agency's first strategic plan.

The administrative split from the county, if the board agrees to it, would lead to a new structure for personnel grievances and contract negotiations. The strategic plan could eliminate or consolidate some jobs.

EMPLOYEES SHOWED DISSATISFACTION

Employees complained publicly that they were not given enough time to be well-informed about the transitions. They noted that a 95-page report was released with relatively little time to digest it before an important meeting. They also said that personnel director Tom Hughes was not forthcoming with answers to their questions at an in-house meeting.

Duerig replied that there were a few days lead time about the report. Information was put out at several meetings. However, management also had to work within the limits of labor contracts that funnel dialogue through union representatives.

With perceived improvement in management and communications, the board said that it is confident, "the general manager will

provide the level of leadership necessary so that all employees play a role in helping Zone 7 move forward in these challenging times."

The board's statement adds, "It is imperative that all employees work through the chain of command to address their issues."

Since some of the staff's criticism has been about Duerig, the Independent asked Quigley about the validity of urging employees to use the chain of command in complaints about management.

Quigley responded, "There are 115 people on staff at Zone 7, and probably that many different opinions about things. All are unique. The board is just seeking to get folks to use the chain of command. The board is always there, as a fall-back position."

The closed session occurred after several board meetings and

committee meetings in which employees publicly expressed criticism of management. The strongest and clearest statement came from David Lunn, a 29-year employee who heads the water resources section.

Lunn said to directors at their September board meeting that he commended those employees who spoke out earlier and "had the courage" to address the board about staff morale and lack of communication.

Lunn said that the culture at Zone 7 "has changed from serving the community to serving the general manager." Lunn called on the board to talk directly to employees and to the water retailers, who buy their water from wholesaler Zone 7.

Duerig responded at that meeting that she has made mistakes, but is correcting them, and promises to improve things.

AIRPORT

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to play a role as a key disaster relief air transportation hub. The current runway configuration would be retained.

Number of operations and aircraft based at Livermore were among the factors used to determine the amount of development that could occur at the airport. The number of flight operations projected in 2030 has been revised downward from 370,000 to 220,100. There were 161,000 operations in 2008. The maximum number of aircraft that could be based at the airport would be lowered from 900 to 720 by 2030. There are currently 600 aircraft based in Livermore.

There will be two areas contained within the zoning. One relates to operations, runways, taxiways and safety zones; the other air services such as hangars, an FBO, flight schools, restaurants, offices, and car rentals. Development would be limited to 1.4 million square feet of buildings.

The airport has been experiencing a decline in use over the past several years. Steve Wagner, who developed the forecast of future operations, attributed the decline to the economy and the price of fuel. "Pilots don't fly as much," he stated.

Asked about the potential of increased jet traffic, Wagner said that previous predictions that jet traffic could increase have not become a reality. "We thought there would be tremendous numbers of small jets. However, manufacturing companies have folded. Companies have reduced their work forces. The demand is not there for new jets. There is more demand for used ones. The growth in the number of jets using the airport won't be as significant as anticipated," he stated.

"Training activity drives the overall number of aircraft operations," he added. "The biggest tool to control operations is the length of the runway. High temperatures in Livermore also have an impact. It is difficult for a plane to take off with a full

load of fuel in high temperature conditions."

There was a discussion among those present that the FBO would increase operations and should have been included in the environmental review.

Leander Hauri, airport manager, said that the FBO would provide services in response to need, not the other way around. If there were no need, the services would not be provided. The FBO, as envisioned, would build 65 new hangars, and provide fueling and maintenance for aircraft.

Resident Jay Carter said that the assumption that an FBO would increase operations is a false one. Planes come in, drop people, take off and go where there are services. They fly back to pick up the people. With an FBO, rather than flying in and out of the airport four times to deliver passengers, there would be only two operations. The services would be available in Livermore.

Although the city has approved a FBO called the Livermore Air Center, there has been no development application. Dan McIntyre, public works director, said the issue is financing.

Resident Purnam Sheth suggested that unlike the master plan, the rezoning provides no guidance to staff as to how to develop the airport. "It is difficult to understand what restrictions are there. Nothing says the runway size will be restricted. If you don't think the runway configuration is going to change put it in the zoning," he said.

Another resident Max Curtis commented, "You haven't read the Air Center marketing plan if you think the FBO won't increase air traffic." He said, based on his reading of the marketing plan, there will be more jets after the FBO is built adding to the noise impacts.

City Councilmember John Marchand said, while the city cannot limit the number of operations or who can or cannot use the airport or when, it can

require an FBO to limit hours of operation as a way of limiting night flights.

According to recent studies, noise from operations at the airport is not expected to have an impact on nearby neighborhoods until 2030, when projections indicate a small area in Livermore would be experience noise above 60 decibels. In that

case, the city would mitigate the impacts. It was suggested air conditioners would be provided, so residents could keep their windows closed.

The objection to the noise analysis is that it is an average of what takes place throughout the day. Those attending said the issue is the single event sounds that are disruptive to the quality of life.

MAILBOX

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Book Sale Nancy Bering Chairperson

The Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library want to thank all the volunteers who helped make last weekend's book sale such a success.

There were 75 teen volunteers who gave 298 invaluable hours, while there were 49 adults who spent 403 hours setting up the sale.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is a 501C3 nonprofit organization created to support the library. All revenues from the book sale will go to purchase new library materials, programs or equipment.

Angry People Tom O'Neill Livermore

I'm not surprised people are angry. The bailout of AIG by Hank Paulson, Ben Bernanke, Chris Dodd, Timothy Geithner and the current occupant of the White House is enough to raise any blood to boiling point. Yet the Mailbox for October 1 makes me wonder whether anger hasn't snuffed out the capacity to

analyze.

Ken Nather has never seen a government program he liked. Let me offer, Ken, the fire departments that have been working overtime lately to keep California from disappearing.

Bart Hughes wants us to hold Zone 7 to the same standards we hold private companies. Whoa, Bart. Maybe you haven't looked at the private companies any time in the last twelve months. If we don't aim higher than they do, all is lost.

Robert Allen takes District 10 to be a "heavily Democratic district." I don't think, Robert, you've understood Tauscher's secret. It was to keep Republicans comfortable whenever possible. If you want change, let me suggest Garamendi might be a bigger change for the district than Harmer would.

Finally, there's Darryl L. West. He identifies the Democratic Party as the "party that has run amok in Washington running up a debt our young people will be trying to eradicate for decades." A good stream of phrases. Certainly Darryl is rightfully angry - and no doubt worried. But he's misremembered the subject of his eloquent words. It wasn't so much the party of "tax-and-spend" that did this, as the party of "spend-and-borrow" - and that party has a different label. Cool down, Darryl. Take a moment. I for one am in your corner, and trust you to find the appropriate label.

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Livermore Woman Is Honored for Saving a Life

A Livermore mother of five was honored last week for saving the life of an elderly woman who had spent several days in her bathtub after becoming too weak to get out. Medical authorities believe the woman's life was in danger by the time she was rescued.

The award ceremony was organized by Los Olivos Neighborhood Watch and attended by Livermore police, including Chief Steve Sweeney.

Honored was Rachel Carpenter, 35, who delivers 700 newspapers every morning before sunrise, including in the Los Olivos area of south Livermore.

In early September, Carpenter, who makes the deliveries with her daughter Brittany, noticed papers piling up outside the residence of one of her subscribers. Although she had never talked with the resident, she had seen her in the

yard and knew her to be particular about where the papers were delivered. So she doubted that the woman was intentionally leaving them lying about.

Carpenter checked the vacation roster to see if papers were supposed to have been stopped. They weren't. She tried the phone that was listed in the woman's subscription. No answer. She tried to find a relative. No luck.

She couldn't shake her sense of concern, so she called Livermore Police Department. The Department sent an officer to investigate. He knocked on the door and rang the bell, to no response. Peering through a window, he saw a purse and reached the same conclusion that Carpenter had: something must be wrong. He found an unlocked window, climbed inside and found the 88-year-old resident in

her bathtub, chilled, dehydrated and uncommunicative.

After treatment and observation at ValleyCare Medical Center, the woman is recovering. She was estimated to have been in the tub for several days.

John Messier of Los Olivos Neighborhood Watch, a former police official himself, said, "I can't think of a better example of neighborhood watch in action." The group gave Carpenter a certificate of appreciation, a gift certificate and a standing ovation.

Recognizing how serious the situation was, Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney said, "In another day or two, this story would have been very different."

Then he turned to Carpenter and added, "You are a real hero."

Livermore Police to Receive National Award for 'Best Traffic Safety Program'

Members of the Livermore Police Department Traffic Unit will be headed to Denver Colorado to receive recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). On October 7 the IACP will present department members with awards recognizing the Livermore Police Department as having the best traffic safety program in the nation in the areas of child passenger safety and impaired driving enforcement for the year 2008.

"To be selected to receive one Special Category Award from the IACP is something to be very proud of. To receive two of these awards in one year is simply outstanding," said Police Chief Steve Sweeney. "These two awards are a direct reflection of the dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment of our officers. Impaired driving enforcement and child passenger safety have long been a priority of this agency."

In addition to the recognition being received from the IACP, the Livermore Police Department was selected as being the top traffic enforcement

agency in the State of California for agencies of similar size for 2008. This recognition was awarded by the California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC) which is run by the California Highway Patrol. Livermore PD will receive the award from the CLEC sometime later this year. More information about CLEC can be found by visiting the CHP website at www.chp.ca.gov

The Livermore Police Department works aggressively in

the area of traffic enforcement and education. The department partners with the Office of Traffic Safety and has received numerous grants to supplement enforcement efforts. The department is committed to reducing collisions in the City and thereby reducing injuries and fatalities. This is accomplished through education, engineering, and enforcement efforts.

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SPORTS NOTES



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Granada's George Atkinson (1) heads for the corner for one of his gallops on the gridiron behind lead blocker Chris Small (67). He ran for 202 yards as Granada High School edged Foothill High School 35 to 28. His longest run was 80 yards. The Matoradors now own a 3-1 record. They host Amador Valley for a East Bay contest on Friday, October 9. Foothill will take on Livermore High.

All Valley Divers

All Valley Divers, a springboard diving club based out of San Ramon, competed in the Dos Rios Divers Invitational in Folsom Saturday, 9/26/09. The divers returned with many 1st and 2nd place medals. AVD is a competitive diving club coached by Monte Young comprised of beginner to more advanced divers in all age groups.

Ten Tri Valley divers competed in the Folsom meet on Saturday, most competing in two categories, 1 meter and 3 meter in different age and ability levels. Boys and girls compete in separate events and each level includes a different number of dives with higher age categories having the most dives.

JO (Junior Olympic) - 1 meter results: Ages 10-11 - Anatoly Nazarov 144.10 - 1st Place, Natasha Soudaco 158.65 - 3rd; Ages 12-13 - Anthony Epshteyn 242.70 - 1st, Fiona Caulfield 189.45 - 2nd; Ages 14-15 - Haley Brott 216.95 - 2nd; Ages 16-18 - Emma Rigl 269.30 - 2nd, Lauren Jesse 267.45 - 3rd, Melissa Parker 255.70 - 4th.

JO - 3 meter results: Ages 9 Under - Anatoly Nazarov 124.85 - 1st Place; Ages 12-13 - Anthony Epshteyn 242.40 - 1st, Fiona Caulfield 215.70 - 1st; Ages 16-18 - Lauren Jesse 266.35 - 1st.

Future Champions (Novice) - 1 meter - Level 1 - Annemarie Hancock 62.00 - 1st, Darby Culver 67.90 - 1st; 3 meter - Level 2 - Natasha Soudaco 141.45 - 1st; 3 meter - Level 4 - Emma Rigl 169.70 - 1st, Haley Brott 159.70 - 2nd.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results:

The Redskins played a great all around game in their rematch with the Seahawks and the result was a convincing 27-14 victory. The Redskins were solid on offense, defense, and special teams. The tone for the game was set early by the Redskins defense, which stymied the Seahawks into a 3 plays and a punt on the games first possession. Defensive tackle Aaron Banks and Craig Lager made key tackles as well as hard-hitting linebacker Sean "T-Money" Thomas. Thomas played another solid game and was also a key player in pinning the newly resurgent Redskins defense fired up throughout the contest. The defensive backfield of safety Drew Novak and cornerbacks Jordan Gilham and Jacob Blair did not allow a completion to any Seahawk wide receivers and did a good job of keeping the Seahawk ball carriers from getting to the outside. Once the Seahawk runners tried to turn it up field they found it tough to gain yardage due to the efforts of linebackers Konner Mass and Jake Wilgus, and lineman Sam Higueru, Cole Halter, Brian Renevo, Chris Bush, and Sean Flynn. Defensive highlights were a Sean Flynn tackle for a 5-yard loss in the first half and an interception by Thomas late in the game to thwart a final Seahawk drive in the 4th quarter.

The Redskins offense also turned in a stellar effort by controlling the football on long sustained drives that not only resulted in touchdowns but also ate up the game clock and allowed the defense to stay rested and fresh. Leading the offense was quarterback Max Sanderson who tossed two touchdown passes to wide receiver Connor Caspersen and also ran for 2 more scores. Sanderson showed the ability to scramble and escape the Seahawk pass rush and spread the ball around by connecting on passes to tight ends Kyle Ramsey, Kent Nakano, and Alex Zwingle. Another target was running back Anthony Irtzary who showed his versatility by hauling in a long pass for a gain of 40 yards that set up a Redskins touchdown. Running backs Irtzary and Isaiah Harris were effective at gaining yardage and keeping the clock moving. The offensive line of Alex Torres, Cal Parella, Sean Flynn, Larry Allen, and Steven Zaballo had a prominent role in the game.

Intermediate division Broncos were victorious Saturday afternoon in the battle for first place against the Colts, winning 12-0 with their third consecutive shutout. The Broncos' defense came on strong holding the Colts' first possession to four plays with Ryan Jenkins-Wilburn making the first big tackle of the game. Other big tackles by Alex Lazzereschi, Sam Tarasov, Deangelo Ty and Nick Massie kept the Colts from gaining significant yardage. The offense came alive in the second period when Napoleon Kaufman broke through the Colts' defense, thanks to blocks by Alex Narvani, Cameron Beck, Colby Gilbert, Craig Gin, Jordan Reed, Alex Omo and Ashwin Anand, and ran 55 yards for the first TD. Corey Barrios drove the middle for the extra point but hit a wall of Colts that stopped him in his tracks. The defense played most of the remaining time in the half with Jake Massie, Alex Crepeau, Frankie Banks, Barrios and Kaufman each making multiple tackles. Barrios came up with an interception just as the first half ended.

It was all defense in the third quarter as neither team scored. It was first and goal at the start of the fourth and Barrios punched through for the score. The Colts' pressure upset an extra point pass attempt by Ronnie Jones to Bergman in the end zone. The Colts' offense then turned up the heat, making the Broncos' defense work hard to keep them scoreless. Crepeau, Lambert, Lazzereschi, Banks, and the Massie twins stayed in the fight with several tackles each. With the Colts inside the Broncos' 10, they threatened to score with a pass play, but Jenkins-Wilburn broke up the fourth down attempt in the end zone with just 2:14 remaining in the game. The Broncos answered back with Barrios' 48 yard sideline dash. Jones finished out the game with two big running plays into Colt territory.

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Broncos 12, Colts 0.

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football's season continued on September 26 with 4 games at Livermore High School.

Senior Division: Giants 22, Jets 6: Giants' QB Greg Plantenga threw a bomb to FB Jay Garay who got past the Jets secondary for a 52 yard catch and run. TE James Wilker pulled in two 2 pt conversions, one coming from the 18 yard line after a 15 yard penalty. The O-line had a great day run blocking and pass protecting with C Russell Lovett, Victor Eassa, Kyle Neves, Luke Quesada, and Devin Bernacil. RB Timothy Harris sped to the endzone for a 95 yard TD and scampared for another TD of 41 yards. FB/LB Taylor Disbrow was impressive as lead blocker, adding 12 tackles and one INT on defense. The defense was swarming for the Giants with 14 plays resulting in either no gains and or a loss of yardage. Giants' LB Jonathan Davis came up with 12 tackles and DL Jacob Roach added 10 and an interception by Thomas late in the game to thwart a final Seahawk drive in the 4th quarter.

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The Livermore Elite Storm U13 Bronze brought home 1st place in the Livermore Fall Classic held on September 26 and 27. Players pictured are (back row, left to right) Rachel Esser, Gabby Parker, Jacey Luzzi, Ellen Kiser, Molly Farro, Anna Neitzel, Dana Anex and Damera Dodd; (front row) Molly Stolz, Danielle Dufek, Samantha Sobers, Gabby Enzmann, Alyssa Campbell and Amanda Montano. Not pictured: Summer Nugen. Also pictured are Coach Bob Montano (left) and Assistant Coach Phil Parker (right).



Pleasanton Rage U16 Div 3 Orange came away with a 4-2 win Sunday against a previously unbeaten U15 Div. 3 Orange team. The U16 team took an early 3-0 lead with two scores from Katie Cloonan and another from Delaney Holmes, before the U15 team netted one. Gabby Perko added a 4th goal to make it 4-1 at the half. The second half was very exciting with both teams fighting off strong advances. The U15 added one final goal off of a corner kick, to make the final score 4-2. Nicole Torquato anchored the defensive effort for the Rage U16 team. Top Offensive Players: Jessica Hopson, Katie Cloonan, Gabby Perko. Top Defensive Players: Nicole Torquato, Carly Boehmer, Kara Matsune

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Level 6: Younger: Sydney Wu, first all-around 36.325, first vault 9.125, first beam 9.075, second tie floor 9.375; fourth bars 8.75; Rebecca Okmin, fourth all-around 35.125, sec d vault 9.00, second tie floor 9.375, fifth beam 8.70

Older: Carrie Stouffer, second all-around 35.625, second vault 9.0, second floor 9.10, third bars 8.725, fifth beam 8.80; Jenna Lorenz, third all-around 34.35, third beam 9.00, fourth tie bars 8.65; Audrey Mesick, fourth all-around 34.30, fourth tie bars 8.65; Kristen Trout, third tie floor 9.05

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Flip Flop Luau meet in Oakland on October 4th. The Level 4 team came home with the second place team award.

RESULTS (by event):
Level 4: Age group: Middle VAULT - Katie Heckart, 2nd (9.300); Jasmyn Cheng, 3rd (9.200); Maya Georgallis 6th (9.000) BARS - Katie Heckart, 2nd (9.125); Jasmyn Cheng, 6th (8.550); Maya Georgallis 5th (8.900) BEAM - Jasmyn Cheng, 2nd (9.100); Katie Heckart, 3rd (9.075); Maya Georgallis 13th (7.825) FLOOR - Katie Heckart, 1st (9.450); Maya Georgallis 2nd (9.275); Jasmyn Cheng, 3rd (9.150) ALL AROUND - Katie Heckart, 1st (36.950); Jasmyn Cheng, 4th (36.000); Maya Georgallis 6th (35.000); Age group: Older VAULT - Chloe McGlynn, 10th (8.650) BARS - Chloe McGlynn, 6th (8.550) BEAM - Chloe McGlynn, 10th (8.800) FLOOR - Chloe McGlynn, 8th (8.900) ALL AROUND - Chloe McGlynn, 8th (34.90)

Level 5: Age group: Younger VAULT - Emily Balicanta, 3rd (8.900); Naomi Chin, 4th (8.850); Maya Frank, 9th (8.350) BARS - Naomi Chin, 3rd (9.125); Emily Balicanta, 7th (8.875); Maya Frank, 14th (7.550) BEAM - Maya Frank, 3rd (9.075); Naomi Chin, 7th (9.025); Emily Balicanta, 2th (8.450) FLOOR - Maya Frank, 6th (8.450); Emily Balicanta, 7th (8.250); Naomi Chin, 10th (8.000) ALL AROUND - Naomi Chin, 5th (35.000); Emily Balicanta, 6th (34.475); Maya Frank, 9th (33.425)

Age group: Middle VAULT - Jessica Biggs, 13th (7.825) BEAM - Jessica Biggs, 5th (8.775); FLOOR - Jessica Biggs, 9th (8.150) ALL AROUND - Jessica Biggs, 17th (24.750)
Age group: Older VAULT - Baylee Hill, 2nd (8.575); Celia Reddoch, 3rd (8.450) BARS - Celia Reddoch 5th (8.400); Baylee Hill, 7th (7.925) BEAM - Celia Reddoch 4th (8.950); Baylee Hill, 11th (8.400) FLOOR - Baylee Hill 3rd (8.825); Celia Reddoch 11th (7.875) ALL AROUND - Baylee Hill 5th (33.725); Celia Reddoch 6th (33.675)

Water Polo

The first of three 14 and Under water polo tournaments took place on Saturday, Oct 3 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, Livermore.

The Livermore Lazars, Pleasanton Stoneridge, and San Ramon 680 Drivers clubs brought teams to Livermore to compete. Tournaments will take place at RLCC on 10/10 and 10/24.

Game #1 Lazars II-11, Stoneridge II-6; Game #2 680 Drivers I-12, Lazars I-5; Game #3 Stoneridge II-13, 680 Drivers II-8; Game #4 Stoneridge I-5, 680 Drivers I-4; Game #5 Lazars II-15, 680 Drivers I-5; Game #6 Stoneridge I-2, Lazars I-1

The Lazars Level II players won both of their games, with a great play by Lazars Mikayla McNair at the two meter position and also by Lazars Michelle Hawkins at the driver position. In level I play, great games by Ryan Scott on offense and Katie Flores on defense. At Lazars Level II, Jenni Beadle's hole defense helped lead her team to a victory. Peter Downey added points to the scoreboard with his high corner shots. Lazars Level I won both games with help from Natali Dallos on offense and Madison Steele on defense.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U16AC remains undefeated five games into the season. They started off the weekend in a closely matched game against Napa Elite. Napa scored first. Rage answered back when Megan Ash finished a goal shot by Cassie Scroggins, and dropped by the Napa keeper. Charlie Garcia got the go ahead goal on a great shot blasted from 25 yards out for the Rage win 2-1. Top Offensive Players: Megan Ash, Charlie Garcia, Alex Espinosa; Top Defensive Players: Olivia Zhu, Erin Schoendi, Jenillian Beck.

Rage finished the weekend with a decisive 5-0 win over WCC FCA Eclipse. Rage got on the board early when Cassie Scroggins scored her first 3 goals in the first 2 minutes of the

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SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Under-10 G Rec team, SWAT, participated in the Saddleback Tournament. Team members pictured are (back row, left to right) Coach Mark Kovisto, Jennifer Kovisto, Alexis Beedles, Kate Wallace, Alex Lewis, Kendal Korhummel, Asst. Coach Jeff Mendoza, Sydney Pournaras; (front row) Brianna Wheelock, Olivia Kelly, Jessica Bonfiglio, Sydney Mendoza, and Lauren Martin.

game. Megan Ash scored the 4th goal when she finished off a beautiful free kick by Stephanie Little. The final goal came from a one-on-one cross in the air by Charlie Gustia. Forwards Alexa Espinosa, Erin O'Loughlin and Ashley Jenezon had great games. Top Offensive Players: Cassie Scroggins Haley Paxton Charlie Garcia Megan Ash; Top Defensive Players: Stephanie Little Shannon Estes Molly Rowley Lindsay Rigel.

Pleasanton Rage U18AC battled to a 1-0 tie with Livermore Arsenal. Top Offensive Players: Breauna Berry Brittany Carroll Amanda Briones; Top Defensive Players: Brittany Repac Hilan Johnson Christy Waite. In their opening game of the weekend, the Pleasanton Rage U18AC fought hard against the very physical Livermore Arsenal for a 1-1 tie. Arsenal scored first, but Rage answered back when Breauna Berry blasted one past the keeper. Sunday Rage battled to the end to beat Diablo FC 2-1. Breauna Berry scored both Rage goals. The stingy defense of Sara Ramirez, Alyssa Malfatti, Victoria Piazza, Laura Yoshida, Jillian Johnson and keeper Megan Piper kept opposing team shots to a minimum. Forwards Danielle Paxton and Brittany Carroll had great shots on goal while midfielders Kira Capaccio, Brittany Repac, Amanda Briones, Sarah May, Christy Waite and Paisley Miller controlled the center.

Pleasanton Rage U14AC tried to surprise Rocklin Strikers with a 3-5-2 formation. Defensively, it worked in the 1st half but offensively it resulted with only one attempt at goal by Rachel Reichenbach. Cassie Santana saved empty goal and Olivia Brown made a very good save. Dani Ledeman played her best game so far and, supported by reliable Rage Hughes, managed to keep the result at 0-0. In the 1st minute of the 2nd half the game was decided. Rocklin forwards exchanged passes and scored for the final result of 1-0. Rage could not keep or pass the ball to carry it into the opponent's field. Hannah Stapp managed to kick the ball towards the goal but it went over the bar. Excellent performance by Olivia and Dani and solid defense by Paige and Cassie, prevented Rocklin of scoring more times. Top Defensive Players: Dani Ledeman, Olivia Brown.

Pleasanton Rage U14 AC team played their best game in the league, especially in the 1st half. They lost 1 to 0 to the Castro Valley Green Machine. The physically bigger and stronger Castro Valley Green Machine was completely outplayed by Rage's precise passing and keeping the ball in the ground. Kayla Cerri led the defense in the first part of the 1st half, very well supported by Paige Hughes, Dani Ledeman and Cassie Santana. Hannah Jackson made two excellent corners, but were not finalized. A difference in the size of the ball to be major difference. In the last 5 minutes, one opportunity given to the best Machine's player resulted with the winning goal in the upper corner of Olivia's Brown goal. Overall, a very good performance by Rage. Top Offensive Players: Mathea Turkalj, Hannah Jackson; Top Defensive Players: Kayla Cerri, Paige Hughes.

Rage U11 Premier team kept their undefeated streak alive with a well deserved 4-3 win over the Antioch Dynamite. The first half was rough going with the Dynamite quickly scored two early goals, but the Rage answered with Amy Schoendienst well placed assist to Ryan Murphy. In the second half our girls really turned up the heat when Haley Okumura kicked a high ball towards the penalty box enabling Shancee Hunsaker to head in for a winner. The Dynamite came back to score their third goal putting them in the lead temporarily, suddenly with the speed of a gazelle Shancee Hunsaker took off down the field to even up the game 3-3. Sarah Broacha and Sam Frost both did an excellent job of keeping the ball in the forward while Tiara Lewis kept the Dynamite's main scoring threat under control, a sensational block from Haley stopped her cold in her tracks. The defense of Ariana Nino, Lorna Roberts and Juliet Allen denied the Dynamite any more scoring opportunities; a beautiful assist from Tiara Lewis to Shancee Hunsaker finished the game off with the Rage winning 4-3.

The U11 Premier Team won their State Cup qualifier against Lomarinada 4-1. A series of great passes from Haley Okumura to Sam Frost set-up Sarah Broacha who headed the ball in for the 1st goal of the game. Sarah followed up with a great 2nd goal, in the first half the Rage dominated the ball but, attempting to make a save goalie Juliet Allen was injured and Lomarinada was able to sneak one in. After a few really nice moves, Amy Schoendienst walked her goal into the net to open up the second half, while Ryan Murphy scored off a painful, but great assist from Jo Salinas who took a ball to the face for her team. The Rage defense of Ariana Nino, Haley Okumura, Lorna Roberts, Tiara Lewis and Juliet Allen played another outstanding game keeping Lomarinada scoreless in the second half.

Rage U-9 Black lost a tough battle to Livermore Lightning, 6 to 0. Rage midfielders Regan Mah and Emily Esparza controlled the middle and supported an offense of Madeline Hildebrand and Cierra Lofthouse-well. Jasmine Erickson and Emily Ferrey showed excellent ball handling and speed which led to scoring opportunities for the Rage squad.

Rage Black had its best team effort of the year Saturday in Fremont, against Mission Valley. Super defense by Emma Monson, Katy Murphy and Emma Tsztou shut down the Mission Valley attack. While the offense of Abby Smith, Maryann Spears and Jasmine Erickson produced numerous scoring opportunities throughout the match, it was Emma Tsztou's hard fought corner that freed up a Sarah Miller strike. Rage Gray fought hard on Sunday against the Mustang Revolution. Fehrmann fired off a great cross to Leila Shafi, who drilled it in for a 1-0 Rage Gray advantage at half-time. The Revolution wouldn't go home empty-handed, however. The final score: 1-1. Top Offensive Players: Leila Shafi, Lilly Fehrmann, Delaney Soble; Top Defensive Players: Julianna Pereira, Ellen Ebbers, Gracie Skinner.

The Pleasanton U16D3 Orange won the Earthquakes 5-1 on Saturday at the Sports Park. Katie Cloonan started the scoring when she got a one-on-one opportunity thanks to an excellent through-ball from Mary Gruen. Delaney Holmes doubled the lead after a strong cross from Madison Nethery in the 32nd minute. After the half, Kiley Zieker (from Cloonan), Ari Siegel (Gruen), and Sydney Okumura (free kick) all found the back of the net. Nicole Torquato and Autumn Whitney helped anchor a strong defense along with co-captain goalie Carly Boehmer who recorded her third shutout in four league games. Top Offensive Players: Katie Cloonan, Arielle Siegel, Kiley Zieker; Top Defensive Players: Sydney Okumura, Autumn Whitney, Sarah Machado.

Rage U12 Grey Division 1 and Mustang Magic battled it out to the very last seconds of the game tied up with one goal apiece. It was Magic earning a penalty kick allowing them to score and win. Rage scored first by Taylor Clopton's well-placed assist and Avery Jones's strong finish. Goalies Camille Lojewski and Sabrina D'Ambrasio saved many attempts by Magic. The defensive work of Megan Shackley and Justine Kamen was impressive, as well as the offensive efforts of Taylor Campbell, Avery Jones, and Kaitlyn Coleman. Top Offensive Players: Avery Jones, Taylor Campbell, Emma Theroux, and Dalia Shah; Top Defensive Players: Megan Shackley, Bailey Sanchez, Lilianna Tierney, and Jenna Crawford.

The Rage U12 White team was down 1-0 and Sadie Moore took the ball down the field and crossed the ball toward the goal. Isabella Villafuerte was in the right place and knocked the ball in the net against the San Ramon Courage. The final score was Rage 1, Courage 2. Top Offensive Players: Heather Jackson, Maggie Kilday, Nicole Tsuno; Top Defensive Players: Kennedy Truxon, Lisa Defeo, Christina Echavria, Bryanna Schreiber.

Rage U10 Division 1 lost a tough battle to Mustang 4 to 0. The highlight of the game was the defense of the Rage U-10 team led by Nicole Riordan, Madison Baxter, Lillian Ryan, Megan Franciskovich. Top Offensive Players: Danielle Williams, Amaya Wilson, Molly Murphy, Audrey Goodman.

Rage U12 Premier continued to fine tune their team performance with a 4-0 win over the Walnut Creek Wildcats. Sophie Santos began the scoring drive on a cross by Sami LaBella. Not to be outdone, Christy Jensen, also sent the ball into the net. Malissa Shadle made two goals, one with an assist by Makenna Elias. Shots on goal were made by Julia Denmore, Jensen, Carly Robertson and Shadle. Strong defense played by Kayla Bowers, Elias, Kaitlyn Franciskovich and Ashley Yonson. In the middle field, Jasmine Dessouky, Ellis Hegarty and Hannah McGillivray in the back, secured by Sophia Brown in the goal resulted in the eighth shutout of the young season.

Playing their first game under the lights, Rage U12 Premier showed their talent. Led by a 3-0 win over Diablo FC 97 Black. Julia Denmore scored the first goal on a cross from Carly Robertson. The second goal was made by Juliana Ledeman. Perhaps the most exciting play of the game began with Kaitlyn Franciskovich bringing the ball upfield, passing to Christy Jensen, who took a shot on goal, which was stopped on the ground, but not controlled, by Diablo's keeper, and finished into the net by Denmore. Shots on goal were also taken by Makenna Elias, Ledeman, Robertson and Brookey Villanueva. As usual, goal keeper Sophia Brown was masterful at the net.

DIVISION 4: **UNDER-14:** Ariyanna Intengan scored 3 goals and with Kristen Scott scoring Lauren Lower scored 1; also midfielders Danny, Jen and Courtney Dewilde; Brittany Cooper played an awesome game; our defenders Sarah Adams, Catilyn Theide and Leanne Worth kept a lot of goals out. Goalies Sarah Gieringer, Alex Gray saved many goals.

Orange Goals: 0, Zobomafoo 5; Tornados 0, Vortex 3; Orange 3; Chari 1; Top Offensive Players: Ariyanna Intengan, Kristen Scott, Lauren Lower; Alex Hansen, Zed Zimpfer, Juliet Logan, Vortex; Kelly Dixon, Hannah Kim, Orange Socks; Top Defensive Players: Sarah Adams, Catilyn Theide, Leanne Worth; Katie Eppands, Shayna Doyle, Alex Sanchez, Vortex.

Under-12: Kelly O'Neil started the first goal with a gorgeous cross from Taylor McCutchins. Kelly then had an unassisted goal on the left side, finishing up the goal. Taylor then scored 3rd goal and 4th goal. Kelly put in her 3rd goal of the day. Hayden Harker finished with a sizzling long shot from way outside to score the 6th goal and make the final score 6 to zero.

Barracudas 6, Bears 0; Phoenix Fireballs 0, Panthers 2; Top Offensive Players: Kelly O'Neil, Taylor McCutchins, Hayden Harker, Barracudas; Cara Ingram, Brianna Sobrero, Panthers; Top Defensive Players: Katie Zieker, Natalia Christensen, Caroline Gerlach, Barracudas; Tori Garcia, Paige Ryback, Lauren Chew, Panthers.

Under-9: Princess Warriors, Pirates; Top Offensive Players: Allyson DeFazio, Ashley Lopez, Jessica Maloney, Princess Warriors; Antonia S., Vicky L., Maddie R., Polar Bears; Top Defensive Players: Allyson DeFazio, Ally Wu, Harsha Mudaliar, Princess Warriors; Bliss B., Alicia V., Alyasia S., Polar Bears; **Under-6:** Top Offensive Players: Elias Andrews, Kayla Galvez, Ava Ricker, Divas; Olivia Martin, Amia Grewal, Marina Garcia, Diamonds; Shay, Mercedes, Emma De, Top Defensive Players: Laney Lopez, Madison Neves, Rachel Mattos, Divas; Olivia Soble, Sammie Manion, Kaitlyn Lemus, Diamonds; Dalynn, Ella , Julia, Dashers;

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Advanced tested the Mustang Roma with many goals to their right wing giving BUSC pause and requiring a minimum of a dozen saves by keeper Adam Johnson. In the 2nd half, Luis Castillo gave his all including a sweet, no hope for the goalie, upper corner goal off a foule kick. Despite BUSC's regrouping, the Roma came ahead with a 3 to 1 victory in a hard played and not easy to win game. The close score was a credit to BUSC's defensive line.

As a followup on their Third Place finish in the Fall Harvest Tournament last weekend, BUSC U19 Advanced won game 4 of their league play on Saturday. On fire in the second half, four rapid fire goals sealed the deal for the win. The back line once again came up to the front line allowing Luis Castillo a direct cross in front of the goal for a bullet in by Michael Fontana. Second goal was a repeat and when Oakland put on some pressure leading to a corner kick, Max Delaney went in. The final goal came with a solid Max Delaney shot without hesitation. There was heat on the field and the players kept their heads in the game.

Balistic (BUSC) Select U-19 defeated Castro Valley United 4-0. Jared Chinn had a fantastic game scoring twice in leading Balistic United's U19s over Castro Valley. The Pleasanton boys controlled the flow of the game early with a dazzling display of possession. The central midfield combination of Jonathan Ramirez, Brodie Roberts, and Jason Scott completely outclassed their opponent with precision combination plays that freed up the wingers. Chinn's first brace came in the 17th minute courtesy of Troy Stetson's cross from the right side. Chinn took the cross first time, putting a volley through at the back post.

Balistic United continued to keep the pressure on Castro Valley seeing little of the ball. In the 27th minute Striker Niko Lecco scored his team leading 11th goal from 12 yards out with Left Winger Daniel Pittenger getting the assist. Pittenger was seeing his first action in weeks after missing the last 3 games due to injury. The final brace of the half was a brilliant goal by Chinn set up by Albert Lin's corner in the 45th minute with seconds remaining. Lin's corners were dangerous all game creating some tense moments for the Castro Valley defenders.

In the second half, Balistic United continued to dominate possession while creating excellent scoring opportunities. However, it was Right Back Brian Buti striking unassisted from 35 yards out who netted the 4th and final goal. The right back thoroughly dominated and controlled the entire right flank of the field. Buti's long shot to



The U16 Ballistic Hawks took first place in the San Ramon Scramble Tournament this weekend. The Hawks completed 3 shutout games in their bracket, taking them to the Championship game where they faced Livermore United. After regulation and overtime the contenders were still tied, forcing a penalty kick situation. The Hawks were victorious after their 9th PK. Pictured here, receiving post-game bougies are team members Steven Kinnard, Michael Roeder, Goalkeeper Amir Sahabi, Viswa Rao, Dakota Yates, Kevin Faggiano, Sean Walsh, Eric Crispell, Grayson Meurrens, Warren Bacal, Raja Jain, Ogb Kanu, Daniel Reedy, Joel French, Bryson Sherman, Tyler Miller, Qiu Fang, and Josh DiPiazza.

the far post was just out of reach for the Castro Valley United keeper.

With his goal, Lecco has scored in 8 consecutive games. Ballistic has not allowed a goal the last 225 minutes of league play. Keeper Josh Cho earned his 4th shutout. Top Offensive Players: Jared Chinn, Jonathan Ramirez, Jason Scott; Top Defensive Players: Tyler Copeman, Josh Cho, Brian Buti.

Balistic United U13 defeated Livermore 4-0 in a hard fought game by both teams. Salvador Morales scored the first goal for Balistic on a nice assist from Jared Siegel. The next goal came off a corner kick by Morales to Daniel Rodriguez for a beautiful header that found the back of the net. Ballistic's next score came from Jared Siegel who brought the ball down the field and battled to score. Ballistic's fourth and final goal was scored by Eric Johnson. Cameron Casby, Daniel Payne, Stephen Dougherty, Matthew Powell and Morales did a great job controlling the ball in the middle. The defense of Collin Richardson, Collin Alexander, Alex Krause, Omid Eibagi, Brad Pilkington, Alex Lee, Blaz Berko and Daniel Rodriguez kept Livermore from scoring. Keeper Jordan Ott did an outstanding job stopping any scoring attempts by Livermore.

BUSC U16: In a heavyweight battle between two talented teams, the BUSC U16 Select scored late to pull out a thrilling 1-0 victory over the Mustang Scorpions. In the 10th minute, GK Lukas Moses made a spectacular punch out on a dangerous cross and then cleared himself out of danger. In the 24th minute, he had to dive to knock away another dangerous try by Mustang. Miguel Nino made a strong run and went to goal in the 47th minute, but was denied by the Scorpion keeper. In the 57th minute, Joe Lee brought the right wing down the field and driven ball into the box, but Brandon Cohen knocked it off the crossbar. Finally, it was Nick Bayley who stepped up to be the hero. Taking a pass with his back to the goal from Jake Lorentz, he turned on his mark and fired to the right low corner. His shot curving inside the bar in the 74th minute. The newly energized defense, led by Randy Copeman, Frank Morley, and Yashar Benham, held off the Scorpions' furious attempt at a rally for the 1-0 victory.

BUSC U16 Select rode a total team effort to a well-placed 2-0 victory over the Walnut Creek Diablos. Early in the match, in a preview of what was to come, Brandon Cohen had two good chances at the WC goal, only to be turned away by the athletic Diablo GK. In the 13th minute, Jared Shofi made a well-positioned run and fired the right wing down the field. The Diablo GK stared him down and was forced to make an acrobatic save on Shofi's shot, knocking it up off the crossbar. Walnut Creek sent some offensive runs of their own, and in the 18th minute, had a strong buildup with numbers. Cam Baker alerted blocked a crossing attempt and cleared it out of danger. Finally, in the 28th minute, BUSC broke through. Off a corner, Walnut Creek failed to clear and Cohen made them pay. He volleyed a strike from top of the pitch for a 1-0 lead. Two minutes later, GK Lukas Moses had to lay out to knock a long cross to keep Walnut Creek off the board. Late in the half, Jake Lorentz made a long run down the left and went in on goal. Only a spectacular diving save just before halftime kept the Select from doubling their lead.

BUSC U13 Div III Select team went one and one last weekend with a loss to Heritage Vipers 2 to 0 and a win against the Mustang Vipers 4 to 1. The match against the Heritage Vipers was an extremely close contest with BUSC out shooting the Vipers 18 to 14. There were numerous shots on goal that came extremely close to being scores for Balistic with one shot hitting the cross bar and almost bouncing into the goal and a header barely missing at the left post. Sometimes soccer is a game of breaks where the final score doesn't reflect the losing team's overall performance. The match against the Mustang Vipers was a controlled domination from first whistle. BUSC out shot their opponent 25 to 6 and scored 4 goals to the Vipers 1. Goals were scored by Mason Picono (2), Joshua Cole (1) and Lucas Wyrzyniak (1) with assists from Matthew Teng (2), Piere Marini (1) and Joshua Cole (1). Both matches played over the weekend were a complete team effort from all the boys. In addition to goals and assists, outstanding performances came from Brian Kinnee, Chris Gowank, and Klahr, Sammy Hanson, Andrew Griehshammer, Dylan Tuell, Reed Marques, Roberto Beard, Ryan Vicencio and Tomas Rozsa.

Pleasanton BUSC U12 Premier shutout Lomarinoda 5 to 0: On a flawless autumn day, Nathalia Esparza scored a flawless hat trick in BUSC's league victory against the visiting Lomarinoda team. The first goal was set up by Jackson Still's shot which hit the crossbar and was volleyed into the back of the net by Nathan. Next, a perfectly placed Ryan Racer crossed the ball to Nathalia Esparza squarely on target. Then, a cross by Jackson Still to Nathan completed the trick. Cameron Ritchie continued the scoring with a beautiful chip shot over the keeper from outside the top of the area. In addition to a solid defensive play to preserve the shut out, Max Gershaman scored on another Jackson Still cross.

Balistic United U-16 Division 1 hosted the once formidable Alliance Tecos from Union City at the Sports Park in Pleasanton. After a period of pressure, Balistic finally broke through after eight minutes when a long cross crossed from the left wing for Colin Hartland to chest home from close range. Chow was again the provider some ten minutes later when he drove into the penalty area and pulled the ball back for Seth Niermeyer to tap home easily. Balistic continued to dominate play and were duly rewarded with a third goal after thirty-four minutes when a free-kick by Connor O'Neil found its way to Colin Hartland, who curled his shot around the diving keeper and into the net. Just before half-time Chris Franzella wriggled free of his marker and chipped the goalkeeper to round off the first half in style. Balistic led at half-time by 4-0.

The second half started in remarkably similar style with Seth Niermeyer extending Balistic's lead to five thanks to a nice assist

by Colin Hartland. Nandor Krause got into the action after ten minutes, shooting from inside the box. The Tecos keeper only managed to parry the shot to Seth Niermeyer, who calmly accepted the chance for his hat-trick by tucking away the rebound. At this point in the second period, Tecos frustration finally boiled over as one of their players was given a red card for dissent. Several more testy comments from the player and his team-mates finally led the referee to call the game a full twenty minutes early and Balistic were awarded the victory by a final score of 6-0.

Division 4: Recreational Publicity **Under-6:** Coyotes vs. Crocodiles: Top Offensive Players: Colby Wallace, Zachary Riley, Jorden Caldeira, Ryan Armstrong. Top Defensive Players: Anthony Mitine, Dylan Gray, Justin Wallace, Jaden Lewis, Kyle Franck. The Coyotes played well today, taking nice, long kicks towards the ball. Ryan Armstrong made a terrific shot into the Crocodile's goal.

Crocodiles vs. Coyotes: Top Offensive Players: Euan Houston, Top Defensive Players: Max Lee. Euan had a tremendous game and spectacular goals. Max worked really hard playing defense and getting the ball away from the Coyotes. Everyone showed such wonderful team spirit and cheered each other on.

Cosmos vs. Comets: Top Offensive Players: Connor Perez, Jack Basseer. Top Defensive Players: Brandt Staron, Ryan Avery. Goals by Charlie Buckleley, Max Young and JT Brugaletta.

Under-7: Flames vs. Flash: Goals by Aidan Roloff, Carlos Caruso, Hayden Rice and Christopher Overton.

Stingrays vs. Stealth: Top Offensive Players: Evan McConnaughey, Brett Miller, Derek Nassar. Top Defensive Players: Jeremy Fortner, Dallas Lambert, Owen Maratoss.

Serpents vs. Stallions: Liam Fournier and Jonathan Kossman kept the game exciting with 4th quarter goals, while Chris Liu and Austin Nicolas kept the Serpents at bay with their excellent defense. Top Offensive Players: Liam Fournier, Jonathan Kossman. Top Defensive Players: Chris Liu, Austin Nicolas.

Fireballs vs. Fighters: Top Offensive Players: Matthew Hong, Tyler Mahoney; Top Defensive Players: Dongkun Lee, Arun Ahuja.

Under-8: Warriors vs. Mustangs: Top Offensive Players: Shanti Gopalswamy, Anyanon Kosch, Tristan St. John; Top Defensive Players: Arjun Mody, Vishal Palekar.

Cheetahs vs. Cyclones: Top Offensive Players: Tanner Fehrmann, Nate McGinty, Evan Thomas. Top Defensive Players: Will Bosse, Michael Mcmasters, Kaleb Reel.

Cannonballs vs. Condors: Top Offensive Players: Jake Borges. Top Defensive Players: Cody Vaeth.

Colts vs. Cobras: Top Offensive Players: Nolan Jetter, Connor Grimes, Tristin Scott; Top Defensive Players: Adam Garza, Brigg Wenstrand, Owen Crosby.

Cannonballs vs. Condors: Top Offensive Players: Nathaniel Sanchez, Aidan McIntyre, Aidan Strouli, Tomas Kersulis. Top Defensive Players: Michael O'Brien (Goalie), Aidan Mehta, Cohen Emerson.

Under-9: Thrashers vs. Tyrants: Alabanced game with the Tyrants scoring in the 10th minute and the Thrashers equalizing in the 15th. Goals scored by Maxwell Stubbs and Joao Pais with 2 attempts on goal by Brandon Boyle. Goalsaves in goal by Vishal Cherukuri in the first half and Maximilian Maratosos in the second half. Shawn Keswani and Mihir Weling tag teamed left back and right back with strong defensive play. Eustyn Trinh and Jonathan Ouyang played midfield and pushed the ball forward but with little scoring chances. In offence position, Referee Grace Ouyang. Top Offensive Players: Rohit Jagannathan. Top Defensive Players: Shawn Keshwi.

Under-11: Rapids 5: Rapids forward Jeffrey Deguchit broke open a scoreless tie 12 minutes into the first half with the first of three unassisted goals, powering the Rapids to a 5-0 victory over the Renegades. On the first goal, Deguchi alertly darted in to pick off a goalie kick, lofting it over the out-of-position keeper before the Renegades' defense could react. Two minutes later, Deguchi steered a pass in front of the goal, where forward Damian Johnson corralled a carom off teammate Tyler Kline and slapped it into the right corner of the goal. The Renegades put the game out of reach when defenseman Brandon Larson steered a long pass up the left side of the field and Rebel Johnson for a breakthrough. The goalie deflected his angling shot, but Deguchi pounced on the rebound for the first of two Renegade goals off shots deflected by the goalie. Meanwhile, the Rapids defense held firm with only six shots and refused to yield a goal. When the game was still in doubt, the Renegades right forward chased down an errant pass and broke into the open for a one-on-one shot, but goalie David Koida stepped out to cut down the angle, then snatched the unobstructed chance with a high drive. Top Offensive Players: Arambh Ahuja. Top Defensive Players: David Koida.

Rebels 0, Rays 6: The Rays were fortunate and Jordan Singh executed a long throw in to assist Ryan Gin's strong score entering just under the crossbar. The Rays were lucky again as Jordan crossed the ball again and the Rebel defender accidentally kicked in an own goal. Shortly thereafter Andrew Bailey crossed the ball to Singh and Jordan scored making the score 3-0 Rays. The Ray's defense acquitted itself well through the actions of Tyler Winner, Jose Brasil, Kevin Yang, Innes McEntee and Goalie Troy Bachand. The Rays were able to put two more in the net before half with Joe Rogers assisting Shaun Keinhoffer and Jordan Singh assisting Max Kim. The second half was well played and the Rebels held the Rays to one final goal with Timmy Wu assisting Kegan Locher leaving the Rays with a 6-0 win.

Raiders 0, Rockets 4: Top Offensive Players: Graham Catudal, Joshua Cho, Stan Luo; Top Defensive Players: Gabe Hencker, Jordan Reni, Chris Bayley.

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results:

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U14-Girls: 2, Jaguars 0: Once again team Rage was on fire. They really stepped it up during both halves dominating the ball. Team Jaguars also did great, played hard and



Livermore Elite United, U11boys's team, took 3rd Place in the Puma Harvest Cup in Sonoma on September 27. Pictured in the photo from left to right are Coaches Erik Tomita, Karen Dayak and Scott Thompson. Back row, from left to right, Grayson Pringle, Joel Gauch, T.J. Dayak, Matteo Defina and Tanner Wright. Front row, from left to right, Austin McMillan, Tanner Souza, Nolan Thompson, Kyle Wright, Lucas Coppock, Nicholas Ratinho and Joshua Zielinski.

strong. Everyone played well together. Offense: Kali Adams, Leah Becker, Savannah Dixon (Rage); Bianca Aceves, Natalie Lind, Charity Manning (Jaguars); Defense: Jessica Kendro, Tessa Clark, Breonna Burrell (Rage); Sara Novell, Jamie Dittmore, Madeline Thompson (Jaguars); Goals/Assists: Isabella Johnstone (G), Samantha Desilva (A), Kali Adams (G), Leah Becker (A) (Rage).

The Livermore Elite Fury U-14 girls lost for the first time in league play to the Heritage Force but rebounded to beat the S.F. Revolution. Against Heritage, the Fury's Taylor Lemnier made a diving save but the Force followed up the loose ball for a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute. Livermore controlled play for much of the half as Madyson Souza played strongly in the midfield. The Fury had an excellent scoring chance late in the half when Elise Codrioli crossed the ball to Beth McCall whose header was saved. Livermore opened the second half with some solid play as Ryley Landreth and Elise Falgout both placed shots on goal. Jenna Hatch had some determined runs by winning possession battles and racing down the right side into the Heritage zone, forcing a corner on one long run. Livermore had one last chance to tie the game but a shot from Kylie Diaz was wassaved. A late breakaway goal by the Force sealed the win.

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Ethan Aboumrud made a spectacular play in the first half, preventing United from getting their only real shot at a goal. Raymond Carlson, Grant Riddough, and Kevin Mains all scored for Fire, assisted by Chad Hemmig.

The Livermore Elite Rampage U9 Girls had another strong weekend of play as they competed in 2 league matches and a State Cup qualifier. The girls began their weekend with a game against Pleasanton Rage Orange. The two teams were evenly matched as they battled Force but rebounded to beat the S.F. Revolution. Against Heritage, the Fury's Taylor Lemnier made a diving save but the Force followed up the loose ball for a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute. Livermore controlled play for much of the half as Madyson Souza played strongly in the midfield. The Fury had an excellent scoring chance late in the half when Elise Codrioli crossed the ball to Beth McCall whose header was saved. Livermore opened the second half with some solid play as Ryley Landreth and Elise Falgout both placed shots on goal. Jenna Hatch had some determined runs by winning possession battles and racing down the right side into the Heritage zone, forcing a corner on one long run. Livermore had one last chance to tie the game but a shot from Kylie Diaz was wassaved. A late breakaway goal by the Force sealed the win.

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Livermore U-10 Girls High Comp Bronze team Xtreme played in Fremont against Fremonts MVU Girls U-10 team. Xtreme came out strong with a goal made by Kylie Moore in the first few minutes of play. Xtreme led the whole first half 1-0 with excellent playing by offensive players, Brianna Clatt, Heather Woelk, and Amanda Zeck. For most of the second half Xtreme's defense was strong with players, Sam Anderson and Kate Fournier. Alyssa Bonfiglio

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OCTOBER 9 & 10TH AT 7 & 9PM LEWIS BLACK 'STARK RAVING BLACK'						
COUPLES RETREAT (PG13) DLP	12:15	1:15	2:45	4:30	5:15	
						7:05 8:15 9:35
TOY STORY & TOY STORY 2 IN 3D (G) DLP	12:00	1:00	3:30	4:30		
						7:00 8:00
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D (PG) DLP				12:40	2:50	
				5:00	7:10	9:20
ZOMBIELAND (R) DLP	12:30	2:40	4:50	7:25	9:50	
CAPITAN: A LOVE STORY (R) DLP		1:05	4:05	6:55	9:45	
THE INVENTION OF LYING (PG13) DLP	12:10	2:30	4:45	7:05	9:25	
FAME (PG) DLP		1:00	4:00	6:50	9:30	
SURROGATES (PG13) DLP	12:45	2:55	5:05	7:30	9:55	
THE INFORMANT! (R) DLP	1:45	4:25	7:00*	9:40*	*No Shows Fri-Sat	
INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R) DLP				1:25	4:35	7:45
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SPORTS NOTES

once again proved to be an excellent goal keeper blocking several attempts to score. In the end Xtreme tied Fremont 1-1.

The Crew U14G Crew 95 tied a hard fought game with Mustang Fury 1-1. Crew scored first, with a short kick past the Mustang goalie by #24 Katie Lortie. Mustang scored their goal in the second half. The Crew players all worked hard and played well, with special appreciation to goalie Brielle Preece for some great saves.

Livermore Crush: In their 2nd league game, the Crush girls played a great home game against Berkeley Mavericks, winning 6 to 0. The first goal came after back and forth passing by the Crush offense. Mavericks goalie Shira Cohen deflected the ball, but Meghan Giamona from Crush was in position for a shot and goal. Next, Kira Karter was delivered the ball from the Crush defense at half field. Kira scored, leaving the game 2-0 at halftime. In the second half, Claire Anderson made a beautiful pass across the front of the Mavericks goal, pulling the goalie Claire Fargeix out to block, but Kira K. was in position for the tap in. Next, Tori Borgna received the ball off a throw in by Claire Anderson. Tori took the ball up field to score. Later in the second half, Kira K. got the ball after a Mavericks goal kick, and made a strong chip shot into the goal, giving Kira Karter a hat trick for the game. The final goal was right before the whistle, with Isabella Barbero making a great shot across the Mavericks goal. Great effort by Mavericks Goalies Shira Cohen and Claire Fargeix, who were kept busy with 32 shots on their goal by Crush offense.

Crush tied West County Dynamites 1 to 1. This was a great, evenly matched game, with 9 shots on goal by each team for the entire game. Dynamites struck first, scoring first about mid-way into the first half. Crush answered with a soaring kick by Madelyn Krueger up to Claire Anderson in the Dynamites territory. Claire took the ball up and when the goalie came out, Claire made a perfect shot up and over the goalies head into the net to tie up the game. Both teams battled back in the second half, but neither one was willing to give up another goal, and the game ended in a tie. Top Players: Claire Anderson, Samantha Dukas, and the entire defense.

Livermore Elite Apex U11 Girls won both their games this past weekend to secure first place in their league standings. On Saturday the girls beat the Dublin Strikers 5 - 0. The goals were scored by Collette Mandrossian, Jenna Sunnergren, Skyler Lewis, Brianna Haskins and Kayla Carlucci. On Sunday Apex faced a tough opponent in Pleasanton Rage. Brianna Haskins scored the only goal of the game on a great pass from the midfield by McKenna Buti. The girls secured both their shutouts with outstanding goalkeeping by Skyler Lewis and tight defensive work by Selina Cardoza, Katie Falgout and Jenny Connolly.

The Livermore Elite Hurricanes U12 boys came away with a big 4-0 win on Sunday against Mission Valley United. Once again the stingy Hurricane defense led by Kevin Gilmore, Brandon Brocklesby, and Connor McGehee made the difference in the game. Dominic Mingione scored in the first minute of the game off a great assist from Zabrisky Roland and that was all the scoring the Hurricanes needed but they racked on 3 other goals by Trevor Ross, Hayden Olsen, and Scott Newby. Those goals would not have been possible without the great passing from Max Wiggington, Garrett Vest, and Archie LaBine.

Rampage 98 2: Flames 0; Rampage Div. 1 U11 shut out the Flames 2-0. The Rampage team carried the play throughout the first half and had numerous shots. Rampage finally put two in the net with 10 minutes to go. Brooklyn Smithers ran shoulder to shoulder with the Flames defender but beat her with a half step and sunk goal #1 in the net. Just minutes later Ashley Morton accepted a perfect pass and barreled down the center of the field and rifled an impossible shot to the corner of the net. Rampage could not have done it without the exceptional play from Adriana Sblendorio, Marissa Pletschette and Bianca Stubler. Fantastic goalie efforts came from Ashley Morton, Alyssa Oki and Jessica Mahabali.

Rampage 98 2: Gryphons 98 2: Rampage tied a tough match against the Gryphons in a State Cup qualifying game. Rampage's Marissa Pletschette took advantage of a ball bouncing around the 18 yard line and placed a gorgeous outside shot into the net. Many plays were set up by Amanda Silveira and Lesly Jimenez. Finally in the second half, Jesse Espana sent a beautiful cross over to Ashley Morton who stuffed it in the net for Rampage's 2nd goal. Strong efforts on the field came from Amy Silva, Lauren Sandy, Alyssa Oki, Hunter Vee and Jessica Mahabali. And once again, Rampage could not do it without their goalies Alyssa Oki, Ashley Morton and Jessica Mahabali.

REC-PLUS
U12-Girls: Livermore Cobras 4, San Ramon Flyers 0. Natalie Palomo started off the Championship game with a perfectly placed penalty kick into the corner of the net. Alexandria Clifton followed up with a second goal from a beautiful corner-kick by Gabriela Oliveira. Natalie scored two additional goals with the help of Megan Ewing, who played tough mid field, which made a huge contribution to the Cobras offensive success. Tajia Andrews, MacKenzie Schley and Devin Everett played excellent defense for the 4th shut out game of the tournament. Offense: Natalie Palomo, Alina Coronado, Megan Ewing (Cobras); Ashley Perillat, Haley Raizes (Flyers); Defense: Tajia Andrews, MacKenzie Schley, Devin Everett (Cobras); Ali Lepepe, Mia Vaughn (Flyers); Goals/Assists: Natalie Palomo (3G), Alexandria Clifton (G) (Cobras)

Cobras 5, Mustang Wildcats 0; Gabriela Oliveira once again started off the 3rd game of the tournament with a corner-kick that resulted in the first goal, a beautiful straight shot, as well as an assist to Jordan Volponi's brilliant goal. Jamie Zogarcic showed an amazing effort which not only resulted in a fantastic goal but also a beautiful assist to Natalie Palomo's strategically placed goal. The Livermore Cobras Defense was once again amazing keeping the ball consistently on the Wildcats side of the field for the 3rd shut out game of the tournament. Offense: Jamie Zogarcic, Jordan Volponi, Gabriela Oliveira (Cobras); Giuliana Tanner, Shirih Sooroshian,

Kate McClure (Wildcats); Defense: Jenna Dobson, MacKenzie Schley, Llexis Pereida (Cobras); Hannah Pence, Haley Pence, Sophie Calling (Wildcats); Goals/Assists: Jamie Zogarcic (G, A), Alina Coronado (A), Jordan Volponi (G), Gabriela Oliveira (2G, A), Natalie Palomo (G) (Cobras)

Cobras 3, San Ramon Black Pearls 0; Gabriela Oliveira of the Livermore Cobras started off the second game strong with a penalty kick which resulted in the 1st score of the game. Natalie Palomo played a great game with strategic passing that resulted in the second goal. Natalie used her excellent ball skills and speed to score the Cobras third and final goal for the game. Llexis Pereida, Devon Everett as well as Megan Ewing played excellent defense which resulted in a second shut out win for the Livermore Cobras in the tournament. Offense: Jenna Dobson, Gabriela Oliveira, Natalie Palomo (Cobras); Michaela Lopez, Shanell Kar, Anna Delange (Pearls); Defense: Llexis Pereida, Devin Everett, Megan Ewing (Cobras); Carly Hale, Britney Lovett, Paulina Ruiz (Pearls); Goals/Assists: Gabriela Oliveira (G), Alexandria Clifton (G), Natalie Palomo (G, A) (Cobras)

Cobras 2, Mustang Cosmos 0; The Livermore Cobras started out the 2009 Mustang Saddleback Tournament with a win against the Mustang Cosmos. The Defense played really tough with both MacKenzie Schley and Tajia Andrews keeping the ball on the Mustangs side of the field. Rachel Jelenic the Cobra's goalie made some incredible saves which helped to stop the Mustang Cosmos from scoring. Alexandria Clifton made a beautiful pass to Jordan Volponi in the center who finished beautifully for their first goal of the tournament. Alexandria later had another goal which helped to secure the Cobra's 2-0 win. Offense: Jordan Volponi, Alexandria Clifton, Carl Henderson (Cobras); Heidi Fuhrman, Emma Rupley, Sara Scott (Cosmos); Defense: Tajia Andrews, MacKenzie Schley, Rachel Jelenic (Cobras); Casey Garrigan, Paige Brause, Louise Marshall (Cosmos); Goals/Assists: Jordan Volponi (G), Alexandria Clifton (G, A) (Cobras)

U10-Girls: Kixie Chicks 5, Livermore Thunder 0; Thunder played a very strong game against the top ranked team, Kixie Chicks. Even though the final score was 5-0 in favor of the Kixie Chicks the Thunder girls never gave up the fight. Fabulous defensive plays came from Shelby Clark and Riley Male. Riley also did a fantastic job at stopping several shots on goal as the Thunder lead off game. Kixie Chicks have a fabulous offense and with the teamwork of Ellie, Nicole, and Ashley were able to score and win the game. Offense: Ellie Norotney, Nicole Knapper, Ashley Barley (Chicks); Kennedy Griffith, Riley Male, Allyson Badger, Taylor Petersen (Thunder); Defense: Megan, Ashley Barley (Chicks); Kiji Oudroune, Riley Male (GK), Juliana Santos, Shelby Clark (Thunder); Goals/Assists: Ellie (3G), Nicole (G), Ashley (G) (Chicks)

U12-Boys: Livermore Matrix 5, Mustang Titans 1; Livermore Matrix scored early in the first half on a cross from Josh Forsshaw to Brian Zarate. Moments later, Brian made a hard kicked cross that hit the inside of the far goal post and ricocheted in for goal number 2. Later in the first half, Andrew made a pass to Josh who kicked it in for goal number 3. During the second half, with the Titans playing an off-side trap defense, Brian Zarate was able to dribble up and score. The Titans answered back with a hard cross shot from Cameron Lum that put the Titans on the board with one goal. Finally, John Reggiardo, as goalie, blocked a Titan kick into the goal and delivered a punt deep into Titan territory. Ryan Peterson took that ball to the goal to make it 5-1 Matrix at the whistle. Offense: Trent Wiedner, Jonathan Short, Matthew Garcia (Matrix); Jared Lee, Kevin Madden, Mitchell Storey (Titans); Defense: James Yarnell, Russell Stevenson, Chance Owen (Matrix); Spencer Lohr, Shervin Sooroshian, Aleck Loker (Titans); Goals/Assists: Brian Zarate (3G), Josh Forsshaw (G, A), Andrew Long-Kettenhoffer (A), Ryan Peterson (G), John Reggiardo (A) (Matrix); Cameron Lum (G) (Titans)

U10-Boys: Livermore Flying Tigers 4, Danville Bombers 1; The Livermore Flying Tigers soared to a win over the Danville Bombers in an exciting, fast-paced game. The Flying Tigers scored first with a goal by Kathy Fabian off a Zachary Macintire assist late in the first half. This was immediately followed up with another Flying Tiger goal by Caleb Hardesty to end the half. The Bombers offense responded in the second half by pouncing on the Flying Tigers until Jack Baldyga finally caught the net. Flying Tiger Austin Trier then set up a pass to Caleb which he launched over the Bomber defense into the goal, surprising both teams. The pair repeated it again with wing Austin assisting Caleb for the final goal, ending the game 4-1. Offense: Caleb Hardesty, Harry Ross, Mitchell Storey (Tigers); Jack Baldyga, Seamus Apparicio, Sean Gilbert (Bombers); Defense: McLain Minton, Gabriel Parrish, Cameron Priest (Tigers); Cole Leone, Ben Schneiderman, Zack Salamida (Bombers); Goals/Assists: Kathy Fabian (G), Zachary Macintire (A), Caleb Hardesty (3G), Austin Trier (2A) (Tigers); Jack Baldyga (G) (Bombers)

Flying Tigers 2, Danville Pumas 0; The Livermore Flying Tigers roared to victory against the Danville Pumas, with the Flying Tiger defense shutting out the Pumas, 2-0. In the first half Caleb Hardesty shot into the net with an assist by McLain Minton. The Puma defense continued to block the Flying Tiger attacks and late in the second half, Ethan Vincent's shots paid off with the second and final goal of the game. Offense: Ethan Vincent, Zachary Macintire, Austin Trier (Tigers); Austin Edwards, Zach Lind, Randall Dobkin (Pumas); Defense: Kady Fabian, Matthew Reddick, Dylan Keller (Tigers); Ben Hatton, Connor Lightfoot, Dario Mondani (Pumas); Goals/Assists: Caleb Hardesty (G) McLain Minton (A), Ethan Vincent (G) (Tigers)

Livermore Gunners 5, Mustang Bombers 0; Offense: Grant Murphy, Drew Marples, Zachary Heinz (Gunners); Jack Baldyga, Zach Salamida (Bombers); Defense: Jacob Tavares, Connor Sweeney, Brandon Trevehan (Gunners); Brayden Zwetsloot, Cole Leone (Bombers); Goals/Assists: Grant Murphy (G), Drew Marples (2G), Miles Larson (A), Zachary Heinz (2G) (Gunners)

HOUSE LEAGUE
U14-Girls: Bolts 3, Storm 0; The Bolts are undefeated going into the finals for the Livermore House Tournament. Offense: Hannah Stepanek, Jessica Irwin, Kirsten Mork (Bolts); Gisselle Manzano, Skyler Kriz, Mary Ellam

(Storm); Defense: Emily Eijansantos, Madison Miller, Lauren Miller (Bolts); Perla Tolentino, Madison Gerton, Michelle Pacheco (Storm); Goals/Assists: Hannah Stepanek (2G), Kirsten Mork (G) (Bolts)

Rage 3, Fusion 1: Offense: Isabella Johnstone, Taylor Ditzel, Leah Becker (Rage); Jade Ayers, Tatiana Jansen, Sash King (Fusion); Defense: Samantha Desiva, Maddie McCoy, Yesenia Sanchez (Rage); Josline Morales, Jessica Estrada, Isabel Futral (Fusion); Goals/Assists: Samantha Desiva (2G), Isabella Johnstone (G) (Rage); Jade Ayers (G) (Fusion)

Bolts 5, Rage 1: Offense: Casey Schindler, Molly Morrisroe, Alicia Craft (Bolts); Isabella Johnstone, Sarah Amorin, Kali Adams (Rage); Defense: Anna Murphy, Sarah Guilford, Dorothy Richards (Bolts); Katrina Elmor, Savannah Dixon, Jessica Kendro (Rage); Goals/Assists: Jessica Irwin (G), Hannah Stepanek (G, A), Kirsten Mork (2G), Casey Schindler (G) (Bolts); Sarah Amorin (G), Leah Becker (A) (Rage)

U10-Girls: Goal Getters 3, Tigers 0; Offense: Julie Mendez, Mary Carmona, Olivia Curtis (Getters); Katie Carmichael (Tigers); Defense: Sierra Stone, Georgia Higgins, Bella Miano (Getters); Erica Espinoza, Clara Martinez (Tigers); Goals/Assists: Chloe Brickwedel (G), Krissy Keller (2G) (Getters)

Shockwaves 1, Lightning Girls 0: Offense: Hailey Cooper, Melissa Perez, Sierra Deane (Shockwaves); Emily Hewitt, Luci Romero, Ashley Antony (Lightning); Defense: Britney Ortiz, Dominique Aciego Ramirez, Brooke Powe (Shockwaves); Katherine Gomez, Kierra Stanek, Maggie Sneed (Lightning); Goals/Assists: Alison Murphy (G), Jenna Camargo (A), Maya Pilon (A) (Shockwaves)

E-Gals 3, Soccer Rockers 3: Offense: Raegan Demo, Alexis Salazar, Taylor Sullivan (E-Gals); Tyler Lee, Sophie Michaels, Laura George (Rockers); Defense: Destiny Bandy, Laia Elmashini, Taylor Lachman (E-Gals); Elizabeth Waibel (Rockers); Goals/Assists: Raegan Demo (G), Taylor Sullivan (2G) (E-Gals); Tyler Lee (3G) (Rockers)

Goal Getters 3, Lightning Girls 0: Offense: Olivia Curtis, Krissy Keller, Amanda Czapkay (Getters); Marissa Carpenter, Claudia Mesa, Maggie Sneed (Lightning); Defense: Mary Carmona, Bella Miano, Alize Rizzo (Getters); Melinda Miller, Katie Dabney, Katherine Gomez (Lightning); Goals/Assists: Krissy Keller (G, A), Chloe Brickwedel (G), Kate Marcell (G), Olivia Curtis (A) (Getters)

U9-Girls: Blast 3, Spirit 1; Offense: Peyton Fields, Eva Salazar, Alicia Diaz (Blast); Emmerson Coberg, Maritza Espinoza, Aleya Whitehead (Spirit); Defense: Chloe Stanford, Taylor Stamps, Marissa Mckee (Blast); Sarah Peters, Hannah Sandahl, Zaret Zamora (Spirit)

Spirit 0, Panthers 0: Offense: Olivia Powers, Noelle Rizzo, Lauren Zielinski (Spirit); Megan Mossinger, Haley Thompson, Maddie Goudahl (Panthers); Defense: Sarah Peters, Sierra Solo, Zaret Zamora (Spirit); Alexa Nava, Sierra Bettencourt (Panthers)

U8-Girls: Dolphins vs Stingers; Offense: Hailey Lopez, Katrina Makarawicz, Carlie Priuelli (Dolphins); Jackie Parker, Chandler Duarte, Skylar Vinson (Stingers); Defense: Kaleigh Garcia, Samantha Peters, Madeline Koning (Dolphins); Abby Roth, Shaylin Vadney, Ryanalbeck (Stingers)

Tabu vs Fireflies: Offense: Sierra Graham, Katelyn Figueroa, Kelsey Maldonado (Tabu); Sarah Carlson, Bella Grajeda, Dawn Powell (Fireflies); Defense: Meghan Kennedy, Katie Waters, Victoria Salazar (Tabu); Kaylee Layva, Olivia Ganz, Marieke Moyers (Fireflies)

Cougars vs Dixie Chicks: Offense: Sydney Olsen, Sydney Keshmiry, Sarah Kramm (Cougars); Madeline Turk, Jillian Colloom, Alexa Harvey (Chicks); Defense: Amber Fedunow, Shivani Amin, Pascale Badders (Cougars); Megan Garika, Emily White, Lauren Pretto (Chicks)

Big Kickers vs Dixie Chicks: Offense: Hannah Kurian (Kickers); Alexa Harvey, Rebecca Wheeler, Jillian Colloom (Chicks); Defense: Luzi Loza (GK), Paula Leigh, Kylen Johnston (Kickers); Megan Gurka, Emily White, Emma Dunbar (Chicks)

Cool Cats vs Dandelions: Cool Cats: Isabelle Miller, Jaida Carr, Jessica Warren; Dandelions: Olivia Tabaracci - defense, Sarah Davission - goalie; Alyssa Mack - offense.

U7-Girls: Pink Lightning vs Go-Girls; Offense: Erin Murphy (Lightning); Klarissa Cuena (Go-Girls); Defense: Kayla Galo (Lightning); Anna Leary (Go-Girls)

Soccer Rockers vs Kick'n Caterpillars: Offense: Kylie Neuhauer, Kendall Sutton (Rockers); Faith Rogers, Caitlin Thompson (Caterpillars); Defense: Sarah Robinson, Graciana Ratto (Rockers); Morgan Kuempel, Arianna Salcedo (Caterpillars)

Ladybugs vs Soccer Stars: Offense: Kaleigh Castillo, PK Hall, Hillary Huff, Kylee Ivy (Ladybugs); Kayla Remund, Erin Schrader, Kimberly Vega (Stars); Defense: Allyah Anderson, Grace Hodous, Mercedes Valverde (Ladybugs); Megan McCoy, Molly MacLaren, Celeste Summers, Katie Zeck (Stars)

Pink Butterflies vs Blue Moons: Offense: Catherine Polaski, Taylor Sprout (Butterflies); Madelyn Bertolucci, Nina Fillari (Moons); Defense: Lily Redell (Butterflies); Julia Pasantanna (Moons)

Blue Moons vs Rockstars: Offense: Calli Renner (Moons); Jennifer Costa (Rockstars); Defense: Tanisha Verma, Chloe Daooust (Moons); Marin Freeland, Marjoly Perez (Rockstars)

Kick'n Caterpillars vs Lucky Ladybugs: Offense: Grace Ackerman, Caitlin Thompson (Caterpillars); Kelsey Sako, Gretchen Krenz (Ladybugs); Defense: Faith Rogers, Sydney Mossinger (Caterpillars); Cassandra Matchett, Madelyn Schaffer (Ladybugs)

U6-Girls: Flower Power vs Shooting Stars; Shooting Stars Offense: Sonia Fletcher, Sarah Gomes; Offense: Carley Wiedenfeld, Flower Power Offense: Emma Kello; Defense: Sdney Gutierrez, Megan Toner

U14-Boys: Fuego 2, Clash 3; Down 1-0, Clash rallied and held on to the end for their first victory. Offense: Zac Turner, Angel Cortez, Austin Roeder (Clash); David Medina, Saul Lopez (Fuego); Defense: Jeffrey Warner, Kevin Sweeney, Jacob Kerling (Clash); Goals/Assists: Austin Roeder (2G), Zac Turner (G), Angel Cortese (A), Antonec Perryman (A) (Clash); David Medina (G), Saul Lopez (G) (Fuego)

U12-Boys: Fireballs 8, Red Bulls 4; Of-

fense: Isaac Orozco, Spencer Kramm, Nick Brown (Fireballs); Jacob Wortham, Jacob Peterson, Matthew Hewitt (Bulls); Defense: Justin Pettis, Taylor Williamson, Jorge Alvarez (Fireballs); Shaya Filsoof, Aaron Collier, Ben Gill (Bulls)

U10-Boys: Net Busters 5, Soccer Snipers 4; Offense: Ernesto Cruz, Jack Perry, Ryan Nostrand, Victor Quintero (Busters); Seth Davis, Kyle Conrad, Christian Aceves, Edward Robles (Snipers); Defense: Nick Tivey, Anthony Renouf, Han Nelson, Jayden Venegas (Busters); Jared Hubert, Shaun Garlick, Zachary Yereimian, Jacob Eijansantos (Snipers); Goals/Assists: Ernesto Cruz, Jack Perry, Ryan Nostrand (Busters); Seth Davis (2G), Kyle Conrad (G) (Snipers)

U9-Boys: Trailblazers 0, Flaming Eagles 6; Offense: Blake Freeland, Matthew Kovacs, Jared Persson (Eagles); Ty Bothwell-Militsky, Nathan Frazier, Aidan Epperly (Trailblazers); Defense: Alex Johnson, Elijah Collins, Kendall Hornbeck (Eagles); Landon Patiso, Alejandro Hernandez, Trey Beede (Trailblazers)

Strikers 1, Blazers 1: Offense: Max Baer, Joshua Colloom, Isaac Turke, Cameron Schrader (Strikers); Jack, Burke, Chase Griffin, Nate Braun (Blazers); Defense: Nathan Kamm, Terry Strout, Wyatt Moseley (Strikers); Josh Freitas, Jordan Garcia, Jimmy Rodrigues (Blazers); Goals/Assists: Isaac Tufts (G)

Gladiators 1, Arsenal 2: Offense: Jeremy Waibel, Grant Keda, Kyle McKinzie (Arsenal); Emory Larson, Jack Molitoris, Maxime Tamango (Gladiators); Defense: Joshua Goldstein, Devan Yarnell, Darren O'Neill (Arsenal); Matthew Tietjen, Eric Moddy, Daniel Tolentino (Gladiators); Goals/Assists: Jeremy Waibel (2G) (Arsenal); Emory Larson (G) (Gladiators)

Fireballs 2, Strikers 1: Offense: Evan Capurro, Cameron Aslin (Fireballs); Duncan Maloney, Cameron Schrader, Kevin Lee (Strikers); Defense: Grant Dufek, Joshua, Kevin Vey (Fireballs); Adam Lagodzinski, Jordan Colloom, Jason Wigginton (Strikers); Goals/Assists: Isaac Guerrero (2G) (Fireballs); Duncan Maloney (G) (Strikers)

U8-Boys: Vipers vs Scorpions; Offense: Patrick Connolly, Jacob Lord, Blake Burrell, Brett Oelruch (Vipers); Austin Weinschelbaum, Jack Bossio, Dylan Breesch (Scorpions); Defense: Eric Rutoma, Evan Nystrom, Ethan Montesino (Vipers); Nathan Jone, Mateo Moncada (Scorpions)

Flying King Cobras vs Ghost Riders: Offense: Jackson Brown, Ryan Lortie, Connor Campbell (Cobras); Ricardo Alvarez, Kevin Vega, Cameron Winter (Ghosts); Defense: Joey Katen, Jesse Wolfson, Ryan Wenzel (Cobras); Dylan Jess, Noah Zika, Carlos Ventura (Ghosts)

Sonic Troopers vs Cougars: Offense: Drake Small, Griffin Lawrence, Ryan Juric (Troopers); Ty Marks, Jacob Moen, Ryan Bartl (Cougars); Defense: Shahmir Lodhi, Max Weasner, Jackson Newkirk (Troopers); James Dupery, Tamur Asar, Theodore Dean (Cougars)

Red-Hots vs Goal Getters: Offense: Lexi Borgana, Jordan Briggs, Natalie Gonzalez (Red-Hots); Allison Azevedo, Kayla Hebebrand, Nicole Geary (Getters); Defense: Giorgia Bates, Alexis Diaz, Eliana Ene (Red-Hots); Allison Machi, Katie Muzzall, Jessica Zogarcic, Camryn Gray (Getters)

Sonics vs Crusher Jedis: Offense: Trent Crisp, Justin Pestana, Quinn Ayres, Sean Pasqual (Sonics); Thomas Kello, Nino Sabella, Mathew Larson (Jedis); Defense: Evan Sire, Rylan Matheson, Jacob Garner (Sonics); J.J. Knight, Caellan Roberts, Andrew Lund (Jedis)

U6-Boys: Pirates vs Sharks; Offense: Stephen Geyer, Ryan Hansen, Kieran Campbell (Pirates); Robert Seymore, Peyton Hendricks, Aaron Stone (Sharks); Defense: Gavin Rose, Andrew Hoffmann, Hayden Williams (Pirates); Jack Fullen, Anthony Acosta, Aiden Hornett (Sharks)

Redhawks vs Dragons: Offense: Diego Iniguez, Brandon York (Redhawks); Mason Franchi, Aiden Buenrostro (Dragons); Defense: Hunter Houghton, Angel Garcia (Redhawks); Ozzie Cervantez, Luca Montalvo (Dragons)

Lacrosse Registration
Girls lacrosse Spring 2010 registration is now open. It is open to girls in grades 2 to 8. Registration is now through the end of November 2009 at www.pleasantongirlslacrosse.com. Questions? Richard Murphy at r1_murphy@cbglobal.net. Spring season runs from February to May 2010.

LGSA Registration
Registrations are now being accepted for the 2010 Spring Recreation Season for Livermore Girls Softball Association. All girls living in Livermore are eligible to play. Walk-in Registrations and uniform jersey sizing: Wednesday, October 21, 6pm-9pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street. For more information and to download the registration form, visit www.livermoregirlsoftball.org, email registration@livermoregirlsoftball.org or call 925-556-5259.

LGSA 10U & Middle School Try-outs:
Spring 2010 recreation season tryouts will be held on Saturday, November 14th and Saturday, December 5th for all registered 10U and Middle School girls. Tryouts will be held at Joe Mitchell School, 1001 Elaine Avenue, Livermore. For more information and to download the registration form, visit www.livermoregirlsoftball.org, email registration@livermoregirlsoftball.org or call 925-556-5259.

Swimstrong for Team KC

A swim-a-thon, Swimstrong for Team KC, to benefit pediatric cancer patients and their families is set for Sun., Oct. 18 at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Participants collect pledges for the amount of laps that can be swum in 30 minutes. For more information about Korrine and the Swimstrong fund-raiser go to www.korrinecrogan.blogspot.com or call Cindy Gary at 606-7767.

Email registration can be completed TeamKC@comcast.net or drop off forms at the pool office. Registration deadline is Oct. 16.

PGSL Registration:

2010 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 PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from the website). For more information or questions, contact Christine Tanis at christine.tanis@pleasantonsoftball.org.

Bowling News

Scott Hylton in the Tuesday Match Point league rolled a 755 series that includes games of 234-299-222 at the Granada Bowl in Livermore.

Louretta Agnes in the Getaway Fours league bowled a 214 game. Gail Carroll in the Tuesday Match Point league heated things up with a 233-225-200 for a 658 series. In the same league, Bryan Leder rolled a 244 game and Gene Tanaka a 235 game. Rodney Hale rolled 69 pins over average for a 199 game. James Selmann in the Modified Guys & Dolls bowled a 738 with games of 216-274-248. Joe Dimaggio rolled a 265 game and David Drab a 250. Paul Guerrero in the Donna's Mixers league turned in a 235 game ending with a 616 series. In the Thursday night Practice League, Stacey Sopora bowled a 180 game (62 pins over avg.) and Bruce Ragusa a 216 (58 pins over avg.). Matt Olsen ended the night with a 222 game (52 pins over avg.). Kevin Duguid rolled 155 over series for a 707 including 263 & 257 games.

In the Monday Premierettes, Don Tunison rolled a 256 game and Charlie Henderson a 229. Dorothy Poorman bowled a 180 game (56 pins over average). Bill Vance, in the Sire's Sirettes, bowled 58 pins over average

for a 199 game.

Youth bowler, Alex Stuber shot a 664 series with games of 203-256-205 in the Generation Gap league.

Pro Football On a Really Big Screen

Watch NFL football games on the biggest screen anywhere in the East Bay. Every Sunday morning for the 10 a.m. games, the Vine Cinema & Alehouse in downtown Livermore will be featuring games played by local teams. They will be shown on a giant 30' wide screen. The games are projected on the big screen in high definition. The admission is free. Available for purchase will be 8 beers on tap, another 10 bottled beer and Livermore Valley Wines to go with pizza, wings, nachos, polish sausages, hot links, Nathans Hot Dogs, and pretzels.

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6	\$76,850	\$124,950

Application packets may be obtained at Livermore City Hall 1052 S. Livermore Ave., all Livermore libraries, the Multi-Service Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., or online at http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/housing_assistance/documents/PreliminaryApplicationMASTEROct2009.pdf All applications must be received by the City of Livermore Community Development Dept., 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA, no later than **Friday, October 16, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered, even if postmarked earlier. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) from
The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority
For Audit Services - RFP ACTIA 09-05

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) is seeking proposals for independent financial audit services for fiscal years ending 2010 through 2011 with an option to renew through 2014.

For a copy of the RFP visit our ACTIA website at www.actia2022.com. The RFP may be requested at the ACTIA office located at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted no later than Monday, October 26, 5:00 P. M. by email to aazad@actia2022.com. Answers to RFP related questions will be posted on the ACTIA website by October 27, 2009.

RFP Schedule:
- Pre-proposal Conference (ACTIA Office) Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 2:00 P.M.
- Proposals Due, Monday, November 2, 2009, 3:00 P.M., PST
Please refer to RFP 09-05 on ACTIA's Website for more details

Five copies of the proposal plus an electronic version (refer to RFP for detail) must be received at the address and time indicated above. Price Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked:

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority
1333 Broadway, Suite 300
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Anees Azad
"Financial Auditor- RFP ACTIA 09-05"

Proposals are subject to the ACTIA Local Business Enterprise (LBE) and Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Professional Services Contract Program. The ACTIA goal for professional services is 70% for LBE and 30% for SLBE. For Program's Requirements and Forms, visit our ACTIA website at www.actia2022.com. Any contract to be awarded as a result of this Notice will be awarded without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

OBITUARIES

Steven Charles Groves

Steven Charles Groves, the husband of Karen Groves, who preceded him in death in 2002, and father of Nicole Shapiro, passed away on September 24, 2009. He is survived by his son-in-law, Brett Shapiro and step-grand-daughter, Chloe Shapiro of Livermore; brother, Tom Groves and family of Dublin; and sister, Patty Groves of Porterville, CA.

Steve was born in Alameda, CA on Sept. 30, 1947 to Noah and Mary Jane Groves. He graduated from Alameda High School in 1965 and has been a resident of Livermore since 1978. His friends and family will remember him for his love for NASCAR and trips to Lake Shasta.

A private Celebration of Life Reception for friends and family was held on October 7 at 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers that donations be made to the charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Kathleen C. Hansen

Kathleen C. Hansen passed away peacefully on September 20, 2009. She was 82. She was born on Staten Island, New York on June 9, 1927.

Kathleen entered St. Vincent's School of nursing at the age of 17 in New York City. When she graduated, she entered the Navy as an ensign. One year later, she met her husband to be, Richard Hansen, at an officers club in Philadelphia. They married on March 10, 1949 and moved to California, where they spent the rest of their lives and raised their seven children. Kathleen was a kind and loving woman. Her family was her life. She will be dearly missed.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Hansen, daughter, Peggy Hansen, and son, Patrick Hansen. She is survived by her sister, Jane Claffy of Red Hook, NY; daughter Colleen O'Neal of Livermore, daughter Kathleen McGehee of Manteca; son Christopher Hansen of Pensacola, Florida; son Mark Hansen of Sparks, Nevada; and daughter Mary Heaton of Livermore; as well as fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

There will be a funeral service at the Presidio Military Cemetery in San Francisco on November 27, 2009 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice House of San Joaquin in Stockton.

Howard M. Vandevanter "Van"

Howard M. Vandevanter "Van" died September 30, 2009. Van was born in Mattoon, IL. to Orville and Iola Vandevanter on August 3, 1925.

He was employed as an electrician at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 35 years and also taught journeyman electrician for the IBEW.

Van was the beloved husband of 63 years, to Muriel Vandevanter and father of Dale, Gary, and Rob Vandevanter. Van was a devoted grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 15.

Viewing is at 9 a.m. and services at 11 a.m. on Thursday October 8, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Shriners' Children's Hospital or the Alzheimer's Association.

James J. Moriarty

James (Jim) J. Moriarty, 74, loving husband, devoted father, and doting grandfather, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2009 after a 10-year battle with Parkinson's.

Born on July 3, 1935 and raised in Yankton, South Dakota, Jim and his wife of 50 years, Gerda (Geri), moved to Livermore, California in 1962.

He is survived by his wife

Geri, sons Patrick (wife Nancy) and Gregory, daughter Julia, and grandsons Nicholas, Nyles, Nathan and Noah. He is also survived by sister Lois (Vermillion, SD), and brothers Michael (Livermore, CA) and Donald (Springfield, SD). Preceding Jim in death were his parents, Charles and Magdalene, brother Charles, and sisters MaryAnn and Patricia.

Donations can be sent in Jim's memory to the National Parkinson or Alzheimer's Foundations. Services will be held on October 12 at 11:00, St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

Mert Murray

Mert Murray passed away peacefully at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, CA, on September 23, 2009. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family.

He was born in Graceville, MN, August 16, 1930 and was a 66-year resident of Pleasanton.

He attended Pleasanton Grammar School and graduated from Amador High School in 1949. He joined the Air Force in January of 1951. He married his high school sweetheart, Gladys Cardoza in October of 1951. He was stationed at Travis Air Force Base until 1955. They then returned to Pleasanton to raise their family. He was a very successful building contractor in Pleasanton, building a 5,000 square-foot addition to the Community First National Bank, the Adobe Plaza Shopping Center and Redwood Place condominiums on Ray Street, the Chianti Villas on Norton Way and many other projects. He loved the smell of fresh lumber and working with it.

He retired in 1987, and enjoyed spending time in Pleasanton and at their Lake Wildwood home near Grass Valley, CA. He and Gladys enjoyed traveling to many wonderful places and spending lots of time together.

He was predeceased by his eleven year old daughter Leslie, in 1969, and will be reunited in heaven with her and his parents, Melvin and Margarete Murray, sisters Melvina, Muriel, and brother Mervin. He is survived by his wife Gladys, son Kevin of Grass Valley, daughter Lori Fraser and son-in-law Bruce of Lake Wildwood. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews and many long time friends.

His family and friends can gather for a vigil on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, and also to celebrate his life with a mass on Thursday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA, 94566. Private interment will be at Saint Augustine's cemetery in Pleasanton. The family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Eulalia "Lolly" Costa

Lolly went home to be with the Lord, on September 29, 2009 at the age of 64. Lolly was a resident of Livermore for 37 years, with her husband David.

Lolly loved bowling, golf and playing Bunko. Lolly loved to have her family and friends around her at all times, she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents Mariano and Dorothea Martinez and brother Al Martinez.

Lolly is survived by her husband of 44 years David, her loving daughters Christina and Sylvia Costa of Livermore and by her loving son David (Amy) Costa of Tracy. She is also

survived by her grandchildren Davina Moncada of Livermore and Brandon, Rylie, Gracie and Jackson Costa of Tracy.

Mass of the Resurrection for Lolly was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009. Burial took place at Roselawn Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Betty Ann Hicks

Betty Ann Hicks was born Betty Ann Mann in Kentucky on February 13, 1924. She passed away peacefully at her home in Livermore on Monday September 28th at the age of 85. Betty was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend as well as a successful businesswoman.

Betty grew up and attended high school in Iowa. She was a majorette with her two best friends and even performed as the Queen Mary brought soldiers home to New York City at the end of the war. In her youth she held a variety of jobs from being a waitress to working in an arsenal during World War II. Betty was always known for being hard working, ambitious and "an up and comer". She had to be busy and productive.

Betty met her husband Mearle Hicks of 58 years and worked while he worked and attended Engineering school. After living in Iowa, Wyoming, Texas and New Mexico they moved to Livermore with their 5 children Jim, Marika, Jerry, Jeffrey and Joel.

While Mearle worked at Sandia, Betty got busy and first opened a laundromat. Shortly thereafter she decided she wanted to sell clothes rather than clean them and she opened her first small women's clothing store, which was not much larger than a closet in the Rincon Center. The store was called Betty Ann's Fashions.

The business was successful and she expanded to larger stores. She also owned a store called The Rage Cage. These businesses offered personalized customer service, gift wrapping and free alterations. Betty knew most of her customers by name as well as their sizes, style and color preferences. Sometimes while at the market in San Francisco she would buy a dress with a certain customer in mind. She offered true customer service. Betty, with the help of her husband Mearle ran these businesses profitably and successfully for 32 years in Livermore.

Betty loved to cook, ski and to travel and went to France, Germany, Greece, Jamaica and other locales. She skied until the age of 70. Whenever she did get off her feet she loved to read. She read every night before bed and loved to read to her children and to children at her church. She loved to invest in stocks and was quite good at it. She loved to decorate and maintain her beautiful home in Livermore.

Betty is survived by her children Jerry of Washington State, Jeff who travels in a mobile home and Joel of Anaheim as well as her brother Fred Mann and her grandson Scott Gomes. Betty's oldest son, Jim died in 1965. Her only daughter, Marika, died in 1989. Despite these tragedies Betty maintained a spirit of true joy and optimism. Her exuberance and energy brought her through some difficult times and brought joy to every one around her.

Friends, family and former customers are invited to a Celebration of Life Memorial and visitation on Saturday, October 10 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The memorial service is at 1 p.m. followed by a

reception at her residence at 1118 Tulane Court, Livermore.

Larry Craig Jenkins

Larry Craig Jenkins died peacefully at home on Saturday, October 3, 2009, after a courageous battle with Multiple System Atrophy. He was born December 17, 1953. He and his wife had resided in Pleasanton since 1986.

Larry graduated from the University of West Florida with a BA in accounting and was self-employed.

He is survived by his wife Bronwen, son Eric, mother Pauline, sister Debbie (Joey) Jones, sister-in-law Brooke (George) Smith and five nieces and nephews: Kevin Smith, Krista Smith, Sara Jones, Leah Jones, and Rachel Jones.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of his life on Friday, October 9, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton.

The family would like to thank his devoted caregivers, Patty and Vida, as well as everyone at Hope Hospice who took such good care of Larry. A special thank you goes to our angel Patsy Valenziano.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or the Valley Community Church Benevolent Fund, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Francisca Valdez

Francisca Valdez went home to be with the Lord after a short illness on October 5, 2009. She was 81 years old. She was born October 4, 1928.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Cesar Valdez in 1998. She is survived by her daughter; Grace (Bill) McGrath; sons Cesar (Virginia) Valdez and Gus (Denise) Valdez. She was the loving grandmother of Jennifer, Tito and Cesar Valdez, Billy and Xochi McGrath, and Krystal, Justin and Kandee Valdez. She was the great grandmother of 5.

Francisca was a very loving and giving woman who loved to cook for all. Her family will miss her great sense of humor and her undying commitment to her family. She was loved by all who knew her.

The family would like to extend a big thank you, for the great care she received over the years at Hacienda Care Center in Livermore.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with a Chapel Blessing to follow at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on Friday, October 9 at 11 a.m.



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory & the Livermore Public Library present

A SERIES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADING SCIENTISTS

Topic: **How do we know that human activities have affected global climate?**
 Speaker: **Dr. Benjamin Santer, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**
 Date: **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009**
 Time: **7 - 8:30 p.m.**
 Place: **Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, Craft Room**

In 2007, two conclusions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) captured the attention of governments and citizens around the world. After a thorough, four-year review of the science, the IPCC found that "warming of the climate system is unequivocal," and identified human activities as the likely cause of "most of the observed warming over the last 50 years." What is the scientific underpinning for these conclusions? Why has our confidence in the reality of a human effect on climate increased over the past two decades? These are some of the questions that will be addressed in Santer's talk.

About the speaker: Ben Santer is an atmospheric scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He participated in all four scientific assessment reports of the IPCC, starting with the first in 1990.

SCIENCE CHATS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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Questions? Please contact Carrie Martin, LLNL Public Affairs Office, at 925-424-4175, martin59@llnl.gov.

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SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will offer two programs this weekend.

Fall Compass Course will be held Sat., Oct. 10. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

This program will start with an introduction to compass navigation and then attempt to follow a series of bearings across country across the park. Bring your own compass, and learn to use it better, or use one owned by LARPD. Please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to go off trail.

A Pumpkin Carving Campfire will be held Sun., Oct. 11. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 5 p.m. at the group picnic area in Veterans Park.

The first part of the evening will be spent carving this squash into works of art, or horror, depending on your point of view. After carving, the group will settle back to enjoy the campfire and hear the history of Halloween and how the pumpkin came to be a symbol for this holiday. There may also be a few spooky tales and fun with Halloween sing-a-longs. Carving stencils will be provided, and there will be some carving tools available to lend. Bring your own pumpkin to carve and something to barbecue for dinner if you wish. Please help LARPD plan for the right number of people by calling 925-960-2400 to RSVP.

There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Growing Up Female

Mothers and their fifth or sixth-grade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m. in the conference room at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave.

Led by RN specialist Amy Sluss, this two-hour workshop explores the normal changes that occur in girls ages 9-16, offers girls tools and tips for handling puberty, and connects girls and adult women together in a powerful and positive way. The session is crafted to build self-esteem, positive body image, and a healthy sense of "being a girl." A warm and comfortable environment for questions and learning, this experience sets the stage for future conversations and positive growth as your daughter transitions to adulthood.

There is a \$45 fee for the workshop. Participants are asked to preregister. For more information, call Sluss at 858-0702 or register online at www.fab2bfem.com

Talk on "Spirits"

The Ed Kinney Lecture Series will feature a talk on "Spirits" by Terri Carlson.

Carlson is the proprietor of Millfire, a gift and design shop located in the historic Kottinger Barn at 200 Ray St. in Pleasanton. She has been an intuitive for over 22 years. She will be sharing her experiences with us on Thurs. Oct. 15th at 7:00 pm at Lynwood Methodist Church on Black Ave., directly across from the Aquatic Center.

She will be relating the experiences that she has had the past year. The Kottinger Barn is on Museum On Main's Ghost Walk because of the many occur-

rences of spirit activity there. Reservations are appreciated. Call the Museum On Main at 462-2766. Tickets to the lecture are \$10 for adults, \$5 for museum members, teachers, and students.

Pedestrian Safety

The Livermore Police Department will be stepping up education and enforcement efforts of pedestrian violations in the month of October. Through the first six months of 2009 there has been a 56% decrease in the number of pedestrian involved vehicle collisions in the City of Livermore. The police department hopes to keep those numbers declining and will be looking for drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians as well as pedestrians who put themselves in danger by not following the rules of the road.

On average, a pedestrian is killed in traffic collisions in the United States every 108 minutes, and one is injured every 7 minutes. The City of Livermore's pedestrian accident statistics are below national average. Many of these accidents can be avoided if drivers and pedestrians take extra effort during their encounter.

The Livermore Police Department takes a proactive approach to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The city has several crosswalk traffic devices throughout the city at locations with high vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The devices are in-ground flashing lights to warn approaching drivers of pedestrian traffic crossing the roadway.

The department's Traffic Unit routinely conducts pedestrian safety operations throughout the city to enforce pedestrians' right-of-way violations. There will be two such operations occurring in the month of October. The department also designates crossing guards to schools with high pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The crossing guards are there to assist students with crossing designated roadways during school hours.

The Livermore Police Department is participating in the "Walk and Roll" campaign at Jackson Avenue School. During the month of October students are encouraged to walk or bicycle to school. As part of this campaign, LPD staff provided safe walking and riding information at a school assembly.

The Livermore Police Department Traffic Unit's primary goal is to reduce traffic collisions, particularly pedestrians, as those often result in injury. If you have

questions regarding pedestrian safety or general traffic issues, contact the Livermore Police Department Traffic Unit at (925) 371-4850.

Healing Oasis

On October 17, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation will sponsor a "Healing Oasis" event where participants will relax as they experience a variety of nurturing holistic therapies. Everyone is invited to attend, and proceeds go to the Foundation.

The day will begin with a guided meditation, followed by a labyrinth walk, chair massage, acupressure sessions, and an introduction to the healing benefits of acupuncture, closing with a sound immersion meditation. A fresh, healthy lunch will be provided. The event offers participants a great way to soothe their minds, bodies, and spirits as they sample holistic therapies and support a good cause.

The Pleasanton-based Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides financial aid to cancer patients for complementary healing therapies which are not covered by insurance. These therapies, such as acupuncture, acupressure, and therapeutic massage, complement traditional cancer treatment and can make a huge difference in the quality of life and recovery of cancer patients. The Foundation grew out of local resident Sandra Wing's own experiences battling cancer.

The Healing Oasis fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 5858 Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton. The cost for the day, including lunch, is \$80. 100% of the contribution directly supports the Foundation and its programs. Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket or bolster to sit on during meditations.

Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org or call 866-862-7270.

Martial Arts Open House

Aikido of Livermore - Shinrei Dojo will host a 20th anniversary open house on Sat., Oct. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Livermore studio.

The open house will include demonstrations.

The demonstrations would be for Shinkendo, an ancient Samurai sword art, and Aikido a martial art that uses an opponents energy against them. The most

famous person who uses Aikido is Steven Seagal, but the techniques are seen in many Hollywood films. As to Shinkendo, it is basically the type of art you see in Star Wars but there they use light sabers.

Food and refreshments will be served following the demonstrations.

The studio is located in Suite C, 3985 1st Street, Livermore; information (925) 447-4220.

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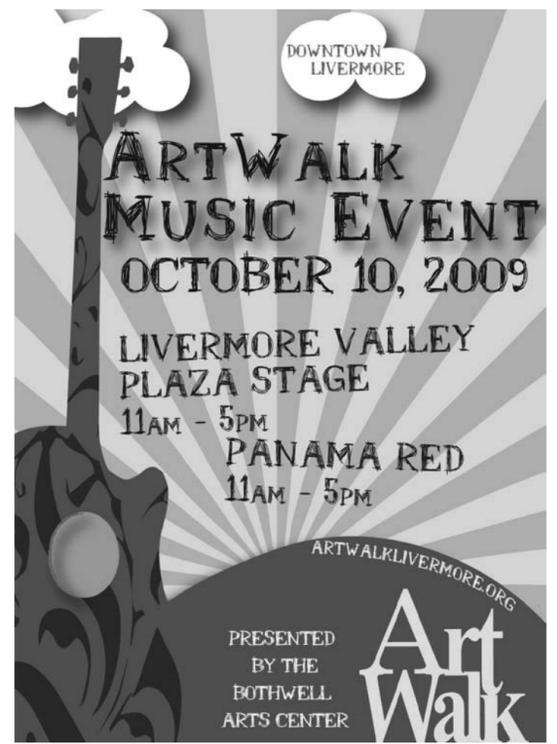
Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) will host its 10th annual fundraiser dinner and auction on October 17, from 6-10 p.m. The event included dinner, a no host bar, silent and live auctions, Grand prize and raffle basket drawings. It will be held at the Goal Line Production Studios, 5959 Coronado Lane, in Pleasanton.

Prize for the Grand Raffle Drawing is a large flat screen TV. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and the winner need NOT be present to win.

Funds raised from this event stay in the community to support TVAR's mission to rescue homeless animals providing them needed medical treatment. Monies raised also support the fostering program placing animals in temporary homes where they are cared for until new permanent homes are found.

Last year this animal group saved nearly 1,100 homeless animals from being euthanized at local animal shelters by placing them in permanent homes.

Tickets are \$60. Seating is Limited. Event tickets may be ordered online at www.tvar.org, through PayPal or by mailing a check to TVAR, P.O. 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588.



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The following person(s) doing business as: Faerie Mountain Fibers, 7762 Ironwood Drive, Dublin CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda S. Partsch, 7762

Ironwood Drive, Dublin Ca 94568

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/Linda S. Partsch

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 8, 2009. Expires September 8, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2578. Publish September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429173

The following person(s) doing business as: S.A.S.S.Y. Dance Armbands, 2795 Vintage Ct., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sydnie Rose Montoya, 2795 Vintage Ct., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant has not yet begun

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Klaus Montoya
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429260

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Darryl Chui
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429197

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Susan L. Pacini
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429404

The following person(s) doing business as: Casual Jewelry Alameda, 4633 Carson Ct., Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sami Wahedi, 4633 Carson Ct., Pleasanton CA 94588

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Sami Wahedi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 428557-428558

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Soccer IQ, 2) Anlinz Personal Home Services, 4361 Technology Dr., #H, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anlinz Innovations LLC, 4361 Technology Dr., #H, Livermore Ca 94550

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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on June 22, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/Andrea O. Aguilar
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429282

The following person(s) doing business as: MyNaggy/Assistant, 8101 Regency Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Luca Bolsieri, 8101 Regency Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94588

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Luca Bolsieri
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429414

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Deborah L. Ritchey
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429584

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Fancy Andrea Ortiz-Vazquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 428900-428902

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Quilt Patterns Direct, 2) Miamin Girlsfriends, 3) Lisa Norton Designs, 2425 French Oak Place, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lisa W. Norton, 2425 French Oak Place, Livermore Ca 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Lisa W. Norton
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 428899

The following person(s) doing business as: M16 Ministries, 2425 French Oak Pl., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael J. Norton, 2425 French Oak Pl., Livermore Ca 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Michael J. Norton
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429767

The following person(s) doing business as: Abello Transport And Logistics, 4786 Golden Rd., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Abner F. Bello, 4786 Golden Rd., Pleasanton Ca 94566

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Abner F. Bello
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429866

The following person(s) doing business as: Just Communications, 3934 Devon Place, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Janice A. Gutierrez, 3934 Devon Pl., Livermore Ca 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Janice A. Gutierrez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 429681

The following person(s) doing business as: Mr. Safety, 4039 Stanford Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Edward William Foust, 4039 Stanford Way, Livermore Ca 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s/Edward W. Foust
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Date of Filing Application: September 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: Pacific Coast Entertainment Group LLC

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The Art of Competitive Bidding

By Cher Wollard

With multiple offers on so many of the lower priced homes on the market, how can buyers compete?

"I try to educate buyers early on to be aggressive in their offers," said Gloria Landavazo, a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home Realty in Livermore. "Bidding below asking is not working in these situations. When they listen to their agents, that is when they win the property."

The offerings - especially at the lower end of the market - are few. As of Monday, Livermore had a mere 155 detached homes on the Multiple Listing Service. Of those, 67 were priced below \$500,000.

The tale is similar in other communities. With the deadline looming for first-time buyers who want to claim the \$8,000 tax credit - transactions must close by Nov. 30 - buyers in the lower price points are scrambling to purchase a home.

"Be patient," advises Carla Winter of Re/MAX Accord, Livermore. "You may have to write 10 offers before you get one accepted."

While the competition is fierce, savvy Realtors have strategies for helping their clients win the prize. Be pre-approved with a lender.

A pre-approval letter signals the loan officer has looked beyond assets and income to creditworthiness, job security and other pertinent factors.

"Work with a lender who knows what they are doing," Winter advised. If you don't know a good mortgage specialist, ask your Realtor to refer you.

Landavazo agreed. Sellers want buyers who can easily get their loans funded - or, better yet, come in with cash. All-cash buyers can waive both the loan contingency and the appraisal contingency.

To work around that, Landavazo sometimes urges her clients to look at less traditional forms of financing.

"In certain 'rural' areas I am having my clients get a USDA or farm bureau loan. This is up to 100 percent financing guaranteed by the federal government, but is considered to be a conventional loan. That makes it more attractive to sellers."

Understand how multiple offers work. A multiple offer scenario means the seller has received two or more offers to purchase the property. The seller may accept one of those offers, reject all of them or counteroffer one or more of the offers.

Sellers who choose to counter more than one offer at a time must disclose this information to all parties.

During the counteroffer process, other bids may be presented and the seller can choose to accept one of those.

Agents are required to present all reasonable offers to their clients, unless the client instructs otherwise. But sellers are not required to respond to any offers, nor to reveal the status of offers to other buyers.

Landavazo described a recent situation with a buyer she was working with, a single woman purchasing her first home with 100 percent financing through the USDA program. Landavazo helped her find a place she liked in Mountain House. As with many homes currently on the market, this one was bank-owned and already had other offers.

"We made our offer based on comparable sales in the area. They countered all the bidders. We upped our offer and we got it. My client paid above asking price, but below the prices on other homes of the same model. So it was a good deal," Landavazo said.

Be prepared to move fast. "It's really important to work with an agent who knows the market," Winter said.

"Agents in the marketplace are in offices that have listings and attend marketing meetings where upcoming listings are announced. This can give buyers an edge because their agent may be able to get them in to see a property as soon as it comes on the market - or maybe even before."

Understand what a list price is. Some sellers price homes low in hopes of "bidding up" the price. Some price high to see if anyone will bite.

"Many of these short sales and bank-owned properties are listed way below what they will sell for," Winter said. "I tell clients don't get excited when you see something listed at \$120,000 that should sell at \$280,000. That's just crazy."

Properties priced low will likely generate multiple offers and the price will land somewhere close to fair market value.

A knowledgeable agent can help determine what the property should really sell for. A good mortgage specialist can help determine how much you can afford to spend. Those are the only two numbers a buyer really needs to know.

Open strong. You may not have a second chance. "If the value is \$200,000 to \$220,000, don't offer \$150,000," Winter said.

Landavazo agreed, and added she occasionally employs unorthodox strategies in negotiating for her clients.

"Sometimes a 'smart offer' works," Landavazo said. "Sometimes it doesn't. A smart offer is when you go in with an offer that says you will pay a certain amount - maybe \$1,000 - over the highest verifiable offer received up to a certain maximum amount."

"That maximum amount should be based on comparable sales and the buyer's ability and willingness to pay. This makes yours the highest offer."

Be willing to take a back-up position. Buyers who lose out in multiple-offer situations can sometimes have their offer accepted in a back-up position. That means if the accepted offer does not go through, they would have the opportunity to step into first position.

This may work even in situations in which the buyer missed out on the initial round of negotiations.

"Sometimes going back to a short sale that has been marked 'pending contingent' and checking with the listing agent can get you in the door on a short sale," Landavazo said.

"I called on one of these properties recently and learned the buyer was getting ready to bail. So now the agent is sending our contract to the sellers for their signature. We'll see how that turns out."

Be flexible. The highest price does not always secure the property. Know what the sellers want.

Some sellers want a short close. Or a long close. Or the right to rent back the property until they find their new home.

Buyers may have to be willing to accept the property in its current "as is" condition. This does not mean they should forego inspections, only that they agree not to ask for repairs.

And once in contract, buyers shouldn't nickel-and-dime the sellers. Many of those sellers have "back up" offers they can turn to. Make reasonable efforts to find win-win solutions.

Don't fall in love. You may not get the first house you bid on. Or the second or third. Think long-term - what do you really want and need from a home, and how much can you afford to spend. More than one property will likely suit your needs.

"Make sure you don't get caught up in the frenzy," Winter advised. Still ...

"I think there are some incredible deals out there," Winter said. "If you like the house and the location and you will be happy there, just make sure you can afford it, and then go for it."

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home realty, Livermore.

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Axis Community Health recently received two grants totaling \$35,089.

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suffer from severe asthma. The grant will allow for one-on-one medical care that will include educational sessions, telephone advice and follow-up care from Axis' medical staff and program nurse.

In addition, \$5,000 was received from Lawrence Liver-

more National Security, LLC (LLNS), the contract manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, as part of its 2009 LLNS Community Gift Program. The funds will provide additional medical visits for low income Tri-Valley children who otherwise would not be able to access medical care.

"At a time when our patient load is exploding due to layoffs and the resulting increase of uninsured people in our community, these funds are urgently needed and very much appreciated," says Axis CEO Sue Compton. "The 'Lab' funding will allow us to serve more children by extending hours at our pediatric clinics and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District funding will help us to significantly improve the health of low income patients who are struggling with asthma. We are grateful for both organizations' commitment to the health of the Tri-Valley community."

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 14,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. The agency operates three facilities in Pleasanton and one in Livermore and is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.



Participants get ready to start walking.

Nearly \$8500 Raised by Walk For Education

The American Swim Academy hosted the 2009 Walk for Education to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) on Saturday, September 26, at Granada High School in Livermore. Students from nearly every Livermore Valley school along with their families participated in the ceremonial walk that helped raise nearly \$8,500 for the LVEF.

"We are thrilled with the turnout," said MJ O'Donovan, COO of American Swim Academy, "especially given the warm temperatures." Over 300 people participated in the walk, some walking for over an hour in the scorching heat.

Along with the walk, the event offered over 20 sponsored activity booths, stage entertainment, demonstrations and other family friendly activities. "For an inaugural event, this was a tremendous success," said O'Donovan. "We had families spending quality time together while earning money for education... It doesn't get much better than that," she added.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation is dedicated to restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. LVEF works with teachers, students and parents to determine where funding is most needed and then oversees the distribution on a district wide basis. The majority of funding for LVEF comes through fund-raisers and community support.

All school participated in a contest to see who could register the most walkers with the winning school receiving \$500 for their efforts. This year the winning school was Sunset Elementary. Individual students who pre-registered the most walkers were also recognized. The top ten students are Jacob Andre, Matthew Gomes, Grace Masin-gale, Morgan Mayhew, Keiran Padagas, Brooke Peterson, Sarah Robinson, Noah Roe, Will Wentworth / Troy Wentworth, and Alyssa Burton / Ashley Burton.

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Political Comedy Team Back by Popular Demand



Capitol Steps

Direct from Washington, D.C., the political comedy team, Capitol Steps, returns to the Bankhead Theater by popular demand for one performance only on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are selling briskly and the Steps' appearance is expected to again sell out the 500-seat theater.

The Capitol Steps began as a group of U.S. Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. In the years that followed, many of the Steps ignored the conventional wisdom ("Don't quit your day job!"). Although not all of the current members of the Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of eighteen Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience. Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill; some for Democrats, some for Republicans, and others for politicians who firmly straddle the fence. No matter who holds office, there's never a shortage of material.

Co-founder Elaina Newport,

stated "Typically the Republicans goof up, and the Democrats party. Then the Democrats goof up and the Republicans party. That's what we call the two-party system."

The Capitol Steps were born in December, 1981 when 3 staffers for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Ronald Reagan was President when the Steps began, so co-founders Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala figured that if entertainers could become politicians, then politicians could become entertainers. Their first idea was to stage a nativity play, but in the whole Congress they couldn't find three wise men or a virgin! So, they decided to dig into the headlines of the day and created song parodies & skits which conveyed a special brand of satirical humor that was as popular in Peoria as it was on Pennsylvania Avenue. The rest, as they say, is history (or perhaps the Steps' version of history).

Since they began, the Capitol Steps have recorded 29 albums,

(See CAPITOL STEPS, page 9)

Audiences Will See Two Operas for the Price of One

Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) will open its opera season in October with two, well-known Italian operas, *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *I Pagliacci* at the Bankhead Theater, in downtown Livermore.

Performance dates are as follows: Saturday Gala Night, October 10, 5:30pm (separate ticket). Curtain 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 11, 2 p.m.; Frugal Friday, October 16, 8 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 17, 8 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 18, 2 p.m.

"This is the classic double bill," says San Francisco Stage Director David Cox, who will direct LVO's production. "*Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci* are the standard bearers for Verismo Italian opera. They are stories taken from real life....the people are flesh and blood, full of passion, betrayal and revenge. In short, all the elements for a successful opera!"

Both operas were written in the late 19th century, and feature

vignettes reflecting the lives of ordinary people with their raw emotions of love and anguish set to music and stage.

"We auditioned over 100 people to find the right singers with top notch voices and acting abilities," says Cox. "For example, San Francisco Tenor Ben Bongers has the physical presence and powerful voice to make a very convincing Canio. Even if you have never seen an opera, this is one you don't want to miss. I guarantee that no one will go home bored."

Joining Cox in this production is Music Director and Conductor Alexander Katsman and Founder & Artistic Director Raquel Holt. Most of the lead singers come from the greater Bay Area. More information about these artists can be found on the LVO website at www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

Also joining the Livermore Valley Opera chorus for Cav-Pag

are members of Livermore's Cantabella Children's Chorus that won top awards at the recent Golden Gate International Children's and Youth Choral Festival.

Tickets are available at the Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, by calling 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Tickets are \$39-\$59 adults, \$29-\$49 students/youth; \$10 off any seat on Frugal Friday; opening night gala \$50.

The Gala begins at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers and wine. David Cox and Alexander Katsman will be on hand to meet with patrons and answer questions. The Gala is a separately ticketed event with tickets available from the Bankhead Theater Ticket Office.

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.

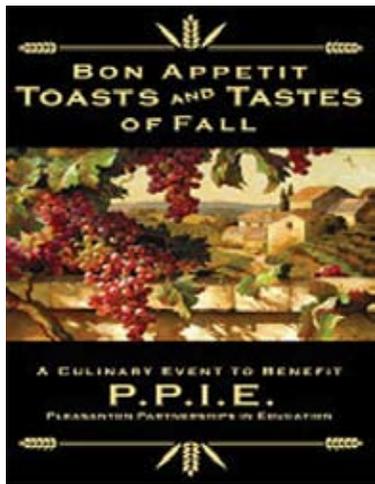
Some performances will feature a public "afterglow" party at a nearby location with complimen-

tary appetizers and a chance to meet the cast and crew.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ben Bongers, who portrays Canio, in "I Pagliacci," invites everyone to the Bankhead Theater.



Culinary Event Benefits Pleasanton Education

Pleasanton Partnerships In Education Foundation (PPIE) will host their 6th annual culinary event, "Bon Appetit – Toasts & Tastes of Fall," on October 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the CarrA-merican Center in Pleasanton.

This festive cocktail party features fifteen culinary teams, each starring a Corporate / Community sponsor, a Pleasanton School District School Principal, and a local Chef. Each team will offer their signature hors d'oeuvre or dessert and compete for cash prizes awarded. The food will be judged by judges from the community.

Among the delicacies, those attending will find Braised Duck with Beets & Kumquats; Scampi with Champagne Butter Sauce; Barley Salad with Shrimp; Tortilla Soup; Caramel Panna Cotta with Salted Nutty Bark; Braised Short Rib on Creamy Polenta; Tropical Bread Pudding; Hawaiian Skewers; Tequila Lime Shrimp; French Dip Sliders & Asiago Potatoes; Cinnamon Chocolate Cake with Italian Meringue; and Aushak – Leek & Cilantro Tortellini.

In addition to culinary delights and wine, the event also includes live music, a raffle with top notch prizes, a martini bar and lots of fun. Last year's event was sold out. Via sponsorships and auction activities, this event is PPIE's major fundraising effort. It raised \$80,000 for Pleasanton Schools last year. Proceeds will assist in funding programs PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Culinary offerings are provided



Valley Humane Society is hosting a Blessing of the Animals event. All pets are welcome on a leash or in a carrier. Pets will receive a blessing from the friar and a St. Francis medallion. Blessing is free with all donations appreciated. Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. For information contact the Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656 or www.valleyhumane.org. Pictured is a blessing from last year's event.

Teen Reading Week Set for Oct. 18-24 at Pleasanton Library

Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library is this year's theme for national Teen Read Week October 18 through 24. The Livermore Public Library invites teens to participate in a variety of fun activities held all week long.

Vote for the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) "Teens Top Ten Book Award." Visit TEEN SPACE on

the library's website for a list of nominated books. Read the books and vote for your favorite August 24th through September 18th on TEEN SPACE. "YALSA Teens Top Ten" winners will be announced during Teen Read Week.

Submit a science fiction or fantasy short story, less than 3,000 words, to the Read Beyond Reality @Your Library writing con-

test. The winning story will be published in the January issue of Fusion Teen Zine. Submissions are due by 5:00pm, October 24, 2009 and must be accompanied by a submission form found on TEEN SPACE of the library's website.

Beginning October 18 and ending October 24, teens may post a review of their favorite science fiction or fantasy book on the Teen

Space blog of the library's website. Two book review bloggers could win a free science fiction or fantasy book.

For more information about Teen Read Week, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call Sandy at 925-373-5500 extension 5583.

Works by Tricia Poulos Leonard Displayed at The Wild Vine

Watermedia paintings by Tricia Poulos Leonard, Pleasanton award winning artist and educator, will be on display at The Wild Vine Gallery and Wine Lounge in Livermore from October 1st through November 2nd.

Tricia has recently retired from the Pleasanton School District where she worked for thirty years as a teacher, counselor, and school administrator. She has been an active local artist. She has shown and won awards at many local art shows. You may see her work at the Berry Patch in Pleasanton, as

well as at several local businesses that display artwork from the Pleasanton Art League's Circuit Program.

Tricia has a passion for painting. She says, "People ask me how I found time in my busy schedule as a school administrator to create the number of paintings I have. I had a routine of getting up at 5:00 and put in an hour of painting before I began my day with students. I am now retired and have the time to spend my entire day painting. I find that to be a wonderful gift that I have received after spending my

time with Pleasanton's children. It's what gives life meaning."

Tricia's UCLA background in art gave her an ability to create in many different styles. The current show illustrates her versatility and her movement toward a more abstract direction. Her abstracts have won numerous awards in the past few months, including the Pleasanton Civic Arts Council 2009 Award of Excellence and Best of Class at the 2009 Alameda County Fair. Her work has been accepted at an International Show in Colorado

and won an award at Placerville's Mother Lode National Show. The pieces which won these awards are on display at the Wild Vine as originals or giclees.

The Wild Vine, 2187 First Street, is open for art viewing and wine tasting Tuesday through Sunday starting at 4:30. Tricia will be at the Wild Vine during Livermore's Art Walk from 11:00 to 5:00 on October 10th and she will host an Artist's Reception at the Wild Vine from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on October 15th.

Author Talks About Life Experiences

Author Peggy Kennedy will be the featured speaker at the Pleasanton Library this Sun., Oct. 11. The program will begin at 2 p.m.

Kennedy's book, "Approaching Neverland," is described as "a tale of epic tragedy and happily ever after."

At the age of five, a neighbor's intervention saved Peggy and her four older siblings from her mother's attempt to asphyxiate the children, and as her mother saw it, send them off to Neverland. Throughout their childhoods, marked by their mother's numerous hospitalizations for acute bipolar disorder, the Kennedy children learned to cope with her illness and absences and rely on each other for emotional support.

Among the information she will share with the audience are the following: what the child of a bipolar parent needs to know, how she was able to overcome multiple family tragedies, and life lessons she learned from her bipolar mother.

There is no admission charge to attend this program. Reservations are not required.

Library programs are open to all. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

Two Curtain Calls for the Alexander String Quartet

by Nancy O'Connell

On Saturday evening, September 26, four men dressed in dark suits and dark shirts, but no ties, strode out on the stage at the Bankhead Theater and proceeded to dazzle the audience with their artistry. While the Alexander String Quartet celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2006, its members have changed over the years. Its home base now is at San Francisco State rather than in New York City where it was first formed.

The quartet has existed for over a quarter of a century, whereas the first work on the program was composed when Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was only 17 years old. This musical genius, inspired by hearing Haydn's recent quartets, wrote six of his own in that 17th year! In the *String Quartet #8 in F Major, K. 168*, there were melodies for all four players. Zakarias Grafilo, on first violin, had many 16th note descending patterns and many dotted rhythms. In the spiccato passages, they all played with a light precision. Their fort-pianos added excitement to this movement. An *Andante*, or slow movement followed, and all four strings were muted. In addition it was now in the key of F Minor rather than in F Major, which added even more of a contrast in sound to the earlier *Allegro*. In the evocative *Andante*, all four musicians played with deep sensitivity. Their long sustained notes were sonorous. The cellist, Sandy Wilson, the co-founder of the quartet, used long, full bows and had a deep, rich tone.

The *Menuetto* displayed Mozart's charm and inventiveness. In typical ABA form (of Minuet, a contrasting Trio, and a return to the Minuet), it led into the final *Allegro*, which was in the form of a Fugue. Each player enters with the theme in turn. Many running sixteenths followed, and they tossed off these difficult passages with ease. There was a great purity of sound throughout the entire quartet – a sound partially produced because this quartet has a matching set of instruments. The cellist and violist were both playing on modern instruments created by Francis Kuttner, who divides his time between San Francisco and Cremona, Italy. All four have Kuttner viols, but the violinists on this night were playing on other strings.

When June Oh, pianist, joined the quartet on stage in a shimmering moss-green gown, she was a beautiful contrast to the four

men in their dark suits. Robert Schumann composed his *Quintet for Piano and Strings in E-flat major, Opus 44* in 1842. In the *Allegro Brillante*, the cellist, Mr. Wilson, had some rich solo passages which were dark and seductive – passages beloved of cellists everywhere. Paul Yarbrough, violist, and a founding member of the quartet, also had a dark, beautiful sound, as he and the cellist answer the piano's second theme. The pianist's part was very demanding, but she enunciated each note clearly. There was no overuse of the pedal in her technique, no muddy blurring of her sound. The first violinist played brilliantly when all returned to the opening theme and brought that first movement to a close in a rousing series of cadences.

The slow second movement was a solemn march. Delicate, pianissimo portions were like a whisper. Then a rich romantic violin melody with crescendos sounding almost like breathing, was followed by agitated, difficult passages in the piano. The solemnity of the march returned as the movement drew to a close. In the *Scherzo*, fireworks erupted. 32nd notes scampered all over the range of the instruments, and everyone had very difficult rapid-fire notes, in unison and then separately. The second violinist, Frederick Lifszitz, played with a beautiful, sure tone as he surmounted tricky passages.

The *Allegro, ma non troppo* began with great intensity. A melody in the cello was answered by the second violin. There were good contrasts in this movement between pianissimos and fortissimos (quiet and loud passages). Big, grand chords brought this

magnificent quintet to a close. For movie buffs, if this quintet sounded familiar, it was the background music for *Fanny and Alexander*, a Swedish film.

After the intermission, the five musicians returned to the stage for Edward Elgar's *Quintet for Piano and Strings in A minor, Opus 84*, which he composed in 1918. Elgar was born one year after Schumann's death in 1856, but lived well into the 20th century. Near the beginning of the *Moderato* a haunting cello solo was heard. Then a gentle, playful Spanish theme entered. Short little notes in the piano, cello and violin were accompanied by the upper two violins in a contrasting sustained figure. June Oh changed the mood with huge, crashing chords in the piano. A very difficult passage, demanding for all of the players, followed. Within this ensemble the musicians glanced at one another and entered precisely together. They were fully aware of one another's nuances. Nor were these musicians seated in the configuration one sees in most quartets. Instead of the four players facing each other, two by two, in this ensemble, the cellist was seated by himself and half faced the audience, whereas the violist faced directly forward, allowing both of these instruments to be heard more clearly in their solos.

The *Adagio* began with rich sonorities and piano arpeggios. The violist had a compelling solo passage with a romantic theme reminiscent of Brahms. The cellist had subtle glissandos and played up in the thumb position. As they all built the musical suspense in a long crescendo passage, they then dropped down to long sustained melodies. June Oh played

as a chamber musician and never drowned out the strings, even though the lid of the grand piano was up all the way.

The *Andante-Allegro* demonstrated her liquid touch and her versatility. Towards the end of this movement, an ethereal, otherworldly melody was heard in the viola. The only instrument not muted, the violist returned to the haunting melody of the first movement. In the Coda, final chords drove towards the dramatic conclusion. The audience brought back the group for two curtain calls

and many stood enthusiastically, hoping for an encore.

Looking around during that final Elgar, I saw many rapt, up-turned faces, and realized once again how lucky we are to have the Bankhead Theater in Livermore with its wonderful acoustics and to have Del Valle Fine Arts present such stimulating programs. How far we've come since its first concert out at the Lawrence Livermore Lab! Try and save the date for Del Valle's next concert featuring Jon Nakamatsu, piano and Jon Manasse, clarinet on November 14th.

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Livermore Resident Natalie Miramontes Leads the Golden State Warrior Girls

By Patricia Koning

When the Golden State Warriors kick off the regular NBA season against the Houston Rockets on Oct. 28, Livermore residents can look for two familiar faces when the Warrior Girls take the court. Natalie Miramontes, who has lived in Livermore for the past five years, was selected as one of three co-captains for the Warriors Girls in her third season with the team. Rachel Klang, a recent graduate of Granada High School, is one of the team's newest members.

"It's really an honor to have been chosen as a captain," Natalie says. "I'm excited about the extra responsibilities and opportunities to engage with Warriors fans."

One of those opportunities came last month when Natalie and her two-captains traveled to Italy with the Jam Band tour. The purpose of the tour is to build interest for the NBA in other countries. The trip included performances in cities such as Sienna, Parma, and Milan, workshops, and sightseeing.

Natalie, who graduated from Newark Memorial High School, has been dancing since she was four years old. She started with tap, jazz, ballet, and lyrical dance before moving into hip-hop in high school. For three years after graduating from high school, she was part of a hip-hop group named Soul Conspiracy that performed around the Bay Area.

"I just love to dance and perform in front of crowds," she says. "So I thought I'd give the Warrior Girls a shot." She's more of an NFL fan when it comes to sports, but she always noticed the dance movies of NBA cheerleaders.

During the regular NBA season, the Warrior Girls perform at a total of 42 games—all of the home games that are televised. While the team is on the road, the Warrior Girls go to Bay Area sports bars to mingle with fans.

The Warrior Girls practice three times a week for 3.5 hours in San Ramon during the season. "It's pretty nonstop, between games and practices," says Natalie. "We perform 55 different dances, so we are always learning something new."

During the summer, the Warrior Girls participate in a lot of promotional events such as festivals, fundraisers, and school programs.



Natalie Miramontes

They also travel around the world; Natalie has been to China and Japan as well as Italy.

"I really like the appearances because I get to meet the fans," says Natalie. "And I love teaching workshops."

The Warrior Girls hold two annual workshops for children four years old and up. The workshop participants perform during half time at a Warriors game and their families receive free tickets to the game. The Warriors also have a junior jam squad of dancers ages 5 to 13 who perform at some games and assist at Warrior Girl workshops.

The Warrior Girls, even the captains, have to audition every year for a spot on the team. "In a way, the entire season is an evaluation so you really have to stay on your game," says Natalie.

She encourages anyone interested in auditioning for the Warrior Girls to attend the pre-audition workshops. "It's not a formal audition, but it does give the director a chance to see you," she says.

The Warrior Girls run the workshop, and then compete against many of the same dancers at the auditions. Natalie says this is not difficult. "I want to help everyone who wants to audition. I want everyone to do well," she explains. "Any girl that is meant to make the team, will. If I can help her out, I will."

Single-game tickets for all Warriors home games for the 2009-10 season are on sale at www.warriors.com or by calling 1-888-GSW-HOOP. For more information on the Warrior Girls, visit www.nba.com/warriors/dance/Warrior_Girl_Index.html.

ArtWalk This Week-

Art Banners created by local artists decorate the approach to downtown Livermore, with works created by local artists and youth, making a temporary display of public art until they are put up for bid at ArtWalk Livermore. The 8th annual ArtWalk is set for Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 11am to 5pm and culminates with an End-of-the-Event Celebration from 5 to 6 p.m., featuring live music and the closing of the Art Banner silent auction.

Donating their time to create the works were 25 select artists and youth groups, including the PAL summer programs for the area middle schools, community children from the Farmer's Market, and teens from the City of Livermore's Pathways to Picasso group. Many reflect the theme "Peace, Love, Recycle," selected by this year's sponsor for the Art Banner Project, Waste Management, who will also award prize ribbons for best overall design and best uses of the theme.

"Even Bill Paskewitz (Las Positas Art Instructor) got into the spirit and did a great job on the 'Peace, Love, Recycle' theme. Some of the youth used collage as a medium and a way to fit the spirit of recycling, as did Trish Fenton, using collage with her trademark stylistic female images, with an organic bent," says Linda Ryan, Director of ArtWalk and Manager of the Bothwell Arts Center. "It was really cool seeing the talent evident in creating these works."

Ryan added, "The kids' banners were particularly fun." "Save this planet on which we live on," being her favorite child's quote.

The banners will be on display at the Livermore Valley Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater and are offered by silent auction throughout the day of ArtWalk with funds being raised to support the Bothwell Arts Center. The banners have been displayed in the weeks leading up to ArtWalk throughout downtown Livermore on street poles through October 5th.

ArtWalk is a day of art, music, wine tasting and shopping. Over 150 artists will set up exhibits displaying their work in boutique



New Gallery to Open During ArtWalk

Ryan Fine Art Gallery will open during ArtWalk on October 10, 2009 thanks to an offer of space within the grounds of It's All About Dancing in the Forester's Hall. The gallery will open for business in November.

Gallery owner Linda Ryan, declared, "I happened to see Sasha Etchelec (owner of It's All About Dancing) and told her that I was looking for a place to start a little art gallery. Sascha grabbed my hand, pulled me into the downstairs office at Forester's, and said, 'Well, what about this?' and offered the space for the kind of rent I can afford, based solely on sales."

Ryan is a local abstract figurative artist, Manager of the Bothwell Arts Center, Director of ArtWalk, and former City of Livermore Arts Commissioner. When asked how she will find the time to operate the gallery, she responded, "I hope to find artists or students willing to help out with the business in return for work space in the back, or get creative with my open hours. Somehow this is going to work."

Ryan added, "Livermore needs more artful experiences. I've always wanted to run a gallery downtown offering themed exhibitions, rotating artist shows, and art that makes you think, that connects in a different way. Down the line, gallery visitors will discover the wonderful dance studio upstairs and dancers will be intrigued by the art. This generous opportunity is a dream come true."

It's All About Dancing is located at the corner of So. J and Second Streets in downtown Livermore, in the Forester's Hall building. The Ryan Fine Art Gallery will be located in the street level floor, soft opening on ArtWalk day, October 10th from 11-5pm. Contact info@lindaryanfineart.com for more information.

Artist Work Featured in Online Show

Artist Tricia Poulos Lenoard of Pleasanton has received two Special Recognition Merit Awards for her current artwork selected for the "11th Annual Abstraction Juried Online International Art Exhibition hosted by Upstream People Gallery in the United States.

This international exhibition received approximately 350 entries from around the world and 68 artists were selected by the juror Larry Bradshaw, Professor of Art at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, U. S. A.

Professor Bradshaw states this about this specially recognized work, "Tricia Poulos Leonard has a good sense of light and dark composition. One of the strongest pieces is 'Descending Koi' with the several small clear edged shapes together with the more amorphous ones. 'Leaving the Next' is another strong piece in much the same way."

The exhibition will featured during October 2009 and continue online in the archives section at www.upstreampeoplegallery.com through September 30, 2010.

2Endeavor: Giving Back through Music

by Patricia Koning

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the local rock band 2Endeavor will play for one of its favorite audiences—a group of children with Down Syndrome at the Walnut Creek Buddy Walk.

"Seeing all these kids last year, right up by the stage dancing and having a ball, it was so inspiring," says 2Endeavor vocalist and guitarist Chris Bergh. For him, the event is also personal as his three-year-old son has Down Syndrome.

2Endeavor started 11 years ago as an acoustic duo with Bergh and Jason Jon Goncz. "We had such a strong positive response as a duo," said Bergh. "People kept saying we should add drums and bass, so eventually we did."

About six years ago, Goncz mentioned to his CPA AJ Major that the band was looking for a drummer. It turned that in addition to doing taxes, Major was also a drummer and a vocalist looking for a band. About four years ago bassist Roy Strop joined the group.

"One of the unique things about

this band is that we don't have one lead vocalist, we have three," says Bergh. "We have three voices that connect really well in harmony. And, we all have our strengths, so we use that. We change up who takes the lead constantly."

In addition, the band members have a variety of influences. Major, for example, played with a New Orleans jazz band. "We can really mix it up," says Bergh. "When you are playing a three-hour show, that keeps things fresh."

2Endeavor practices every week at their studio in Danville. Even though they all have regular jobs—they all work managing people—and have families (eight children between the four men) they make time for the band. "We fit it in," said Bergh. "Music is so important to us."

The band recorded a 10-song CD of original music in 2006 (Strop is not part of the recordings) and is at work on a second collection. 2Endeavor also covers a wide range of bands such as Rush, Days of the New, Guns-n-Roses, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Collective Soul,

Extreme, and The Eagles.

The band plays a number of fundraising events in addition to the Buddy Walk such as the Danville D'Elegance benefiting Parkinson's Disease research. At the past two Shepherds Gate charity events, Bergh sang for Bay Area favorite, Ronnie Montrose.

"We consider it an opportunity to give back," says Bergh. "The core of it is that we all love music and we love playing for the com-

munity. Music is really a common bond, not just with musicians, but with everyone. I've never met a person who doesn't enjoy some form of music. We really are more alike than we are different."

For more information on 2Endeavor, including some of their original tracks, visit the band's website at www.2endeavor.com. For more information on the Buddy Walk, visit www.firstgiving.com/dscba.

Las Positas College to Host Major Exploration Faire

College students, high school students and parents are invited to the 11th Annual Major Exploration Faire at Las Positas College on Wednesday, October 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will take place outside buildings 500, 600, 700, 800 and along the walkway towards the Library.

From majors that prepare students for immediate employment, to university transfer majors, attendees will have the opportunity to explore several career options and different college majors.

University instructors from Cal State East Bay, the University of San Francisco, Mills College, Samuel Merritt College, and several others will join Las Positas College instructors and work together to help students understand their future opportunities.

"This Faire will help students develop an understanding of what selecting a major really means," said Nancy Wright, Las Positas College counselor and event coordinator.

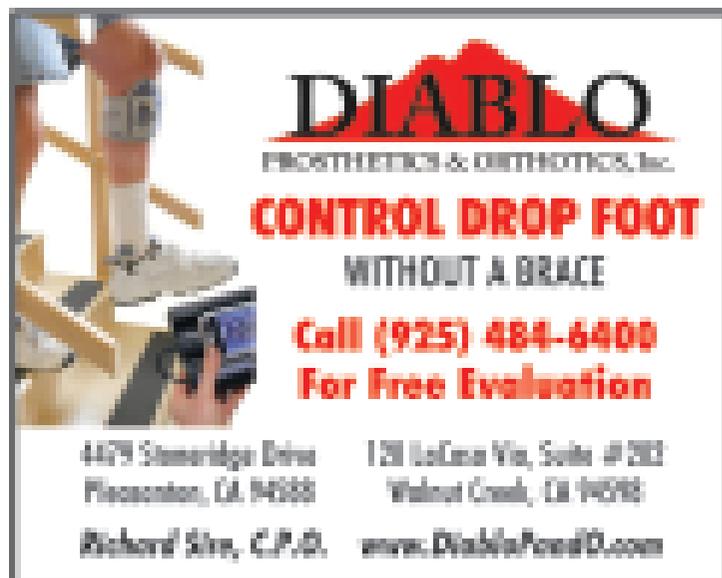
Andrea Alvarado, Las Positas

College counselor and event coordinator, added, "Students can take the time to explore careers that appeal to them and learn the many different directions a major can take them."

Admission is free. Parking is \$2.00 and parking passes may be

purchased at the parking machines in the parking lots on the Las Positas College campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

For more information about the Major Faire, please contact Andrea Alvarado or Nancy Wright at (925) 424-1400.



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A Last Grab at Summer, and the Wonder of Autumn

By Bob Coomber

It's no secret that my favorite time of year is summer. The idea of waking up early to sunny skies at 6 a.m. and watching at day's end a gorgeous 9 p.m. sunset appeals to my "gotta keep moving" set of values. Allow me to offer you an alternative, if I may be so bold.

Many of us don't hike much during summer because it's too hot; or too buggy; or too dry. Or you just feel lazy because kids are out of school and you really want to soak up the less frantic pace of life while you can. I'm here to tell you – all is not lost. Autumn's on the way.

As a native of the Bay Area, I think autumn is the almost perfect time of year. After Labor Day, for instance, there is so much room to camp and hike at our local, state and national parks that it's silly not to indulge yourselves in Lake Del Valle, Point Reyes, Big Basin or Yosemite. This is a time when rain is as scarce as the wayfaring masses. The songs of the birds seem clearer, less cautious than during the dusty summer.

Animals are also bolder, preparing for winter. I sincerely hope we have a winter this year. If we're so indulged by Mother Nature I'm pulling for a very wet one.

You might visit Sunol, for instance, and spot a bobcat in the big parking lot near the Visitor Center. Or you may decide to follow a trail to a ridge and keep an eye out for Golden Eagles. When I hike in midsummer, there's this feeling that all the critters are having a fine time making fun of me – it's hot,



Del Valle with lake in background.

the hills are steep, and although they've found respite from the heat I insist on challenging the idea that a hiker can spontaneously combust when pushing it too hard.

The trees cooperate, too. Late July, you'll see the California Buckeye's leaves be the first to turn brown and teeter on the brink of dropping off. As August comes in, their leaves fall, and all the tree's energy is directed to building The Next Generation – the huge buckeye seeds that continue growing after the leaves are gone, until they, too, drop off with hopes of germinating in Spring. That little tidbit is not as glamorous as a giant sequoia or 200 year old valley oak, but I find buckeyes so dynamic that I can't help visiting as often as possible to gauge the progress

toward autumn.

There are several local gems here in the Tri Valley, places where you can see the onset of autumn as the temps drop and we don't have to drag along a drum full of water to stay hydrated. I visit them in no particular order, but know that when I go out this time of year I might see just about anything.

Here's a case in point. Visiting Round Valley Regional Preserve after September 1 may find you and a large tarantula crossing paths. This time of year, from September through October the spiders are out on trails looking for a partner. If you're an arachnophobe, there's no need to worry. Tarantulas are timid and will get defensive only if provoked. They are thrilling to watch. Please don't

handle them, as they tend not to survive if dropped. Just get a look at them, take a photo or two. I put in a lot of miles this time of year just to see the spiders. Funny how so few of my friends and readers want to go with me on these hikes...I don't get it.

If you're a bird fan, try Del Valle Regional Park. The best birding may be available to you using an unconventional source – a kayak. Sunrise Mountain Sport's kayak concession is staffed by knowledgeable people who can find the right boat for you no matter your ability. They'll be open weekends through October, sooner if the weather turns. Grab a paddle, and take off across the lake to the south shore. Slowly paddling along the nooks and crannies of the lake you'll see wading birds and an awesome array of raptors, including Bald Eagles. My friend and avid kayaker Carrie took me on a tour of that shoreline. I became hooked on paddling. I didn't even get wet! The birding was awesome, the paddling effortless. I recommend it as a close to home autumn adventure.

The gist of my thoughts today come down to a reluctant admission that autumn is probably the very best time to enjoy the outdoors in California. Last year I took a 4 day tour of the Diablo Regional Trail (see www.ebparks.org) in late October. I was overdressed even at night with only a light sweatshirt. There are tons of hikes led by naturalists in East Bay Regional Park lands (<http://www.ebparks.org>), Livermore

Area Recreation and Park District (<http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us>) and Mt. Diablo by Save Mount Diablo (www.savemountdiablo.org/home.htm), an organization dedicated to preserving open space on and surrounding Mt. Diablo. I so enjoy the long days of summer. My view of summer as #1 is probably nostalgic, remembering vacation as a kid when we'd go camping for two weeks. Summer seems perfect, yet the best season is really autumn.

What will I be doing this autumn? You'll find me out looking for spiders, or eagles, or bobcats and coyotes. I may be at Sycamore Grove in the shade of one of those awesome trees for which the park was named. I may even be crossing the Sierra and ending in Kings Canyon National Park, if time and weather permit. After all – no snow this late in the season means no mosquitoes and more traction for my worn out knobbie tires. Yeah, I can live with that. Maybe I'll take another trip to 14,246 foot White Mountain. You can bet, though, that I'll be busily soaking up as much of this magnificent season as I can. Yes, we're back in school mode and all that busy stuff. But you'll have time to be lazy in winter. This is the season to get out and make each day a memorable one. I'll be looking for you – and this year, I'm taking names!

Keep in touch – my e-mail is mr4wheelbob@sbcglobal.net. I'd love to hear from you! I want a tarantula count from everyone. Now, go forth, have a wonderful autumn!

Tracy to Host Annual Wine Stroll

The City of Tracy will co-host the 21st Annual Wine Stroll with the Downtown Tracy Business Association.

New to the Wine Stroll this year will be food demonstrations and wine pairing under a large tent on 10th Street. Several local restaurants and chefs will be showcasing their specialty dishes while working with some of our local wineries on hand to suggest the perfect complimenting wine. Guests are encouraged to participate and learn more about these local pairings.

This adult-only event takes place downtown on 10th Street and Central on Friday, October 16th from 6pm - 9pm. There will be live Jazz and Blues music, catered appetizers and wine from the Tracy, Livermore and Lodi wine regions. Pre-event wine glasses are sold for \$20 or \$25 at the event. Pre-event glasses will be sold at The Tracy Wine Cellar, The Lighting Gallery, Corral Hollow Realty, Versailles, Hair Illusions and The Great Plate. This event is sure to be a sell-out!

For more information about the Wine Stroll, please contact the Tracy Parks & Community Services Department at (209) 831-6200.

California Symphony Features Motion Artist

"To call Michael Moschen 'only' a juggler is sort of like calling Mount Rushmore 'only' a carving," declared the Denver Post. "His physical virtuosity is awesome," writes the Boston Globe.

On October 11 & 13, the California Symphony will present the artistry of the renowned visual motion artist in his first-ever live performance with a symphony orchestra. Known for using his body and Olympian skill to make objects seemingly float in defiance of gravity, Moschen will perform a combination of his signature pieces, choreographed to Ravel's Mother Goose Suite and Mason Bates' Mercury Interludes: Pre-Ligeti. Also on the program will

be Rossini's William Tell Overture and Silbelius' Symphony No. 2.

For this occasion, Moschen – who is the only variety artist ever awarded a MacArthur Genius Grant – will be coming out of artistic seclusion, where he has been working intensely on major new works for education, scheduled for debut early next year.

The performance of Michael Moschen in collaboration with the award-winning California Symphony will be on Sunday, October 11, at 4 pm and Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$44-\$64 and \$20 for students, and available now online at www.LesherArtsCenter.org or by calling (925) 943-SHOW. Both performances will be held at the Hofmann The-



Michael Moschen

ater in the Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. For more information, visit www.CaliforniaSymphony.org.

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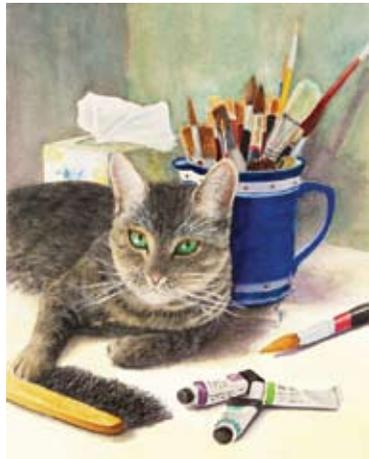
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ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Captured Landscapes – with a Touch of Us, solo photo exhibit of works by Julie Kitzenberger at the Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery, San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. The show runs Oct. 5-30. There will be a reception on Sat., Oct. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For weekend hours, call (952) 973-3200. Kitzenberger states, "I will be sharing fresh, new, unique images that recreate the visual experience for those who couldn't join me on my adventures. Nuggets gathered include a surprise Bodie snowstorm last October, El Capitan just after snowfall, the remote Fly Geyser in Northern Nevada, nature abstracts from the California coast, and images with a touch of us." The photo is entitled "Leaning Poppy."



Murrieta's Well Winery & Tasting Room will host **Muestra de Arte** on Oct. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. This is a fine arts show featuring some of the valley's best artists. This event is free to the public. Paintings, hand-painted porcelain, and gifts will be available for purchase. Wine tasting will be available. For more information, call Murrieta's Well at 925-456-2390 or go to www.murrietawell.com. **Participating Artists:** Eugenia W. Zobel, Diane Rodriguez, Kathy Hill, Edmee Keele, Linda Jeffery-Sailors, Barbara Stanton, Julie Wright, Mike Robles, and Karen Fleschler. Pictured are two paintings that will be in the show. They are "Artiste" by Karen Fleschler (top photo) and "The Look" by Kathleen Hill.

call 925-456-9463

Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Butterfly Art. The Museum's upstairs art gallery will feature the work of water colorist Elizabeth Koval Maffeo from thru November 15, 2009. Free with museum admission. For more information contact Connie Loosli at cloosli@wildlife-museum.org. www.wildlife-museum.org. The Museum is located in Walnut Creek.

Mixed Media Art Exhibition, featuring work by Edmee Keele and Marge Huffman, Oct. 1 to 29. Artists reception Sun., Oct. 11, 1 to 3 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. No admission charge.



The Las Positas College Art Club is exhibiting work at the Livermore Library Gallery throughout the month of October. Seventeen artists are showing their artwork in a variety of media and themes. The LPC Art Club is open to any Las Positas student with an interest in the visual arts. More information about the group is available at www.laspositascollegeartists.com. The Livermore Library, at 1188 S. Livermore Ave., is open seven days a week. Among the works in the exhibit are: (bottom photo) Gloria Sayers' oil painting "Breakfast at Emil Villa's" is part of the Las Positas College Art Club's exhibit at the Livermore Library and Gina Kaiper's oil painting "Pieta" is part of the Las Positas College Art Club's exhibit at the Livermore Library.

ArtWalk Livermore 2009 is Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 11-5pm. A day of shopping, live music, and viewing the exhibits of over 150 artists in shops, wine bars and restaurants in downtown Livermore. End-of-the-Event Celebration at Livermore Valley Plaza immediately afterwards, with live music and the close of the ArtWalk Art Banner Silent Auction. See www.artwalklivermore.org for more info.

2nd Annual Muestra de Arte, Murrieta's Well, Sat., Oct. 17, noon to 5 p.m. view fine art, taste artisan cheeses and wines at Murrieta's Well. Event is complimentary to Silver Spur members, \$10 to the public. Murrieta's Well, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

MEETING

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, general meeting Mon., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artist is watercolorist Guy Vincent Magallanes. This meeting is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

WINERY EVENTS

Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge, Wine Down Friday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Live music by "The CoolTunes." Wine for purchase by glass or bottle. Food avail-

able for purchase from Crooked Vine's "Gotta Lovett BBQ." 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore. (925) 449-0458

Charles R Vineyards 2007 Syrah Release, Sat., Oct. 10, noon to 4:30 p.m. at 8195 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore. This is a deeply hued wine with a wonderfully ripe fruit nose, luscious black cherry notes and a balanced, appropriately peppered and slightly earthen finish. It was barreled for 18 months in only French Oak. This 100% Livermore Syrah shows the best of what this long-standing Valley varietal can do. It pairs nicely with slow-cooked flavored stews, sausages, and barbeque rubbed steaks. Also be hosting a members-only, Syrah-themed barrel tasting event, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Members of the public who sign-up for the Charles R Vineyards Wine Club that day will be able to take part in this special event. Special one-day only sales for our '06 and '07 Syrahs will be offered. The Charles R Vineyards tasting room is open Friday thru Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. No admission charge. No reservations required. Information 925-454-3040.

Buon Appetito Wednesdays at Tamás Estates, Wednesday, October 14 from 4pm to 7pm, Tamás Estates will host the Buon Appetito Wednesdays event, inviting guests to a wine and appetizer pairing in the tasting room. Salute Club Members are complimentary guests and the event is offered to the public for \$10. Tamás Estates, 5489 Tesla Road, Livermore.

Harvest Celebration, Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, October 17, noon to 5 p.m. Gourmet lunch prepared by Executive Chef Tracy Flores (12:00-1:30). Class on harvest and tour our vineyards, equipment, and winery (1:30-3:30). Art displayed by local artist Louise Gray (2:00-5:00). Relax under the Eucalyptus trees with a chair massage (12:30-5:00). Public Welcome. To attend the class or have lunch, advanced purchase required. Lunch \$15.00 pp/ Wine club \$12.50 Class \$5.00 pp/ Wine Club Free. Free tasting to all class and lunch participants. To reserved e-mail events@rmwinery.com Space is limited. Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. www.rmwinery.com.

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Summer Mini Concert featuring: The Catfish Boys, Saturday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge. Food and Wine for purchase with Crooked Vine's "Gotta Lovett BBQ." 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore. (925) 449-0458

Wente Vineyards Winemaker's Dinner, Thurs., Oct. 29, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Event Center at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. \$89 club members, \$109 public, plus tax. 456-2405.

Haunted Tasting at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery. Haunted tasting room on October 31st, 12:30-5:00PM. Dress in the Halloween Spirit and get a free tasting. Bob for estate grown apples and receive a discount on wine. Taste the poisonous witches brew that mysteriously tastes like RM wine.... Candy to the kids and adults too! 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore, information at www.rmwinery.com, events@rmwinery.com

Wine Cave Tasting Experience, sit-down wine tasting experience. Lasting about an hour, guests will be served a special selection of small-lot wines available only at the winery and artisan cheese pairings. The Wine Cave Tasting Experience is of-

fered for \$30 to guests on Saturdays and Sundays at 1pm and 3pm. Reservations are required; please call 925-456-2405. Wente Vineyards is located at 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore Valley.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Smokey Joe's Cafe, The Songs of Lieber and Stoller, Oct. 9-10 and 16-17. Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Dr., Alameda. Tickets \$30, dinner and show package \$55. Doors open 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m. 510-522-3428.

Boyz II Men, Fri., Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, tickets or information www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-ARTS.

Foothill High School Band Review/Parade, Oct. 24, Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Concerts and field competition at the high school. www.foothillband.org/Events.

Pink Floyd Laser Extravaganza, Pink Floyd Tribute Show in this live musical performance starring House of Floyd and their incredible laser light show, presented by West Coast Performing Arts Presenters, Sat., Oct. 24, 8 p.m. The Grand Theatre, 715 Central Ave., Tracy. Tickets \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35. 209-831-6858 or <http://www.athegrand.org>.

ON THE STAGE

Wait Until Dark, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Studio Theatre production. Oct. 9, 10, 11. 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Glenn Yarbrough. Backed by The Havenstock River Band. Friday, October 11, 2009. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. An original member of the Limelights, Glenn's first solo album in 1967 included such songs as, "Time To Move On", followed by "Baby The Rain Must Fall." 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. (925) 973-2787

Sullivan and Gilbert, a play with music by Ken Ludwig, Sept. 25-Oct. 11; Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Tickets adults \$25, seniors \$22, students \$15. www.dmtonline.org.

Charlotte's Web, Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Co., Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Oct. 9, 10. Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

Livermore Valley Opera, I Pagliacci by Ruggero Leoncavallo & Cavalleria Rusticana by Pietro Mascagni. Oct. 10, 11, 16, 17, 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org. Complimentary pre-opera lecture offered one-hour prior to curtain included in ticket price.

Tambalan, Fil-Am Community Health and Development presents A Variety Show: Alay Sa Kapway 2009. Oct. 18, 6 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets 846-8679 or 846-7831.

The Emperor's New Clothes, by Katen Boettcher-Tate, 40-minute children's theater show. Fri., Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Las Positas College, room 601, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. Information, contact Ken Ross, 424-1166.

Runt of the Litter, City of Tracy will host former Houston Oiler, Bo Eason, in Runt of the Litter on Friday, October 23, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, on the corner of Central and Seventh Street, in historic

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downtown Tracy. Eason, spares no brutal detail in his depiction of the football field as an epic battleground. Tickets are \$25 and \$35, with Grand Box Seats available for an additional \$15.00 and Parterre Seating for an additional \$5.00. www.athegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Leona Darr Willis Box Office.

Ragtime, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Nov. 1, 6, 7, 8. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

Bill Harley, musician/storyteller, will perform at City of Pleasanton Civic Arts' SaturYAY! on October 24, the second in the series entertainment for children and their parents. Harley will appear a special evening performance at 7:30 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The world of this Grammy-winning artist is filled with wit and wisdom as he paints a hilarious picture of growing up, discovering the kid in everyone. Single tickets to Bill Harley's SaturYAY! performance are Adults: \$10, \$14, and \$18 and Child: \$6, \$10 and \$14. Tickets may be purchased online at www.civcartickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office.

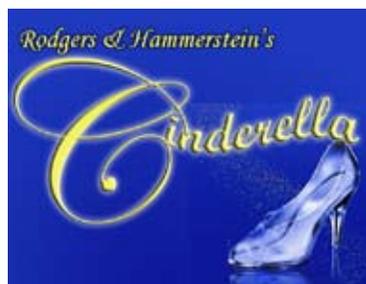
Chabot College Theater Arts Presents Our Lady of 121st Street. Written by Adly Guirgis, one of "America's hottest new playwrights," this fast-paced, hard hitting comedy/drama explores the underbelly of a New York neighborhood, where hope and despair mingle in every breath. The cast includes Jim Lockett, Sam Chaires, and Youssef Riahi from Hayward, Adam Reeser from Fremont, and Tiffany Heggabo and Lucinda Jackson from San Leandro. The play will be performed in the Chabot College Little Theater, 25555 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward, October 29-31 and November 5-7 at 8 p.m., and November 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, \$10 for students/seniors and \$15 for adults. Parking is \$2.00 but will be free on Saturday evenings. For more information, please contact Chabot College Theater Arts at (510) 723-6830. The play contains adult language and themes.

Plaid Tidings, holiday edition of Forever Plaid, November 19 to December 6, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third St., Hayward. \$25 adults, \$22 seniors, \$25 juniors/students. For tickets call the box office at (510) 881-6777 or go online to www.dmtonline.org.

COMEDY

Capitol Steps, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS



Cinderella auditions, Saturday, October 17 at 11:00am, with callbacks by invitation only on Saturday October 24 at 10:00am. at Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre headquarters, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 303, Pleasanton. Please prepare 16-32 bars up-beat Broadway or Disney song. Bring sheet music in your key (no transposing). Accompanist provided. No tapes or a capella. Dance auditions will be held at callbacks. No appointments. No pay. All roles open. Performed Fridays/Saturdays 8pm and Sundays 2pm, Jan 22 - Feb 07, 2010 (9 performances over 3 weekends) at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Harmony Fusion Chorus invites interested persons to guest night Oct 10, 2009 at 7:00PM at 1808 B St., Hayward. Join in the singing on the risers or just enjoy the sound. Open to women 12 years and up who want to sing four part, a cappella music and live in the East Bay.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, Pleasanton Library, Thurs., Nov. 5, 7 p.m. "White Heat," starring Jimmy Cagney. Las Positas College and Pleasanton Public Library present this classic film series with Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. There is no admission charge.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits, a fundraiser for the Museum On Main Street in Pleasanton, will be held from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, October 10 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton. Reservations required. Tickets at \$40 person go on sale August 1 at the Museum, 603 Main Street, and include food and gaming chips. Dressing up in period attire is encouraged. The Pleasanton Lion's Club is sponsoring the gaming tables. For tickets call 925-462-2766 or visit the museum. Cash, credit cards, and gold nuggets are accepted.

Antiques and Collectible Street Faire, Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Oct. 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information events@pleasantondowntown.net

The American Century: Past Tense or Future Promise?, John Hamre, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

History Lecture, presented by Pleasanton Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture Series, Thurs., Oct. 15, 7 p.m. "Spirits," local haunted experiences, talk by Teri Carlson. Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. \$10 non-members, \$5 museum members. Reservations suggested. 462-2766.

Del Valle Dog Show, Oct. 16 to 19, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 40 breed specialties, all breed agility trials. Sunday and Monday: all breed dog show, obedience, rally, agility trials. Vendors offering items for dogs and pets. Adults \$10, child \$5, seniors \$5, kids under age 5 free. Parking \$8. 925-455-4158, www.dvdc.org

Cowboy Culture Extravaganza, Oct. 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunol Regional Park. Cowboy music and poetry, hayrides, roping, pioneer crafts, slideshows, food and demonstrations. Bring a picnic. 1-888-327-2757.

Sarah Vowell, City Read author. Sat., Oct. 17, 7 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-ARTS.

Holiday Craft Faire, Livermore Valley Charter School and Gamma Alpha Chapter of OTO, Sunday, October 18. It will be held in the LVCS Multi-Purpose Room, 543 Sonoma Avenue in Livermore. The hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. To rent a 10' x 8' space for \$25.00 please contact Janelle Rasmussen at pto.lvcs@gmail.com. Holiday Gifts, Decorations and much more.

That's Amore Goes Hollywood, Oct. 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Goal Line Production Studios, 5959 Coronado Lane, Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's 10th Annual fundraiser includes dinner, no host bar, silent and live auctions, grand prize and raffle basket drawings. Tickets are \$60. Seating is Limited. Event tickets may be ordered online at www.tvlar.org, through PayPal or by mailing a check to TVAR, P.O. 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Visit TVAR on the web at TVAR.org. For more information about TVAR, e-mail contact@tvlar.org, or call the message line at 925-803-7043.

Ghost Walks, Downtown Pleasanton, led by museum docents to 18 downtown Pleasanton sites, will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 23 and Friday, October 30; and from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, October 24. Walks begin every 30 minutes. Each tour is two hours long. Costumed guides will tell all of the stories about the hauntings from the psychics, business owners, and Ghost Trackers. Tickets for the Ghost Walk, presented by the Museum On Main Street, are available at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, near the Arch. Reservations are requested. Costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under. After September 1, checks, cash and bank cards are accepted with phone or walk-in reservations. (925) 462-2766 or office@museumonmain.org or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Century House Featured Poets series continued on Sunday, October 25, with "Boo-etry" from 2:00-4:00 p.m. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will present the event hosted by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman. It will feature spooky poems read by local teens and a special live performance of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven" by Blanche Abrams, a distinguished writer and poet. An open mic will follow the readings. Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Admission is \$5.00; free to students with ID. More information is available at mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or www.civcartickets.org.

Tri-Valley High: Episodes of Terror, presented by teen group, Creatures of Impulse, Oct. 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. This show is for teenagers, by teenagers and about teenagers. At each performance, the audience will be involved in creating the story from start to finish. Tickets to the Halloween-themed Tri-Valley High-Episodes of Terror are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Student tickets (with valid student I.D.) are \$5 in advance and at the door. They may be purchased online at www.civcartickets.org up to three hours prior to the performances, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Included in the admission price are free popcorn and soft drink. Everyone is invited to come to a free mini-carnival from 5:30-7:00 p.m., before the shows begin. The show is appropriate for all ages, though may be difficult for young children to understand.

Twilight Frights! at the Livermore Public Library, teens in middle and high

school (ages 13 and up) invited to attend a Twilight Frights! party in honor of the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer. Join the book discussions and stay to watch the original movie with other vampire enthusiasts. Enter the frightfully fun costume contest by dressing as a favorite *Twilight* character. Twilight Frights! will be held from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm on October 31, in the Civic Center Library Community Room. This is a free event. For more information, please visit Teen Space at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call Sandy at 925-373-5500 ext. 5583.

That's Entertainment! "Burnin' up the Floor," event benefiting the Firehouse Arts Center. Nov. 7, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, downtown Pleasanton.

Dance to The CoolTones Big Band. Net proceeds support the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets and information at 925-846-1007.

Benefit Gala, supporting Livermore schools' visual and performing arts programs. Hosted by the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. Sun., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m. at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, live auction, dinner, dancing. Students will perform; artwork will be on display. Tickets \$75 per person. BrownPaperTickets.com/event/83261.

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including their latest, *Obama Mia*, and have appeared on "Good Morning America," the "Today Show," "20/20," "Entertainment Tonight," "Nightline," CNN's "Inside Politics," and dozens of times on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." For more than fifteen years, they have produced quarterly specials for public radio and have been featured in three national specials for public television. The group has entertained and/or embarrassed five U.S. Presidents.

The Steps' material is updated constantly. Current examples include the media's love affair with the Nation's 44th President Barack Obama ("Obamamia") and Illinois Governor Blagojevich's attempted sale of the Senate seat ("Come Buy With Me"). The Capitol Steps tackle international issues as well. The show features North Korean leader Kim Jong Il singing show tunes ("How Do You Solve a Problem Like Korea?") and

Vladimir Putin showing his 'soul' in "Midnight Raid to Georgia." No matter who's in the headlines, the Capitol Steps are equal opportunity offenders, promising an evening full of bipartisan lampooning.

The Capitol Steps will appear at the Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore for one performance only on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at the theater ticket office, 2400 First Street, by phone at 925-373-6800 and on-line at www.bankheadtheater.org.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore.

The Ticket Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission.

To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the LVPAC website located at www.livermore-performingarts.org.



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Writers Club Offers Workshop

The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, October 17 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton.

One hundred years ago, a colorful cast of characters, including Jack London, founded the California Writers Club "to mentor and educate writers of all levels in the art and craft of writing." At its October meeting, the California Writers Club (CWC) — Tri-Valley Branch will celebrate CWC's centennial with a birthday bash devoted to character. What is a story—or a club—without great characters? David Corbett, author of three successful thrillers, including *Blood of Paradise*, a San Francisco Chronicle Notable Book and one of *The Washington Post's* Top Ten Mysteries and Thrillers of 2007, will discuss what makes characters memorable and how to craft them.

A former private investigator, who teaches writing courses through UCLA Extension and at Book Passage, Mr. Corbett brings an intriguing background and a keen eye to his own characters, variously noted as "deeply engaging," "complex," "riveting," and "impossible to forget." At this banner event, the writers' group pays playful homage to CWC's century of literary history and to the characters who made it happen — and there will be cake!

The meeting cost is \$21 for members and \$27 for non-members, including lunch. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required. To make a reservation for October 17, contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday, October 14. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Lani Longshore at 925-455-1338 or longshore1769@yahoo.com or go to www.trivalleywriters.org.

Livermore's Mr. Pickles Is the Top of the Pack



Pictured with Mr. Pickle are Tim and Kathy Kerling.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

By Patricia Koning

The pickle standing on the corner of Fourth and S. Livermore Streets has been doing its job. The Livermore Mr. Pickles' Sandwich Shop, which opened April 1, is already the top store in the franchise.

For the store owners Kathy and Tim Kerling, it's truly a family business. The founder of Mr. Pickles, Frank Fagundes, is married to Tim's sister Michelle, and their mother, Joan LaPlante, is the Mr. Pickles franchise trainer.

"The store has really exceeded our expectations," said Tim. "It's also a really fun business with a positive atmosphere. We're all about giving people what they want."

Frank purchased the first Mr. Pickles Sandwich Shop in San Mateo in 1995, and has since grown it to a 65-location franchise. The company is headquartered in Auburn. Most of the shops are in the Sacramento area. When Frank decided to open a Livermore shop, Tim and Kathy helped to scout possible locations.

By the time Frank was ready to look for a franchise owner, Tim and Kathy were considering a

change in their professional lives. Tim, who works in the commercial construction business, had hurt his back so the timing was perfect. A side benefit they didn't anticipate is becoming mini-celebrities at their children's schools. "People know me as the Mr. Pickles guy," said Tim.

The shop did so well during its soft opening, before the official grand opening, that they haven't had to advertise much. On most days, the shop serves 300 to 350 sandwiches a day.

Tim and Kathy say much of that success comes from the Mr. Pickles' model that Frank created. "It's about high quality ingredients and excellent customer service. The company motto is to only serve a sandwich you would want to eat yourself," said Tim. "My mother has been in the food industry for many years and she knows how to make a restaurant flow. There are so many aspects to this that I never realized."

Mr. Pickles opens each morning at 8 am to prepare for the lunch crowd. "We bake hundreds of cookies each day. All meats and cheeses are sliced fresh each morning," explained Kathy. Every

sandwich Mr. Pickles serves comes with a complementary cookie.

Mr. Pickles serves 20 different specialty sandwiches that cost between \$6.99 and \$7.49; regular sandwiches such as roast beef, turkey, and tuna salad are \$5.99. The signature Mr. Pickles sandwich is The Hot "T"—hot turkey, melted pepper jack cheese, and baja and cranberry sauce. "We call it the Thanksgiving sandwich," said Tim.

One of Kathy's favorites is the Golden Gate, a combination of chicken breast, teriyaki sauce, and jack cheese. But, she said, her favorites are always changing. Mr. Pickles also serves kids meals and five types of specialty salads: Greek, chicken, chef, tuna, and marinated chicken.

Look for that big green pickle to appear in other places than in front of the shop. Tim explains that Frank is a big sports fan, so in other cities the pickle appears at local sporting events. At a Livermore or Granada football game soon, you might just see a pickle tossing Mr. Pickle T-shirts into the stands at a half time.

For more information on Mr. Pickles, go to www.mrpicklesinc.com.



Jenni Wade Festa

Wade Festa Joins Centerpointe Church Staff

Jenni Wade Festa has joined the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church staff to lead Ignition, the middle school program.

Festa comes to Centerpointe from Mishawaka, Ind. where she graduated from Bethel College last spring with a bachelor of arts degree in youth ministry and adolescent studies. Jenni was named the outstanding upperclassman in the youth ministry major and received the "Servant's Heart Award" for her involvement and commitment.

She is experienced in working with middle school students, having spent two years serving students at River Valley Community Church. She also has served as a youth ministry intern at another church and spent four summers working as a summer camp counselor.

"We are thrilled to have Jenni join the Centerpointe family serving our students," said Centerpointe Pastor Mike Barris. "Jenni brings spiritual depth, a huge amount of enthusiasm, and a contagious faith that will deepen the spiritual lives of all the kids she serves."

Jenni's music minor speaks to her vocal talents.

"I am thrilled to come to Centerpointe and serve in a program that I actually prepared for in my college studies," Jenni said. "My bottom line in ministry is that each student can know who they are in Christ, serve their community, live in community with other students and have fun."

"They rock my socks off in Indiana; so I am pretty sure they are going to rock my flip-flops in California," she wrote in her acceptance letter to Centerpointe.

In addition to serving part-time in the Ignition program, she also will work part-time with the expanding Centerpointe Christian Preschool after-school program that began this fall. It offers after-school programs for kindergarten through third graders on the Centerpointe campus.

For further information, please contact Centerpointe at 925-846-4436 or go online to www.centerpointechurch.info.

Milestones

Community



Livermore resident Makayla Beauchamp and the Buckskin Quarter Horse Annie, won the Western Equitation, Western Pleasure, and Trail classes at the Alameda County 4-H Horse Show this year. Her win there qualified her to represent the local Crane Ridge 4-H club at the California State Fair in Sacramento on September 4th. She placed 1st out of 27 kids in her Horsemanship class, 2nd out of 27 kids in her Western Equitation class and 4th out of 27 in her Bareback Equitation class. This is her second year of Horse 4-H. She was High Point Champion in the 13 and Under for the 2008 Alameda County 4-H Horse Show, and High Point Champion in the 13 and Under for the 2009 Alameda County 4-H Horse Show. She will continue to show at the CSHA and Reigning shows with her trainer Michelle Ulrech, and is already training for next year's Alameda County Fair and State Fair.

Wente Wine Auctions Raise Over \$17,000 for LVEF

Wine auctions held during The Concerts at Wente Vineyards 2009 season raised \$17,650 for the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF), bringing the grand total of funds raised since The Concerts first began in 1986 to more than \$170,000.

The funds are raised through the auctions of 3 liter wine bottles signed by performing artists at the beginning of each show. This summer, signed bottles were autographed by musicians such as Chris Issak and Sheryl Crow. The Steve Miller Band signed bottle topped this year's fund raising efforts at \$4,250.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation supports and enhances academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley School District. All money raised from The Concerts at Wente Vineyards goes directly to funding music programs in the region's schools.

"Music has played an integral role in Wente Vineyards' community involvement for more than two decades," said Christine Wente, Senior Vice-President of Hospitality. "It's an honor to host world-class performers at our winery, and to use the enthusiasm they generate to raise money for music programs in our community."

President of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation, Vicki Schellenberger commented, "With the tough economic market, music programs are becoming increasingly vulnerable, making outside fundraising more crucial than ever. We thank the Wente family, the artists, and auction participants for their ongoing support."

Eagle Scout Rank Attained

John Christopher Wiedemeier, a 17 year old senior at Livermore High School, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. He is a fourth generation scouter in his family. He joined as a Cub Scout in pack 197 and eventually earned his arrow of light in Feb 22, 2003 in pack 199 in Fremont California. After graduating from Cub Scouts, Chris joined Boy Scout troop 448 and advanced through various ranks starting from Tenderfoot to Life Scout holding positions such as Patrol leader and Senior Patrol Leader during this time. Some of the events he experienced have been a 50 mile backpacking trip to Yosemite, various camp/hikes on the coast of California, and attended the summer camps Wente, Royaneh, and Oljato during the last six years. Last summer he moved to Livermore where he finally achieved the prestigious Eagle Scout award on July 15, 2009 in troop 935 chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with 34 merit badges.

A requirement and a measurement of an Eagle Scout candidate's leadership experience culminates in the Eagle Scout Project. He organized, directed and completed an Eagle Scout Project for the Livermore School District to help rejuvenate the Leo R. Croce Elementary School playground facilities. He worked closely with district and local leadership to plan and coordinate project resources and scheduling. Eight-



John Christopher Wiedemeier

teen volunteers participated in the project that spanned three weeks. Old playground markings were removed and children's games such as hopscotch, foursquare and other games were painted onto the black top and ball court walls at the school playground. The project helped save the school money in a budget conscious time and provide elementary age children and the local community more play activity options.

He plans to go to college and is highly interested in computer sciences. He enjoys math, science and has studied Mandarin Chinese. He loves reading and writing stories at home. In addition, he is gifted in music and played for the Fremont Youth Symphony as a Cellist for

two years. As an athlete he has competed on the Fremont American High School Cross Country team. He is attending his fourth year of seminary a religion class devoted to scripture study that meets before school every morning. At church he has served in several youth leadership positions where he has earned Scouting's On My Honor religious award and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Duty to God Award. Chris was also recently presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award for outstanding community service in Livermore.

Chris's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held October 17, 2009.

Wells Fargo Funds Go to Local Schools

Wells Fargo has announced that local Wells Fargo and Wachovia banks have teamed-up to donate \$100,000 to 100 schools in Alameda County as part of a Bay Area-wide effort to help local schools impacted by recent budget shortfalls. Every Wells Fargo and Wachovia bank in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties have selected two local schools to receive \$1,000 each to help fund much needed school supplies and educa-

tion programs. In all, Wells Fargo and Wachovia will contribute more than \$500,000 to local schools as part of the effort.

Livermore schools selected are Marilyn Avenue Elementary, Granada High School, East Avenue Middle School, Livermore High School, Don Gaspar de Portola Elementary and Arroyo Seco Elementary.

"Wells Fargo is proud to support local schools and help students succeed in the classroom," said Micky Randhawa, Wells Far-

go's East Bay Regional President. "We encourage other companies to do what they can to support local schools."

As part of the effort to help schools, Wells Fargo and Wachovia locations will support local schools through volunteerism and providing financial literacy education through "Hands on Banking," a free financial literacy resource created by Wells Fargo as a service to the community to promote responsible personal money management.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Become a volunteer literacy tutor and make a real difference in someone's life. The Livermore READ Project's next tutor training will be held on October 14 from 7-9PM and October 17th from 9AM-4PM. No previous teaching skills are necessary. Call (925)373-5507 for more information or to register.

Braun Book Club meets Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton. The book is The Philosophical Baby: What Children's Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love & the Meaning of Life. Everyone's welcome -- zesty prose & free tea.

Book Fair Fund-raiser, ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary is sponsoring a book fair fund-raiser with Imagine Nation Books Ltd. October 19 and 20 at LifeStyleRx, 1111 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 22 and 23 the book fair will be in ValleyCare Medical Center's lobby at 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Premium quality books of all types will be offered at the sales as well as gifts. Money raised by the Auxiliary provides for new medical equipment for the hospital. Please contact Sandra Warren at (925-846-3177) or swarren@pacbell.net with questions.

Reunion, Foothill High School, Pleasanton, Class of 1979. Nov. 7, 6 p.m. Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Pleasanton. \$75 single, \$130 couple. Jamie (Yee) Hintzke - 1979 Class President - (925) 876-2380; Denise (Boutte) Nathanson - Class Directory Librarian - (925) 373-1782; Brian Geasa - Reunion Treasurer and Webmaster - (510) 816-2946.

DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Pleasanton, join the members and prospective members for social gathering and history of our American roots. Members are descended from Patriots who won the American Revolutionary War of Independence from England. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. For more information and meeting location, please contact Susan at 925-699-4147

Journaling for Caregivers, free writing workshop led by author B. Lynn Goodwin, Sat., Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Why should caregivers journal? Writing relieves stress and saves lives. As a caregiver, you spend every spare minute driving to medical appointments, stopping at the pharmacy, cooking, answering questions, paying bills, and helping with matters that used to be private. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms group hosts discussion: Vaccinations/Growing up Vax Free with Dr. Thaina Abrin & Dr. David DeBonis DC on Monday Oct 19, 7 to 9 p.m. Abrin, a naturopathic doctor specializing in the Defeat Autism Now protocol, will present a talk about Informed Vaccine Choice. She will cover vaccine ingredients and risks, your right to waive, delay or select vaccinations, and ways to minimize risks should you decide to vaccinate your child. He will also present his personal story of being raised vaccination-free. Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., Pleasanton 94566. This meeting is free for members, as well as for first time visitors to Tri-Valley HMN. For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Bingo fundraiser, Christensen Middle School PTA, Sat., Oct. 8 at Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Doors open at 4 p.m., games start at 6:30. Games pay either \$175, \$250 or \$500. All players receive a free Treasure Hunt, Tic Tac and Flashboard game card with buy in. 25 players will receive a coupon for \$10 in free pull-tabs. Complimentary coffee, tea and homemade baked goods. Proceeds donated to CMS PTA. Mention you read this ad to Ian or Karen and receive a coupon for free pull tabs. Call 606-7777 on game day for additional information.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Fri., Oct. 9, 40 miles to summit of Mt. Hamilton, meet 9 a.m. corner of Alum Rock Ave. and Mt. Hamilton Rd. Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Sat., Oct. 10, 60 miles Freestone Bakery time, Petaluma and beyond, meet 9:30

a.m. Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Sat., Oct. 10, 23 miles Walnut Creek to Martinez, meet 9 a.m. at Walnut Creek BART, Heidi Fraser, 451-1430. Sun., Oct. 11, 55 miles King Ridge to Meyers Grade, meet 9 a.m. in Monte Rio, Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Happy hour in Pleasanton, Oct. 16, 5 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 14 to Lorraine at 846-5695. Annual picnic Pleasanton, Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m. RSVP and checks by Oct. 12 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Fremont, Oct. 21, 1 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 18 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. Happy hour in Hayward, Oct. 23, RSVP by Oct. 20 to Jill, 510-881-4788.

Oktoberfest, Sat., Oct. 17, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Dinner 6 p.m. Entertainment featuring DJ Steve Edwards. Prepaid tickets \$20, at the door \$25, children under 12, \$.55. RSVP at 455-8829.

Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, program on facts about health care in the US and proposals for reform being studied. Presented by Gabe Meeker, biologist and former instructor at Las Positas College. Public is invited to attend. Dinner 6 p.m. before the presentation at Rosewood Gardens, 35 Fenton St., Livermore. Dinner and program \$20. Reservations should be made by calling Sally at 447-6660.

The Well-Designed Media Space - How to Put it Together, a style workshop. Ethan Allen 4230 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. Sun., Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to noon. 925.734.6675

That's Amore Goes Hollywood, Oct. 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Goal Line Production Studios, 5959 Coronado Lane, Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's 10th Annual fundraiser includes dinner, no host bar, silent and live auctions, grand prize and raffle basket drawings. Tickets are \$60. Seating is limited. Event tickets may be ordered online at www.tvr.org, through PayPal or by mailing a check to TVAR, P. O. 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Visit TVAR on the web at TVAR.org. For more information about TVAR, e-mail contact@tvr.org, or call the message line at 925-803-7043.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, October 16, 1-7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. 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.GiveLife.org, and use RLCC as the sponsor code. For more information contact Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylive.org.

Northern California Human Resources Association, program Wed., Oct. 14, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Survivor HR: Test Your Employment Law Knowledge. 4125 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. General: \$55 /NCHRA Members: \$35. www.nchra.org/source/meetings/cMeetingFunctionDetail.cfm. Speaker is Brian Ashe, Partner at Seyfarth Shaw Attorney LLP.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, October 14, Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Those attending will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond conflict to a more peaceful world. Questions?? contact Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net.

DanceEscape Social Dance for adults, Sat., Oct. 24, 7 to 10 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Dublin. Evening of music from the 3 O'Clock Jump Band. Swing, foxtrot, cha cha, tango, waltz and rumba, too. Dublin residents \$9 / non-residents \$10 before October 23. Tickets at the door \$12. (925) 556-4511, email senior@ci.dublin.ca.us or www.DublinSeniorCenter.com.

Senior excursions, through Dublin Senior Center. Oct. 10 Ironstone Vineyards, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. harvest festival, \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents. Visit Placerville, Oct. 17, 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$28 residents, \$32 non-residents. Information www.geocities.com/DublinSeniorTrips. 556-4511.

Sons in Retirement (SIRS), informal social group for retired men who meet once a month for lunch. No fees, dues, etc. Variety of activities include golf, chess, hiking, etc. The Livermore SIRS 101 group meets at the Doubletree Hotel, 720 Los Flores Rd., first Tuesday

of each month, 11:45 a.m. Contact Chuck Petty, 447-4704 or cpontrail@comcast.net.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meeting October 8 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Harvest Park Middle School, in the multipurpose room, 4900 Valley Blvd., Pleasanton. Guest speaker is Bethalyn Black will discuss winter vegetable gardening. Black is the farm manager at the Indian Valley College in Marin, the farm is a teaching lab for the Sustainable Agriculture certificate program. All garden enthusiasts are welcome. For more information visit our website: www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc. Or, call Lydia Roberts at (925) 461-1725.

Holiday Craft Faire, Livermore Valley Charter School and Gamma Alpha Chapter of OTO, Sunday, October 18. It will be held in the LVCS Multi-Purpose Room, 543 Sonoma Avenue in Livermore. The hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Torment a 10' x 8' space for \$25.00 please contact Janelle Rasmussen at pto.lvcs@gmail.com. Holiday Gifts, Decorations and much more. Baked goods.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meeting Tues., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. A Special Program on Genealogical Research, "Assumption is the Mother of All Screw-ups" will be presented. Sue, who has 30 years experience in research, will use real-life genealogy problems to illustrate her talk. Visitors welcome. No fee. Map to the site www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html

Career Skills Workshop, Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. to noon. Hands-on help to jump start a job search and connect with the resources. Volunteers — including HR Professionals — will be at St. Clare's Episcopal Church to help write or polish a resume, improve interview skills, post resume and network on line including a site for students; search on-line job sites and fill out applications, receive personalized help to target a job search and more. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton For information: 925-462-4802, st-clare@att.net or www.StClaresPleasanton.org. The services will be provided free of charge. Those who are able are asked to bring a donation of nonperishable food to share. Food will be available for those who need help feeding their families now, and extras will go to the food pantry in Livermore.

Bingo, with the Pleasanton Seahawks, Bingo Ranch: Saturday 10/17 and 10/31. Regular game pays \$175 to \$500. Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. Livermore. Doors open at 4:30 pm, Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. Buy in as little as \$17.00 (must be 18 years old to enter and play).

Native Plant Sale, Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. The ranch is 2 miles west of the I-280 Moody/El Monte Road exit. Parking is free. Bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information: www.cnps-scvc.org, cnps_scvc@yahoo.com, 650-941-1068.

Haunted House, 3rd annual, Oct. 21-25 and 28-31, Dania Hall, 1783 Second St., Livermore. 7 to 11 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight on Halloween, 5 to 7 p.m. during the downtown Livermore trick or treat with lights on and no monsters. All proceeds benefit the Children's International Film Festival. Available for private birthday parties and tours. Recommended 8 yrs. and up. \$7 admission. For more information, visit www.CAIFF.org.

Cosmic Dog Yoga studio has a new weight loss support group Mondays at 11 am. It is free; the focus is a healthy relationship with your body, food and exercise. More information at www.CosmicDogYoga.com

Gardens are being sought to participate in the Going Native Garden Tour, set for Sunday, April 18, 2010, which showcases bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, and water conserving gardens. Gardens must be located in Santa Clara County or San Mateo County, and contain 50% or more California native plants. To submit a garden, visit www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org. The deadline is December 1, 2009. For more information, email info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org. The Going Native Garden Tour showcases a wide variety of native gardens: established and mature gardens as well as newly installed ones; large acre lots and townhome gardens and all sizes in between; professionally installed gardens as well as owner-enthusiast inspired ones. Garden contents range from the full horticultural suite of California natives to a mix of natives and

Mediterranean plants to locally native plants. If a garden contains 50% or more California native plants, submit the garden by filling out the Garden Submission Form at: http://www.goingnativegardentour.org/

Landscape Drawing, Saturday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4 sessions starting October 17, 2009, ending November 7, 2009. Class Fee: \$99.00. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. commed@laspositascollege.edu.

Sewing--Gifts and Projects, Saturday, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM; 4 sessions starting October 17, 2009, ending November 7, 2009. Class Fee: \$79.00. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. commed@laspositascollege.edu.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new and established residents to the monthly luncheon, Oct. 15, at Crow Canyon Country Club 11:30 a.m. Program this month will be a crafts demo by Michaels Crafts. Lunch will be \$20. Call Myrna at 925-560-0656 for info & res.

Pleasanton VIP Travelers, Tues., Oct. 13, Sausalito, ferry ride from SF, time on own to walk and shop and have lunch. \$43 members, \$45 nonmembers. Senior Center, 3535 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5370.

Job Discovery Group, meets Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore. Bring resume (and maybe a few extra copies to pass around), ideas, roadblocks & any resources to share in a supportive & proactive atmosphere of networking at UUCIL. Contact Brent Parry or Maureen Hamm (Brent-Parry@aol.com) / (mhamm33@earthlink.net) for more info.

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Chocolate (and other sweets) & Comedy - A Night for Couples, fun-filled evening of amazing desserts and the always hilarious comedy of Barnes & Miner - part reality, part therapy, all comedy. Television appearances include: Fox, NBC, HBO, A&E, National Lampoon, Comedy Central, and more. Saturday, October 24, 7:00-9:00pm at CrossWinds Church in Dublin. \$35 per couple through October 17; \$45/couple thereafter. Purchase tickets online at www.crosswindschurch.org, community life, events.

Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. 13 week seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Meetings Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. \$25 for workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mcporter@hotmail.com for details or to register.

Lessons in Faith Experience (LIFE), St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore kicks off their 2009-2010 L.I.F.E. Season on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 pm in Borromeo Hall with

The Missing Books of the Bible. The topic is presented by Catherine Murphy, associate professor of Biblical History at Santa Clara University. A \$5.00 free-will donation for the speaker is appreciated. For more information, please contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549 ext. 114. St. Charles is located at 1315 Lomas Ave., in Livermore.

International Guest Speaker, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael's Catholic Churches will host international speaker and author, Linda Schubert, who will speak on "Forgiveness: Steps to Victory." She will be accompanied by Theresa Huether and her music. Thursday, October 15, between 9:15AM - 11:15AM. Childcare is available for a nominal fee. Contact Cheryl at 925-292-0506. Hosted by WINGS (Women In God's Spirit), a group for women of all religious backgrounds. At the St. Charles campus, 1315 Lomas Ave., Livermore.

Calvary Chapel Livermore Presents "Back to the Future," a four week Biblical Prophecy Event. Every Sunday Night at 6 p.m. in October. Contact the Church @ (925)447-4357 or visit calvarylivermore.org.

Prayer/Meditation Circle - 60 minutes of prayer, meditation, song, and sharing. Tues. evenings, 7-8 pm, Tri-Valley Unity Church's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Rm. 120, Dublin. (925) 829-2733.

The Golden Friends of St. Michael's Parish would like to invite seniors age 50 and over, to come join us monthly for Mass, catered luncheon, and entertainment. We meet in St. Michael's parish hall at 11:00 a.m. A donation of \$10 is requested to defray the luncheon cost. The next luncheon is Friday, October 23, 2009. If you are interested in attending please contact St. Michael's rectory, 447-1585, by Wednesday, October 21.

Speaker and author Linda Schubert will speak on "Forgiveness: Steps to Victory," on Thurs., Oct. 15. She will be accompanied by musician Theresa Huether. The presentation, 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. is presented by St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael's Catholic Churches. Childcare is available for a nominal fee. Contact Cheryl at 925-292-0506. Hosted by WINGS (Women In God's Spirit), a group for women of all religious backgrounds. St. Charles campus, 1315 Lomas Ave., Livermore.

Blazing Fire Church & Revival Cry Ministries present a Holy Spirit Conference with Jason Upton, Sean Smith, Dennis Reanier, and Andrew Phillips at Celebration Christian Center in Livermore, October 15-18, 2009. Register today online at RevivalCry.com or call 406-522-7107 for more information!

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