



Fall colors blend with ripened grapes to create a splash of color in area vineyards.

Report Says Golf Course Should Remain

The Springtown Golf Course should remain a golf course.

That is the recommendation that the Livermore City Council will hear at its Oct. 13 meeting. Design, Community and Environment (DC&E) conducted a series of workshops to determine what facilities residents of Northeast Livermore would like to have in their area.

The conclusion states, "Based on the strength and clarity of that participation consensus, DC&E can unequivocally state that the community's preferred alternative for the future of the course is that

it should remain a golf course." It goes on to say that the course should be improved to enhance play and aesthetics without any costs borne by local residents. The course should not be developed for any alternative land uses, including housing, commerce or other non-golf recreation.

The council will meet Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Shrine Event Center, rather than in the city council chambers.

Betty Crosby, a Springtown resident involved with the effort to save the golf course, said she

was pleased with the recommendation to retain the golf course. "I am encouraged that the city council went through the process. However, I would urge everyone to continue to stay involved and informed. Five years from now, there may be a different situation. We don't want to let our guard down."

Crosby hopes that those who stepped forward to save the golf course will attend the Oct. 13 city council meeting, to let the council know that support is still there for the golf course.

The report discusses options

to raise funds or change management to improve it, but makes no recommendations.

The workshops produced ideas for funding and/or management that the report concludes would either be infeasible or would result in no actual savings to the City. "It appears that the course would continue to operate at a deficit under any scenario of continued business-as-usual operation," according to the report.

One of the suggestions would be to utilize sales tax from the Toyota Dealership approved for

construction in North Livermore. The report notes that sales taxes are used in the general fund to benefit the entire city. As a result, the proposal would not be in keeping with the city council directive that improvements should have minimal impact on the general fund.

A second is to combine the enterprise funds for Las Positas Golf Course and the Springtown Golf Course. The Las Positas Golf Course is projected to run at only an uncertain and small profit the next fiscal year and does not
(See GOLF COURSE, page 4)

Traffic Delays Along Route 84

Commuters on State Route 84 will experience traffic delays from Oct. 7 to Oct. 11 and Oct. 20 to Oct. 24, 2008, due to the paving and re-stripping of the roadway from Ruby Hills Drive to 2.3 miles to the west.

Paving will occur Oct. 7 to Oct. 11, during the daytime. One-way traffic control will be in place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 7 and from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 9. On Oct. 8, Oct. 10 and Oct. 11, one lane will be open in each direction. Drivers can expect delays, and should be alert for shifting lanes during this time.

The fresh pavement will be allowed to "cure" for a week. The striping operation will take place Oct. 20 to 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. One-way traffic control for brief periods may be required throughout the week. Lane configurations will also shift during this time.

Pleasanton Draft General Plan Ready for Review

After six years of public input, information gathering, analysis, and debate at commission and city council meetings, the new Pleasanton Draft General Plan is now available for public review.

The updated plan will guide development and conservation in Pleasanton through 2025.

Residents can also request a disk or hard copy at the Planning Division counter at 200 Old Bernal Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, or by phone at (925) 931-5600.

The Planning Commission will begin discussing the Draft General Plan at its October 15 meeting. The commission will not take any formal action on the plan until early 2009. The meet-
(See GENERAL PLAN, page 7)

ArtWalk Set For Saturday

The 7th Annual ArtWalk 2008 hits the streets on Saturday, October 11, a day of art, music, wine and shopping. Over 175 artists will display their work in 111 locations including businesses, along sidewalks up and down First Street and in surrounding public spaces.

Among them will be movement-filled paintings of Jill Tishman, whose works have appeared in exhibitions and galleries in Santa Fe, Scottsdale, Alaska, and the Bahamas. Tishman will exhibit in ArtWalk's "One-Day Gallery" at the Old Post Building (the old Main Street Designs Christmas store). Several ArtWalk favorites and local arts champions will also be exhibiting at the gallery.

Livermore native and arts supporter, Tilli Calhoun, will demonstrate and display her works, along with her family's cookbook that she has illustrated. She will be at the Firehouse Bistro & Books. Tilli has been instrumental in helping the arts in the area throughout her life, most currently at the LAA Gallery in the Carnegie Building.

Next door, The Firehouse Arts Studio will once again offer abstract works, and a look into the longest working studio in the area. The coffee-and-acrylic paintings of Derek Hobbs will be shown at Starbucks.

Master muralist Andrew Johnstone will demonstrate wood graining and faux finishing techniques at a booth sponsored by Way Up Art & Frame. Demonstrating his unique or-
(See ARTWALK, page 11)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Enjoying a day in Joan's Pumpkin Patch in Livermore was Peyton Miller, age 1. The Pumpkin Patch is located on Mines Road. It will be open through Halloween.

Youth Health Initiative Wins Top Awards

The Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative (TVAHI), a partnership among Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, District I Board Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and the Cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, recently received two statewide awards.

The League of California Cities awarded the Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in Local Government to the TVAHI. The announcement was made last week at the organization's annual conference held in Long Beach. The award, a component of the League's annual Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program, recognizes City programs in eleven categories that deliver the highest quality and level of service in the most effective manner.

The TVAHI also received the City, County and Schools Partnership Award for 2008. This award is given to the applicant that exhibits a proven effort in demonstrating collaboration among local jurisdictions. The panel of judges, which included mayors, city council members, school board members and

county supervisors, awarded the Partnership Award to the TVAHI, based on the uniqueness of the collaboration of the three cities, the County, and the inclusion of authentic youth voice in creating this initiative. Additionally, the panel was impressed that the Initiative is addressing the important issue of access to health care for adolescents.

"If you want youth programs to succeed, you need a partnership between youth and adults. Nothing will get done without these two groups working together. Youth have the ideas and know what they need. Adults have the resources to make things happen," emphasized Youth Planning Board (YPB) member Jennifer Lund.

Since its inception in 2005, TVAHI has created a YPB consisting of three adolescent representatives from each City; gathered information from more than 4,200 Tri-Valley students with a youth-developed Student Health Survey; published That One Place, a youth-developed resource guide for middle and high school students that has been dis-
(See INITIATIVE, page 4)

Wind Firms Win Suit Over Bird Deaths

The California State Court of Appeal has ruled in favor of Altamont wind-power firms in a suit that tried to hold them responsible for a high number of threatened-species bird deaths. The appellate court dismissed the suit in a decision last month.

The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) had contended that the nine firms violated the public trust by causing a high number of raptor deaths in violation of state and federal law.

The appellate court said that plaintiffs can't sue private parties under the public trust clause. That was also the contention of the su-

perior court decision. Only public agencies can be sued in such instances, said the courts.

However, public agencies don't issue permits giving the right to kill birds, said CBD attorney Rick Wiebe. The only true targets of a lawsuit would be the parties responsible for the deaths. Those would be the wind-power firms, he said.

"The court is going after the wrong actor here. If we sued Alameda County (over the bird deaths), I'm sure the county's response would be, 'What are you suing us for? We didn't give a permit to kill wildlife. What are

you asking us to do?' The most effective lawsuit is against the folks who are actually killing wildlife," said Wiebe.

When CBD filed its suit in 2004, the group said that wind turbines were killing 60 or more golden eagles and hundreds of hawks, owls and other raptors each year. That had gone on for 20 years in "flagrant violation" of two federal protection laws and several state code provisions, said the organization.

Wiebe is reviewing the decision to see whether there will be an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Two Candidates in Running For District 5 BART Seat

The two opponents in the race for the District 5 BART Board seat are Linda Jeffery Sailors and John McPartland.

District 5 includes all of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon and parts of Castro Valley, Hayward and Danville. The incumbent Zoyd Luce is not running. Luce has endorsed McPartland.

The Independent interviewed both candidates. Issues include an extension to Livermore, park-

ing, and safety. The interviews are in alphabetical order.

JOHN MCPARTLAND

John McPartland's formal and vocational education includes bachelor's and master's degrees. He is trained as a hazardous materials specialist and paramedic. Other education includes Command and General Staff College (military), and two fire service management degrees-Certified
(See BART, page 5)

Six Pursue Pleasanton School Board Seats

By Ron McNicoll

Six candidates are running for three seats on the Pleasanton school board.

They are incumbent Chris Grant, and Valerie Arkin, Jeff Bowser, Jamie Yee Hintzke, Stephen Page and Prasad Rallapalli. Incumbents Steve Brozosky and Kris Weaver chose not to run again.

Candidates were asked about the background and experience that qualifies them to serve on the

school board. They were asked about why they chose to run. Other questions covered the role of a board member, enrollment sizes at the schools, whether Neal school and/or a new high school should be built. They were also asked whether any educational programs should be instituted, and whether they perceive any shortcomings in the schools.
(See SCHOOL BOARD, page 6)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dave Trombino demonstrates how the technology works in detecting radiation in a moving vehicle.

RadTrucks Monitor Highways for Nuclear Materials

A radiation detection technology developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists is being employed by state and local gov-

ernments to monitor for nuclear materials that could be part of a "dirty bomb" or nuclear device.

The radiation detection product has been licensed to - and

converted into counterterrorism tools - by Tetrax Defense Systems Corp., a firm headquartered in Wilmington, Mass.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Just like the opera, Carmen is full of drama! She is a feisty feline with a fiery nature, and she is not afraid to let you know it. She is young, head-strong and full of opinions. To spar with Carmen, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM until 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more details. Blessing of the Animals is this Saturday, October 11th from 11AM to 2PM at VHS. All animals are welcome!

Carl Zeiss Meditec Brings a Global Medical Technology Focus to Dublin

By Nancy Garcia

Carl Zeiss Meditec, a subsidiary of the German company Carl Zeiss AG, is growing with the community and the graying population. The graying population has the potential to benefit from Zeiss products addressing vision care and other issues.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary in Dublin, the medical technology design-and-production center invited members of the trade media to visit and tour recently. Among the presenters was fifth-generation Livermore native Tim Buckley, who became a marketing manager there in 2006, after earning his M.B.A. at Santa Clara University that same year. With an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, he spent six years in ophthalmology, designing surgical instruments at medical device companies in the Bay Area.

He said he was drawn to the opportunity to obtain global exposure and the emphasis on quality and innovation. The parent company is a nonprofit foundation whose overarching mission, he said, is to improve the field.

The 270,000-square-foot Dublin location was selected after the company purchased Humphrey Instruments in 1971, a San Leandro optical and diagnostic company started by Luis Alvarez, the late Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory nuclear physicist, who received the 1968 Nobel Prize in Physics. The inspiration for the company was his motivation to invent a variable focus lens as a better way to correct vision when he began to need bifocals in his early fifties.

"We're all about vision," remarked Lourens Steger, chief operating officer of Carl Zeiss Meditec. In fact, the company recently reorganized to address key needs of the aging population reflected in a 2005 survey by the National Institutes of Health and University of Michigan.

The survey showed that concerns of older Americans included the loss of vision, the loss of cognitive ability, and the loss of mobility. Through its three business units, the company creates medical systems that can address these areas with ophthalmic systems, devices for surgical ophthalmology, and microscopes for neurosurgery of the head and spine.

The parent company was founded 160 years ago in Germany by optician Carl Zeiss, who gained a reputation for quality and innovative design of microscopes, camera lenses, and a range of high-precision optics. Now the family of companies creates optics for uses ranging from planetariums and semiconductor inspection equipment to binoculars and cell phone components.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tim Buckley demonstrates how new equipment works.

Health professionals are involved early on in development of new products in Dublin and at sister sites in Germany and France. Microscope specialists in Germany created a breakthrough, OPMI Lumera, which entered the market a year ago. An attempt to provide the most illumination possible during eye surgery led to unanticipated gains in the ability to see deeper into the eye and at higher, clearer contrast.

"It's produced a revolution in ophthalmic surgery," Buckley said. "It's the first time a surgical microscope has produced a huge clinical advantage. It's as if you have gone from the murky San Francisco Bay waters where you can see six inches deep, if you place your hand in the water, to a blue lagoon in the Caribbean. You can see more deeply with greater detail."

Physicians can now analyze eye anatomy during surgery that before might have required extra steps to visualize. In the United States, there are 3 million cataract cases each year, and the need to replace lenses clouded by cataracts is increasing. The percent of the U.S. population over age 65 is expected to double within 25 years. By that age, almost a third of the population develops cataracts. The fastest-growing segment of the population is 85 or older, and by age 100, virtually everyone has some degree of cataracts, Buckley said.

"We potentially could serve every person in the world," Steger said. Outgoing chief executive officer Jim Taylor added that virtually everyone in this country over age 40 has been tested periodically on Zeiss equipment for glaucoma.

The World Health Organiza-

tion estimates that 75 percent of blindness is treatable or avoidable, and that 90 percent of the blind live in the poorest countries. In response Carl Zeiss Meditec became one of the first sponsors of an initiative to eliminate preventable blindness in the Third World, Vision 2020, with WHO and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, helping in Indonesia to establish the first of five training centers.

Closer to home, a sense of social responsibility among the company's 700 employees has been carried out by identifying a couple of meaningful charities that they actively support. Charities were identified by a small task force. In some ways, the two groups receiving charitable assistance have been intertwined in these efforts.

First, the company hopes to help fund the Oakland-based Blind Babies Foundation in a number of ways. Taylor sits on the board. The company has also provided assistance applying for grants and publicizing activities, such as annual golf tournaments and an upcoming fundraising dinner in February for its 60th anniversary, said Marketing Communications Director Jackie Ferreira.

Carl Zeiss Meditec also works with the Arc of Alameda County, which provides sheltered employment to people with developmental disabilities. Workers at the Arc site near the Livermore airport assemble accessory kits that are shipped with the equipment designed and developed in Dublin. They were also taught some production engineering and quality control processes for

creating items to benefit the Oakland foundation.

Engineers from the plant helped design beeping plastic Easter eggs for an annual Easter egg hunt held in various parks for children and families served by the foundation. The units are assembled at the Livermore Arc facility. Volunteers from Carl Zeiss Meditec help put together baskets for the event and also help on site, Ferreira said.

Buckley said that despite being raised in this area, he hadn't been aware of the plant located in Livermore's backyard. Steger added that the facility, behind the Hacienda Crossing complex facing Interstate 580, is growing by a couple of measures – both in headcount, and revenues – having more than doubled in size in the last five to six years.

Even the facility itself, which was built to meet the company's specific needs, is being imbued with a socially responsible presence by undergoing LEED certification in the coming year as a toxin-free green producer, with

energy-efficient measures, such as a 70 percent reduction in power for lighting, and switch to recycled paper, biodegradable soaps and cleaning products and similar green-minded options.

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The 7th Annual ArtWalk 2008 hits the streets bringing thousands out to stroll and enjoy a fine day of art, music, wine and shopping in the heart of Livermore's downtown. Over 175 artists in 111 exhibits will display their work in boutique shops, wine tasting rooms and restaurants, as well as along sidewalks up and down First Street and in surrounding public spaces. Stop by the Bankhead Theater to browse the current exhibit: "A Different View" – Taking a New Look at our East Bay Regional Parks.
Oct 11 • 11am - 5pm *free*

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Richard Rhodes
The Twilight of the Bombs, Rae Dorough Speaker Series
Pulitzer Prize winner, Richard Rhodes, is writing a fourth volume of nuclear history, "The Twilight of the Bombs," about the post-Cold War years. He has been a host and correspondent for public television's *Frontline* and *American Experience* and is an affiliate of the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University.
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

ValleyCare Performance Awards

ValleyCare Medical Center was awarded a silver and bronze performance award by the American Heart Association and is listed among the best hospitals in America by U.S. News & World Report.

ValleyCare has successfully implemented the American Heart Association's "Get With The Guidelines" quality improvement program, which promotes the latest evidence-based treatment for cardiac patients. Get With The Guidelines not only saves lives, but helps improve overall health.

"This is the third year ValleyCare has received Get With The Guidelines performance awards," said Marcy Feit, president and CEO of ValleyCare Health System. "To be recognized among the top 500 of the nearly 5000 hospitals nationwide is an honor. I am very proud that we have been recognized for our quality improvement by the American Heart Association and listed in U.S. News & World Report among America's top hospitals."

State Bond Money

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger last week signed legislation to allocate \$842 million in previously approved state bond money to provide short-term improvements to the Delta. Zone 7 Water District officials noted that approval of the water bill is an important first step. However, a long term Delta fix is still needed.

Zone 7 treats and delivers Delta-conveyed State Water Project water from the South Bay Aqueduct. In a typical year, about 80 percent of Zone 7 water originates in the Sierras and is conveyed through the Delta — a supply that was reduced this year due both to drought and to the court-ordered pumping restrictions.

Zone 7 Water Agency supported the bill, SB 1XX. A long-term solution addressing both the ecological health of the Delta and the long-term reliability of water supplies currently conveyed through the Delta is needed. "The funding provided by this bill supports interim actions that all Delta stakeholders agree are essential and should be implemented immediately to improve the Delta's ecological conditions, particularly given the current drought," said Zone 7 Assistant General Manager Kurt Arends. "In essence, it is a band aid as we work toward a more comprehensive solution."

The bill includes more than \$200 million to help stabilize the Delta, help prevent catastrophic failure of the Delta's levees and help accommodate pumping operations that have been curtailed by the courts in efforts to protect endan-

gered Delta smelt. It also allocates \$100 million to projects necessary for the state to meet a goal to reduce per-capita water use by 20 percent by the year 2020.

Zone 7, the water wholesaler for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Dougherty Valley, continues to be heavily involved in helping to craft the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Reducing Air Pollution

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting community meetings to take input on two air pollution reduction programs.

The 2009 Clean Air Plan will update the existing air quality plan. It calls for a control strategy to be developed to reduce ozone precursors, while addressing particulate matter, air toxics and greenhouse gases in a single plan.

The second is the Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) program, which evaluates potential cancer and non-cancer health risks, identifies exposures to local communities, and develops and implements mitigation measures.

For information about the clean air plan, contact Nadine Wilmot at 415-749-5074 or visit www.baagmd.gov.

Information about CARE is available by contacting Phil Martien, 415-749-4660 or visit www.baagmd.gov.

One session is planned in Pleasanton on Thurs., Oct. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

The CARE program will not be part of the Pleasanton presentation.

Build Fish Habitat

Black Bass Action Committee is looking for volunteers to help create fish habitat at Lake Del Valle.

Last January, the organization had collected Christmas trees to construct the habitat. However, bad weather made it impossible to complete the project. The trees, while brown and dried out, are still usable.

East Bay Regional park District has requested the group finish the project. Jon Walton, the Boy Scouts, and volunteers are being asked to participate in the project on Nov. 1. The work begins at 8 a.m. with a goal of completing the project by noon.

EBRPD will provide food for volunteers and has agreed to allow any boat to be launched free after the boat has been inspected for Quagga and Zebra Mussels.

Interested groups or individuals, can call Mike Riehl, project advisor, at 443-8811 or 443-2913.

Pleasanton Police Focus on Crime Prevention

The Pleasanton Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will observe National Crime Prevention Month in October. The department will offer special crime prevention packets to the public at no cost. The packets include resources on such topics as personal security, identity theft, child safety and more.

In this region, Pleasanton continues to be one of the safest communities in California. Since 2007, the City has experienced its lowest crime rate in more than 20 years, recording just 19.8 Part I crimes per 1,000 population. Part I crimes are considered crimes of violence. They include homicide, rape, aggravated as-

sault, theft, vehicle theft and arson. Pleasanton's low crime rate trend continues into 2008, in contrast to past years in which the rate has fluctuated between 23 and 40 Part I crimes per 1,000 population.

"Pleasanton's low crime rate can be directly attributed to a collective effort between the department and the community," declared Police Chief Mike Fraser.

Pleasanton has more than 200 Neighborhood Watch groups, an active group of almost 30 volunteers, citizen and teen academy outreach programs, the DARE program, school resource officers in the schools, and many other programs and activities that connect residents with police officers.

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 931-5233 or 931-5240.



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Country Store Benefits VA Hospital Patients

The Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Committee will hold the annual "Country Store" on Wed., Oct. 22.

The committee is a nonprofit organization that supports the needs of veterans who are patients. The Country Store is the only fund-raiser. It features a silent auction, food faire and a Golden Monkey Sale. (A golden monkey is step up from a white elephant).

The store will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VA Hospital, building 64, recreation room, in Livermore. The VA is located on Arroyo Road.

The day begins with breakfast served at 7 a.m., fee \$5. Baked goods, Golden Monkeys, and the silent auction begin at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon, fee \$5 includes hamburger or hot dog, potato salad, beans, chips and a drink. Root Beer Floats will be available at 12:30 for \$2 each.

The group is seeking donations of Golden Monkeys. Monetary donations are also welcome. They can be sent to VA Palo Alto Health Care System Voluntary

Service (135LMD), 4951 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, CA 94550.

For additional information, contact Sue Scott, Lisa Tocci or LaTrina Rucker at 449-6448.

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EDITORIALS

Pleasanton Mayor — Brozosky

This is the second time in two years that Steve Brozosky and Jennifer Hosterman have faced each other in the Pleasanton mayor's race.

We endorsed Hosterman in 2006, but can't this time.

Her opposition to the citizen initiative, Measure PP on the ballot, and her all-out support for the alternative measure, QQ, turned us off. QQ is the kind of measure that city councils place on the ballot to foment confusion within the electorate and subvert citizen-driven initiatives and referendums.

Brozosky supports the initiative and opposes the council alternative. He says the issue demonstrates that Hosterman has ceased to be responsive to the voters of Pleasanton.

We agree with him. PP vs. QQ is the defining issue of this election. On most of Pleasanton's other issues, the mayoral candidates don't differ significantly. This issue, though, shows that the incumbent mayor has begun to slip and slide in her relationship with the citizenry.

Steve Brozosky's time has come. We urge Pleasanton voters to elect him mayor.

City Council — Sullivan & McGovern

Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern seek reelection to the Pleasanton City Council. Jerry Pentin is the lone challenger.

Pentin, an avid bicyclist and a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, is well informed about and much experienced in city affairs. However, on the major issue of this election, Measure PP vs. QQ, he supports the council alternative, QQ.

The incumbents oppose it and back the citizen measure, PP. Cindy McGovern wrote the arguments for PP and against QQ. Sullivan originally backed Oak Grove, the development that spurred Measure PP. He was swayed by the developer's donation of open space, but when Oak Grove was referended, the overwhelming community support for the referendum made him change his mind.

Even if this issue were not on the ballot, the incumbents should be reelected. They've been outstanding. Both bring a keen sense of community to all of their decision-making. Each has staked out personal areas of concern. Sullivan has taken a leadership role on energy issues. Safety is of great concern to McGovern, who sees herself as an advocate for kids.

No change is needed here. We urge reelection of the incumbents, Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan.

Pleasanton Measure PP — Yes Pleasanton Measure QQ — No

Having preserved the ridgelines on the west, Pleasanton is now turning its eyes to the southeast hills. Measures PP and QQ are all about this struggle.

Both aim to protect the hills. Measure PP would take effect immediately if passed while QQ would launch a process to adopt a protectionist ordinance, a process that could take several years to complete.

Measure PP is on the ballot as the result of a citizen-driven initiative that was signed by more than 5000 Pleasanton voters.

QQ owes its ballot spot to the City Council, which put it there in a 3-2 vote. The general plan already calls for the council to adopt an ordinance to protect the hills; voter approval is simply unnecessary here. The only possible motive for Measure QQ is to muddy the election and undermine the original measure.

Some of Measure PP's supporters have begun to articulate a long-range vision. They point to the western ridgelines, where through a mix of citizen activism and land acquisitions by the East Bay Regional Park District, properties that once were thought to be destined for urbanization are instead today a great park (Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park), preserved as open space for generations to come. The visionaries believe the southeast hills can be similarly saved.

Measure PP in itself won't accomplish that, but its passage would empower the whole movement toward saving the area.

With its preservationist thrust, Measure PP represents the true feeling of the community toward the hills surrounding their city. In election after election since the 1980s, the people have stated by overwhelming margins that they want the hills saved.

We say to every Pleasanton voter who wants that mandate carried out: pass Measure PP; reject QQ.

Livermore Measure M — Yes

The Livermore Valley Unified School District's Measure M would extend the district's expiring parcel tax for five years at \$11.50 a month per parcel. The tax is slated to expire in 2010.

The money will be used to attract quality teachers, maintain small class sizes, provide college and job preparation classes, maintain arts and foreign language programs and provide for several other needs. Not a cent of the money can be used for administrator salaries.

An independent citizens' oversight committee has been established to monitor the spending of this money.

The tax requires a two-thirds majority. It was passed in 2004 by a 71% majority.

The parcel tax has helped maintain the excellence of Livermore's neighborhood schools at a desperate time when state funding has been unpredictable and inadequate.

A flier for Measure M states, "Good schools are the foundation of a quality community." We urge Livermore property owners to keep the foundation strong: vote "yes" on Measure M.

Buchanan Outpaces Wilson Almost 2 to 1 in Fund-raising

Joan Buchanan, Democratic candidate for California Assembly District 15, reported raising \$572,769 between July 1 and September 30, a two-to-one advantage over her opponent Abram Wilson who raised \$214,770 in the same period.

"I am gratified by the number of people who have invested in my campaign," said Buchanan. "Like me, they believe that things need to change in Sacramento."

According to reports filed with the Secretary of State, Buchanan ends the reporting period with \$215,435 cash on hand - over twice as much as her opponent. Wilson shows \$97,648 in cash.

Buchanan's contributors include the California Teachers Association, California Nurses Association, California Profes-

sional Firefighters, Police Officers Research Association, California Small Business Association and Sierra Club. She received \$3600 from the following contributors: Christopher Riedy, Chris Buchanan of Woodruff-Sawyer & Co., Jennifer Riedy, Alberto Torrico for Assembly 2008, Kevin De Leon for Assembly 2008, and Friends of Anthony Portantino. The majority of her funds came from donations of \$500 or less.

Wilson loaned his campaign \$95,000. He received money from other assembly campaigns. Among his contributors are the following: \$500 from Davidon Homes, \$1500 each from Pardee Homes, former candidate Robert Rao and T.Y. Lin International; \$3600 each from Associated Builders and Contractors of CA PAC, CTA Truck Unit PAC,

Friends of John J. Benoit, Taxpayers for Roger Niello for Assembly 2008, Villines for Assembly, Jean Fuller for Assembly, Plescia for Assembly, Anthem Blue Cross, Farm PAC, and Western Electrical Contractors Assn., Inc., and \$1000 from Howard Jarvas Taxpayers Association Small Contribution PAC. He also received funds from other businesses related to the construction and development industries.

Currently held by Republican Guy Houston, the 15th Assembly District is one of the most competitive districts in California. It includes the cities of San Ramon, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Danville, Brentwood, Livermore, and a part of Pleasanton, as well as portions of the Sacramento Delta communities of Stockton, Galt, and Elk Grove.

In local Congressional races,

incumbents are ahead of challengers in campaign donations.

In the 10th Congressional District, Ellen Tauscher (D) reports receiving a total of \$1.030 million, with \$332,086 coming from individual contributions, the remainder from PACs or other committees. She has \$452,876 cash on hand. Republican Nicholas Gerber received \$99,523 in donations, including a \$73,000 loan. He has \$26,913 in cash on hand.

Jerry McNerney (D), incumbent in the 11th Congressional District, has received donations of \$2.084 million, with \$1.329 million coming from individuals. He has over \$1.375 million in cash on hand. Republican Dean Andal reports \$834,084 in contributions, with \$548,800 from individual donors. He has \$667,438 cash on hand.

Hosterman, Pentin Raise Most Funds in Pleasanton Races

Incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and city council challenger Jerry Pentin led the council candidates in funds collected for their campaigns.

All of the candidates in Pleasanton have signed pledges to limit campaign spending. The limit is \$38,529.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is running for reelection, collected \$9660 during the most recent reporting period, July 1 to Sept 30. To date, she has collected \$12,657. Of the 62 donors, 25 are from outside Pleasanton. Her top donors include Marty Inderbitzen, \$600, the attorney who represents the Lin family, owners of the Oak Grove property; \$600 came from James Tong of Charter Properties, who works for the Lin family. Mary Warren, a government relations consultant, has contributed \$500 as has the Central Labor Council of Alameda County. \$1000 was donated by Weldon Theobald of Danville Petroleum, Inc., and \$500 from Steve Watty, Danville Petroleum, Inc. Hosterman received \$750 from Donald Gralnek, who heads the group who wants to build an ice arena in Pleasanton. Other donors include Janet Linfoot, \$100; Peter MacDonald, \$50; Chris Berattis, \$250; former mayor Tom Pico, \$200; Michael Faber, \$200; Dolores Bengtson, \$50; Richard Small, \$300, and ActNOW, \$200.

Her opponent, Steve Brozosky reported raising \$7025. All of his 58 contributions came from Pleasanton residents. Among his donors are Richard Pugh, \$1000; Pat Curija, \$250; Greg and Janet O'Connor, \$500 (O'Connor is a member of the Pleasanton planning Commission); planning commissioner Phil Blank, \$750; and Bill Rasnick, \$300. The remainder of the donations were \$100 or less.

In the race for city council, challenger Jerry Pentin has collected a total of \$8,608; with \$2,318 in nonmonetary contributions. The nonmonetary donations were mainly yard signs contributed by Jan Batcheller. He listed 45 donors, eight from outside Pleasanton. Among his donors are Ron Bissinger, \$500;

James Tong, Oak Grove developer, \$250; Marty Inderbitzen, \$250; Steve Sharman, \$250; Jim Ghielmetti, \$100; Carol Molinaro and Robert Molinaro, \$250 each; Dean Schenone, \$250; Herb Ritter, \$300; Tom Guarino, \$250; John Whitehurst, \$250; Christine Steiner, \$100; Ken Mercer, \$100; Dolores Bengtson, \$100;

Incumbent Cindy McGovern has raised \$7534. All 57 of her contributors are Pleasanton residents. Among the donors are Richard Pugh, \$1000; Betsy Everett, \$500; Greg and Janet O'Connor, \$500; Allen Roberts, \$500; planning commissioner Anne Fox \$250; Karla Brown-Belcher, one of the co-signers of the Oak Grove referendum; Marti Starnes, \$250; Richard Morse, \$250; Anne Childs, \$200; and Bill and Julie Rasnick, \$200.

Matt Sullivan, also a council incumbent, collected \$6620 in monetary contributions and \$126 in nonmonetary donations. Sullivan has donated \$1884 to his campaign. He lists 42 donations, five from outside of Pleasanton. His total to date is \$6850, which includes \$230 in loans to himself. Other donors include attorney Christopher Schlies, \$500; Karla Brown-Belcher (co-signer of the Oak Grove referendum) \$100; Thomas Riechert, \$250; Nancy Allen, \$250; Mark Emerson, \$300; Brenda Balletto, \$200; Max Curtis, \$200; John Carroll, \$200; Anne Childs, \$200; Richard Pugh, \$200; and Mary Roberts, \$100.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee shows \$5250 collected during this period and as the total to date. There are only two donors, PG&E gave \$5000, Marty Inderbitzen \$250.

Save Pleasanton's Hills, an organization backing the citizens' initiative Measure PP, reported collecting \$2679 in cash during this reporting period, July 1 to Sept. 30. The group has collected a total of \$6,374 to date. Each of the 24 donors is a Pleasanton resident. Donating \$250 was June Thompson, donors of \$200 were Travis Patterson, Shareef Mahdavi, Barry Nelson,

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(continued from page one) have sufficient resources to support Springtown. "The deficit problem at Springtown would only be masked."

The third option would be to redirect fees paid to the city for the right to haul garbage to the Altamont Landfill. The report points out that the funds have been allocated by regional agreement to support open space acquisition, recycling programs and performing arts facilities. They cannot be allocated to golf activities.

The final idea was finding a cheaper water supply to reduce irrigation costs. The report notes that the city does not have the rights to the groundwater supply and would have to purchase the water from Zone 7.

The report lists lower risk alternatives that "appear to be both technically and fiscally feasible." There are four alternatives, none of which gained strong support from workshop participants.

One would be to establish a long term lease with an operator at no cost to the city. Under this scenario, the city would lease the course to a private operator for ten years or more with a minimal lease payment to the city. The operator would be required to maintain the course in good condition and maintain golf operations at no cost to the city.

Operators interviewed by DC&E expressed interest if the lease were for 10 to 20 years, the city guaranteed a source and/or cost for water, and if the lease included both golf courses. Several of the operators contacted said

and Andre Weiglein. The remaining contributors gave \$100 or less.

Citizens for Ridgeline Protection, backers of the council sponsored Measure QQ, collected \$6750 during the recent reporting period, with \$2000 a loan from Edward Lin. Contributors

CAMPAIGN NEWS

The Association of Pleasanton Teachers has announced the names of the candidates that it is endorsing in the up-coming election for three vacant seats on the Board of Trustees of the Pleasanton Unified School District. The group states that it conducted an extremely thorough selection process before making the endorsements.

Chris Grant is the incumbent. According to the Association, "He is doing an excellent job serving our schools and our students. Chris always puts kids first

in every decision. His focus is at every grade level in every school. He has had a profound impact on our district and his continued leadership is essential to its future."

Jeff Bowser is a product of Pleasanton schools. He has served as a teacher, an administrator and a PTA President in the district. The Association notes, "He is ideally placed to understand the issues facing education in this community and he has the leadership qualities to build con-

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(D), a leading advocate for expanded health care services, will be the keynote speaker.

"High quality, widely available health care is dependent on skilled and dedicated workers," said Hayashi. "With health care needs escalating, there are tremendous new opportunities for career-seekers looking to enter this exciting field. I've written and passed legislation to advance health care initiatives. I'm pleased the Tri-Valley Business Council is holding this summit to discuss and examine the workforce supporting this industry."

This event is open to the public, with an admission fee of \$35. Registration is at www.trivalley.org.

Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, the Summit will launch a regional workforce development strategy to increase the number of Tri-Valley graduates entering health care professions. It is estimated that the industry needs as many as five to six times more new entrants to health care professions beyond the current capacity of the Tri-Valley's educational systems.

"This Summit is designed to engage our business and educational leaders in working together to build a strong health care-focused regional workforce," said Tri-Valley Business Council CEO & President

Toby Brink. "We're inviting leaders from across the region to join the dialogue about this essential element of life in the Tri-Valley as our population grows and changes."

The summit will specifically address health care industry workforce trends, examine a health care education model, and include a panel discussion by healthcare and education experts on how the health care industry and educators can best partner to meet the needs of health care employers and career-seekers.

Along with the keynote by Assemblymember Hayashi, speakers at the summit include representatives from Kaiser Permanente, ValleyCare Health System, allied health providers, California State University - East Bay, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chabot Community College and Nuresume.

Jim Caldwell, Chair of the Tri-Valley Business Council's Education Partners Council, said, "We would like the summit to create an industry and education partnership that can benefit the health care industry across the Tri-Valley region." For more information about the summit, please contact Jim Caldwell at 292-2308 or send an email to: jcaldwell@workforceincubator.org.

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tributed to 10,000 students; secured grants and funding from public and private sources; and assembled more than 125 adult stakeholders from all parts of the public, private, government and non-profit community sectors to engage in the Initiative. Based upon input from YPB, the TVAHI's next steps will be for youth and adults to work together to develop programs to improve mental health support systems for teens and their families by focusing on early prevention and emphasizing youth development; build on the strength of youth, families and community, and further improve regional coordination of programs and local best practices.

In 2005, the Tri-Valley region's fastest growing population was youth ages 5 to 14. The Initiative started with a regional survey, anchored by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. The 2006 Tri-Valley Student Health Survey revealed that one in three teens did not receive necessary medical care for illness and injuries, and four in ten youth did not receive counseling for stress, depression or family problems. In addition, County public health reports

state that adolescents in the Tri-Valley have more than two times the average rate of depression compared with their peers in the remainder of Alameda County. Using the data as a foundation for action, the TVAHI established a cross-system, regional coalition that included youth and adult leadership and representatives from cities, school districts, community service providers, county agencies, youth and parents.

"These awards underscore the critical leadership role our young people have in working with adults to improve their communities and schools," stated Dave Kears, Director of Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

With Supervisor Scott Haggerty's leadership, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the allocation of Measure A, a 2004 voter-approved health initiative, to support the initial funding of the TVAHI. The Initiative's goal was to better leverage youth-adult collaborations, collective resources, and evidence-based innovations to address the underlying barriers to adolescent health needs and concerns.

BART

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Chief Officer and Executive Fire Officer. He works for BART as a Safety Specialist, a position he has held for the last six years. He would resign, if elected. He lives in Castro Valley.

McPartland said he is running because he wants to make sure BART is extended to Livermore, and because he wants to improve the safety of the system. If elected, McPartland said he would bring strong experience and leadership skills, as well as expertise to the BART Board.

In the military (active and reserve), he rose from the rank of Private to Colonel. In the fire service he rose from the rank of Firefighter to Fire Chief. McPartland says, "Both of these accomplishments are testament to superior leadership and management skills developed over a lifetime of service to the nation and public safety."

He calls the extension to Livermore a matter of fairness. He doesn't have a preference as to which route is used, along the I-580 median or the Stanley Blvd. option. He would leave it up to local residents to express their preference based on studies underway now. Then he would advocate for the extension.

It is important to link with the ACE train. The Livermore station should be convenient for Livermore residents to access so they don't continue to go to the Dublin-Pleasanton stations.

Asked about the San Jose extension, McPartland declared that if he had anything to say about it, San Jose would not go first.

He says it will take a variety of partnerships to pay to extend BART to Livermore. He would work with MTC and Alameda County to help secure the funds.

"I have a single vote out of nine on the board. It's going to take someone pushing to get the ducks in place. It takes leadership, managerial skills and team building," he stated.

He believes it is important to the Bay Area to link transit systems, not just BART and ACE. The original BART plan was to have one system that people could ride around the Bay Area. Other transit services have been developed over the years. It would take a lot of money to rip out those systems and then spend more money to create one transit system.

A better way to integrate transit systems would be to provide a simple commuter pass that would allow people to go back and forth. The technology is available, said McPartland. It will take all of the transit agencies to agree on a system to make it work.

Another way is to convince transit agencies to better coordinate their schedules so there are not long delays for people wanting to transfer from one system to another. "When a person disembarks, there should be another form of transit available. It will never be a perfect match. But it could be better," he declared.

One of the deterrents to increased ridership is the lack of parking. McPartland said, given the footprint available at most stations, the only way to add parking would be to go vertical. He points out that at stations such as Lake Merritt, no matter how many parking spaces are available, there would never be enough.

McPartland offers several suggestions. One is to go vertical where possible. The second is to entice commuters to arrive at BART via other means, again this would require coordination of such service as feeder bus systems.

He doesn't like charging for parking. "My personal position is that we are a transit agency. We shouldn't be in the business of sticking it to the public to raise funds. Charging for parking should be revenue-neutral."

Currently, BART is looking at raising fares during peak travel times. The state has withheld transit funds in the new budget.

McPartland states, "I am not a financial guy. The spike is between 7:55 and 8:15 a.m. in Oak-

land and San Francisco. It needs to be flattened out. That could be accomplished by increasing fares during those times in an effort to encourage riders to go earlier or arrive later." Rather than raising the fares, McPartland would like to see what conclusion a BART study on the issue recommends. "I prefer not to penalize commuters, people who have to be at work on time. I need to see what the study reveals."

Safety issues include getting people to and from their cars, natural disasters, and terrorism.

In parking lots, McPartland would make sure there is adequate lighting and adequate surveillance. The cost to add surveillance equipment and the officers to man it could be high. His goal would be to look at what the district can afford and where the money would come from to provide the best state of the art equipment possible.

McPartland believes that in planning for a natural disaster more could be done. He points out that currently BART responds to emergencies and works with local jurisdiction police and fire units on small scale-short term events. In the event, of a Katrina-like disaster, more needs to be done to plan a response. Each county is responsible for planning. In most cases there are shelter and staging areas established. "We learned in Katrina that everyone is stranded. It is difficult to get people in and out of an impacted area. County planners should work with BART to make sure that in the event of a disaster, the system is operable quickly. It would then be possible to move people by the tens of thousands continuously," he explained.

To realize this potential would require completion of the seismic retrofit and joint planning involving cities, counties, other transit agencies and the private sector, McPartland stated.

He notes that he has been on the inside; he knows how the system operates. He has a personal relationship with most of the folks at BART. At board meetings I have attended, it appears that staff presents materials and issues; the board discusses the information. They should be in a more collaborate mode.

McPartland said he supports open disclosure of operations and the budget. All of the cards should be on the table for the public to see. The focus should be on the service we deliver to the public.

Other issues that need to be addressed include population growth and long distance commuters from outside the Bay Area continuing to outstrip BART's designed capacity. This problem adds to the existing issue of aging BART train cars. The system needs to keep up with technology.

LINDA JEFFERY SAILORS

Linda Jeffery Sailors has been involved in politics in the Tri-Valley for more than four decades. She was first elected to the Murray (now Dublin Unified) School Board, was an active leader in the effort to incorporate the City of Dublin and went on to be elected to the first council for the newly incorporated city, where she served as both a councilmember and as mayor. She is a Livermore resident.

Sailors said that as member of the Dublin council, transportation was one of her top priorities. She represented Dublin in a collaborative effort to create a transit system, Wheels. She served as vice-chair of the campaign to pass Alameda County's original transit funding initiative, Measure B, that helped pay for the I-580/680 interchange improvements, BART to the valley, and many other projects;

Professionally, she held a managerial position at RIDES for Bay Area Commuters, a non-profit established to help commuters find and use alternatives to solo driving.

She says her main purpose in running for the BART board is to fulfill the promise she made as a

member of the Dublin City Council that BART would be extended to Livermore.

I-580 congestion is another reason. Commuters spend long hours on the road, Sailors said. In addition, I-580 is an important economic corridor. When trucks cannot move products, it affects the economy. The congestion not only has an economic implications, it adds to air pollution, creating health issues.

"There are another couple of reasons I am running," stated Sailors. "I want the trains to be clean. If you want to attract riders, trains need to be clean inside and out."

Parking is another issue. Those who planned for parking based it on the mobility available to residents of Oakland and San Francisco where buses go within a half mile of a station on a regular basis, Sailors points out. Not providing the parking where it is needed cuts ridership.

She supports parking structures where possible. In other areas, BART could consider leasing land near stations, then providing shuttle service. "I believe people would get off the freeway and get into the trains if parking were made available," she commented.

Charging for parking is okay, as long as the charge is the same at all stations. Currently, some stations provide free parking.

Sailors mentions that having people pay to park could also act as a deterrent to criminal activity. Cameras could be set up where people pay. If there were crimes committed, the cameras would have records of people who come and go quickly.

There should be a BART police substation in the Valley, Sailors adds.

BART is considering raising fares during peak hours because the state has withheld transit funds from Prop. 1A. Sailors said that she would like to explore other possibilities. She also said that BART should have a presence in Sacramento to let legislators know that when the public voted for Prop. 1A, the funds were for transportation.

When it comes to the Livermore extension, Sailors mentions that yet another study is being conducted. She states, "I think people in charge realize it's a fair issue. I also think they realize that it is unlikely another tax would pass in this area without the extension."

A programmatic environmental impact report is underway that is looking at a wide range of options and how the system could operate. If elected, Sailors said she would change the focus to a "real" EIR so that the project would be ready to go when the money is available.

Her best guess as to the route BART would select for the extension would be down the I-580 median to a point where it could

connect with the ACE train at Greenville Road. "I think there is agreement that the systems need to connect in some way," she stated.

Asked if an ACE upgrade is more important than BART to Livermore to handle the current commuter crush from the Central Valley, Sailors noted that while commute patterns have changed since BART was first built, not everyone goes to San Jose. Most of the newer jobs are in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, making the connection important.

Funds are needed to build the extension to Livermore. Sailors stated, "People are starting to look for money. It will take a lot of little pots to pay for the extension. One possibility would be a private/public partnership similar to the West Pleasanton-Dublin BART station." She says that would entail development. However, the Livermore general plan already contains provision for up to 5000 units at the Greenville site.

The general plan also says that the development can't take place until the BART extension is in place. At the same time, BART has a policy of not building extensions, without the development. Sailors says that side-by-side decisions would need to be made for the station and the development to occur at the same time.

"The Livermore extension is the cheapest that could be built at this time. BART owns the land for the station. The land is flat and straight. It just makes sense," she said.

Sailors suggested, "Perhaps the extension could be built as a public works project, similar to those that were instituted during the Depression. It would be a way to help build the economy and provide jobs for people."

Safety is a concern. Sailors would attempt to secure additional Homeland Security funds to improve safety in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist incident. She notes that transit has taken a hit when it comes to acquiring such funding. "As a nation we need to prioritize where the money is put, not base distribution on a per capita basis as is done now," she declared.

"Disaster planning is handled by the Alameda County Sheriff Department. It would behoove BART to have a large presence in the planning to make sure responses are coordinated," said Sailors. Communications are still a problem that needs to be dealt with.

Sailors believes BART needs to upgrade its technology. "It was state of the art when it was built. However, the basic infrastructure has not kept up. Money is an issue. I think management is an issue as well. Staff should have been budgeting to replace such things as computers and rail

cars, as well as pay for the quake retrofit."

She questions some of the priorities of the current board. Sailors said that San Jose should not have been let in without providing money for the Livermore station. San Francisco bought into the system by paying for the Pleasanton-BART station. Residents in San Jose have not paid one dime into the system, while Livermore residents have been paying into the system for 29 years.

Asked why people should vote for her, Sailors said she is

the only candidate who has been part of building a BART station. She said she was part of the team that lobbied for and was able to obtain the money needed to deliver BART to Dublin/Pleasanton.

She has kept those contacts. She is a BART rider herself. Sailors said she has attended board meetings and is aware of the issues.

"Part of the success in working on any board is when you ask for something you want, to be aware of what other board members want."

Two Special Events Offer Fun, Opportunity to Help Local Groups

On October 19 and 26, the Livermore Goddess Network is hosting Halloween events for children and families. These events will generate funds for specific causes where there is a need in our community such as the VA Hospital, Shepherd's Gate, Teen Challenge and Four Paws Animal Rescue.

The October 19 event, "Candine and Cupcakes," will be held at Bruno Canziani Park in Livermore on Charlotte Way. There will be a doggie costume contest/parade, cupcake and pumpkin decorating and Tarot Card reading. Four Paws Animal Rescue will also be present with an exhibit featuring pets ready for rehoming.

Festivities are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be available. Bring dogs for the costume parade or just your imagination for the pumpkin & cupcake decorating contests. Every child's a winner!

The October 26 event, "Halloween for Kids," will be held at

Livermore Kids Town at 1082 E. Stanley Blvd. Livermore. Featured activities include face painting, balloonist, dance contest, costume contest, games, arts and crafts and prizes. Four Paws Animal Rescue will also be present with an animal adoption exhibit.

All proceeds and contributions from both events will be going to the Veteran's Hospital and Four Paws Rescue, Inc., a non-profit org dedicated into saving abused and abandoned animals.

For more information, please contact Lynne Ronen at 925/786-3765 or Meredith MacDaniel 510/709-8440.

Livermore Goddess Network was founded in early 2008 by Lynne Ronen of Excel Realty and was kicked off with an Easter event. Since its inception, the group has rapidly grown to include 20 Livermore women who own businesses and/or homes in the community. Livermore Goddess Network's mission is "To make a meaningful difference in our community."



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Other questions sought to learn whether they think the administration is doing a good job, what feedback they hear about the district from residents, and whether the district does enough to deal with bullying. The candidates also were offered the chance to raise other issues.

The interviews are in alphabetical order. Page declined an interview by the Independent.

VALERIE ARKIN

Valerie Arkin is the mother of two students. She comes to the election with 13 years experience as a school volunteer. She has helped in the classroom by working with students on reading and math, as directed by teachers, and has worked with one of the high school marching bands and a music program at a middle school.

Arkin was also PTA chair at a middle school, and chaired the PTA's Reflections program, which encourages students to participate in art. Arkin has a health science degree and an MBA. She is a city library commissioner, is on the youth master plan implementation committee, and is a director of the Tri-Valley YMCA.

She said that she is running for the board because she has "always had a passion for youth and public education."

The role of a board member she says, "is to ensure the best possible education for students in the district." Trustees accomplish that by setting policies to promote that goal. "I think it's important to ask the tough questions. We are representing the community. We have to provide accountability."

"Before you reach out to the community, you need to get as many facts as possible. And, you need to reach out to parents, teachers and students," said Arkin.

Arkin thinks that construction of Neal elementary school is needed, although it may not be likely to happen. "It's unfortunate we are not building Neal. It was the decision of a prior board. Things happen. The developer got out of building it. It would be beneficial to have fewer kids at the other elementary schools. The reality is, it won't be built, at least anytime soon. Who knows about the future?"

There is also "no possibility" of building a new, small high school to take the enrollment pressure off the two main high schools. "We probably should seriously have considered it. I know the reality is that it won't happen, especially with the state budget. There is no suitable land left for a high school."

With 350 units recently approved at the West Dublin BART station, the district will have to know what the impact will be on students coming from those units. "There is no easy answer" (about meeting the need). "Perhaps, a creative solution can be found."

Important issues for the next school board include student growth, as well as solutions for the "kids who are not succeeding at the big school level." Arkin agrees with the high school expansion priorities set recently by the board.

The gym expansions proposed for Amador Valley and Foothill high schools can't be built because of finances. However, they should be constructed to get all students into one gym, especially if there were disasters or safety threats.

Arkin says, "I am pretty happy with what our schools offer. We do need to continue to look at how we do on test scores, and continue with high performance." The programs in place to help students, whether high or low-achieving, are working, but perhaps more can be done. "We still need to close the achievement gap."

The rocky state financing of schools is the main problem facing the district. "It will continually be an issue. We need to look at programs, and try to maintain staffing."

The administration is doing a good job. "One measurement is test scores. I don't think performance should be based entirely on scores, but they continue to go high. We should be proud."

Arkin hears "for the most part, very positive feedback about the district." She talks to students, teachers and parents. "Any negative thing I hear, tends to be more individual, to specific situations. Sometimes I think the complaint isn't justified," she said.

Bullying is an issue in the dis-

trict, said Arkin. The district is addressing it more. "They have a lot of programs. They have zero tolerance for it. They deal with the problem as soon as it is reported. More education on the subject is the most important thing to accomplish."

Arkin said that her approach to governing as a trustee would be to think independently but work as a team, and reach consensus with people. She pointed to her work on the library commission, YMCA board of directors and other service as examples of her cooperative work.

Having an MBA with an emphasis in organizational behavior has helped her accomplish goals in a cooperative way, she said. "I can critically analyze things, and look at budgets and documents. I used those skills when I worked for a big insurance company. I negotiated lawsuits, worked closely with defense counsel to see whether to settle a case or not. I try to weigh the risk. I don't want to put the board and the district in a position of risk. I see the parent perspective with the schools, and I'll be in the school system a long time. I don't have a paying job, so I have a lot of time to dedicate to this."

Arkin's campaign web page is valerie@arkinhome.com.

JEFF BOWSER

Jeff Bowser said, "I am running because I want to make a difference."

Education is his passion, he comments. "I don't have education in my life anymore, because I'm in business now. It's a part that I miss. I kept in it, through the PTA and fund raising activities, volunteering at school," he said.

He has worked with Little League and as an elementary school PTA president. He describes himself as a centrist. "I work to bring groups together, to find common ground. I consider myself a voice of reason, a voice of logic."

The father of two students has been a teacher at Village High School, and assistant principal at Amador Valley High School. He worked in the Castro Valley and San Ramon high school districts as assistant principal and in the district office in Union City, where he was coordinator of technology.

Bowser built a 13-county intranet that linked county offices of education so they could share resources. He left education for the business world 10 years ago. He works for AT&T, dealing with major business clients. Most of his work is conducted in northern California. This would not be a block to regular attendance at meetings, because he returns home every night when his is traveling, he said.

Bowser said he knows the education code. He adds, "I am a quick study on budgets. I have a fundamental understanding of them. It's fairly easy to get up to speed (on current budgeting)."

He has a degree in biochemistry and a master's degree in educational leadership. His thesis was written on using technology to improve teacher collaboration.

Bowser said that with his experience in working at various levels in school districts, "The wool is not going to be pulled over my eyes. I'm vocal about that. I'm not going to be a rubber stamp. I can ask critical questions. My favorite is: 'Help me understand this.'"

Making determinations about future school facilities "is a tough one. We don't want to overbuild. The cost goes up, but the revenue stays the same." He said that while the district has high enrollment currently, it may be a peak.

The district made a commitment to the community to build Neal school. He notes, "The key is, we can't afford it. As the economy improves, and we see more construction from developers, that can change." It's not fiscally sound now, but as revenues change and the economy improves, it should be assessed.

Asked about past discussions in the district about creating a magnet school of 700 students to ease crowding at the high schools, Bowser said that there already is a magnet program within the schools. Those would be the career pathways that gather students in a particular career goal, such as a medical career, and tailor the curriculum toward the skills and knowledge needed there.

As to building a separate high school, Bowser said, "I don't think the numbers warrant it right now. We have to be concerned with the economy. I'm a fiscal conservative." If the revenue picture improves, the board can re-

assess the question, and get community feedback about it. One argument for keeping campuses close to the size they are now is that larger student populations enable teaching of some classes that otherwise might not have enough students signed up.

Bowser said he finds that the feedback he gets in the community about the schools has been good. As to educational programs, the district needs to "make sure we have them for students at risk, and where English is not the primary language," said Bowser.

He likes the focus on reading and writing instruction in the elementary schools. It's important to increase teacher contact time there. In the high schools, Bowser likes the career pathways.

Bowser doesn't perceive any shortcomings in the schools. "They are well-managed, both from the teacher perspective and the school-site perspective. The schools have benefitted from solid management. My goal is to maintain that excellence."

The feedback Bowser has heard is positive. "The issue, as with anything, is communication," he said. The district is developing a student information system giving all parents access to a student's grades and progress reports. That will help communication greatly. Bowser added that the district must make certain it is meeting the needs of at risk students.

Asked about the administration's performance, Bowser said, "They were able to solve the recent budget problems well. The half-million (dollars cut) in the district administration was the right place to start. It's important to have someone on the board with an education background, who knows how the budget impacts the district, and how to keep that as far from the classroom as possible."

Bullying is clearly not tolerated in the district, said Bowser. "There has been success in the past with peer counseling at the elementary school level. The key thing is a zero tolerance policy." He added that it's important to have adequate counseling, and for teachers to see early signs of bullying.

One issue that Bowser brought up is the fact that his wife is an elementary school teacher in the district. He said he checked with superintendent John Casey to see whether there is a conflict of interest. The law is clear on it. "There can't be personal gain resulting from being elected to the board," said Bowser.

He said that he talked it over with his wife. She agreed to waive her right to promotion to another job. She will remain as a teacher. It is legal to get the usual annual salary increases that other teachers receive.

Bowser added that he views the schools as a parent. It's a bonus that he also sees it as the husband of a teacher. The other potential conflict of interest that could come up is Bowser's job with AT&T, where he serves commercial accounts. If any items were to come before the board dealing with his company, he would recuse himself.

Bowser's web page is votebowser.com.

CHRIS GRANT

Chris Grant is the only incumbent running. He was appointed to the board early in 2007 to succeed Steve Pulido, who resigned to become a judge.

Grant has a bachelor's degree in business and completed leadership programs at a university business school. He has served on the board for nearly two years, and is currently its clerk. In that capacity, he reviews the district's warrants and expenditures.

He said that he was the catalyst for formation of the district's excellence in education committee, which stemmed from a talk four years ago with Superintendent John Casey. The committee's role is to define where the district could continue to improve the schools.

Grant is on the board of Pleasanton Partnership in Education foundation, and is the district's representative to the Valley's special education board. He is a senior vice president at Kaiser Permanente Foundation, where he oversees national corporate development and investment. In that role, he says he has had "extensive governance experience, having served on numerous boards of directors." He has financial management, accounting and budget experience, which he said is important in dealing with the district's budget in this difficult state budget period.

Grant, who has three children in the schools, said his motivation for running is that he is passionate about public education.

"I believe it's the cornerstone of a great community and nation. I can give back to my own community. Also, I am from a family of educators. My mom, sister and brother, all taught. I understand first-hand the impact that public education has on a child's life."

The board's role is to ensure that "every child has the opportunity to reach their greatest potential. The board selects the superintendent and oversees school operation. The board listens to the community, and is a liaison between administration and community. It ensures open communication and broad input into decision-making," said Grant.

The process is to listen closely to parents and teachers and the administration. "By no means should a board be a rubber stamp to an administration," said Grant. It's important to identify where the district is on any matter, then establish a goal for one, two or five years, and see where we want to be. "What are the programs and resources? What do we need to do to get there? Then go back and measure, and measure again. I have found that if you document opportunities for improvement, and keep people focused on those, there is a dramatic increase in achieving it," he said.

Grant said he would love to have an elementary school on the Neal site to serve families that live near it. However, with the cost of building the school at more than \$15 million, we can't do that in this budgetary climate."

"We need to keep a close eye on elementary schools, and make sure each child is supported, maintain class size reduction, and provide intervention programs for our kids in the form of science support and reading specialists. They had been considered for reduction (in the current budget), but they did not go away," said Grant.

If Pleasanton's housing cap is raised above the current 29,000 units, the school district needs to "seriously consider" building another high school. "The best thing for the district is steady growth. Rapid growth and rapid decline are not advantageous," he said.

Grant likes the career pathway academies at the high schools as a way of having a school within a school, which makes the atmosphere feel more intimate. Energy education is one curriculum area that Grant would like to see added. He also would like to see class size reduction added to fourth and fifth grades, and then in sixth through 12th in English and math.

Asked about any shortcomings in the schools, Grant said, "The budgetary situation is a major concern." It's important to think things through thoroughly on programs, because of the tight dollars. "My biggest concern is the state-driven allocation of the budget to public education. California receives \$1056 less than the national average per student. We need to ensure that the programs we provide have the greatest impact on student achievement."

The administration is "doing a very good job. The leadership team has a finger on the pulse of

our schools, and understands the issues and the opportunities." The feedback that he hears is that parents have a high satisfaction for the quality of education. "I also hear new ideas, and areas of concern, which provide me great insight into opportunities for continued improvement."

One concern he heard was about the counseling ratios. The ratios have been improved. Another area of continuing awareness is providing support for at-risk children and children with learning challenges.

On bullying, Grant said that every child should feel as if they are in a safe, welcoming environment, free of any threat. "I think we need to continue to advance our character education program. We need to make sure we have adequate counselor support, and to continue the conflict resolution program. We have to have the zero tolerance policy for bullying. We are focused on stopping the problem before it starts, from kindergarten on, and you need to provide role models of character. If you don't have that foundation in elementary and middle school, you will have problems later."

Smaller campuses don't necessarily make it easier to deal with bullying. The enforcement comes in the classroom, or gymnasium.

Summing up, Grant said that the district during his board tenure has increased its Academic Performance Index (API) scores by 15 points, and "achieved some of the largest gains ever in many subjects." He wants to continue that student achievement improvement. That includes identifying kids with needs early in their education.

Student safety is another big area of focus. The third is fiscal responsibility. Grant supports producing a balanced budget annually, and protecting the general fund reserve and the Sycamore school fund, which generates interest money to fund school technology equipment.

Grant's website is grantforpleasantonschools.com.

JAMIE YEE HINTZKE

Jamie Yee Hintzke said, "I am running because with my experience, involvement and passion for public education, I can really help the school district in its decisions."

Hintzke, who grew up in

Pleasanton and attended the public schools, has two children in school. She has volunteered in the schools, and helped found the PTA council in 2003. She was its president for two years, and remains on the council. She was vice president of health on the countywide PTA council.

Hintzke was named "Woman of the Year" in the 18th Assembly District by Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi in 2007. She also worked on the Go Green Initiative with its founder Jill Buck. She worked with people from around the country on the topic of starting wellness committees at school. She advocated for a full-time Pleasanton district nurse. The district has since hired a nurse.

As for the role of a board member, Hintzke said that the key issues are the hiring and firing of the superintendent, making sure there is a viable budget and oversight for financials, and creating policy.

The district could probably use a new elementary school now, but it takes \$600,000 to run it. "The situation with Neal is that it won't happen. The district doesn't have the money to build it. On the other hand, it's fortunate we can afford portable classrooms. It keeps us more solvent and flexible. When I talk to kids, there is not a kid around who says they feel crowded."

On building a third high school, Hintzke said, "I don't think there is a plan to add a third high school, unless we can figure out a way to finance it. If it's a technical career type, maybe we could find funding. We have to see if money could come from the state. It would be fantastic for a school to have a focus, maybe a state ROP (regional occupation program)."

The high school expansion plan approved by the board "is conservative, but one that people can live with, without putting our finances in jeopardy. We still don't know if we will obtain the Career Technical Education money (from the state)." She noted that the expansion of both high school gyms was taken off the table because it was doubtful there is enough state financing to cover the cost.

Hintzke has no additional programs in mind for the curriculum. However, if more money comes in, "it would be great if

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we could go wider and deeper. In the sciences, for example, the district could buy more equipment for labs." With more money, there could be more academic intervention to help students. "Maybe there are extra pieces of a curriculum we didn't buy, but (with money) we could provide curriculum add-ons that teachers need to enrich the programs," she said.

Asked about district shortcomings, Hintzke said, "We could be a bit better about communications. What I'd like to bring to the table is to let folks in town know I'm accessible. I can help them learn how to be advocates for their kids. Let them learn the process. Some are frustrated, and don't know what to do for their kids. It feels sad that they don't know who to approach."

"Some parents are nervous about a backlash that they fear might come to them if they bring up problems. I would help them understand how to get through the system," she added.

In general, the district is doing a very good job, but could do a better job explaining what is happening. "For example, when text books are adopted, they could tell what went into the selection, and the cost, maybe through e-mails, website and our schools. Does the public understand the role of a principal? They should help parents to know that. We get many new parents every year who are new to public education."

Overall, parents "are pretty darned pleased" with the district. "But it's not perfect. There are things we can work on, such as communication, and maybe customer service, too. If you are trying to reach a teacher, or a principal or someone, how quickly do they get back to you? I heard that responses aren't always in a timely manner."

"Sometimes there is a minimizing of a child's problem. If I am on the board, if parents haven't talked to the principal yet, I'd send them in that direction. If they're not satisfied, they could meet with the superintendent. I could be a go-between." She said she was a go-between many times in her work on the PTA.

Dealing with bullying is a difficult topic. "It's about changing the social norm. You have to deal with the entire community. Clearly there is some going on. Bullying does have different forms. There are many repercussions for the one bullied and the bully."

Hintzke took part one day in a Challenge Day in the Fremont school district. (It's a technique that has been publicized by Oprah Winfrey.) "You invite 100 kids, with one adult facilitator for every five kids or so. Through the day, they talk about understanding oppression, and why it happens, and how everyone is responsible for keeping oppression alive."

"The bullying victim may have felt suicidal at the beginning of the day. The bully may have been hurt and angry himself, and doesn't know how to communicate. By the end of the day, they are apologizing to each other, and becoming friends. It could be an interesting possibility, but I don't know if the school district would bring it in." If elected, Hintzke would push for a Challenge Day.

There are also other new, innovative tools that could be explored. The district is pushing to close the achievement gap. "Part

of that is understanding institutionalized racism. There are biases that happen. There has to be awareness. If you want to eliminate bullying, you need a cultural change," said Hintzke. Having smaller classes and campuses has nothing to do with controlling bullying. "It can happen in a first grade with 20 kids."

Hintzke said she was glad to see that when the state budget became a little brighter for schools later in the process, the board was able to keep such support services for students as reading specialists and English language learner support. "I spoke up for these when I was on the budget advisory committee. It's our responsibility to educate each and every kid. Pay now, or pay later. Society pays later (if we don't do it now). A lack of opportunity for a person getting into prison later."

Part of safety and health for kids is to convince more students to walk or bike to school. "We should strengthen our relationship with the city, and make sure routes to school are safe." Hintzke noted in the health area that 10 percent of the high school students are not on track to pass the physical fitness test for graduation. "We need to make sure we are working at earlier grades so parents know they can work with the kids and pass the test."

Hintzke's web site is votejamie.com

PRASAD RALLAPALLI

Prasad Rallapalli has a bachelor's degree in physics, an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, and a Ph.D. in database security. He is a database architect for a Peninsula search engine firm. Rallapalli co-founded the Pleasanton Science League, which helps students in the district prepare for science competitions. He has two children in Pleasanton schools.

Rallapalli has been on a school site council, but decided that he could contribute more if he is elected to the school board. He wants to put emphasis on providing a world class education. Many scientists from foreign nations who have worked in the United States are returning to their native countries. This is creating a gap in the U.S. science industries. Americans need to fill that gap by stepping up educational quality.

The school district is excellent, and is focused in part on getting its best students into Stanford and UC Berkeley. But the district should aim higher, by attempting to be world class for all of its students. One way would be to adopt the International Baccalaureate, which is recognized in many nations, because it meets world testing standards.

Rallapalli would like to see 95 percent of Pleasanton district graduates qualified to enter college. "They don't have to go, but they should have the opportunity to go. We should publish the figures (about how many qualify)," said Rallapalli.

The role of a board member is to help create policy. The governing board must set the direction, and should reflect the vision of the community. The board should build around it. It has to be a shared vision. "Of course, the superintendent and staff provide great and valuable input, and they have to implement (policy)."

In view of the litigation over Neal school, Rallapalli said, "We should put that quickly behind

us. I asked the superintendent about future (population) projections. He said it is not a major issue now. I don't think we will build one more school, given the litigation of the past."

"I would reach out to that builder (Signature Properties), and do what Ghandi said, put a moral suasion in place. If we approach (the builder) in that fashion, and be less confrontational, maybe we will gain some resources from this company. I think they'd like to have good relations with the district. If we are a little more conciliatory, we can find solutions, rather than have people fighting each other."

The district board has done "an excellent job" in the face of cutbacks. Future cutbacks may be more severe, because of the state's budget outlook for the short-term future.

If there had been enough money, it's likely the district would have built a third high school, said Rallapalli. It would have been a good thing. On the other side of the question, larger school enrollment at the high schools mean more class offerings.

In an effort to help allay alienation among high school students at big campuses, to help them plan their academic work, and to aid at-risk students, the district has reduced the ratio of counselors to students. Rallapalli said the ratio is still too high, and there may be a better way to deal with problems. "As a parent, I know how much time my son has spent with counselors. I don't think it's adequate. I don't think hiring more counselors is necessarily the way to go."

Instead, creating internship possibilities, such as having students undertake intern work in businesses or non-profit groups, can help. The district could also hire tutors, so that parents "won't have to pay exorbitant fees to tutors." Maybe the district could split the cost with parents. "Instead of paying \$1000 per month for tutoring a student, the parents could give a \$200 contribution to the school district."

In his coaching role in the science league on Saturdays, Rallapalli is finding that some students are falling short in learning. He knows that "from the questions they don't ask, because they don't even know they don't know."

Promoting resources to aid students who are below median academic achievement is important. The schools could borrow an idea from universities, and have funded "chairs" fully funded by a five-year program. The chairs would be occupied by guest teachers who do not want to commit to a full-time teaching schedule. They would have a "proven ability to help those below the median to get to the median," then help them move higher.

Rallapalli said, "Bullying is probably happening. I don't know if it's at the rate that people say it is." Asked whether smaller enrollments on campuses would help stem that, he said, "There would be higher visibility. The victim has to report it. If the victim does not feel comfortable about doing that, he won't do it. Even if there is a smaller setting, they might feel the bully would try to get even." Clear communication channels are what counts, he said.

Rallapalli's web page is geocities.com/prasad.rallapalli.

STAR Intern to Enlighten Students

Nicole Turner is a graduate of Ripon College who received her teaching credentials from California State University (CSU) San Marcos, near San Diego.

This summer, she completed the Lawrence Livermore National Lab's STAR (Science and Teacher Research) program that provides science majors who are planning to be 6-12th grade science teachers a unique opportunity to engage in a research internship.

When she arrived in Livermore, she thought she would be staying for just eight weeks. Little did she know that she would be relocating soon to the Tri-Valley from Southern California.

Turner completed an internship at LLNL under the guidance of mentor Brian Bennion of the Lab's Biosciences and Biotechnology group to develop skills in bioinformatics skills that can be directly transferable to classroom instruction. She conducted research on proteins that

lack a crystal structure.

During her internship, she attended a workshop that included a panel of hiring officials from local school districts. The panel addressed how to prepare for a job interview and to get a teaching position.

One of the panelists, Mike Martinez, the assistant superintendent of Administrative Services in the Livermore Joint Unified School District, encouraged Turner to apply for a science teacher position with the district.

Turner did just that and was awarded the job. This fall she will be teaching life science to 7th graders at Junction Middle School.

"I am very happy," Turner said about the teaching position. "I have fallen in love with Livermore."

Turner is one of four students in the Lab's STAR program this summer that has been successful in obtaining teaching credentials and securing teaching positions beginning this fall.

"This is one of many examples of how the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and students benefit from our ongoing educational partnership with the Livermore Lab," said Kelly Bowers, assistant superintendent of Educational Services in the Livermore. "We value the expertise and professional development opportunities LLNL provides to new and veteran teachers."

"This is an ideal way to attract and retain high quality educators in our district," she said. The STAR program is a partnership of the California State University (CSU) and Department of Energy (DOE) national labs and NASA Ames Research Center. The program, which was piloted at LLNL last year, was adopted by DOE as a model and implemented at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Stanford Linear Accelerator Center along with NASA Ames this summer.

GENERAL PLAN

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ing is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 200 Old Bernal Avenue. Public comments can be submitted either in person at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting or by contacting Janice Stern at (925) 931-5606 or jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Also available online and at the planning counter is the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the proposed Draft General Plan. The DEIR contains information regarding the envi-

ronmental setting of the Pleasanton area and describes the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Draft General Plan. Public comment on the DEIR will be taken through November 6, 2008.

Following the October 15 meeting, there will be additional opportunities for public input both at Planning Commission and City Council hearings. Staff and consultants will then prepare a response to these comments in a Final Environmental Impact

Report. After review of the Final Environmental Impact Report, the Planning Commission will hold at least one public hearing and formally recommend the General Plan to the City Council. The City Council will hold at least one public hearing prior to considering adoption of the new General Plan and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report.

For more information, please contact Janice Stern at (925) 931-5606.

Salamander A Step Closer To State Listing

The California State Appellate Court has ruled that the state Fish & Game Commission must consider a petition to list the California tiger salamander as an endangered species under the state's Endangered Species Act.

Citizens for Biological Diversity (CBD), the environmental group that filed the court action seven years ago, hailed the decision as a step in the right direction. The court announced the decision Sept. 3.

According to a CBD statement, the appellate court ruled that the Fish & Game Commission must consider a listing petition if the information in it would "lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility" that the species could be listed. Although the decision does not force Fish & Game to list the species, it eliminates a roadblock in the way of listing the species.

Deborah Barns, a deputy attorney general representing the commission, said the panel is reviewing the decision. It has not decided on any course of action.

Habitat for the salamander exists in the Tri-Valley. The animal lives in abandoned gopher holes 11 months of the year, then ventures out to vernal pools in the spring for mating. They travel less than 1 mile. In recent decades, 95 percent of California's vernal pools have been lost. At

least 75 percent of the salamander's habitat throughout the state has been eliminated, said CBD.

The salamander is listed federally as endangered. Developers must make provisions to mitigate for any encroachment on salamander habitat.

CBD filed the appeal because Fish & Game dismissed a petition to list the salamander. By dismissing it, the commission "ignored the multitude of known threats to the salamander," said CBD.

CBD said that Fish & Game falsely claimed that the petition did not contain all of the data necessary to prove that the salamander population may deserve protection.

"The ruling should set the listing process back on the right track, and ultimately result in the tiger salamander getting the state protected status it deserves," said the statement. Jeff Miller, conservation advocate for CBD, said that gaining endangered status on the state's list is important for helping to save the species.

Developers already mitigate impacts on habitat, in accordance with the federal listing, said Miller. However, if the court's decision were to eventually lead to a state listing, the Fish & Game commission "may see things that the feds don't" in examining

conditions surrounding tiger salamander habitat, said Miller. "For example, Fish & Game may see a problem with overgrazing that would hurt the salamander habitat."

Putting the salamander on the state list also would "bump it up in the queue to receive state money" for habitat preservation, said Miller. "There are state bonds, many focused on streams and watershed restoration to be used for purchase of land for parks, that could put money into (habitat) restoration projects," Miller said.

CBD said that the tiger salamander response from Fish & Game was part of a pattern of rejecting petitions for endangered status for various species. The CBD statement cited the commission's rejection in April of a petition to protect the American pika, a small relative of the rabbit. There was also a rejection in July of a petition to protect the Pacific fisher, a small forest carnivore related to otters, which is threatened by logging and development in California.

In both cases, the commission claimed a lack of information prevented the panel from acting to protect the species, said CBD. So the decision on the tiger salamander could hold hope for protecting those species' habitat, too.

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Yes On Measure PP Matthew Morrison Pleasanton

In 1990 a citizen's group successfully collected signatures for an initiative to protect the Pleasanton Ridge.

The City Council at the time placed on the ballot a competing measure to decide the development plan for Pleasanton Ridge.

Voters passed the council-sponsored initiative. The committee appointed by the council decided their mandate was to develop a plan calling for 2,640 homes and a 3-lane road running right up the face of Pleasanton Ridge.

The committee's plan was defeated in 1992 with 82% of Pleasanton voters opposed.

Today Jennifer Hosterman, Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne on the city council decided not to allow Pleasanton residents a vote on any plan they come up with and the community will not have the final say. In addition, these council members decided they would allow ridge developers to submit plans before a protection ordinance is complete, ensuring development can be approved before any protections are in place.

If big money developers have their way, luxury homes will be covering the hills to maximize their profits.

Please take a stand against ridgetop development that works immediately for Pleasanton, this November vote "yes" on Measure PP (Protect Pleasanton). Vote "no" on QQ, the city council sham initiative.

PP & QQ Simplified Carolyn Newton Pleasanton

In the debate over how to protect the hilltops of Pleasanton from destructive development, it really is simple. The citizen's initiative, PP, protects Pleasanton's hillside now! The other initiative, QQ, does not.

Admittedly, a different hillside ordinance could eventually be developed through what the mayor and QQ proponents say would be "a collaborative process that includes developers". But is it realistic to believe that developers would agree to more ridge protection than the citizen's initiative? More importantly, the QQ supporters admit that their initiative could take a couple years to complete!!! (One for the collaborative process and then another for the environmental report.) During that time, there would be no ridge protection where hundreds of homes are planned on Lund Ranch II and the Spotorno property. PP would put immediate limits on those and other hilltop developments.

Mayor Hosterman, Council members Thorne and Cook-Kallio, (Jerry Pentin and others), say they want to preserve our hills, yet they would not support a temporary moratorium on development, while that protection is put in place. If they were genuinely concerned about the environmental and visual impacts to our hills, they would have voted with Council members McGovern and Sullivan to place pending developments "on hold". But they didn't. Sadly, that vote made it crystal clear that the mayor, (and her followers and QQ supporters), has no

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sensus between the parties involved".

Valerie Arkin has been involved in youth issues in Pleasanton for many years through her work for Y.M.C.A. In addition she has volunteered extensively in our schools and has served on the Pleasanton Library Commission and Youth Master-plan Implementation Committee.

Program Forums

Tri-Valley Community Television will air ten election forums for local races throughout the Tri-Valley for one month, Oct. 3 - Nov. 3, on Channel 29.

The forums will be taped in the TV30 studios between October 1 and October 16. They will air numerous times until Nov. 3. The election forums include the races for Dublin and Pleasanton Mayor and City Council; Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton School Board; Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP), and Dublin-San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), and a discussion of Measures PP

intention of protecting our precious hills! Since the Council "majority" would not protect our hills with a moratorium on development, we have no choice but to protect them the only way we can, voting for PP.

The developers are ready and their bulldozers are not going to wait. So if you value the scenic hills that surround Pleasanton, you must vote "yes" on PP, (Protect Pleasanton), and "no" on QQ. Otherwise, by the time the developers and committees finish collaborating about some future hillside protection.... our hills will already be destroyed!! That's the simple truth.

Support Brozosky Yong Zong Pleasanton

I haven't met Steve Brozosky personally, but the most tremendous help my family ever received has been from him. In the summer of 2007, I purposefully purchased a house across the street from Fairlands elementary so that my son could walk to school everyday, as my work requires traveling and my wife cannot drive due to vision problems. Soon after registering my son, I was notified that he was overflown by Lydiksen. I found it impossible for my son to walk, ride his bike or even take bus to Lydiksen, not to mention my wife would need to take care of his little brother of 3.

In despair, I wrote the board members of Pleasanton School District asking for help. Steve was the first to respond. Fully understanding our difficult situation, Steve not only had staff look into our matter but also followed up closely himself and actively advocated to get my son to Fairlands. To my tremendous relief, I was notified that my son could finally go to Fairlands when the school registration had been complete.

My family has been so grateful to Steve for his great help, which made us feel that we were really cared for by the school district and Pleasanton is really a welcoming place to live. I am sure I am just one of the countless who have been helped by Steve. I strongly feel we need a mayor like Steve who's always ready to help and reach out to everyone in Pleasanton.

Vote Sullivan, McGovern Billie Otis Pleasanton

Pleasanton needs Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan on the City Council! Pleasanton residents cannot afford to lose the only two Council members who encourage and appreciate citizen participation and collaboration on matters affecting the city. They consistently solicit, research, listen and balance neighborhood concerns and issues in the decisions they make. Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern are the only two candidates in this race, or on the current City Council, who have not been influenced by, nor allowed pressure from, special interests to affect their decisions for Pleasanton.

Matt and Cindy are the only two candidates who remain faithful to their grassroots beginnings. Their campaigns are not funded, nor endorsed, by the Chamber BACPAC, outside political Independent Expenditure Committees, or developers. I don't think it's a coincidence that the Chamber endorsement selection committee included Martin Inderbitzen, attorney for the Oak Grove/Lin/Tong development and Jim McKeenan of Signature Properties (PW, 9/26/2008). It does, however, show just how developer participation could influence future land development discussions, committees and decisions.

and QQ in Pleasanton.

The forums will air daily at 6 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. The schedule can be found on the TV30 website at www.tv30.org. All ten forums will be repeated at least once between Friday, October 31 and Monday, November 3 - the final days prior to the November 4 election.

Buchanan Endorsed

Assembly candidate Joan Buchanan has received the endorsement of the California Small Business Association in her bid for the 15th Assembly District.

"Joan Buchanan's private sector and community experience is a winning combination," said Betty Jo Toccoli, President of the California Small Business Association. "During these hard budget times, we need Joan's financial expertise and budget savvy."

The California Small Business Association was founded as an outgrowth of the 1980 White House conference on small business. The Association advocates

Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan provide the balance Pleasanton needs on a City Council heavily slanted towards business, special interests, and developers. Cindy and Matt continue to show honesty and integrity in their decisions, and have proven that there are still two Council members whose votes cannot be bought.

We need leaders who will listen to the entire community. Reelect Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern for good government and the integrity of Pleasanton!

Gary for School Board Pat and Clarence Hoenig Livermore

We would like to recommend Stewart Gary as a candidate for the Livermore School Board election on November 4. As a School Trustee, he will bring important management experience, educational judgment and fiscal responsibility to the board.

He served on the District's Measure D Tax Oversight Committee and is fully aware of the fiscal challenges facing our schools. However, with careful budget controls he is confident that Livermore can continue to maintain essential class size reduction along with high quality dedicated teachers so important to preparing Livermore children at all learning levels to reach their highest potential. All his children attended Livermore Schools.

His outstanding management and personnel skills as a retired Chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will enable him to be an effective leader and advocate for our schools. Most important, this background demonstrates his willingness to listen to all viewpoints with respect and compassion.

Stewart Gray's outstanding record of public service has earned him the respect and endorsements of a broad coalition of Livermore Officials and Civic Leaders.

We recommend marking your ballot for Stewart Gray on November 4, 2008.

Renovation Needed Theresa Schlarlemann Livermore

A recent mishap at a local senior apartment facility calls into question the possible consideration of an overdue and necessary, if not immediate, improvement. Over twenty years ago, the Codioli family generously built a small senior housing complex on Portola Ave. called Portola Villa. It includes about twenty senior apartments.

Several weeks ago, and once before that, one elderly resident lost her balance while approaching her apartment and fell onto the concrete steps. This caused great concern and upset among all the residents, notification of family, a trip to the emergency room, healing for bruises, soreness and a good crack to the head plus recovery time for the person injured. By the grace of God, this resident is to fully recover.

Some response was taken: measurements for a railing to be installed as a helpful preventative measure for any future injuries. However, weeks later, no railing has appeared.

I am writing to ask that the Codioli family, not only provide the railing, which is vital for this and any visitors and future occupants, but to also consider an overdue update for the windows and the very under-efficient heating and air conditioning units. Vastly improved products are now available. Improved water heating units could also be considered. No doubt much of this renovation would be recognized by PG&E, as well as make a move toward today's popular "greening" efforts. Least of all, the residents (most of whom are hesitant to complain) would be safely and

more comfortably provided for.

Great Opera John Shirley President, LVO Board

I am eager to tell your readers about Livermore Valley Opera's *Barber of Seville*. Because of the fine success and excellence attendance at La Boheme and Carmen last season, we continued with our upgrading of performances for this season. We have hired one of the best Stage Directors in the business as well as very fine principal singers from New York, Seattle and the San Francisco area. We have a fine orchestra and chorus all hard at work with our wonderful singers and performers to make our *Barber of Seville* one of our very best productions.

I have been watching rehearsals, and am amazed at the quality of the singing and acting. This opera has beautiful music and a comical story. No one dies. I know opera lovers will love this production. For those who are new to opera, I know you will love this production.

Ticket sales are slow, and it is a concern. We need to have a good attendance to keep this company viable. I hope many of you can attend. The Dates are Oct. 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18. The price for this quality opera is very reasonable, parking is free, and there is no long drive to reach the Bankhead Theater, a fine venue for opera. Please phone 925-373-6800 for tickets.

Your support is very much appreciated and needed.

Vote for McGovern Sandy and Ray Tyler Pleasanton

As residents of Pleasanton for well over a decade, we have found Cindy's commitment to the Pleasanton Community to be one all residents can be proud of.

During her tenure on the Board for the Pleasanton Unified School District, Cindy showed concern for the schools, students and surrounding neighborhoods. As a City Council Member, she has continued along that vein, while working to address transportation and congestion issues, water management concerns, and efforts to retain affordable housing in our region.

As an elected official, Cindy works for and listens to the neighborhoods that make Pleasanton a great place to live. We need her to continue to repre-

sent us. We urge you to endorse Cindy and elect her, yet again, to the Pleasanton City Council.

Well Stated Jerry G. Nemier Pleasanton

Kudos to Phyllis Couper for the "Letter to Candidates" in the 2 Oct Mailbox. Finally some sanity and clarity about the government's role in our lives. Well stated and thanks, Phyllis! Now if the candidates will only listen.

Vote for Wilson Greg Calton Livermore

Here we go again. We have multiple protections in place which guard against development in North Livermore, yet The Independent continues to present it as the over-arching issue in each and every election. Remarkably, the Editor uses this subject as the main reason to endorse Joan Buchanan, a candidate who has no experience dealing with regional planning and development.

With protections in place that have prevented multiple attempts at development, I believe that most people in the Tri-Valley share an even greater concern about the fiscal health of California.

By her own admission, Joan Buchanan believes that taxes must be raised, and supports reducing the current two thirds requirement on the passage of the State budget. The Independent refers to this as "an enlightened point of view" towards taxes. Further, Ms. Buchanan favors reduction of the two thirds threshold to pass school parcel taxes. In other words, in a State that is experiencing a severe fiscal crisis due to a government in Sacramento that cannot make the hard decisions required to balance a budget, Ms. Buchanan favors measures which will make it even easier to reach into our pockets in the future.

Mayor Abram Wilson, on the other hand, has demonstrated the disciplined approach that is needed at this critical time in our State. He has brought San Ramon's spending under control, and overseen the formation of an ambitious downtown development plan that will not increase taxes in that city.

Circling back around to the subject of development, Mayor Wilson brings a wealth of experience stemming from his posi-

tion as Chairman of the Contra Costa Mayor's Conference. In that capacity, he worked to develop regional plans that limit over-development and help ease traffic congestion. His knowledge of this subject is far greater than that of his opponent, and his experience will serve the Tri-Valley well when he is working for us in Sacramento.

If you favor the tax and spend policies which regularly emanate from Sacramento, Joan Buchanan is sure to deliver. However, if you seek a candidate that wants to explore new ways to solve problems within our region and State, I invite you to join me in voting for Abram Wilson.

Pentin for Council Paul E.T. Jensen Pleasanton

I encourage everyone to vote for Jerry Pentin for the Pleasanton City Council! As a more than 12-year resident of Pleasanton I have known Jerry most of that time and observed his active work for our city and for many charitable organizations. We've read about his leadership in the Parks and Recreation Commission, his work on the Firehouse Arts Center, and his support of developing more businesses in downtown and in the Hacienda Business Park. Jerry is a family man, married for 24 years and a 17-year resident of Pleasanton.


He will continue to act on preserving open space, affordable housing, and to solve our difficult traffic problem. He will bring a fresh, positive force to our City Council to get the many tasks completed with no delays. Let's elect Jerry Pentin to the Pleasanton City Council.

Top-notch Comic Relief Susan Steinberg Livermore

Anyone needing some great comic relief from the latest financial news, should head for Pleasanton Studio Theatre's production of "Lend Me a Tenor."

This hysterical romp is the smartest, tightest, and funniest comedy this reviewer has seen in ages. Guaranteed to dispel gloom with nonstop laughter delivered by a pitch-perfect acting ensemble, the show runs only three more days: Fri., Oct. 10 and Sat., Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 12 at 2 p.m.

My advice: reserve tickets A.S.A.P. at 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.



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Livermore Chamber Launches New Website

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce has launched a new Website which has already drawn praise from top advertising executives for its design, easy navigation and interactive elements. It is located at www.livermorechamber.org. The Web site was designed by Anjin Jaymes of Kodiak Arts, LLC, and built and search engine optimized by Thomas Petty of WSI Internet Consulting & Education both from Livermore.

Livermore Chamber CEO, Dale Eldridge Kaye said, "In the first month since the site went

live, site visits have increased 100% and the number of pages viewed has increased a whopping 400%, due to the new, easy-to-use structure and search engine optimization."

Lou DiGuisto, Senior Partner of Louws Management, a consulting company for the top ad agencies around the world, said he "was very impressed with the Web site's look and feel, easy navigation and relevance."

The Web site was designed to help brand Livermore as a destination, promote the Livermore Valley Film Commission, assist

in the Chamber's effort to go green by cutting down on paper and most importantly, to give Livermore Chamber members the ability to effectively promote their business.

According to Kaye, the most beneficial feature of the Web site is the optimization by Petty. "When your average rate of time on the site goes up 60 percent, your members benefit. When the number of pages viewed goes up 400 percent, your members benefit. When new visitors who have never been to the site before goes

up significantly, your members benefit."

She added that during economic downturns, it is essential for the Chamber to be creative in the ways they can promote their members' businesses without additional costs.

The site also offers members interactive photo albums for ribbon cuttings, member events, and an interactive calendar with search, list and the ability to export to desktop calendars.

The Chamber has had a blog for member input www.livermorechamberblog.com.



Patricia (second from left) receives a "Bundle of Joy" from Axis CPSP Provider Brenda Cortez (left) and Helen Thayer and Heidi Stark from Lynnewood United Methodist Church (right).

Bundles of Joy Program In Need Of Donations

Axis Community Health and Lynnewood United Methodist Church invite the community to join their newly-launched Bundles of Joy program.

Bundles of Joy provides baskets of baby care items and newborn clothes to families in the Tri-Valley community, all of whom are participants in Axis' prenatal program. The goal of the program is to donate ten Bundles of Joy to Axis patients each month.

"With limited means, these families struggle to provide everything they need to care for a new baby. The arrival of a newborn should be a joyful occasion, not a new hardship. Our goal is to welcome each of these babies into the world and to say we care," says Heidi Stark, Bundles of Joy Co-Leader at Lynnewood.

Heidi and her two co-leaders, Helen Whitaker and Kristin Speck, are collecting donations of newborn clothes and baby care items, such as baby bottles, diapers, pacifiers, etc., from Lynnewood church members. In July, they began providing the donations, in large, colorful carrying bags, to Axis mothers-to-be at their final prenatal checkups.

Lynnewood is inviting the Tri-Valley community to donate needed items. Donations may be dropped off in Pleasanton at the Lynnewood Church Office, 4444 Black Avenue, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. In Livermore, donations may be dropped off at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weekdays. "Other critical needs are new infant car seats and baby carriers," adds Carol Beddome, development director for Axis. "Many of the families we serve simply cannot afford to purchase them. It would be great if people could donate these as well."

Anyone interested in donating items to Bundles of Joy may contact the Lynnewood Church Office at 925-846-0221 or office@lynnewood.org for more information.

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Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This meeting will feature Mike McNamara with a lecture titled "Humor, Meaning, Metaphor in Quilts." The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>.

Del Valle Dog Show, Oct. 17-20, Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. All breed dog show, all breed obedience trial, all breed agility trial. 10 Specialty shows on Friday, 40 Specialty shows on Sat. Same on Mon. no agility. Information 925-455-4158

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Chinese dinner in San Ramon, 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 23, RSVP by Oct. 20 to Roman, 828-2439. Happy hour in Castro Valley, Fri., Oct. 24, 5 p.m., call Davy at 510-537-4031 by Oct. 22. Green dinner in Pleasanton Sat., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., call Athene, 846-0111 by Oct. 22. Chinese lunch in Pleasanton Tues., Oct. 28, call Kathy after 5 p.m. at 398-8005 by Oct. 26.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment, facilitated by oncology dietician Tinrin Chew on Thurs., Oct. 16, 6 to 8:30 p.m. ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240 A & B, Pleasanton. For cancer patients, families and friends. Free. Reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

Hart Rummage Sale: bargains galore at Harts Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 18, 8am-2pm. Lots of gently used clothes, household good, games, toys and more. Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road, off W. Las Positas and Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Hearing Loss Association of America, Tri-Valley Chapter, will gather in the Valley Community Church at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton on Oct. 16, at 7:00 PM. The program will start at 7:30 PM. The meetings are free, the public is invited and refreshments are served. The speaker will be audiologist Kenneth Billheimer, Aud. D. He will speak on recent developments in the treatment of and assistive listening devices for hard of hearing people. For more information Email Hiram Van Blarigan at hvanblarigan@hotmail.com.

Ohlone Audubon, meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., Nov. 4, Casa Sandoval, 1200 Russell Way, Hayward. Bill Bousman will discuss "Breeding Birds of Santa Clara County," Santa Clara Audubon's recent publication. Refreshments. Information, call 510-507-3383.

Totally 80s, Smith Elementary School, Livermore presents an Autumn Treasures, annual dinner, dance and auction, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. Tickets at www.smithelementary.org.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 11, 40 miles Yountville toward geyser area of Calistoga and back, meet 10 a.m. at 1870 shopping center, Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Sun., Oct. 12, 36 miles easy ride along the American River trail, meet 10 a.m. at Discovery Park by Old Sacramento, Mike Smith, 628-4333. Wed., Oct. 15, 35 miles, Livermore Airport to Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Blackhawk, meet 10 a.m., Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Children's Bird Program, ages 6 to 12, John Muir National Historic Site, 10 a.m. Sat., Nov. 8. Free, hour long interactive program. Seating limited to 30 children. Reservations can be made by calling 228-8860.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alisal School, multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Speaker is Bob Case, who is on staff with the California Invasive Plant Council, will address the identification and problems of invasive plants. He will also touch upon biologically sound pest management. Visitors are welcome. Please contact Sally at 417-8809 for more information.

Glimpses of Livermore's Past, class taught by local historian and author Gary Drummond will be held on Thursday's 10/9-10/30/7:00-9:00 pm Fee: \$20 at Livermore Adult Education located at 1401 Almond Ave. in Livermore. For more information phone 925-606-4722 or register online at www.livermoreadulted.org.

The Power of Nightmares: The Rise of the Politics of Fear, will be shown Sat., Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. at the IBEW Hall: 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet potluck begins at 5:30 PM, while a short chat follows film. This BBC documentary explores the parallel origins of the neoconservative and the Muslim extremist movements as reactions to the liberal America of the 50's and 60's. For more info., call 925-462-3459.

Carnival and Safety Fair, Oct. 18 from 12-4. Arroyo Seco Elementary School annual event. Traditional carnival games, bouncy house, cotton candy, Dandy Dogs will cater. Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will have a fire truck at the fair. The Police will bring the K9 unit and conduct car seat checks. Safety Place will offer the latest in safety supplies and disaster survival kits. LifestyleRX will also be on hand to offer tips and advice on all the latest trends in keeping the family healthy and fit. Arroyo

tober 11, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will host "Fire Prevention Day- Prevent Home Fires." This one-day event will provide residents with information to keep their home safe and demonstrate methods to prevent home fires.

"Many people don't realize that they are at a much greater danger from fire at home than anywhere else," says Bill Cody, LPFD Fire Chief. "Fortunately, there are many things residents

can do to make their homes safer. Fire Prevention Week is a time when we reach out to our community to teach people of every age to prevent home fires".

LPFD members will instruct you on techniques you can use to safe-guard your home from fire. Learn how to operate a fire extinguisher, change a smoke detector battery, and practice safely escaping from the LPFD smoke house. Children can learn

about fire safety as they maneuver through a Junior Firefighter Agility Course. LPFD personnel will be on-hand to answer any home safety questions and will be providing information on the leading causes of home fires and the recommended ways to prevent them.

The event will take place at the Fire Training Tower, 3333 Busch Rd., Pleasanton from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Seco families will take part in a scarecrow building contest. The creations will be on display during the fair. Principal Barring and the Arroyo Seco teachers will compete a game show. Arroyo Seco, 1580 Irene Way, Livermore. www.arroyosecoschool.com/index.html

Dancing in My Nightgown, an afternoon with Betty Auchard, author and storyteller. Book includes reflections on how the author coped with the passing of her husband of 49 years. Copies of book will be available for purchase and on loan at the Pleasanton Senior Center, while supplies last. Wed., Oct. 15, 1:30 p.m. No cost or preregistration required. 3535 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5365.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network meets Monday, October 20 at 7PM for a discussion led by Bay Area Nonviolent Communication (BAYNVC) in exploring how to: (1) Parent with deep compassion, care & empowerment for yourself and your children. (2) Shift from a paradigm of demands, rewards, and consequences to a paradigm of self-responsibility, connection, trust, mutual support & interdependence. (3) Avoid "powerstruggles" & increase your awareness & choice about your reactions to your children. (4) Contribute to nurturing a generation of people with the skills to make peace. Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., Pleasanton 94566. Additional information at www.holisticmoms.org or Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com.

All Aboard the ACE Train! Looking for things to do and places to go? Let the ACE Train take the stress out of driving. ACE offers convenient departures every weekday morning from Pleasanton/Livermore to the Santa Clara and San Joaquin Valleys. Learn to use the ACE Train Services. Program at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tuesday, October 14, 10am to 11:30am, \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents.

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

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

The Best Years of Our Lives Senior Resource Fair - October 18th 9am-3pm. 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Senior industry professionals working together to provide resources, education, and support for the seniors and their families in our Tri Valley area. Exhibitors will present a variety of hands-on activities; flu shots, blood pressure checks, bone density testing, nutrition, physical fitness demonstrations, eye glass cleaning and adjustments, etc. Other booths will present information on insurance, legal issues, Medicare, home care, hospices, real estate, support programs, podiatry, voting, finance, automobiles, funeral arrangements, massage, downsizing experts, etc. Entertainment will include a live band, food tasting, raffle prizes, dance lessons, informational speakers, and more!

RELIGION
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Services are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service at 7 p.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Sequel (Contemporary worship) at 10:30 a.m. For information, call 925-447-1246.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

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

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

Key Principles of Social Justice & the November Election is the presentation on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore that kicks off their 2007-2008 L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experiences) adult education series. Fr. Dan Danielson, a popular national speaker and well-known Pastor from the Catholic Community of Pleasanton - now retired, will speak on the key principles of Social Justice and the moral priorities to consider when you go to the polls. This is your opportunity to not only learn about social justice, but to ask questions. No topic is off limits - it promises to be not only informative, but challenging, too. The presentation is open to all in the community. A \$5.00 free will donation is suggested to offset speaker fees. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ext 114.

National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding, Tues., Oct. 7, bipolar disorder awareness day Oct. 9, Oct. 7 evening begins at 7 p.m. It includes special resource speakers, question and answer forum, prayer and refreshments. Discovery Church, a Church of the Nazarene, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Open to all. Speakers are clinical psychologist Dr. David Day, and ValleyCare Health System community educator, Theresa Cleaver. www.NAMI.org and www.FaithNet.Nami.org.

4th annual Autumn Quiet Day, a day of reflection and peace centered around the labyrinth. Saturday, October 11, 2008 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Led by Judy Hughes, Marriage and Family Therapist and labyrinth facilitator. Cost: \$15 for materials - Bring a bag lunch - Drinks will be provided. First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street (Corner of 4th and L Streets), Livermore. For more information call Judy Hughes at 925-485-2524.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, "Christian Healing" is the topic of Rev. Steve Maynard's new class based on Charles Fillmore's book by the same name. Five weeks, starting Tues. Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, or Wed. Oct. 15, 7-9 p.m., at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Copies of the book are available to purchase at \$10. (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, "On the Balanced Beam of Life" is the topic of Rev. Steve Maynard's Sunday morning lesson on Oct. 12 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, at 10 a.m. Ongoing groups and classes, as well. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com.

PARKS PROGRAMS
Sunol Sunday Hike, Sunol Regional Wilderness, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 12, 19 & 26 Different seasonal, natural or cultural topics will be explored each week. Parking fees apply where charged. This is a drop in program; no registration is required. For information, call 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4559. (Interpretive Staff)

Monday Birding, Oct. 27 Shadow Cliffs, 9 to 11:30 p.m. Beginners encouraged! Call (510) 544-3244 for more information. Parking fees apply where charged. This is a drop in program; no registration is required. (Anthony Fisher)

Valley Nature Ride, Sunol Regional Wilderness, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Oct. 19. Introduction to the cultural and natural history of Sunol Regional Wilderness, and then mount up for a horseback ride. (Ages 6+) Fee: \$25 (non-res. \$29). Reg. Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), options 2, 1 or www.ebparks.org. (Interpretive Staff)

Cowboy Culture Extravaganza, Sunol Regional Wilderness, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Day of old-fashioned western fun! Through live cowboy music and poetry, we'll

celebrate the rough-and-tumble lifestyle of the American cowboy. Hayrides, roping, pioneer crafts, slideshows, food and demonstrations. Parking fee \$5.

Family Mask Magic I, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunol Regional Wilderness, Oct. 26. Make a plaster mask with your own features and shape it into a wild and beastly version of yourself. Stay for the afternoon to embellish your mask after it dries. (8+ years) Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8). Parking fees apply where charged. Reg. Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757) options 2, 1 (Katie Colbert and Jeannie Bauer)

Family Mask Magic II, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 26. Paint and paper will transform you into a raunchy rat, a loathsome hog or another charming creature - all the costume you need! Patterns are simple enough for adults or more complicated for crafty kids. Wear your mask to the animal tea party at 4pm! Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8). Parking fees apply where charged. Reg. Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757) options 2, 1. (Katie Colbert and Jeannie Bauer)

Women on common ground, locations vary, call for dates and times. This is a series of naturalist-led programs for women who love the outdoors but whose concern for personal safety keeps them from enjoying their own parks. For a complete schedule, contact (510) 544-3240, visit@ebparks.org, or write Sunol Regional Wilderness, PO Box 82, Sunol, CA 94586. (Adults) Fee: varies (Katie Colbert)

Halloween in the Corduroy Hills, Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, 9:30am - 4 pm, Oct. 19. Reg. Required. Call 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4559 by noon, Thursday, Oct. 16.



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SPORTS NOTES

Pleasanton Seahawks

Rachel Knowles 11, sixth grader at Harvest Park Middle School and Catherine Bress 15, student at Amador Valley High School and members of the Pleasanton Seahawks Swim Team, competed in the RCP Tiburon Mile to benefit the Special Olympics and Hospice by the Bay.

This is one of the most prestigious open water swims in the world. Athletes from all over the globe, including many Olympians, swim one nautical mile from Angel Island to the shores of Tiburon to benefit the Special Olympics and Hospice by the Bay.

There were over 900 swimmers. Rachel won the under 13 age group competition and Catherine placed tenth in the elite group competition.

Boys Volleyball Club

The local Tri-valley 17's team of "Club V.I.P." made a strong showing in the season opener October 4 and 5. It was the Qualifier tournament of the Northern California Volleyball Association held at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Club V.I.P. finished with a solid 6th place seeding out of 11 teams in the 17's/18's division. They only lost one match to the #2 seed, an 18's team from Sacramento. That match was a near upset going to three sets, with scores of 12-25, 25-20 and 13-15. It was one of the last matches taking place in the convention center with spectators crowding around two deep to see what the excitement was about.

John Buchenauer of Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton had an inspired match with some high velocity serves and outstanding hitting and blocking.

The 17's team of Club V.I.P. consists of Buchenauer and Fung of Pleasanton; AJ Bicoy and Wesley Gung of Livermore; Anthony Chao of Fremont; Scott McMahon of Forestville, and newcomers Marc Carlson, Aquiles Montoya, Adam Slattery and Michael Soliterman of San Ramon.

Their next tournament is October 19 at Leland High School in San Jose. Club V.I.P.'s 16's team also completed the qualifiers with a strong team debut finish in the silver division. Contact Club Director Ron Smith at 510-421-1469 for more information.

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results: **ELITE SCORES**

Livermore Elite Soccer Division-1, Gold, U-10 Girls Livermore Elite Xtreme '98 (3) vs. Union City Devils '99 (1) Goals & Assists: Jenna Sunnergren (G), Jenny Connolly (A), Amanda Silveira (G, A), Estephani Cano (G); Livermore Xtreme played a great game to defeat Union City 3-1. Jenna Sunnergren scored in the first half with an assist from Jenny Connolly. At halftime it was 1-1. In the second half Amanda Silveira scored and followed it up with an assist to Estephani Cano's goal for the final goal of the game.

The Livermore Explosion U14 D1 girls soccer team played two Golden State Soccer League games this past weekend and suffered a 3-0 loss at the hands of Diablo FC 94 and tied the Benicia Strikers 3-3. Cassidy Peters scored twice and Brooke Rittmann once in the match vs. the Strikers.

The Livermore Elite Pumas U12 Boys took on the Dublin Rapid Fire in a drizzly game on Saturday 10/4 and won 6-0. In the first half of the game Jose Chavarria-Ramirez placed a shot perfectly during a penalty kick for the first goal. Spencer Saing brought in the second goal from an assist to awesome power kick. During the second half the Pumas appeared charged up. Additional goals were made by Rafael Alvarez, Jose Chavarria-Ramirez, Christian Arana and JT Brisco with assists by Danny Santacruz and Dylan Edwards. Raul Hernandez returned as goal keeper and kept the goal secure and moved the ball quickly back into play. Anthony Aguilar moved quickly throughout the defensive field and was efficient at returning possession back to the Pumas.

The Livermore Clash U12 team met the Castro Valley Blast on top of the hill at Stonebrae Elementary. CV set the pace going up 2-0 in the first half. Clash came alive on offense in the second half. Subbing in goal, Calvin Rasbold made a one on one leg save. Hand ball was blocked on the defensive end. The penalty shot was blocked. Forwards Alec Foster and Jacob Wolf both took shots, but hit the crossbar. Michael Brooks scored on the rebound ending the game at 3-1. The U12 Livermore Clash boys had a tough game on Sunday vs. Newark. Newark met a banged up Clash team Sunday at Robertson Park. Nineteen minutes in, despite a strong defense by Donnie Buchanan at full back, Jordan Murdoch at sweeper and Calvin Rasbold at goal, Newark scored. Despite 14 stops throughout the game Newark scored 3 more, ending the game at Newark 4, Clash 0.

Livermore Shock Division 1, U15 defeated local rival Pleasanton Rage Premier - handing the Rage their first defeat of League play.

Shock improved their record to 2-1-3 in Golden State Soccer League play.

The Rage came out strong in the first half of the match and had several attempts on the Shock goal. However, Shock goal keeper, Hannah Boger was outstanding in the goal with several key saves. The Shock defense, led by Angel Gosce, Haley Londry, Brianna Hylton, and Nicole Gasior, shut down the strong Rage offensive attacks.

The second half proved to be "All Shock" with multiple attacks on the Rage goal and more than five corner kicks. On one of the corner kicks, Rachel "Bam-Bam" Hamblen placed a beautiful ball which dropped less than a yard out from the goal line, and teammate Rachelle Hamblen used her head to drive the ball up into the top of the net for the only goal of the game.

Outstanding offensive pressure by the Shock midfielders and forwards: Lauren Kershner, Kylie Hill, Ashlyn Conlin, Jenna Lillie, Kaitley Moser, Julie Lopez, Alicia McKinney, and Tatyanna Martinez.

Livermore's Elite 99 U-9 Girls team took on the Dublin Magic. Looking to improve their league record to 3-1, Elite 99 showed signs that they had definitely come to defend their home turf. After an early Magic break-away goal, Elite 99 stormed right back and tied the game on a very well placed crossing pass from Jenny Gibson that found its mark and Tori Diehl scored. With about 5 mins. left in the first half, Marley Walke lined up a direct kick from just outside the left side of the 18 yard box and hit a powerful, bending shot that curled just inside the right post which gave Elite a 2-1 lead going into the half. Elite took ownership of the field during the second half. Katelyn Johnson, Lauryn S., Sheridan Peters, Kylie Beard and Daniella Walker totally blanketed the mid field and defenders Walke, Gibson and Kiley "Stix" Martinez locked down all attempts by the Magic in the second half. 1st half goalie Maddy Kruger and 2nd half keeper, Tori Borgna, combined to limit the lone goal against.

A wet and cloudy Sat. morning welcomed Elite 99 to take on a very well placed league leading Chiva Girlz soccer club from Vallejo. The match pitted two of the top three teams in the league standings. Elite 99 controlled the ball and the pace of the game, limiting the high powered Chiva Girlz to only one long distant shot on goal in the first half. The Vallejo goal keeper was kept under constant pressure by Elite's forwards, Tori Diehl and Daniella Walker. The first half ended with no score by either team. In the second half, there was very strong two-way play by outside midfielders Tori Borgna, Kylie Beard and Lauryn S., center-mids, Katelyn Johnson and Daniella Walker, full-

backs Kylie Martinez, Marley Walke, and Jenny Gibson and goal keeper Maddy Kruger put in perhaps their strongest showing of team effort all year. With less than 3 mins. left to go in the game, a Vallejo player was able to launch a shot that gave Elite's goal keeper no chance at making a save, as the Chiva Girlz prevailed 1-0 in a heart-wrenching loss for Elite 99.

Less than 24 hrs. after a very tough loss vs. the league leader, Livermore Elite 99 looked to get back to their winning ways vs. Lamorinda United 99 Navy. First half goal keeper Maddy Kruger's mid field and full-back corps of Marley Walke, Kylie Martinez, Jenny Gibson, Katelyn Johnson, Sheridan Peters, Tori Borgna, and Kylie Beard rose to the occasion and clamped down on Lamorinda's scoring attempts. The first half ended with no score. The second half opened with Lamorinda seemingly having figured out how to attack Elite's smothering defense. 2nd half goal keeper Tori Borgna stopped a rocket of a shot. A well timed "push" by fullback "Stix" Martinez, paid dividends as she was able to intercept a Lamorinda pass, dribble past mid-field and then hammer a shot from about 30 yards out for a score. The late game goal proved to be the game winner as Elite 99's defense clamped down and held the opposition scoreless. The goal keeping tandem of Maddy Kruger and Tori Borgna, with a lot of credit going to their team mates defensive play, have only allowed 4 goals in their first 6 league games.

The Livermore Elite Fury girls U13 D1 Bronze team extended its unbeaten streak to five games in GSSL play with a 2-0 win against the Heritage Force and a 0-0 tie with the Alliance Diamonds. Against Heritage, Livermore dominated play early and had several shots on goal, led by Rebekah Johnson, Kaitlyn Bulhoes, Jenna Hatch and Alison Pierson. The Fury pressure finally paid off in the 18th minute when Hatch went on a long run and placed a perfect pass to Pierson who had enough space to send a shot to the goalie for a 1-0 lead. Livermore continued its dominance in the second half as Beth McCall drove hard into the Heritage box to create good scoring chances. In the 41st minute, Elise Falgout sent a well-placed corner kick which deflected off a Force player into the goal. The Fury had several more shots on goal late in the match, including a couple from Brittany Arhbeck, as they completed a 2-0 win.

Livermore avenged an earlier 0-6 loss to the first-place Alliance Diamonds by playing one of its best defensive games of the year. Defenders Amanda Fairclough, Morgan Brandt, Alyssa Stevenson, Rylee Landreth and Skyler Kriz contained the Alliance offense with several strong tackles and clears. Midfielders Elyse Codroli, Erin Winegarner, Falgout and Arhbeck battled hard for possession as they bottled up the Diamonds counterattack. Hatch and Pierson led the Fury offense with some deep runs and shots on goal. Neither team scored the entire match as Livermore came away with a hard-fought tie.

Division-3, Bronze, U-14 Girls Livermore Elite Arsenal (7) vs. Diablo FC Phoenix (0) Offense: Jaymie Lewis (G), Megan Thompson (G), Julie Walsh (G), Arsenal Defense: Jennie Harmon, Gabi Macias, Annette Ramirez, Arsenal Goals & Assists: Kaela Hoehle (2G), Kaley Olsen (G), Brianna Hill (G), Arsenal; T Brianna Hill started the game with a strong cross that scored the 1st goal. Kaley Olsen made a great assist to Julie Walsh for the goal, along with a goal of her own a few minutes later. Jaymie Lewis made a strong kick for the 4th goal of the game. Kaela Hoehle was on fire, fighting for 2 goals in the 2nd half. The game ended on a powerful shot, when Kaley Olsen scored in the 7th goal unassisted. The great defense kept the opponent scoreless, with awesome play by Jennie Harmon, Gabi Macias, and Annette Ramirez.

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Livermore Crush U9 D3 prevailed against Pleasanton Grey. The first half started off as a close competition, however before the half was over, Crush scored with an unassisted goal by Makenzie Farro following several other great attempts she had with shots on goal. The second half found Crush spending more time at Pleasanton's goal, with Makenzie Farro again finding the goal unassisted with a beautiful shot. Top players: Goalie- Sophia Pearson, offense- Makenzie Farro, Alyssa Bonfiglio and Meghan Giamona; Defense- Sheyllyne Holson, Madison McCallister.

This was Livermore's 3rd match up against Dublin Galaxy, and after 2 previous wins, this gave Livermore a hat trick against this team, 4 to 0.

The game was very physical with more than usual arm use, however following a corner kick by Sheyllyne Holson, Makenzie Farro found the net for the first goal score. Later in the first half, Makenzie again found the net unassisted. Goalie Sophia Pearson found herself bored with the defense not allowing any shots on goal, so Sophia was brought up to forward for the second half, and Sheyllyne Holson was put in as goalie.

With Kaitlyn Oki combating some intense body checking from the Galaxy defense, got through for the score. Sophia Pearson with a strong presence in the Galaxy goal box caused confusion and an excellent save. The defense remained strong, only allowing on shot on their goal in the second half. Top players: Kaitlyn Oki, Kira Karter, and Isabella Barbero, Juliana Santos (and the team support award goes to injured player Jessica Bonfiglio for suiting up and cheering her teammates on to victory).

Emerald, U-12 Girls Livermore Vipers (2) vs. San Ramon Super Shooters (0) Offense: Samantha Trask, Emilie Allum (G), Miranda Lima (G), Natalie Palomo (A), Vipers Defense: Taylor Lange, Gabriela Oliveira, Carly Grossano, Vipers; The Livermore Vipers found sweet revenge on Sunday playing in a tournament hosted by Danville. The Vipers dominated the only team to beat them all year with swarming defense and hustling offense. Samantha Trask was everywhere on the field stealing balls and making passes. Carly Grossano had an excellent game covering the Super Shooters' best player and frustrating her all day long. Emilie Allum started the game off early with an incredible shot from the left wing and Miranda Lima followed closely behind with her own goal with an assist from Natalie Palomo. Taylor Lange & Gabriela Oliveira played bruising defense and made several game-changing plays.

DIVISION 4

Copper, U-19 Girls Synergy (3) vs. Predators (1) Offense: Kayleigh Torres, Danni Kent, Kate Macozzi, Synergy; Paige Anaya, Emma Folta, Arielle Sallai, Predators Defense: Erica Schultz, Shelby Mitchell, Devin Betts, Synergy; Anna Velsko, Arzoo Nasrabadi, Katrina Hickman, Predators Goals & Assists: Alyssa Rittman (2G), Kaly Houston (G), Synergy; Paige Anaya (G); Synergy was first to connect in the first half with a goal by Alyssa Rittman after 9-minutes of play. Synergy's Kaly Houston placed another goal into the net after 25-minutes of play. Predators had an opportunity to score at the 22-minute mark on a PK, but failed to get it past Cheyenne Taylor (GK) and the half ended with Synergy leading 2-0. The Predators were finally able to connect with the net after 22-minutes of play in the second half with a shot by Paige Anaya to bring the Predators within 1-goal of tying, but Alyssa Rittman struck once again for Synergy at the 42-minute mark to open the lead to 3-1. The Predators got several quick goal shots within the box of the closing minutes of the game, but the Synergy defense and Cheyenne Taylor broke it up and came away with the win.

U-14 Girls Force (1) vs. Cyclones (0) Offense: Chelsea Manuel, Michaela Leonard, Jessica Paul, Force; Deena Malaeb, Hanna Barrow, Alexa Burns, Cyclones Defense: Erica Garcia, Rebecca Hyde, Jessica Estrada, Force; Kaitlin Stocking, Tiffanie Munoz, Leah Taulton, Cyclones Goals & Assists: Isabella Johnstone (G), Samantha Erickson (A), Force



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill and Granada high schools squared off in volleyball last Thursday. At the varsity level, Granada was victorious, 25-12, 25-22, and 25-23. Pictured is some of the action in the junior varsity match-up. Granada won the first game, 34-32, Foothill the second, 25-23, and Granada the third 16-14. In the photo are Alex Villanueva (11) Foothill and Stephanie Luchetta (5) and Nicole Soranson (16) from Granada

Livermore Lightning (3) vs. The Pack (2) Offense: Kirsten Mork, Megan Smith, Brandy Guillen, Lighting; Supriya Sohal, Malani Hibbard, Cassandra Dukes, Pack Defense: Tatiana Jansen, Hannah Stepanek, Samantha Smith, Lighting; Gilli Bishop, Valerie Sommer, Tai Ball, Pack Goals & Assists: Kirsten Mork (G), Megan Smith (G), Brandy Guillen (G); Anna Murphy (A), Kaitlin Pahlter (A), Lighting; Dukes (2G), Christina Guilford (A), Pack

Blue Bandits (0) vs. The Force (0) Offense: Samantha Stoneham, Lauren Miller, Madison Miller, Bandits; Lauren Cairol, Jockey Hart, Amanda Stanford, Force Defense: Helga Forstreuter, Julia DiSimone, Karla Ventura, Bandits; Kelcie Norton, Mackenzie Schley, Hayley Warren, Force

Livermore Lightning (3) vs. Intensity (0) Offense: Kirsten Mork, Anna Murphy, Charity Manning, Lighting; Becky Bernstein, Olivia Cavotage, Haley Nava, Intensity Defense: Hannah Stepanek, Tatiana Jansen, Yasmeen Haider, Lighting; Madison Bernstein, Anastasia Gault, Michelle Soule, Intensity Goals & Assists: Charity Manning (2G), Kirsten Mork (G), Lighting; This was a very high energy game, both teams played very well. The first two goals were scored in the first half by Kirsten Mork and Anna Murphy with assists from Charity Manning. The third goal was scored in the second half of the game by Emily Byrnes with an assist from Kirsten Mork.

U-12 Girls Thunderbolts (2) vs. Hot Tamales (1) Offense: Taylor Cory, Sara Graves, Jaime Tabrett, Thunderbolts; Shelby Rocoero, Jazmyne Merchant, Ilyssa Shields, Tamales Defense: Kyle Fields, Kaysy Fisher, Sarah Guilford, Thunderbolts; Heather O'Brien, Maria Murillo, Sydney Gibbins, Tamales Goals & Assists: Sara Graves (G), Avery Harker (G), Thunderbolts; Ilyssa Shields (G), Jenna Remund (A), Tamales

Fierce Pandas (2) vs. Fireballs (2) Offense: Lea Becker, Kalie Adams, Pandas; Bryce Manzano, Gissel Manzano, Fireballs Defense: Thruthi Sukir, Nicole Hamby, Sparkles; Joseline Morales, Tessa Clark, Fireballs Goals & Assists: Lea Becker (2G), Pandas; Gissel Manzano (G), Courtney Offill (G), Fireballs

U-10 Girls Fireballs (2) vs. Panthers (1) Offense: Cassidy Kovisto, Shannon McGroary, Alexandria Cantiri, Fireballs; Laura Duerte, Kathryn Tietjen, Emmie Faulkner, Panthers Defense: Melissa Nunes, Alexandra Massas, Maria Espinoza, Fireballs; Avalon Amaral, Tiaja Andrews, Kelly Perreault, Panthers Goals & Assists: Alexandria Cantiri (G), Cassidy Kovisto (G), Fireballs; Laura Duerte (G), Panthers

Killer Bees (2) vs. Goal Girls (0) Offense: Jamie Zogarcia, Brianna Shultis, Madison Gannon, Bees; Hannah Carlson, Joy Blea, Chelsea Keele, Girls Defense: Lauren Stuart, Lauren Schmitt, Shannon Blockley, Bees; Courtney Zumwalt, Brianna Ranney, Hayley Bell, Girls Goals & Assists: Chloe Rodriguez (G), Madison Gannon (G), Bees; Madison Gannon scored early and led the Killer Bees in a 2-0 win vs. the Goal Girls in a well played game by both teams.

U-9 Girls Soccer Rockers (4) vs. Sparklers (3) Offense: Allyson Badger, Tara Ollier, Jennifer Stoner, Rockers; Nitzia Gonzales, Zaiba Fakiri, Emma Zika, Sparklers Defense: Jamie Freitas, Claire Abele, Yesenia Diaz, Rockers; Alyssa Feliciano, Madison Stewart, Savannah Stevenson, Sparklers Goals & Assists: Allyson Badger (3G), Tara Collier (G), Rockers; Nitzia Gonzales (2G), Zaiba Fakiri (G), Sparklers

Soccer Sharks (6) vs. Soccer Wizards (2) Offense: Madison Jackson, Rachel Sylvester, Taylor Sullivan, Sharks; Taylor Petersen, Carly Estevez, Faith Nordvik, Wizards Defense: Maya Piloni, Dominique Aciego-Ramirez, Brooke Powell, Sharks; Devyn Montesinos, Elizabeth Waibel, Caroline Pehrson, Wizards Goals & Assists: Madison Jackson (3G), Rachel Sylvester (G, A), Taylor Sullivan (2G), Sharks; Taylor Petersen (2G), Kija Ourdoune (A), Wizards

Fireballs (4) vs. Firecrackers (1) Offense: Tyler Lee, Erica Espinosa, Ellie Deuel (A), Fireballs; Rachel Boyle, Alyssa Salvetti, Jessica Spencer, Firecrackers Defense: Lindsey Gill (GK), Miriam Brown (GK), Paige Sutter, Fireballs; Sydney Mendoza, Alexis Rivera, Rachel Foley, Firecrackers Goals & Assists: Tyler Lee (2G), Erica Espinosa (G), Lindsay Gill (G), Fireballs; Rachel Boyle (G), Firecrackers

Shooting Stars (2) vs. Goal Getters (1) Offense: Heather Woelck, Andrea Sommer, Amelia Sobrepnava, Stars; Olivia Curtis, Katie Marcel, Kylie Moore, Getters Defense: Arianna Accede, Grace Stanford, Julia Maitland-Knudston, Stars; Chloe Brickwedel, Olivia Volponi, Celia Opiari, Getters Goals & Assists: Heather Woelck (G, A), Andrea Sommer (G, A), Stars; Olivia Curtis (G), Getters

Tasmanian Devils vs. The Soccer Chicks Offense: Kayla McClendon, Caitlyn Quataroli, Isabella Cusimano, Devils; Gianna Cole, Aislinn McCleddy, Chicks Defense:

Earthquakes (1) vs. Emerald Dragons (0) Offense: Connor Young, Caleb Nale, Kyle Wohlegemuth, Earthquakes; William Chacon, Chad Hemmig, Jacob Lester, Dragons Defense: Dominic Hill, Jordan Mello, Kevin Spence, Earthquakes; Diego Hernandez, Pierce Kadlec, Garrett Stone, Dragons Goals & Assists: Caleb Nale (G), Connor Young (A), Earthquakes

U-9 Boys SonicX & the Black Diamonds (4) vs. Predators (0) Offense: Sebastian Preirado, Matthew Stepanek, Diamonds; Eamon Smith, Predators Defense: Mitchell Rocoero, Luke Morrisroe, Christian Acebo, Diamonds; Grant Atchinson, Geno Colombo, Zachary Ridenour, Predators Goals & Assists: Matthew Stepanek (3G), Sebastian Preirado (G), Diamonds

The Goal Miners (5) vs. Fighting Black Sharks (0) Offense: Oscar Franco (A), Nick McClendon (A), Miners; Jaren Dietsch, Mathew Hargraves, Sharks Defense: Jack Fogerson, Tyler Rodgers, Ethan Compton, Miners; Jason John, Andrew Strupeni, Sharks Goals & Assists: Mark Silverthorn (3G), Troy Wentworth (G), Ryan Wright (G), Miners

Ball Hogs (3) vs. Fighting Black Sharks (0) Offense: Joshua Rudolph, Zion English, Hogs; Jaren Dietsch, Sharks Defense: Seth Davis, Benny Valdez, Hogs; Andrew Strupeni, Sharks Goals & Assists: Zach Bell, Ernie Garcia, Ernie Garcia, Hogs

Bombers vs. Golden Sharks Offense: Ryan McCusker, Roberto Iacomini, James Attree, Bombers; Eduardo Ramirez, Steven Rios, Sharks Defense: Colby Brocklesby, Evan Vasconcellos, Casey Wortham, Bombers; Josh Norton, Shane Cronwell, Sharks Vipers (2) vs. Warriors (1) Offense: Jacob Marshall, Charlie Ridings, Vipers; Cody Stearns, Warriors Defense: Jared Hubert, Shaun Garlick, Vipers; Austin Evernham, Warriors Goals & Assists: Connor Sweeney (2G), Vipers; Cody Stearns (G), Warriors

U-8 Boys Quakes vs. Tiger Sharks Offense: Cameron Meier, Kevin Buklin, Avery Kempton, Quakes; Isaac Tufts, Xavier Hernandez, Nicholas, Sharks Defense: Landon Paiso, Josef Campos, Alexander Pierce, Quakes; Matthew Kovac, Elijah Collins, Dillon, Sharks Goals & Assists: Forest Bishop, Gavin Finkbeiner, Tucker Lyons, Quakes; Xavier Hernandez, Sharks

U-7 Boys Thunderbolts vs. DaBombs Offense: Jackson Stuart, Jeffrey Fairbanks, Dalton Johnston, Thunderbolts; Jonny Geyer, Ivan Ceballos, Prullom Goulart, DaBombs Defense: Anthony Guerra, Noah Gibson, Rylan Matheson, Thunderbolts; Max Higgins, Calvin Fletcher, Ethan Montesinos, DaBombs

Sharks vs. Dragons Offense: Carson Mohler, J.J. Knight, Jesse Wolfson, Sharks; Ethan James, Nathan Woolsey, Jason Desantis, Dragons Defense: Jack Volponi, Luke Moylan, Matthew Larson, Sharks; Jack Peterson, Emilio Martinez, Saul Buendia, Dragons

Torpedoes vs. Jedis Offense: Jake Carmichael, Mason Smith, Dylan Silva, Torpedoes; Michael Straus, Griffin Lawrence, Ben Tiedemann, Jedis Defense: Jared Gonzales, Peyton Peterson, Blake Teixeira, Torpedoes; Drake Small, Colin Wiese, Nathan MacDougall, Jedis

Heroes vs. Fireballs Heroes: Josiah Knight, Ben Morrisroe, Thomas Kello; Heroes Defense: Ryan Wenzel, Trevor Wright, Noah Wolf, Fireballs Offense: Garrett Hamer, Fireballs Defense: Joseph Fields, Gabriel Herrera

U-6 Boys Thunderbolts vs. Rockets Offense: Danny Geissbuhler, Nicholas Gladen, Thunderbolts; Colton Trudeau, Anthony Shepard, Rockets Defense: Dylan Baxter, Kelly Gallo, Thomas, Thunderbolts; Benjamin Salazar, Ben Wiesner, Rockets

Rattlesnakes vs. Flames Offense: Michael Anlyn, Jesse Watson, Nicolas Poland, Rylan Mohr, Rattlesnakes; Caleb Chance, Alden Dean, Taite Lewis, Lucan Neely, Flames Defense: Diego Juarez, Ryan Shepherd, Christian Cruz, Shawn Walker, Rattlesnakes; Colby Crevelt, Nick Coltrin, Drake Devine, Wilson Schwegler, Flames

U-5 Boys Light Speed vs. Optimus Prime Green Rangers Offense: Tybalt Anderson, Landon Bishop, Luca Montalvo, Nicholas Yamamoto, Will Wentworth, Speed; Peyton Hendricks, Robert Seymour, Adam Tufts, Jacob Sisto, Rangers Defense: Ryan Bond, Seth Tobeck, Garrett Riddough, Speed; Nolan Dennis, Kytler Green, Jared Sanchez, Rangers

U-5 Boys Pink Kitty Cats vs. Dancing Dolphins The Pink Kitty Cats played a great game despite the rainy morning. Offense: Mariah Gill Jadyn Lane Athena Leves Faythe Flower

U-12 Boys Cyclones (4) vs. Blue Dragons (1) Offense: Justin Swinkles, Connor Lovoi, Clayton Franklin, Cyclones; Jared Heise, Mauricio Zavala, Ben Gill, Dragons Defense: Joe Roberts, Kenny Williams, Brandon Pereira, Cyclones; Erin Collins, Dustin Stank, Isaac Legnell, Dragons Goals & Assists: Connor Lovoi (2G), Justin Swinkles (G), Jose Hernandez (G), Cyclones; Jared Heise (G), Craig Mans (A), Dragons

Terminators (2) vs. Blue Dragons (1) Offense: Joshua Frazier, Adam Kadlec, Mathew Hewitt, Terminators; Isaac Lignell, Nathan Durant, Dustin Stanek, Dragons Defense: Owen Garka, Shaya Filsoof, Kolin Krewinkel, Terminators; Garrett Cordisco, Aaron Collins, Craig Mains, Dragons Goals & Assists: Joshua Frazier (G), Adam Kadlec (G, A), Terminators; Alexis Angeles (G), Dragons

Dark Knights (3) vs. Flaming Monkeys Offense: Salvador Alatorre, Joel Iniguez, Revolution; Sterling Jeppson, Luke Hanson, Joel Udouch, Strikers Defense: Dustin Wright, Bryan Stuart, Revolution; Scott Girardelli, Gino Stonesham, Omar Naison, Strikers Goals & Assists: Salvador Alatorre (2G), Joel Iniguez (G), Revolution; Jacob Kerling (PK), C.J. Shimozono (PK), Strikers

Revolution (3) vs. Flaming Monkeys (2) Offense: Julian Milan, Hayden King, Chris Hinds, Revolution; Carlos Hernandez, Anthony Miller, Liwewlyn Slone, Monkeys Defense: Salvador Alatorre, Dustin Wright, Bryan Suarez, Revolution; Brandon Smith, Churchill Myers, Gerardo Tomero, Monkeys Goals & Assists: Chris Hinds (2G), Joel Iniguez (G), Revolution; Austin Roeder (G), Liwewlyn Slone (G), Monkeys

Strikers [Away] (2) vs. Strikers [Home] (1) Offense: Brandon Cory, Sam Marco, Strikers [Away]; Luke Hanson, CJ Shimozono, Garrett Davis, Strikers [Home] Defense: Sean Dreger, Nick Sobrepnava, Evander Grajeda, Strikers [Away]; Scott Girardelli, Jeff Mullins, Jordan Mossinger, Strikers [Home] Goals & Assists: Brandon Cory (2G), Strikers [Away]; Joel Udouch (G), Strikers [Home]

Terminators (1) vs. Blazers (0) Offense: Jason Flores, Keilan Field, Gabe Anderson, Terminators; Matthew Wells, Zach Burnett, Vince Rizzo, Blazers Defense: Nikita Van Schoonenberg, Kolin Krewinkel, Jake Peterson, Terminators; Stephen Kai, Zach Burnett, Blazers Goals & Assists: Adam Kadlec (G), Joshua Frazier (A), Terminators

U-10 Boys Dominators (4) vs. Dragons (2) Offense: Zachary Scriber, David Sanchez, Hector Salcedo, Dominators; Ben Dupuis, Dillon Eng, Connor Gibbons, Dragons Defense: Shane Ward, Samuel Knuth, Dominic Carrano, Dominators; Joey Lestochi, Ryan Myers, Luis Rios, Dragons Goals & Assists: Ethan Shang (3G), Anthony Lopez (G), Dominators; Connor Gibbons (2G), Dragons

Dominators (1) vs. Scorpions (1) Offense: Hector Salcedo, Anthony Lopez, Andy Solorzano, Dominators; Lexis Salazar, Scorpions Defense: Cole Sofonio, Josh Harlan, Dominic Carrano, Dominators; Michael Henry, Scorpions Goals & Assists: Ethan Shang (G), Dominators; Connor McCormack (G), Scorpions

trolled her box with timely runs toward the ball and saving a couple of dangerous shots. Defense led by Evan Murphy and Marisa Riordan played good physically stronger Lamorinda's offense, but two unfortunate defensive errors allowed Lamorinda to score once each half. In the first half of the game Mathea Turkalj, Molly Grozier and Keli Wheatley tried to score from the distance but Lamorinda's goalie stopped those tries. Second half started with impressive Rage's offensive effort to equalize, but Lamorinda's defense successfully protected their goal. Goalie Hanna Menk continued with some impressive saves. Final result Lamorinda 2 - Rage 0. Top Offensive Players: Molly Grozier, Mathea Turkalj, Top Defensive Players: Evan Murphy, Marisa Riordan.

Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic Black under-19 boys Al Cafidio team improve its league record to 7-1 by winning both of its games over the weekend: A 2-1 win over FC Fremont Atlas on Saturday and a 2-0 defeat of Mustang on Sunday. Defense was solid led by Aaron Lek, Kevin Phillip, Tyler Copeman, and Niko Leco.

Ballistic strike and scored early against the Atlas. David Norton took a pass from Mason Ridgway down the middle and slotted the ball passed the Atlas goalie. Norton scored again in the second half to give the Ballistic the insurance goal in the second half.

Against the Mustang, Norton headed in a beautiful cross from the right end line by Justin Dorsey in the within the first 10 minutes of the game. Patrick Yee made it 2-0 by knocking in a penalty kick in the second half.

Ballistic United U15s played host to the Benicia Arsenal on Sunday hoping to extend their run of maximum points from their league games this season. Benicia, however were in no mood to cooperate and the first half was an evenly contested affair. It took until just before half-time for Ballistic to break the deadlock. When it happened it was worth waiting for as center-back, Erik Knaggs headed home a corner kick. Playing down a slight slope in the second period, Ballistic began to take over. They extended their lead when Jason Chow took a feed from Chris Franzella and ripped in a sensational shot. As Benicia began to fade, Ballistic attacked in wave after wave. Jason Chow turned provider as he set up Toby Harvey for an impressive goal from inside the box. Minutes later, Toby Harvey returned the favor, as he cut in from the right wing and crossed for Jason Chow to tap in easily for the fourth goal. Ballistic ran out winners by a comfortable score of 4-0 guaranteeing that they would maintain their position on top of the table for another week. Top Offensive Players: Jason Chow, Toby Harvey, Colin Hartland Top Defensive Player: Mike Viebeck, Erik Knaggs, Suchi Kuo.

On Sunday in Pleasanton, the **Ballistic United U-16** team met up with the Newark Pumas for the second time this season, with the Pumas hungry to avenge their earlier crushing defeat by Ballistic. Ballistic set a fast pace in the third minute, when Gustavo Rivera sent a cross to Stefan Agustsson, who headed the ball into the top of the net. In the fifth minute, Newark answered back, but Ballistic defender Zacharias Laranang blocked the shot by sending it over the goal line for a corner. Later, Laranang earned a yellow card for one of his tackles. Still on the offensive, Newark thought they found a way past Ballistic goalie Adam Bailey, but the shot hit Wesley Ostrowski in the face to deny the goal. In the 22 minute, Zac Arellano made a perfect pass to Evan Larsen, who jumped up to header the ball over the Newark keeper for the game's first goal. Newark answered back in the second half by scoring two goals in the 46 and 53 minutes respectively. Ballistic midfielder Brandon Krumbach connected several key passes to wingers Ryan Cox and Parker Quisenberry, while defenders Ostrowski, Eddie Schoenagel and Sam Fox were busy preventing the fast Newark forwards from scoring more goals. The tie for Ballistic came in the 56 minute, when Larsen found Mitchell Lowery, who beat the Newark keeper. Ten minutes later, Newark scored its third goal on a break-away. The Ballistic team continued to battle, with Joey Pereira heading the ball to Larsen, who attempted to even the score. Zac Savoy and Jamie Somerville also created several opportunities each, but were ultimately shut down by Newark's defenders. In the final minutes, Ballistic's Rivera raced past Newark's defenders, but his shot was unlucky, going just left of the goal post. The game ended with a final score, 2-3, in favor of the Newark Pumas.

The Ballistic U-11 United Team earned second place in the Battle of the Bay tournament September 27-28. The tournament opened for the U-11's with a 5-2 victory over the Deanza Force. Bryce Veit, Mitchell Wilson and Jacob Guzman all had strong games in the win. The second game against Placer, turned out to be Placer's first game! Being a bit tired, Ballistic played a lethargic first half that led to us being down 0-2 at halftime. The halftime talk apparently was a good one as Ballistic overcame the deficit with a PK from Cameron Ritchie and two goals by Michael Amastassio... the last coming with 1 minute remaining! Coach Todd Hiegly was very proud of the boys for never giving up and following the "game plan". The two wins on Saturday put BUSC in the Semifinals against a very physical and fast San Juan Lightning Blue team. The players knew that it would take a brilliant performance by everyone to win this game and that is exactly what everyone gave! Ballistic pulled off the upset with 2 goals by Cameron Ritchie and amazing team defense led by Jeffrey Klei and Sam Molz. Key saves by

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U11 AC White Division 2 traveled to Modesto to beat Ajax United 1-0 on a goal scored by Makenna Elias. Shots on goal were taken by Lisa DeFeo, Julia Densmore and Sadie Moore. Goalies Juliet Allen and Bryanna Schreiber had multiple saves to keep Rage in the game.

Pleasanton Rage U13AC in a game against Fremont Soccer brought some good offensive actions that resulted in 3:0 win for Rage. Defense played with great confidence not allowing the opponents to seriously threaten the goal. Rage offense scored the first goal after a corner kick by Mathea Turkalj. Molly Grozier passed a deep ball to Hannah Stapp who scored the second goal after running almost half of the field with a defender on her side. In the second half Rage kept attacking but team from Fremont, who played with only 10 players, managed to allow just one goal. Evan Murphy passed the ball to Sammi Williams who scored over the goalie's hands. Final result: Rage 3 - Fremont 0. Top Offensive Players: Hannah Stapp, Mathea Turkalj, Sammi Williams. Top Defensive Players: Marisa Riordan, Lauren Fan, Paige Hughes.

Pleasanton Rage U13AC played Saturday's game against very good Lamorinda United 95 team. Goalie Olivia Brown con-

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SPORTS NOTES

Goalkeepers Jacob Guzman and Max Gershman sealed the win 2-1. Finding ourselves in the final Sunday afternoon is what we had all dreamed of and the boys were going to give 100% until the end. Ryan Racer, Sebby Perry, Max Gershman, and Chudi Auegbu all battled through injuries received in the San Juan game and helped the team to 1-1 draw at the end of regulation against the MP Strikers. Jackson Still, and Jack Traube owned the middle of the field while Tyler Silva and Cameron Owens made great runs wide. The two teams ended up going to PKS to determine a winner.

Edge Gymnastics

The Level 4 team from Edge Gymnastics, Dublin competed in the Tumble in the Jungle hosted by Marin Elite Gymnastics in Larkspur.

Division - Monkeys (Ages 7-8): Vault: Gabriela Leyva-Montiel, 6th, 8.850; Skylar Relova, 12th, 8.200; Jennifer Dawson, 13th, 7.950; Bars: Leyva-Montiel, 2, 9.400; Dawson, 4th(T), 9.200; Relova, 4th(T), 9.200; Beam: Relova, 1st, 9.400; Dawson, 6th, 8.800; Leyva-Montiel, 7th, 8.625; Floor: Dawson, 3rd, 8.550; Leyva-Montiel, 4th(T), 8.525; Relova, 4th(T), 8.525; All Around: Leyva-Montiel, 3rd, 35.400; Relova, 5th, 35.325; Dawson, 8th, 34.500.

Division - Zebras (Age 8): Vault: Serena Chan, 1st(T), 9.400; Brianna Londerree, 6th, 8.675; Bars: Chan, 1st(T), 9.520; Londerree, 2nd(T), 9.350; Beam: Londerree, 4th, 8.750; Chan, 9th, 8.150; Floor: Chan, 1st, 8.675; Londerree, 6th, 8.475; All Around: Chan, 2nd, 35.750; Londerree, 5th, 35.250.

Division - Tigers (Age 9): Vault: Danielle Mullins, 5th, 9.050; Bars: Mullins, 5th, 9.075; Beam: Mullins, 5th, 9.150; Floor: Mullins, 2nd, 8.900; All Around: Mullins 5th, 36.175.

California Gymnastics

The California Gymnastics Academy competed this Sunday, October 5th, in highly competitive meet - Tumble In The Jungle, hosted by Marin Elite Gymnastics Academy in San Rafael.

Girls were competing in Level 4, 5 and 6 and they did great job. Level 4 girls tied for first place all around and Maya Frank in Monkeys age group and Rachel Sylvester in Zebras age group took individual 1st all around places with Maya scoring 37.025 and Rachel scoring 36.95.

Other team members did great job too with Naomi Chin in Monkeys age group finishing 2nd with the score of 36.175, Emily Balicanta finishing 4th with the score of 35.8. In Tigers age group Baylee Hill finished 3rd with the score of 36.25 and Savannah Chrupalo finished 9th with the score of 33.875. In Lions age group Shannon Payne finished 2nd with score of 37.175.

Level 5 girls Alexandra and Katarina Weissbach in Tigers and Zebras age groups finished 2nd with the score of 35.150 and 7th with the score of 33.3. Level 6 girls made some impressive performances with Elizabeth Higa tied for 1st place all around with the score of 34.775 in Lions age group, Celina Moufarrej finished 4th with the score of 32.525. In Tigers age group Dori Lucero took 6th with the score of 34.575 and in Zebras age group Isabella Orecchia took 4th with the score of 35.15.

Lady Hustle

Lady Hustle 16U participated in Grapettes Showcase tournament Oct 4 & 5 at Northgate Park in Manteca. On Saturday, Lady Hustle opened with a 4-1 win over Lady Canes of Madera. Montana Berg was the winning pitcher. Nicole Borchard and Sami Schiller contributed back to back triples to lead the offensive attack. Next was a 6-0 win over the Monarchs featuring a balanced offensive attack and solid defensive play. Lizzie Fromson was 2 for 2 and threw out a runner at home plate to preserve the shutout for Schiller. Lady Hustle then beat the Norcal Shockers 8 to 3 behind great pitching from Katie Keller who allowed no earned runs. Nikki Stark and Montana Berg each had 2 hits to lead the attack.

On Sunday, Lady Hustle dropped their first game to Lady Comets before rebounding with a 4-0 victory over the Petaluma Breeze. Leading hitters on Sunday were Jess Mckeehan, Erin Cathey, Kristin Ormsby and Kaitlin Winsor. Sami Schiller had the complete game shutout over the Breeze with 8 strikeouts. Lady Hustle will travel to Huntington Beach for the Surf City College Showcase tournament on Oct 18 & 19th.

Lady Hustle 14U traveled to Galt and competed in the Grapettes Showcase Tournament Oct 4-5 and finished with 1 win, 3 losses and 1 tie. The Hustle Team won the first game of Championship Play Hustle-4, Fire & Ice-2. The 2nd game against the South Valley Blitz (1st Place) ended the Lady Hustle run to the Championship Blitz 9, Hustle 2. Pool Play: Game 1 - Lady Hustle 2, RR Gold 2. Game 2 - Lady Hustle 2, Lady Sharks 4. Game 3 - Hustle 1, Road Runners 2. Standout

Offensive players Nicole Erichsen, a triple, Karen Chaw, a double, and a HR by Nicole Evans. Good pitching efforts from Josie Howatt and Ashley Lototszynski. Standout Offense by Josie Howatt and Bianca Devoto with a double play and Jillian Ceccanti with a double play however the team could not come up with a win.

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League highlights:

Senior Division Jets 22, Cardinals 0: In a score of 22-0, the Jets came together as a team for their first win of the season. Impressive runs by Josh Sprugasci and Luis Hernandez and quarterbacking by Alex Kohn put the Jets on the scoreboard with the support of the offensive team. With a renewed defense, led by outstanding efforts by Cole Partington, Adam and Zach Harlan, Max Renga, Tyler Johnson and Chandler Shetron, they held off the Cardinals.

Saints 12, Giants 6: The battle for first place on Saturday between the Saints (3-1) and the Giants (3-1) was like a 12-round heavyweight fight. At the beginning of the 4th quarter, QB Zach McPherson broke loose for 59 yard T.D. run making the score Saints 6 Giants 0. With 7 minutes left in the game Giants star running back Rio Orozco ran up the middle for a 16 yard T.D. Both teams defenses were punishing all game with big hits. The Giants drove to the Saints' 6-yard line with 1st and goal to go, but the Saints' defense stopped the Giants on four consecutive plays. With 2:45 to play and the Saints on their own 4-yard line, QB Zach McPherson ran a 16 pown back play to the right side of the field and scampered for 96 yards and the game winning touchdown. The offensive line was led by LT Tajvir Judge, Center Nathan Flores, RG Kevin Humes, RT Andres Flores, TE Nick Lofrisco and WR Andrew Hall. QB Zach McPherson was 5 for 7 passing for 69 yards. Tailback Austin Ochoa caught 4 passes for 52 yards. WR Jax Mamaog was 1 for 2 catches for 17 yards. The defense was led by Anthony Laudani with 3 sacks and 3 solo tackles, Jeremy Edwards, Alex Ezerski, Ryan Faulk, Nick Ketcham, Ryan Viano, Gage Loge, Tyler Rardon, Joe "Taco Bell" Thomas, Tristan Smith, and Kevin Ott.

Advanced Division Bucs 14, 49ers 12: The 49ers played well, but fell to the Bucs' 14 to 12. 49ers took the opening drive for a score. Peter Munns passed to Jacob Benavidez for a 6-yard score. The highlight of the drive was Munns' pass to Austen Gibbs arced over the Bucs' defense. After another long drive, Miko Asifoa scored the second 49er touchdown in the second half on a 4-yard run. Miko Asifoa, Jacob Benavidez, Michael Kutsenda and Austen Gibbs ran very well for the 49ers, totaling 115 yards on the ground. Though the air, Munns completed passes to Austen Gibbs, Michael Kutsenda and Alec Sblendorio. The 49ers' defense was led by Conor Cruz (2 tackles), Dylan Guilin (fumble recovery and 2 tackles), Russell Lovett (3 tackles), James Wilkins (2 tackles), Asten Weller (2 tackles), and Michael Kutsenda (1 interception). On special teams, Kevin Garcia returned a kickoff for 6 yards and Conor Cruz returned two kicks for 23 yards.

Raiders 22, Raiders 0: The Ravens and Raiders met for the second time this season in LJFL action on Saturday. During the first half, it looked as though the game was going to be a low-scoring defensive struggle. The Raiders' defense limited the Ravens to a single touchdown and two-point conversion, with the score 8-0 at the end of the half. The high-powered Ravens' offense found its stride in the second half and wore down the Raiders, reaching the end zone two more times. The Ravens' offense provided a potent running game with Nick Campiotti rushing for 92 yards, Brandon Self rushing for 37 yards and a touchdown, and Jacob Shinnick rushed for 43 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Curtis Wiggington snuck in a 1-yard touchdown after a nifty 39-yard scamper by Nick Campiotti. Nick Campiotti was also busy on special teams, adding 134 return yards, and bringing his total to 226 yards. The story of the day was the Ravens' stingy defense, which held the Raiders' offense out of the red-zone for the entire game. They also recovered two fumbles and intercepted the Raiders once. Excellent play by Ryan Dearborn (9 tackles, 2 sacks), Brandon Self (6 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery), and Jason Silva (8 tackles, 1 forced fumble), highlighted a strong effort by all. Even though this was not the Raiders best effort, there were some outstanding plays made: Bryce Stovall led the offense in the second half with 15yds gained on three carries, he also made 6 defensive tackles. Parker Reynolds showed strong support in the backfield with a game total of 6 tackles. Garret Torres had his game on with a quarterback sack, 4 tackles, and a 10 yard reception. The Raiders had only one penalty in the first half and a penalty free second half.

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

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Bowling News

Wayne Brewster of the Tuesday Night

Balhorn/O'Dell Construction League rolled 11 in a row for a 299 and just missed a perfect game by one at the Granada Bowl in Livermore.

Monday Night Getaway Fours bowler Ralph Soto bowled 85 over his series average including games of 244 & 241. In the Valley Friends & Family league, Thad Ryan rolled a nice 247 game. On Tuesday in the Lab League, Rick Barnes went 70 pins over average with a 219 game. Gene Tanaka, in the Balhorn/O'Dell Construction League, bowled a 242 game, d Mike Silva a 225 game. Wednesday night league bowler Larry Clifton was high scorer with a 258. Right behind him was Lloyd Block with a 257. Bill Lindke Jr. rolled a 247 game and Rolfe Dalleske a 219.

In the Kings & Queens league, Tim Springer rolled a 264 game Ron Fujishigea 231 game. Geri Joyce bowled 67 over average with a 212 game. Not far behind was Alyce Truscott who bowled 56 over average with a 203 game. Don Dutton, in the Friday Night Cheyenne League, bowled a 223 game. In the Family Affair league Van Henson had a 205 game. Also on Friday night in the Reno Getaway league, Brian Johmann recorded a 247 game and Keith Wilson a 234 game.

Senior Bowler Mary Alyce Fales, with a 69 average, bowled 116 over with a 134-116-73 for a 323 series. Judy Barrett in Donna's Mixers rolled a 213 game, Neil (Nip) Lund a 203 and Don McKay a 202. Bob Stein, 121 average in the Friday Primitimers, hit 200 exactly, Nip Lund rolled a 210 game.

In the Friday Family Affair League, youth bowler, Bryan Bumanlag bowled a 224 game. Right behind him was Brandon Klnefelter with a 221. Kayleigh Kirby went 48 over average with a 101 game and Brandon Reichmuth 46 over with a 132 game.

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OBITUARIES

Claudia A. Motta Thiel

Claudia Ann Motta Thiel, resident of Discovery Bay, passed away peacefully with family and caregivers at her side on August 25, 2008, ending her battle with cancer.

Claudia was born in Oakland, CA on May 2, 1939 to F. Nelson and Margaret Vassallo. She attended school in San Leandro. Claudia graduated from the University of Arizona and San Jose State University and received her teaching and reading specialist credential. She taught school for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for over 20 years before moving to Minnesota where she worked with home schooled children. She moved back to California and continued to teach, working with home schooled children under HOME Smart Kids and FAME Public Charter School.

She is survived by her husband Ron Thiel, children Chuck and Minda Motta of Discovery Bay, Carla (Thiel) and Scott Mandrell of Minnesota, and Lesley and Jack Thiel of Japan; grandchildren, Jessica and Monica Motta, Terra, Charles, Sara, Joshua and Josiah Mandrell, and Toni and Ben Thiel, sisters Lois Mackenzie of Livermore and Lynn and Peter of Santa Barbara. She was preceded in death by Walter C. Motta Jr.

Private burial was held on

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ARTWALK

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ganic fruit/metal "paintings," the artist Darwin will exhibit his works in Mills Square, the pocket park near Peet's Coffee. Across S. Livermore, Art!Space will be showing the works of up-and-coming artist Courtney Jacobs and the pottery of Erin K. Donohue Davis.

There are many opportunities for glass lovers, from blown to fused to stained, including the brand new "Art Glass Studio" that recently opened at the corner of Railroad and N. Livermore. There has been an explosion of art jewelry, from traditional Czech wire-weaving technique to lovely macramé and beading. This year's ArtWalk spotlights exhibits from talented local families:

Diana Marion, who studied under the likes of Elmer Bischoff and Joan Brown at UC Berkeley, will be exhibiting her paintings with her daughter, Laura Marion, a talented painter in her own right. They will be showing their works at the new Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars Tasting Room at Blacksmith Square, where visitors can sample boutique wines handcrafted by Diana's husband, John Marion, and son, John Evan Marion.

Four of the eleven Manousos siblings will participate: Paul Manousos, singer/songwriter,

will perform on stage one block away from WoopsieDaisy Toys, where his brother, Dave Manousos, will exhibit the children's book he's written and illustrated. Their sister, Nancy Stone, will show her creative jewelry designs at the One-Day Gallery at the old Main Street Christmas Designs. And, sister and Bothwell Arts Center employee Carol Edwards and will be following up her months of work on ArtWalk by helping to manage the event. Her husband, Durk Edwards, who helped sign up many ArtWalk businesses, and will be coordinating display deliveries.

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Richard Smith, considered one of the country's foremost fingerstyle guitarists, will perform Thurs., Oct. 23 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2456 8th Street, in Livermore. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance. They can be purchased at Fine Fretted Friends, 2181 First St., Livermore. For information, call 606-1324 or visit www.frettedfriends.com

Pacific Chamber Symphony Opens with a 'Whirlwind'

Pacific Chamber Symphony will present a program with the theme "Whirlwind," featuring suites and serenads for orchestral winds by Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss and Dvorak.

The concert will be held Thurs., Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Lawrence Kohl will conduct.

According to Maestro Kohl, "Some of the most beautiful writing for orchestra is contained in a composer's passages dedicated to the winds. Mozart and the early Beethoven give us the classic format to display the brilliance of the winds. Dvořák and Strauss elaborate and extend the length and size to achieve towering works of remarkable colors and melodic richness. These are magical works by the greatest of composers. Every moment is a gem."

Tickets are \$38, \$32, \$26. They can be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore, by phone 925-373-6800 or online www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Since 1989, the Pacific Cham-



Lawrence Kohl

ber Symphony has performed over 400 different works in over 500 concert appearances. Pacific Chamber Symphony has a season of 3 to 5 concerts sets with performances in San Francisco, Napa, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Pacific Chamber Symphony has been honored to perform for landmark occasions such as the United Nations' 60th Anniversary World Concert Celebration held at Grace Cathedral.

Test Screening Invites Public to Review Movie

Have you ever watched a movie and said, "I wish they would have done that scene differently?" Well, now is your chance to give Hollywood your input. On October 15 at 7 p.m., at the Vine Cinema, in Livermore, the California Independent Film Festival will be hosting a free test screening of the soon to be released independent comedy feature film "Rock Slyde."

The film stars Patrick Warburton (*Rules of Engagement*, *Family Guy*, *Get Smart*), Andy Dick (*Road Trip*, *The Cable Guy*, *Hoodwinked*), Rena Sofer (*Heroes*, *24*, *Melrose Place*), and Elaine Hedrix (*The Parent Trap*, *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*).

In the movie, Rock Slyde (Patrick Warburton) is a brilliant, if not slightly confused, private detective, who is a little more Frank Drebin than Philip Marlowe. Business has been slow for Rock as of late, but all that will change when Sara Lee (Rena Sofer), a socialite drunk, enters the office. Sara hires Rock to find the person following her every move. Will Rock have the time needed to find Sara's perpetrator, while his secretary, Judy (Elaine Hedrix) is being pulled away toward a new fad religion, The House of Bartology, lead by Bart (Andy Dick)? How can Rock keep it all together without experiencing his own personal "rock slide"? *Rock Slyde* has several cameos from Hollywood notables as; Jason Alexander, Eric

Roberts, Tom Bergeron and Lea Thompson.

JB Orecchia, is one of the Executive Producers of *Rock Slyde*, he lives in Ruby Hill with his wife, Debbie and their 3 children. JB spent the last 10 years as Executive Vice President with internet marketing company, Experian Interactive

A test screening is when you get to see the movie before it is released and provide input to the producers. Each attendee will be given a short questionnaire to fill out, expressing his or her opinion about the movie, i.e., such as what did you like, how were the performances in the movie, would you recommend this film, etc.

This is a free event. The California Independent Film Festival has conducted previous test screenings with great success i.e., *Fallen Angles* (Warner Bros) and *Childless*.

Although this is a free event, please email the California Independent Film Festival at info@caindiefilmfest.org to RSVP, so we can have the appropriate number of questionnaires.

The California Independent Film Festival Association is a non-profit organization producing two annual film festivals each year, the California Independent Film Festival and the Danville International Children's Film Festival. CIFF promotes artists and educates independent filmmakers from around the world.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow Opens on Amador Stage

Washington Irving's classic, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, will be staged by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company, in partnership with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival.

Performances will be October 17-19 and 24-26, at the Amador Theater. Evening performances will take place at 8:00 p.m. on October 17, 18, 24 and 25 with matinees at 2:00 p.m. on October 19 and 26.

The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

In this classic story of a superstitious town, bumbling schoolmaster Ichabod Crane insists he does not believe in the infamous Headless Horseman. However, when a dark figure on a horseback follows him home one night, Ichabod screams in terror

and shows that he is as superstitious as everyone else.

"We chose the Kathryn Schultz Miller adaptation of the story because it is particularly clever and fun, using some actual text from the original story," says Director Rebecca Ennals. "Along with the lead roles, there is an ensemble of actors of all ages who play multiple parts and act as storytellers. They portray people, animals and even towns in creative, theatrical ways, both physical and verbal. Some other animals are actually puppets created by the ensemble from objects that may have been found in a farm village in the 1780s."

Acting in the production is a particular delight to Michael Bruner, who plays Brom Bones and the Headless Horseman.

Bruner, who normally works backstage at the Amador Theater for City of Pleasanton, auditioned for the show after two years away from acting. "After doing other kinds of productions in the past, community theater is just wonderful," he says. "All the cast members are there because they are passionate about acting. We're having a blast creating a show that is really scary and humorous at the same time."

Young actor Morgan Werder, a fifth grader at Fairlands Elementary, agrees. "Community theater is a lot of fun and a lot of hard work. The actors are like a family with lots of different personalities. We bond with each other and learn from everyone."

"I think the audience is going to like this play very much,"

Morgan adds. "It's very interactive and has something for everybody - rivalry, love, suspense and, of course, the Headless Horseman!"

Tickets to *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* are Adult: \$14, \$18 and \$20 and Child: \$8, \$12 and \$16.

They may be purchased at www.civictickets.org up to three hours prior to the performances, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.

Information about the entire Pleasanton Civic Arts season is available online at www.pleasantoncivictickets.org.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions, 3rd annual production of *The Vagina Monologues*, to be performed at the Bankhead Theater in 2009. Auditions are Oct. 14, 2 to 7 p.m. at the Tri-Valley Haven Community Building, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Inexperienced actresses of all ages and ethnic backgrounds are welcome (women only please). To schedule an audition or for more information contact Christine at 449-5845 x2707.

Charcoal Portrait Workshop, Tuesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Instructor, Geri Arata. Cost \$100. Workshop designed to explore principles of Chiaroscuro. For information contact Geri at aratarata@comcast.net or 828-1209, www.GeraldineArata.com.

Salome, by Strauss, Metropolitan Opera Movie Cast. Sat. Oct. 11, 10 a.m. at Hacienda Regal Cinemas in Dublin. Broadcast live and in high definition.

Panama Red Coffee Company Block Party, benefiting Tri-Valley Haven. Sat., Oct. 25, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on K Street between First and Second streets, downtown Livermore. \$5 admission. Children's games, crafts and activities, live bands, drawings, food by Sansar, Beer by 1st Street Ale House, wine booth and downtown shop. Funds go to Tri-Valley Haven, which provides services and shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and poverty in the Tri-Valley. Information or for a vendor booth, contact Christine, 449-5845 ext. 2707 or Christine@trivalleyhaven.org.

Sunday and Monday football specials, *The Wild Vine*, 2187 First St., Livermore. 243-0700.

POPS Concert, reservations for the Livermore-Amador Symphony's October 10th and 11th evening POPS concerts on sale (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.). This year's theme is "POPS Goes to the Movies." Call (925) 447-4924 for reservations. Concert will be held at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. All seats are reserved at \$20 each. If leaving a phone message, state name, phone number, and the date and number of tickets desired.

The Wild Vine Gallery is featuring the following local artists: August: Angela Johal, abstract oil paintings. September: Hayley Ferreira, mural paintings. October: Linda Ryan, figurative acrylics, reception Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. November: Jennifer Severo, portrait, figures, reception Nov. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. December: Lisa and Ron Rigge, photography, reception Dec. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. 2187 First St., downtown Livermore; 243-0700.

Lend Me a Tenor, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Oct. 10, 11, 12. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Food & Blues on the Patio, Thursday from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm Pleasanton Hotel. No cover, grill menu, Full bar. Schedule: Oct. 9: Alvon Johnson; Oct. 16: The J.C. Smith Blues Band. 855 Main St., Pleasanton. 846-8106.

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

Celebrating fall, Eagle Ridge Vineyard will once again be presenting "Sweets & Treats" during weekends in October. Featured will be a variety of pumpkin-related sweets or treats that pair with either a newly released 2007 Pinot Grigio or 2005 Petite Sirah. Eagle Ridge is located at 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. It is open weekends noon to 4:30 p.m.

Livermore Art Association (LAA) and Pleasanton Art League (PAL) meeting Mon., Oct. 20, 7:30 to 9 p.m. It will feature an art display and lecture by Mary Lou Correia. Mary Lou paints on location, using oils and pastels. Her work is influenced by impressionism. She uses lush colors to illustrate her landscapes. The meet-

ing is at the Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. For more information visit website www.livermoreartassociation.org. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

Shakespeare's Associates presents "The Seagull", a comedy in four acts, by Anton Chekhov. Nov. 21-23, at The Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets, available at 925-373-6800 or www.LivermoreShakes.org, are \$30 - \$45, with discounts for students, seniors, military and full-time educators. Show times are Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm, and Sunday at 7pm.

Free voice lessons to sing in Christmas show, Pride of the Pacific, a women's a Capella chorus, is offering a program four Wednesdays, starting at Oct. 8, each evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Aahmes Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Dr., Livermore. Included are vocal education and an opportunity to sing in a Christmas Show. Some singing experiences is needed. www.prideofthepacific.org or 980-0311.

Pinochio, Oct. 10, 11 and 12: Fridays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd. \$16 adults/\$13 underage 12 and seniors 65+. 973-ARTS www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

Jazz at the Library, Pete Yellin All Stars perform Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon. 973-2850.

The Best Man, Role Players Ensemble, Oct. 10-Nov. 1. Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St., Danville. 314-3400.

The Barber of Seville, Livermore Valley Opera, Oct. 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Ekphrasis Art and Poetry Exhibition, to be held Oct. 11 through Dec. 22. Windermere's downtown Livermore office, 1790 First Street Two receptions will be held. Windermere Welcome Home will sponsor a Visual Arts reception sometime in October. The City of Livermore will sponsor a Reception for Poets and Artists the afternoon of Nov. 22. For more information, contact Cher Wollard at 925 824-4824 or cherw@windermere.com or Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com.

Spirits, Oct. 16. An event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Presented by Teri Carlson. At 7:00 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Cost: \$10 donation, \$5 for museum members. Reservations are recommended, 462-2766. Information: www.museummain.org.

Children's Theater Show, "Flashback", Presented by Las Positas College students. Oct. 24, 7 p.m. and Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. 424-1100

Miss Saigon, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse), Mainstage Musical, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Oct. 24, 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

The Twilight of the Bombs, Wed., Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Livermore Speaker Series features Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Rhodes. \$30 and \$40. 373-6800.

Creatures of Impulse presents "Tri-Valley High - Episodes of Terror", Thurs., Oct 30 & Fri., Oct. 31, 2008; 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door - Amador Theater Box Office, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.civictickets.org. 931-3444.

Pottery Wheel & Acrylic Gel Demonstrations, Two artists will demonstrate their techniques in live demonstrations on Saturday, October 11 at Art Space Gallery & Framing. Erin Donohue-Davis of Livermore will throw pots on her pottery wheel, and display pottery in its many phases from wet clay to finished glazed pieces. Painter Courtney J. Jacobs will be demonstrating the use of acrylic gels on canvas and panel and methods used to develop interesting and dynamic textures in acrylic painting. 1am to 5pm. 133 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Gallery to Show Works by Contemporary Artist

Alexander's Fine Art is hosting a meet the artist reception to welcome contemporary painter Jill Tishman.

The reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 11 at 608 Main Street, in downtown Pleasanton.

The collection by Jill Tishman includes pastel, oil and mixed media prints in both black and white and color.

"I always perceive human qualities in nature," says Jill Tishman. Although her artistic career dates back twenty years, before becoming an artist, Ms. Tishman pursued a PhD in Philosophy. Critics agree that her artwork is infused with a sense of the surreal.

Jill's haunting, black and white (pieces) are authoritative, modern efforts to make a "religious" experience tangible in completely contemporary terms, said Jan Ernst Adlmann, former Assistant Director of the Guggenheim Museum.

Ms. Tishman's art has been shown in a numerous museums including the Santa Fe Museum of Fine Arts, the Hudson River Museum, and the United States Embassy in the Bahamas and is currently on display in the office of Barbara Richardson, the first lady of New Mexico.



'Southern Journey II' by Jill Tishman.

Jill joins the gallery's newly expanded location. Rosalinda Herrera, gallery owner has been in the art business for many years and has developed quite an eclectic eye for fine art.

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Percussion Group Cincinnati: Children's Toys and Percussion Antics

By Nancy O'Connell

As soon as the audience entered the Bankhead Theater on October 4th, we knew we were not there for a serious classical concert with the Percussion Group Cincinnati. The stage looked like a kindergarten room filled with childish delights. A stuffed lion was perched on a ten-foot platform, cuddled against a shiny white drum. An old battered trunk supported a board with sheet music on it. Cymbals lay nearby. Old tin cans, with various labels still intact, perched on three separate tables. An old brass plate was suspended over a plastic dishpan. What were we in for?

Len Alexander spoke briefly and prepared us for the evening by saying, "The members of this group get to do what every child dreams of - they bang on all sorts of things."

And bang and pound, rustle and snort, blow and make the lion roar is exactly what the scholarly looking members of this concert group did all evening. However, in the first work on the program, *Dreams of Winter* by John Luther Adams, we heard their more serious side. Adams is from Alaska and this music was based on traditional Inupiac Shamanic drumming.

Mysterious sounds filled the hall, sounds evoking storms at

sea in the cold Arctic. The native American rhythms had intricate variations. All three musicians, Allen Otte, James Culley, and Russell Burge, tapped their toes as the rhythms became more complex, reaching an exciting climax with a driving crescendo passage.

Alonzo Alexander, an African American, was a friend who composed *Mbira Music, Book 1* in 1986. The mbira is an African instrument with tiny metal strips, which vibrate when plucked, placed over a small board which resonates. (In Africa a gourd would be used.) The sound would be too small to carry in a large concert hall. However, the musicians placed the mbiras over snare drums which amplified the exotic tones so that they filled the area with sound. With just over an octave range and tuned in the Aeolian mode (an ancient church tuning that has a minor 6th and 7th tones in the octave) it created a very different sound. The music reminded me of running water in a fast-moving mountain stream. It was quiet and soothing, almost hypnotic.

Michael Barnhart, a former student of theirs, composed his *Breathing Drum* for them. Inspired by early American folk music, they played strange rhythms on harmonicas, then switched to microphones into

which they whispered strange rhythms and words. "Classical" was the only word understood; many were nonsensical. Then they took up bright blue toy accordions, made in China, and used them for background rhythms as they blew on harmonicas tied around their necks. Multitasking music makers!

Guo Wen-jing was born in 1956 in a rural area of China, and he incorporated sounds which he heard as a child into the next work, *Drama*, composed in 1996 for this group. They invited him to Cincinnati, and even though he spoke almost no English, he wrote music for them using different sizes of brass cymbals they hit with mallets, interspersed with strange vocal cries. When the cymbals were muted, hollow sounds were created. The total effect was similar to what my husband and I heard when we watched the recreation of a traditional Chinese wedding in Sung Dynasty Village in Hong Kong - sounds the Chinese may have heard for hundreds of years.

After intermission portions of John Cage's *Living Room Music* was heard. Cage as a young man studied with Arnold Schoenberg and Henry Cowell, two composers who challenged the concepts of what was considered serious, classical music of their time. I remember Cowell giving several

talks and performances of his works when I was at Stanford as a music major, and we all went home and experimented with creating different sounds with our pianos by placing wine glasses and odd shaped pieces of cardboard on the strings. Cage carried all of these ideas much further. On a card table there were two Coke cans, a deck of cards, and a telephone. Even slapping the cards down on the table created rhythms.

Moving over to the area on stage with all of the toys, Allen Otte explained he would be playing with a child's Slinky, greatly augmented by a loud speaker. He also played the 'soprano' tin cans. Another member of the group played the bass part on the tin cans, pulled on a string which created the sounds of the lion roaring, and banged on a garbage can. The third musician played tenor parts on another set of tin cans, and beat on a brass gong which was lowered in and out of the dishpan partially filled with water. When lowered into the water the sound was muffled. Later, by covering the cans with cloths they produced a softer tone.

I Read the News Today, *Oh Boy* was arranged by the Percussion Group Cincinnati and seemed extemporaneous in nature. They rattled the newspapers,

group has given their program "Music from Scratch" to hundreds of thousands of American children. They have also performed extensively in many parts of the world. One of the messages which this versatile group brings to its audiences everywhere is, "One can make music with almost any found object. You just must let your imagination soar."

Who would have ever believed that the rustling and rattling of newspapers could create rhythm?

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The children in the audience seemed totally engrossed. The program notes state that this

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After the "Bailout." What Next?

By Cher Wollard

Renewed confidence in the market. That's what real estate experts are hoping will be the initial impact of the economic stabilization bill that was signed into law last week.

"It should provide calmness to the financial markets by showing that we will in fact work through this crisis," according to Kenneth Riggs, head of the commercial real estate analysis firm Real Estate Research Corp. of Chicago. In an interview with Realtor magazine, Riggs cautioned, however, that it may take some time for the mechanics of capital changing hands to work through the system.

"So the immediate impact would be that the market should at least breathe a sigh of relief. The next step will be to give a foundation for the credit markets to start functioning a little better," he said.

The National Association of Realtors supported the controversial "bailout bill," in large measure because problems in the mortgage lending sector have created distress for both homeowners and for potential homeowners.

"Like it or not, the housing market can't rebound until we resolve the problems in the financial market," NAR President Dick Gaylord said in a statement to the membership. "Many buyers can no longer find financing they need to buy a home, contracts are being pulled off the table, and sellers are canceling their listings."

According to NAR analysis, this legislation "will create liquidity in the mortgage market and jump start home sales. The bill will also require financial institutions, lenders and mortgage servicers to work with their borrowers on alternatives to foreclosure. It also will create a new program to purchase and guarantee the troubled assets from financial institutions holding mortgages."

While NAR analysts agree the legislation is imperfect, they see several important ways the measure will benefit taxpayers and borrowers, and encourage lenders to work more closely with distressed homeowners. The plan will:

- Provide assistance to homeowners and borrowers
- Provide relief to taxpayers
- Get money into the financial system quickly
- Safeguard the money that is allocated
- Curtail financial windfalls to executives of failing companies
- Guarantee taxpayers a stake in the profits
- Recoup what is still owed

How will the legislation accomplish all this?

NAR believes the legislation will help homeowners in risk of foreclosure, because the Treasury will acquire existing problem mortgages from financial institutions. Federal agencies (including the Treasury) are required to work with lenders and mortgage services to find ways to avoid foreclosure.

Thus, homeowners who have gotten themselves in difficulty with their mortgage will have a greater chance of being able to work out modifications in their repayment plan to help them stay in their homes. Such changes might include lower interest rates, extended repayment periods or, in some cases, even reductions in the principal owed.

Because the government is purchasing loans and mortgage securities on which payments are not being made, more money will flow to the credit market. This should provide lenders with necessary funding to issue new mortgages, thus benefiting buyers and sellers, as well as those homeowners who are seeking to refinance. These funds come with strings attached, so new mortgages will likely be issued under relatively conservative guidelines.

The funds will be issued through the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), with strict accountability requirements. TARP must report its activities to Congress on a regular basis.

Tax relief added to the legislation in the Senate is primarily in the form of extended deductions and credits, plus relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax, which means more cash for taxpayers to spend and save.

Some of the properties the government acquires will eventually be sold at a profit. When that happens, those funds will be used to reduce federal debt. NAR points out that the government has, in fact, made money on previous similar bailout plans, such as loans made to New York City in the mid-'70s.

The legislation also caps the amount of compensation paid to executives of companies that participate in this program. Both salaries and severance packages come under these restrictions. The FBI will be investigating suspected cases of wrongdoing.

And finally, five years from now, if the program has lost money, the President must come up with a plan to re-coop those losses from financial institutions that benefited from TARP relief.

Supporters from both major political parties acknowledge this is not a perfect plan. However, over time they believe it will give the economy the boost it needs to get back in gear.

Livermore Marketing Association To Elect New Officers

It's election season for the Livermore Marketing Association. This organization of local real estate professions and affiliates meets Thursdays at 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Roundhouse Grill, Livermore, to provide member support, growth and development. The group also supports weekly "brokers' tours" of homes newly on the market, so that sellers and their agents have an opportunity to showcase these properties.

Nominations for the 2009 Board of Directors are being accepted through Oct. 16, when the candidates will have the opportunity to present their campaign speeches to the group. Directors serve a one-year term.

The election will be held during the weekly meeting on Oct. 23. Membership is open to all local real estate agents, as well as professionals in affiliated businesses.

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor and member of the 2008 LMA Board of Directors.

SHORT NOTES

Youth of Character

The Tri-Valley YMCA will present its Youth of Character Award to Vanessa Feder, a freshman at Amador Valley High School. The Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Robert Hildenbrand, vice president consulting at Oracle Corporation.

The awards will be presented on Oct. 15 at a Volunteer Recognition Celebration at the Oakland Airport Hilton hosted by the YMCA of the East Bay.

Vanessa demonstrated her character during the nine weeks of summer day camp working with her peers and the children at the camp. She is described as kind and generous, a strong role model as a camper-in-leadership training.

Robert volunteered as Nation Chief of the Y-Princess Program, which enables fathers and daughters to bond through fun, educational and charitable activities. He steered the program toward charitable giving by launching food and clothing drives, teaching the girls the value of service.

Blessing of the Animals

Valley Humane Society's annual Blessing of the Animals will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All animals are welcome on a leash or in a carrier. Blessings are free, with all donations greatly appreciated. All animals receive a St. Francis medallion.

The event will be held at VHS, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Call 925-426-8656 or visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org for more details.

Book Events

Towne Center Books events:
Read It and Eat Wed., Oct. 15: Carl Capotorto has been a screenwriter, playwright, and actor for 20 years. He played the role of Little Paulie in the Sopranos for 6 seasons. His book, *Twisted Head*, is the comedic story

of a hardscrabble, working-class family's life that represents the real legacy of Italian-Americans—labor, not crime. It is also the poignant memoir of the author's struggle to become himself in a world that demanded he act like someone else. Social time 11:30; lunch served at 12:00; \$30.00 for book and lunch; \$15.00 for lunch Reservations required. 925-846-8826.

Free workshop on Getting Into College by the Princeton Review, Sat., Oct. 18 at 11:00 at Towne Center Books. Please call if you're planning to attend. "Getting in and Paying for It" is a free 90 minute interactive seminar.

Store at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

Halloween Carnival

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is presenting an afternoon of Halloween-themed fun on Oct. 25 for the third annual Halloween Carnival. The Halloween Carnival is open to children ages 2 to 10. It is designed for younger tykes who want to have fun for Halloween but perhaps aren't ready for the really scary stuff.

Held inside the 13,000-square-foot gymnasium at the Robert Livermore Community Center, the Halloween Carnival features activities such as ghostly basketball, a spooky bean bag toss and a mini-pumpkin patch. Air jumps and a photo booth will also be on hand for entertainment. Kids and adults are encouraged to come in costume.

The Halloween Carnival will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Registration is required in advance. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets are \$6 per child; parents are free. A limited number of tickets will be sold, so those interested are encouraged to buy soon.

Tickets are available now and can be purchased at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, or by calling 925-373-5700.

Slice of Pie

Bakers Square restaurants will offer all guests a free slice of pie on Pie Rush Wednesdays. Every Wednesday for a limited time guests dining at participating Bakers Square Restaurants in California will be treated to a free slice of pie with any purchase.

To find the Bakers Square in your area log on to the Bakers Square website www.bakerssquare.com. For a limited time, guests who sign up for the Bakers Square E-Club will receive a free entrée on their next visit.

Eye Screening

In observance of October being World Blindness Awareness Month, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) is hosting a free vision screening clinic for seniors at the Dublin Senior Center located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard this Friday, October 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Optometrists from the California Optometric Association will be onsite to screen seniors for cataracts, glaucoma and other general vision deficiencies. Open to all seniors, this free event is the second vision screening clinic Assemblymember Hayashi has provided to her constituents this year.

In addition to the eye screenings, attendees will also have an opportunity to discuss legislative issues and receive assistance with state and federal agencies from Assemblymember Hayashi and Congressman Jerry McNerney's staff.

Reservations are recommended by calling Assemblymember Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818. Seniors are not required to reside in Dublin to receive the free screening.

Oaks and Acorns

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff offers programs each month.

Oaks and Acorns is the program for Sat., Oct. 11. Meet Ranger Amy Woltizer at 2 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Visitors will learn about the different types of oaks that grow in Sycamore Grove Park. The program includes a short walk (about one mile) and talk about why the trees are so important to wild animals and the American Indians that lived in this area for thousands of years. The group may have an opportunity to sample some "acorn soup," similar to what was eaten daily by the Ohlone Indians. Ranger staff may also have some other acorn goodies to try.

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

Major Exploration Faire

College, high school students and parents are invited to the 10th annual Major Exploration Faire at Las Positas College on Wednesday, October 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Students and potential students 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 to help students find their Olympic 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 co-coordinator.

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 in Livermore.

For more information about the Olympic Opportunities Major Faire, please contact Nancy Wright at (925) 424-1473.

Health Care Author

Pleasanton author and health care expert Amy Sluss will host a book signing party celebrating the release of her first book, *Health Care Your Way*, on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office, 777 Peters Ave.

In this book, available through Amazon.com on Oct. 15, Sluss provides an easy-to-read guide on how to get the best patient care from doctors, emergency medical personnel and hospitals.

Through anecdotes and clearly outlined steps, this self-help book teaches readers how to:

- Communicate clearly with health care providers to get quality care and to avoid medical errors (more than 80 percent are due to miscommunication)
- Help friends and family navigate serious illness
- Take control of and manage personal health care records
- Prepare for office visits, hospitalization and medical emergencies
- Create an advance directive (living will and health care power of attorney).

Health care professionals are aware of the complexities and errors in the medical care system, Sluss notes, and they are working to create a safer system. But a standardized medical records system, which would enable health care professionals and hospitals to share critical health information, is years away, Sluss said.

She points to a July 3, 2008 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that found just 17 percent of physicians have electronic records in their offices.

"Until those numbers improve and a unified system exists, health care consumers should take matters into their own hands. Keeping their own health records empowers them to serve as their own advocates — and could ultimately be the difference between life and death," Sluss said.

Duarte Garage Sale

Livermore Heritage Guild will hold a "Fund-raiser Garage Sale" at the Duarte Garage on Sat., October 11 from 8am - 1pm. The Duarte Garage is in need of some restoration work and reorganization for future exhibits.

The sale of items will benefit the Garage Restoration Projects. Some of the items available are antiques and as well as newer items. The newer items are children's toys, single bed frames & headboards, furniture and Xmas decorations.

The Duarte Garage is located on the "old Lincoln Highway" at Portola and L. St. in Livermore. The Lincoln Highway is the first Transcontinental High-

way in the U. S.

For more information call 925 443-9740.

History Lecture

Livermore Heritage Guild will present Dick Finn as guest speaker on Wed., Oct. 15, as part of its 2008 History Lecture Series.

Dick has been conducting research on a collection of drawings created by a resident named Vasco, who lived in Livermore around 1910. He hung out at "Dan's Place" a local saloon. While Vasco was in residence at the saloon, he drew more than 40 caricatures of the other patrons. He did this in return for a drink or fifty cents.

Dick will share the interesting journey of his research, where the drawings were found, and some unexpected revelations about the artist and interesting people in the drawings.

The History Lecture will be at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Doors open at 7 pm, talk is at 7:30 pm.

Come early for refreshments and conversation. Open to everyone, membership not required. A \$2 donation is suggested. For more information call 443-9740.

Lark in the Park

"Lark in the Park," led by a museum docent and sponsored by Pleasanton's Museum On Main, takes visitors during one Saturday each month to one of Pleasanton's local parks and helps you explore the local history that surrounds it. On October 18 the program is at the Walnut Grove Park on Harvest Road. Participants begin each event at the designated park where the activities will take place.

An information sheet on each park will be handed out. Photos of the parks will be available for purchase, \$5 for one quality photo; \$1 for one photocopy. An activity related to that park's history will be presented. Yearly membership in the Lark in the Park is \$25 per person and includes passport, binder, and one photo of each park's special history.

Donations are accepted. A portion will go toward the Museum's Educational Scholarship Fund. The goal this year is to raise \$1,000 for a competitive scholarship between the two high schools. Next year plans are to have scholarship programs for both schools.

To make reservations, contact the museum at (925) 462-2766, office@museumonmain.org, or visit www.museumonmain.org.

October Affaire

Good News Bears (GNB) is holding an un"bear"ably fun fall event on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12 from 11 am - 4 pm at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. The "October Affaire" is part of Alden Lane's Fall Festival.

October Affaire will feature drawings for gift baskets, bear related items for sale, and fun for kids. In addition to the themed baskets, visitors can enter to win a bear quilt or one of two handmade collector bears. All money raised is used to purchase new teddy bears for gifting. Good News Bears will also be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals to pass on to those in need.

Good News Bears' mission is to distribute "stuffed love" to those in need. The need increases every year. So far this year the group has gifted over 6000 stuffed animals to local hospitals, emergency vehicles, shelters, and more. More than 60 organizations are on the regular distribution list. In addition to filling the need in the Tri-Valley, the bears and other stuffed animals travel the world in their mission to ease pain and suffering. To date, more than 62,000 stuffed animals have gotten in the arms of children and seniors needing comfort.

Groups such as Operation SAM, Axis Health Care, Valley Memorial Hospital, Livermore's Veteran's Hospital and Shepherd's Gate are kept stocked with critters to give to children and adults needing a friend to hold because of illness, loss, loneliness, or trauma.

Good News Bears accepts donations of teddy bears and other animals that are nearly new and can be passed on to someone in need. Bring your critters to October Affaire. Receive free drawing tickets for donations. All types of stuffed critters are accepted, from Beanie Baby size to 18 inches.

October Affaire is the main fundraiser for the Good News Bears. Drawing tickets are \$1 each, 7 for \$5, or 25 for \$20. Have a picture taken with Good News Bears' mascot from 1 - 2:30 pm each day for a small fee. Join members at Alden Lane, and take part in scarecrow decorating contests, children's games, and a whole host of fall related activities.

For more information, please call Jeanie at (925) 373-7982, or check out www.goodnewsbears.org.

Springtown Library

Meet puppies who are training to be guide dogs, and listen to Zoe Gowen from Tri-Valley Puppy Raisers, who will talk about raising these puppies and will demonstrate working with them. Meet on the patio at the Springtown Branch Library on Sat., Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. Storyteller John Weaver will follow with a "doggy" family storytime, and coloring sheets will also be provided.

On Thursday, October 16, come hear Melissa Jakubowitz, a licensed speech-language pathologist and board-recognized specialist in child language, who will talk with you about early detection and solutions for speech and language issues with infants and young children. Following her brief presentation, storyteller John Weaver will entertain you with some exciting books and activities at our lapsit/pre-school storytime. This program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Halloween Craft Program is set for October 29. All materials will be provided. Drop in any time between 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All programs will take place at the Springtown Branch of the Livermore Public Library, 998 Bluebell Drive, just off I-580 at the Springtown exit, next to the duck pond. Open to the public. Free of charge.

Call (925) 373-5517, or drop in at the Springtown Branch Library, for more information.



Shannon Sullivan with bouquet of flowers.

Joe Michell Teacher Shannon Sullivan's Day Made Better with OfficeMax Award

By Patricia Koning

Last week Shannon Sullivan, a sixth grade core teacher at Joe Michell School, was surprised with over \$1,000 worth of school supplies, including a swivel chair, digital camera, and other classroom materials. The gifts were part of OfficeMax's "A Day Made Better," a campaign to erase teacher-funded classrooms.

"It was a really big surprise," says Sullivan. "I had no idea."

Michell Principal Angela Ehrlich, who nominated Sullivan for the award, announced it during the school's regular monthly flag pole ceremony, after student skits, student of the month presentations, and perfect attendance awards. "When I heard about the program, I immediately thought of Ms. Sullivan," she explains. "She does so much for the school. It was a really happy day."

Sullivan, who is one of three teachers in Michell's new sixth grade program, says the supplies are high-quality items that are essential to any teacher's classroom. She's excited about the new digital camera with two memory cards and HP PhotoSmart printer, as well as

pencils, whiteboard markers, and a fast, durable pencil sharpener.

"These are excellent pencils—they don't break," she explains. "These are things we always need but they are expensive. Now the students have to leave me a shoe when they borrow a pencil so I can make sure I get them all back."

In its second annual A Day Made Better event, managers from OfficeMax stores simultaneously surprised 1,300 teachers across the country. Livermore was the only school in the Tri-Valley to receive the award, and one of approximately 20 schools in the Bay Area.

The campaign's goal is to both alleviate and draw attention to the amount of their own money that teachers spend on supplies. A 2005 National Education Association (NEA) survey of its membership found that teachers spend about \$1,200 out of their own pockets each year for basic classroom supplies, both to offset school budget shortfalls and ensure that children have necessary classroom resources to learn effectively.

"Teachers inspire and shape

our country's greatest asset, our children, and it is astounding that they are left to cover the cost of doing a good job," said Bob Thacker, senior vice president of marketing for OfficeMax. "Today, OfficeMax is taking action to inspire a national movement of grassroots support for teachers."

This year's Day Made Better campaign reached more teachers and incorporated a number of celebrities. Actress/director Penny Marshall, "Dancing with the Stars" contestant Stacey Keibler, and Audrina Patridge of "The Hills" all visited Los Angeles area schools to surprise and recognize a special teachers.

Other celebrities showed their support by sending a special gifts to favorite teachers, including Cindy Crawford, Jimmy Fallon, Dakota Fanning, Marcia Gay Harden, Dustin Hoffman, Felicity Huffman, Ashton Kutcher, Julianne Moore, Jeremy Piven, Jeff Probst, Dennis Quaid, Molly Simms, Jessica Simpson, Ashlee Simpson-Wentz, and Keisha Whitaker.

For more information, visit www adaymadebetter.com.

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