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Figaro, performed by Igor Vieira (left) and Count Almaviva, sung by Robert McPherson, are part of the cast.

LVO's 'Barber': **Great Comedy, Great Music**

By Sue Steinberg

Livermore Valley Opera hit a brilliant high note with its opening night "Barber of Seville."

Rossini's masterpiece calls for outstanding singers with perfect comic timing plus the ability and agility to improvise in both areas. LVO hit the jackpot with a cast of lively, good-looking vocal superstars who wowed the first-nighters to a prolonged standing ovation.

This reviewer scribbled 3 pages of notes about the hilarious stage action alone, all masterfully concocted by interna-tionally-acclaimed Director David Helfgot.

A few choice examples: old Dr. Bartolo's wheezing snores interrupt his ward Rosina's beautiful singing until she furiously stuffs his mouth with the edge of her skirt. Figaro the barber, equally frustrated, finally shoves his loaded shaving brush into Bartolo's open mouth. (And it's REALLY shaving cream, folks!)

Perhaps it was just professional jealousy because David Ward, a veteran of the role for New York City Opera, plays the buffo Bartolo for every possible scene-stealing effect, from twitches and grimaces to grunts and qvetches. He can even reduce the cast to barely-suppressed giggles with a roll of his eyeballs.

Ward's voice is absolutely magnificent - rich and resonant and capable of express-train speed with impeccable Italian (See OPERA, page 10)

Jam with The Front Porch and Suzanna Spring at Tapestries of Hope Benefit By Patricia Koning

A new documentary, Tapestries of Hope, aims to raise awareness of and global outrage about violence towards girls of all ages in Zimbabwe and other parts of the world. Locals can get an early look at clips of the film and hear a talk by Bay Area filmmaker Michealene Cristini Risley at a benefit this Sunday evening from 5-8 pm at McGrail Vineyards.

The film chronicles the work of Betty Makoni, a child abuse survivor, activist, and founder of the Girl Child Network (GCN) in Zimbabwe. Ten years ago, Makoni founded GCN to address a growing human rights crisis in Zimbabwe. The country is the number one AIDS-infected country in the world. Traditional healers have counseled men that if they rape a virgin, they can cure themselves of AIDS.

GCN assists in the rescue of girls from rape and abuse and helps to create a strong path for them back to a normal life. More than 30,000 girls are involved in the program today. GCN uses a human rights-based approach to address gender inequalities in education and in all social, political, and economic aspects of

Risley, a survivor of child abuse and an advocate for abuse victims, met Makoni through a mutual friend several years ago. "When I first heard what was happening to young girls, even infants, in Zimbabwe, I thought 'no, it can't be true'," she says. "I had to make this film."

She traveled to Zimbabwe in August 2007 to shoot the film. In the second week of filming, Zimbabwean Central Intelli-(See BENEFIT, page 2)

High School Trimester Program a Success

By Patricia Koning

The new trimester schedule that was implemented at both Livermore and Granada High Schools this school year is proving to be popular with staff and students. At the Oct. 7 meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, Livermore High School (LHS) Principal Darrel Avilla and Granada Principal Chris Van Schaack presented results of a survey taken after six weeks of

"It's early in the year. However, we wanted to give you an idea of

how things are going," said Van Schaack. Last spring the trustees agreed to fund the new schedule for three years at a cost of \$500,000 per year. The trustees must approve an extension of the schedule beyond three

The schedule divides the school year into three 12-week trimesters. Classes are 70 minutes long. Students can take four or five sections per trimester. Each class is an independent 5unit section.

The survey asked students

and teachers their view of the 70 minute block in comparison with last year's block, which was 90-105 minutes long. Approximately 80% of students found it the same or better, while about 85% of LHS teachers and about 75% of Granada teachers found it the same or better.

When asked about their workload, the two high schools responded differently. More than half of Granada students said their in-school workload was heavier than last year and about two-thirds of Granada students

found their after-school workload to be heavier. Only about onethird of LHS students responded that their workload, both inschool and after-school, is heavier this year.

"There is a different feeling with this schedule—you can't slack off because there is no downtime. The pace is strong and it keeps the kids engaged. This climate means that you must have good attendance," said Kathryn Rambo, one of the LHS student board representatives.

Van Schaack noted that

Granada students may feel they have more work this year because on the block schedule last year, students took three or four classes. This year they are taking four and five. "With the longer classes the students may have had some time to start homework in class," he added. "That's not happening with 70-minute classes. The teachers are going bell to bell."

Teachers overwhelmingly responded that the new schedule either met or exceeded their ex-

(See TRIMESTER, page 6)



East Africa Maasai Warrior Sabore Ole Oiye discussed his life with students at Sunset Elementary School during an assembly last week. The assembly included storytelling and teaching traditional dance and songs in Swahili, as well as learning about the daily life of Maasai children. The event was presented by Asante Africa, an organization dedicated to providing education to children in East Africa.

Business Park to Lend a Helping Hand

A program to help those in need was launched Wednesday. The "Hacienda Helping Hands" campaign is a joint venture of the Hacienda Business Park and the Tri-Valley Community Founda-

Supported by contributions from Hacienda companies, this will be the first annual campaign to help create sustainable funding for health and human services organizations, educational programs and cultural projects in the Tri-Valley.

"It's exciting to see companies already catching the spirit or our new Hacienda community involvement initiative," said James Paxson, general manager of the business park.

Park companies committed as Assets, Hyatt Summerfield Suites, PJMB Commercial, Roche Molecular, Kaiser Pernamente, Shaklee, Simpson Manufacturing, Chamberlin Associates, Ross Dress for Less, Benenson Capitol Partners, CPU Tech, SafeAmerica Credit Union, and Colliers International, Sweet and Savory, Hacienda Cleaners and Buxton Consult-

ing. All of the approximate 500 companies in the Hacienda Business Park will be asked to give to the campaign.

Each year grants will be made charter donors include MGR to nonprofits. On Wednesday, special kickoff grants were made to Axis Community Health Center, Senior Support of the Tri-Valley, Horizons High School, and Open Heart Kitchen. All community nonprofits will be invited to apply for future grants.

By working together as a team, Hacienda Business Park companies can help vital health (See HACIENDA, page 2)

Council Votes to Look For New Manager Of Springtown Golf Course

Livermore will seek a long term contract with another entity to operate the Springtown Golf Course. If by Feb. 1, 2009 the city could not find any contractors interested in managing the golf course, the city would then look into establishing a landscape maintenance district to pay for maintenance of the golf course.

The city council voted unanimously on Monday to follow the recommendation of a report prepared by Design, Community & Environment (DC&E). The report

was based on input collected at three workshops. Vice Mayor John Marchand declared, "We heard loud and clear the desire is to leave the golf course as it is."

Councilmember Doug Horner, who lives in northeast Livermore, stated, "If we can find an operator at no cost to the city, game over. We will have the golf course and the best of both worlds.'

The workshops were held to determine the attitude of resi-(See GOLF COURSE, page 3)

Noise Impacts from Airport The Same; Jet Noise Louder

A study of noise impacts from Livermore Airport activities found that the average aircraft generated noise has not increased in the last seven years. The survey found that noise levels were less than anticipated in past projections.

At the same time, the study shows that a single aircraft events do exceed the recommended threshold level of 65 db set for cumulative noise. The report notes, "Jet aircraft departures occurring near Pleasanton produced noticeably higher noise levels than other aircraft."

There are an average of 480 aircraft operations per day.

The study was conducted by Brown-Butin Associates. Data was collected during two different periods, one in the spring, the second in the fall. In addition to community noise equivalent

levels (CNEL), which measures cumulative noise, Brown-Butin recorded single event aircraft noise during the same period.

The data was compared to that collected for a previous study in 1999-2000. According to a report prepared for the Livermore Airport Commission, "The comparison revealed only minor variations between the nearly identical CNEL values.'

The survey notes that the CNEL levels are "far below the 65 decibel (db) CNEL, the level set by state and federal regulations. The noise levels associated with Livermore Airport operations compare to common urban noise emissions, such as vehicle traffic. Measurements were taken at 12 sites in Livermore and Pleasanton. However, site ten and one, homes on Arlington Road

(See STUDY. page 2)

Daly, Hayashi Compete For **Superior Court Judgeship**

With the retirement of Alameda County Superior Court Judge Kenneth Kingsbury, the judgeship was sent to an election in the primary. Phil Daly and Dennis Hayashi face each other in November in the run-off. Judges serve six-year terms.

It is rare to have a contested election for judge seats. When judges retire, they often do so before their terms expire. Then the governor appoints a successor. When judges do face election at the end of the six-year term, they rarely are challenged, because of

Measure WW on the Novem-

ber ballot asks approval for a \$500

million bond measure for East

Bay Regional Park District

(EBRPD) so that it can acquire

land and finish development of

parks and trails throughout its 55-

The measure would be fi-

nanced by a property tax that

would be levied at \$10 annually

per \$100,000 assessed valuation.

park system.

the power of incumbency in a judgeship.

The Independent interviewed both candidates, asking them questions about what they think are the most important qualities in a judge, what their attitude is about the social context in which they approach the law, and whether people have easy and clear access to the

They were asked about rehabilitation programs, the courts' role, if any, in jail and prison (See JUDGESHIP, page 6)

EBRPD officials underscore that

it is the assessor's valuation, not

the property's market price, that

is the basis for computing the

that was used for Measure AA,

which was approved by voters

new tax, but a continuation of

It is the same tax levy amount

Measure WW would not be a

(See MEASURE WW, page 6)

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Workers were busy decorating downtown Pleasanton for the upcoming holidays. Entries for the annual holiday parade are being accepted. For information, see the story on page 7.

ValleyCare Launches New **Identity System**

ValleyCare Health System is the first hospital in the West, and third in the country, to install the latest security system for patient registration.

ValleyCare's Patient Access Lifetime Match - PALM - is leading-edge technology designed to prevent identity theft. It offers a failsafe way to guard medical records.

Developed by Fujitsu in Japan for use at ATMs in place of access numbers, PALM provides a biometric identification system that uses a near-infared light wave to scan a patient's palm. The scan produces a distinctive, biometric signature to that patient's vein pattern, which is 100 times more unique than fingerprints, making it far more secure. This "signature" is then attached to the patient's medical record and stored in a secure system at ValleyCare that complies with federal and state security regula-

ValleyCare coordinated with Fujitsu's PalmSecure® system of recently launch this high-tech

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Oh my darlin'! Clementine is a lovely young lady. She was found abandoned in a box, and had rubbed her little nose raw trying to escape. But you would never know about her traumatic past, she is just the sweetest little thing. She is de-clawed on her front paws, so she must stay indoors. To meet the darling Clementine, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, 3670 Nevada St in Pleasanton. Open Tues- Sat from 11AM-5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more info.

Lab Records Best Year for Royalty Income

In its best year ever for securing royalty income from technology licenses for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Lab garnered more than \$9 million in the recently completed 2008 fiscal year. The \$9.4 million total represents one of the highest amounts of royalty income achieved in a fiscal year by a Department of Energy national laboratory.

"Clearly, our royalty income this year is the best we've ever done by nearly 50 percent, and it is a tribute to the quality of the intellectual property that is coming out of the Laboratory," said Erik Stenehjem, the director of the Lab's Industrial Partnerships Office.

At nominal royalty rates, this past year's \$9.4 million of royalty income represents annual sales of approximately \$250 million in products based upon on LLNL technology, according to

Stenehjem.

The top four LLNL technologies for producing royalty in-

- The whole chromosome paints, a cancer and disease diagnostic advance licensed to Abbott Laboratories of Abbott Park, Ill.;
- A laser peening technology for strengthening jet engine fan blades and discs as well as other metal components, licensed to Metal Improvement Co. Inc., of Paramus, N.J.;
- A rapid polymerase chain reaction microchip technology that heats and cools DNA, licensed to Sunnyvale-based Cep-

• A micropower impulse radar technology that is small, inexpensive and accurate and has been licensed to 12 companies for fluid-level sensing; other residential, commercial, industrial automation; transportation;

medical applications; and security uses.

For the past fiscal year, the Lab's Industrial Partnerships Office concluded 19 technology licenses. Its royalty income and licenses for the previous three fiscal years have been \$6.3 million and 20 licenses in 2007, \$6.1 million and 18 licenses in 2006, and \$5.6 million and 16 licenses

in 2005. "The efforts of the Laboratory's scientists, engineers, technicians and the Industrial Partnerships Office not only benefit the U.S. economy, but also make important contributions to homeland security," Stenehjem noted.

Currently, there are more than 20 companies that are manufacturing homeland security products based on Lab technology that go into the hands of end users to protect the nation, he said.

VALLEYCARE

system in its registration process. "It is exciting to be the first on the West Coast to employ this security registration system," said Rogel Reyes, director of Patient Access at ValleyCare. "It not only streamlines the registration process, but also prevents identity theft and fraud. In addition, if an unconscious patient arrived in emergency, a PALM scan could quickly and easily identify that patient if he/she was previously enrolled in the pro-

While completely voluntary, there has been widespread accep-

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and site two, a home on Le Havre Circle, all averaged over 60 db for overall noise levels. One of the Arlington Road homes measured 65.3 db in April.

Single event level (SEL) measured close to 90 db in several cases. Jet noise, in particular, was high, measuring up to 88.9 db at the east end of Staples Drive in Pleasanton, and 87.6 on Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. The highest recorded single noise event was generated by a twin turboprop at 91.5 db along York Street and Arlington Road in Livermore.

There are no state or federal standards for SEL. In general, there is a potential for interference with conversations and the potential to awaken people when outdoor SEL values reach about

The report concludes that future short-term aircraft surveys could be considered to again benchmark the noise associated with airport operations. Over time, the older, louder jets will be replaced by quieter modern jets, which will lower single

been impressed with the technology. The patient places his/her hand on the scanner and the unique "signature" is created in seconds. In addition to improving the speed of patient registration, biometric palm scanning can minimize the amount of personal information a patient needs to communicate either verbally or through written forms during registration. "Initially, other

tance among patients who have forms of identification will be required to match up medical records," explained Reyes. "But once the scan is part of a patient's record, registration will be quick.'

"Providing the best healthcare possible is our number one priority at ValleyCare," says ValleyCare CEO Marcy Feit. "We are proud to be the first in the West to install this patient security system.'

HACIENDA

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and human services organizations and cultural arts groups in our community thrive, enriching the lives of all of us who live and work here," stated David Rice, President of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, which has its offices in the business park.

Speaking at the kickoff event, which took place after The Independent's deadline, were Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Paxson, Kaiser

Permanente's Kit Niemeyer, who is also chair of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation Board, and David Rice.

The partnership between the business park and foundation is already working on "Hacienda Helping Hands" events, including "Breakfast with the Governor" next spring with California Governor

Schwarzenegger invited. For more information visit the website campaign helpinghands.hacienda.org.

BENEFIT

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gence officers arrested Makoni, Risley, and her assistant Lauren on suspicion that the two Americans were actually working for the CIA. After two long days of threats and interrogation, Risley and her assistant were thrown into prison.

Through the combined efforts of the United States embassy in Zimbabwe and Risley's husband back in the U.S., human rights lawyers were hired. On the third day, the filmmakers were escorted to an airplane and deported out of the country.

"It was quite scary," Risley recalls. "We were very lucky. This experience raised my resolve to tell this story to as many people as possible."

Last spring Makoni and Risley both spoke at the United Nations. Risley finished shooting the film. Since then she's been working with the production team to finish the film and prepare it for submission to Sundance and other film festivals by the end of the month. Virtually out of money, the production team says that funds raised Sunday will play a critical role in its ability to complete the film

In addition to film clips and Risley's remarks, the benefit will also feature fine wine, food, a raffle of Livermore Valley wines and other prizes, and plenty of music. Headlining the evening will be Nashville musician and songwriter Suzanna Spring and the Bay Area band The Front Porch, whose members include Wente vineyards winemaker Karl Wente, Jim Hurley, Ray Arthur Wang, Jon Williams, and special guest percussionist Kelly Fasman. The music will cover a range of genres, including jazz, rock, country, folk, world, and classical—both original compositions and classics such as Pink Floyd and Gershwin.



The photo shows Michaelene Cristini Risley (in the white shirt) on location in Africa during the filming.

Wang, a Livermore native, is also a producer of Tapestries of Hope. "At the end of the evening, we'll have a big music jam. People can bring their own instruments and plug into our sound system. It should be a lot of fun, while raising money for and awareness of an important cause," he says.

"I am looking forward to Sunday evening," says Spring. "I'm honored to have my music help support this cause.'

Wang is planning a private screening of Tapestries of Hope in Livermore this spring, after the film's premier.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the door or online at www.tapestriesofhope.com/ shop/. Despite the subject matter of the documentary, the organizers plan to make the benefit a family-friendly event.

Anyone can become a sponsor for either a \$100 or \$500 donation, which includes a DVD, gift, and recognition on a banner at the event. To view a trailer of film, go www.tapestriesofhope.com.



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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

State of the City

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena will deliver his annual "State of the City Address" at a Livermore Chamber of Commerce luncheon on

The event will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for Chamber members and their guests, \$45 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 447-1606.

File Police Reports On-line

The Pleasanton Police Department is launching a citizen on-line reporting system. The system will allow residents to file police reports on-

The on-line reporting system should only be used to report those incidents that do not require immediate attention as the system is not continuously monitored. Emergencies should be reported by dialing 911 or calling the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

Incident types that can be reported only include the following: harassing or annoying phone calls, lost property, theft, theft from a vehicle, vehicle tampering, and vandalism.

To best determine if filing an on-line incident report is the best course of action, it is suggested that residents consider the following: the incident is not an emergency; the incident occurred within the Pleasanton city limits; there are no known suspects, the incident did not occur on a state freeway or highway, there is no potential evidence to be collected at the time the report is

To access the on-line reporting page go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/police/

For more information, contact Lt. Craig Eicher at 931-5100.

Teachers Honored

Sixteen teachers from around Alameda County who have been selected their district's Teacher of the Year will be honored at a public awards ceremony for their commitment and dedication to providing a quality education to all

The ceremony will be held Thursday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at the University Theater on the Hayward campus of California State University, East Bay, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. The event is open to the public.

Two of the district winners will be selected as the county-wide Alameda County Teachers of the Year at the ceremony. Those two winners will go on to participate in the state competition later this year. Each of the 16 teachers will receive a commemorative statue engraved with his or her name, a cash award, and other gifts from local vendors. The two county-wide winners will also receive a field trip for their class to a watershed, compliments of the East Bay Municipal Utility

The following is a list of the local 2008 teachers of the year: Melissa LeGuluche, Fallon Middle School, Dublin Unified School District; Francis "Frankie" Tate, Granada High School, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Lynette Marshall, Tri-Valley ROP (Livermore); and Dennis Aquilina, Hart Middle School, Pleasanton Unified School District.

Alisal Lock-down Is Not For Practice

Alisal Elementary School in Pleasanton practices lock-down drills like all other schools in the district. However, the campus experienced the real thing last hurt. week.

Pleasanton police called the school at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9, and told the principal that police were looking for a suspect north of the school grounds. Teachers locked doors from the inside, after making sure all students were out of hallways or bathrooms and had returned to classrooms.

They shut the blinds so no one could see into the classroom, and put paper over the small windows in the classroom doors. They turned down lights, and sent emails to main office secretaries to announce everyone was where they should be.

Alisal has a fence around it. The gate was secured, after making sure that anyone in the parking lot came into the school building. Parents of about 20 kindergartners who were getting out of the morning class were brought into the school. Principal Amy Simione and vice principal Esmeralda Moseley accompanied custodians to check the campus to make sure no one was outside.

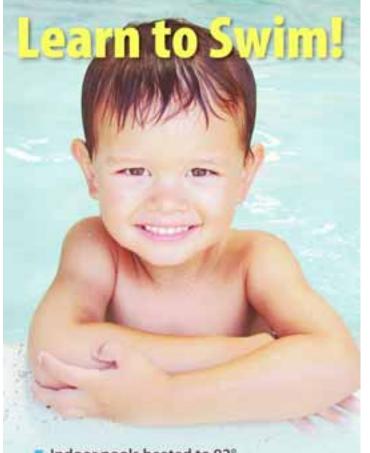
After police apprehended the suspect, they notified the school at 12:20 p.m. The suspect did not enter the campus. No one was

Simione said, "This is the first time since I've been here, for four years, that this has happened. We practice emergencies every month: earthquake, fire, lock-

downs. We had substitute teachers on the campus, and we told them the process."

District spokesperson Myla Grasso said that the district was prepared to lock down other schools. It was not necessary. "The response of students, staff, and parents at Alisal is commendable," said Grasso.

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GOLF COURSE

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dents of northeast Livermore regarding public facilities. Among those discussed were the golf course, library and potential sports fields. David Early of DC&E told the council, "The process began to look at all public facilities. Eventually, the focus was on the golf course."

Early noted that he believes the critical nature of the golf course brought people out to the meetings. Because of the focus on the golf course, the results are not reflective of the view of the library and playing fields. He suggested another process could be used to determine feelings towards those facilities.

The golf course is described as an under-performing city asset. It was projected to lose \$186,000 in 2008-09. However, that number has jumped to \$215,000, according to Public Works Director Dan McIntyre.

Early discussed the potential for finding someone to manage the golf course. He said in talking to potential operators, interest ranged from definitely interested to no interest. There is an existing maintenance contract that runs through 2011 at Springtown and through 2013 at the Las Positas Golf Cours

He suggested that there is interest out there. Potential contractors had offered suggestions such as a 10 to 20 year lease, including a water guarantee, and undertaking course improvements made by the city (estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million). Some were more interested if the Las Positas course were included

J. Rockeliff

as a package.

The landscape maintenance district (LMD) would require a majority vote. Voting would be weighted, with those paying more having more votes.

If no contractor were found and the LMD failed to be approved, the final option would be to return the golf course to natural open space. That would require some investment to plant native and drought tolerant species. There is the potential to plant trees and build trails in the area. Perhaps volunteers could undertake such projects, suggested Early. Workshop participants raised concerns about vandalism and vagrancy if the area were to become open space.

Councilmember Marj Leider noted, "The idea is to start working now to have a plan in place when the contract expires in 2011. I hope we are able to keep the golf course and that it becomes more successful."

Residents of the Springtown area were generally complimentary of the process, which at times was very contentious. They felt that David Early had accurately reported their concerns and feelings.

Jason Cane, one of the most outspoken residents of the area, stated, "DC&E represented the workshops as they were presented. A number of us became Northeast Golf Course Committee members and will evolve into a political action committee." He responded to comments that the focus was on the golf course. "What are saw were only people

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who cared. The rest of the city was invited to attend. They chose not to attend."

Cane said in talking to the current maintenance contractor, who works at both golf courses, the complaints are about Las Positas, where drainage and salts impact the contractor's ability to keep the greens nice. On the other hand, "Springtown has never looked better." Cane added, "I think there is every possibility Springtown can become a thriving golf course. In addition, it provides an ecosystem teeming with wildlife. There are herons, egrets and San Jose Kit Fox. To change it in any way would be

Another resident, Polly Eckert did not want to pay into an LMD. She also wanted an open process when it came to finding an operator to ensure that the city made every effort possible to find

Les Edwards ran the pro shop at Springtown for some years. He pointed out that extending Jack London Blvd. will result in the need to redo the executive course at Las Positas. He suggested, instead, that the Springtown course could be rebuilt to be used as an executive course

To deal with a future water supply, Clarence Hoenig suggested extending pipes from Las Positas College to bring in reclaimed water.

Marchand said that as development occurs along the I-580 corridor, there would be an opportunity to extend reclaimed water to the golf course. The cost now is estimated at \$9 million.

While the library and playing fields were not the focus of discussions at the workshops, Early reported on the findings. The majority of the participants felt the library should be left as it is. They did not want playing fields built in northeast Livermore mainly because of traffic con-

Councilmember Jeff Williams suggested that given the condition of the Springtown Branch Library, the city should start planning now to replace it.

City Manager Linda Barton agreed. "It makes sense to go after grants. To do that, we need a plan in mind, cost estimates, size and location."



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EDITORIALS

Pleasanton School Board — Grant, Rallipalli, Hintzke

All of the Pleasanton school board candidates are good. Our endorsements go to Chris Grant, Prasad Rallapalli and Jamie Lee Hintzke.

Grant, the only incumbent running, was appointed to the board in 2007. During the year since then, the district has made big gains in academic performance. He wants to keep moving forward with reduced class sizes and expanded intervention for students in science, math and reading. Student safety, a balanced budget and "green schools" are also his priorities. He proposes nine additional solar powered schools and increased student recycling. Grant was the catalyst for formation of the district's Excellence in Education Committee. This candidate is high quality all the way — perhaps the best candidate in the field.

Rallapalli, a database architect for a Peninsula search engine firm, is co-founder of the Pleasanton Science League, which helps students prepare for science competitions. Rallapalli says Pleasanton schools are excellent, but should aim higher and place more emphasis on providing a world-class education. He believes 95% of Pleasanton graduates should be qualified to enter college. "They don't have to go," Rallapalli says, "but they should have the opportunity to go."

Hintzke helped found the PTA Council in 2003 and is a member of the Excellence in Education Committee. A public health professional, she brings to the board expertise to deal with issues raised in the district's recent health survey. One of her stated goals is to develop partnerships to improve educational opportunities for all students.

The Independent recommends these three: Grant, Rallapalli and Hintzke.

Livermore School Board — Stewart Gary, Chuck Roggee

Stewart Gary and Chuck Roggee are challenging incumbents Tom McLaughlin and Bill Morrison for two seats on the Livermore School Board.

The challengers care deeply and are well informed about education issues and possess considerable leadership skills. The two believe the district's decision-making needs a consensus-building approach that embraces more of the community. The challengers would bring a strong, independent perspective to the board.

Gary, former chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, is an exceptional candidate. He was the prime mover in the unification of the two fire departments. This complex and difficult project gave him a high level of knowhow and experience that he believes can be applied to the problems of the school district.

"... my expertise in public policy, fiscal planning and labor relations would be an asset to the board," Gary says.

Roggee, a lifelong Livermore resident, has been very active in the community, volunteering at Croce Elementary and coaching track at Livermore High, among other involvements. He is a retired fire captain.

"The current board and staff use a top-down method of management," Roggee charges. "That needs to be turned around ... with students, teachers and parents part of the discussion."

Stewart Gary and Chuck Roggee would revitalize the Livermore School Board. We urge their election.

BART Board — Sailors

Linda Jeffery Sailors and John McPartland are competing for the local BART Board seat. Zoyd Luce, the incumbent, isn't running.

While both candidates are committed to extending BART rail to Livermore, Sailors has the kind of background that would be the most helpful in getting this and other projects completed.

She boasts some four decades of civic activism as both a private citizen and public official (Dublin mayor and councilmember, Murray school board member, Dublin cityhood leader, etc.). Since moving from Dublin to Livermore, Sailors has remained active in local affairs, including BART, whose meetings she regularly attends. She is herself a BART rider.

Linda Jeffery Sailors will hit the BART Board running. We urge the voters to elect her.

Chamber Hears from Assembly Candidates

Candidates for the 15th Assembly District answered questions posed by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce during a meeting last week.

Democrat Joan Buchanan and Republican Abram Wilson are battling for the seat to be vacated by incumbent Guy Houston (R). Houston is termed out of office.

The Chamber provided candidates with several of the questions prior to the forum. A number came from audience members.

They were first asked to introduce themselves and explain what they could bring to the job.

Wilson said as mayor of San Ramon he had come to Livermore numerous times, working with the Livermore mayor and council to work on issues of regional interest. He mentioned the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore VA Hospital and transportation.

He said he became mayor of a city with no reserves, a budget deficit, a place where no one spoke to each other. "In five years I turned it around. There are reserves, a balanced budget and a vibrant business community. We all work together. That's what I could bring to the job," declared Wilson.

Buchanan mentioned rising to director of operations at Delta Dental as business experience. As a member of the San Ramon school board, she has been part of taking a district where the teachers were near striking, the budget was in disarray and academic performance was down to becoming a district with the highest academic rating for a district

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Campaign News: College Students Engage in AD15 Race

Every four years since the voting age was lowered to 18 in 1972, the youth vote has been touted as a voting bloc. Yet, come Election Day, youth either fail to turn out or split along the same party lines as their parents, according to a press release issued by the Las Positas Democratic Club. It goes on to say that for the first time, however, it appears that the wives' tale is coming true; throughout this year's Presidential primaries, Barack Obama won many of his 38 primary victories by engaging and turning out a high percentage of

youth.

One local college campus is getting in on the act as well, but with a small twist. They're fired up over the hotly contested race for the fifteenth Assembly District. Earlier this week students at Las Positas College founded a Democratic Club to help elect Joan Buchanan to the State Assembly.

"Washington isn't the only place that needs to change. Sacramento needs it too," said David Fronckowiak, President of the Las Positas Democratic Club. "Joan's the right person for the job. And she's right on our issues – fixing education, responsible lending practices for student loans, and improving education."

Students at Las Positas and other East Bay colleges say they're getting involved this year to stop the state from balancing its problems on the backs of students. Problems cited by student leaders include fee hikes of 95% for UC and CSU campuses over just six years, education facilities struggling to facilitate a rising enrollment, and the continued rise in textbook costs.

"We need better leadership in Sacramento," said student Breann Whitfield. "The state continues to make education its whipping boy, but our state's economy, competitiveness, and innovation all depend on an educated electorate. Students need to get engaged now at all levels of government or we'll never be taken seriously."

Buchanan's campaign is taking advantage of student engagement. The campaign reports a staff of 18 student interns working 15 hours per week, a number that Buchanan field organizer Anna Schlotz says is growing by the week

"Clearly the Obama campaign provided the spark, but what I've seen over the past few months is young people stepping up to make a huge impact at every level of the political system," said Schlotz. "Joan's work on the San Ramon Valley School Board makes her a great fit because, like them, she cares a lot about education"

OBAMARAMA

Obamarama Oct 19, a party and fundraiser for Obama/Biden '08, will be held Sun., Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4150 Francisco Street, Pleasanton.

There will be live music, t-shirts, food and drink. Proceeds will go to Obama for America '08. Information is available by contacting Dan Taylor at 413-2268 or Dan@TriValleyTrainer.com.

PRECINCT WALKING

Supporters of Measure QQ, Jerry Pentin (for City Council) and Jennifer Hosterman (for Mayor) will gather this Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 9:00 am at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce offices, 777 Peters Avenue to participate in "precinct walks" to distribute literature on behalf of both candidates and OO.

The goal is to walk neighborhoods all over Pleasanton and return for lunch by 11:45 am.

BUCHANAN ENDORSED

15th Assembly Democratic candidate Joan Buchanan (AD 15) has received the endorsement of the California Medical Association.

Founded in 1856, the California Medical Association has more than 35,000 members in all modes of practice and specialties. The Association joins a broad coalition of support that includes the California Nurses Association, California Professional Firefighters, California Teachers Association, League of Conservation Voters, and California Small Business Association.

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.

ABRAM ENDORSED

The National Federation of Independent Business/California today announced its endorsement of Republican Abram Wilson in California Assembly District 15.

"Abram Wilson is a fiscal conservative who will fight tax increases and additional burdens on smallbusinesses," said John Kabateck, NFIB/CA Executive Director. "His business acumen and savvy, combined with his record of balancing the budget in San Ramon as Mayor, is experience we need in the Assembly."

NFIB is a small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business.

McNERNEY ENDORSED

The Stockton Record newspaper endorsed Jerry McNerney's reelection to Congress.

The newspaper, known for its conservative editorial page and a long history of endorsing Republican candidates, endorsed Richard Pombo in the 2006 campaign. It is the hometown newspaper of McNerney's opponent, Dean Andal.

The Record called Jerry's energy plans "reasonable" and "measured," and also had this to say about Jerry: "McNerney clearly is the more moderate of the two candidates. He has demonstrated a willingness to work both sides of the aisle, recognizing that cooperation among forceful moderates from both

parties is the only way anything is going to change. He has been highly visible in the district. He is fearless about meeting with groups who disagree with him, listening to them and explaining why he takes the positions he

takes.'

The endorsement from the Stockton Record is the latest in a string of endorsements, including over 100 veterans from the 11th district, as well as the Morgan Hill Times and Jerry's hometown newspaper, the Pleasanton Weekly.

EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

On Thursday, October 16, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and San Ramon Valley Unified School Board Member Joan Buchanan will host an education roundtable with local school board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers, and parents to discuss the education opportunities for California's students.

It will take place at the Contra Costa County CASA offices 2020 N. Broadway, Ste 204 Walnut Creek from 3 to 4 p.m.

WOMEN TO WOMEN

On Thursday, October 16th, the McNerney for Congress campaign will host women supporters as they reach out to undecided women voters throughout the 11th District.

Last month, State Senator Ellen Corbett and Assembly-woman Mary Hayashi penned an open letter to women across the 11th district calling into question Dean Andal's record on many vital women's issues. According to the women, "Dean Andal's record on women's issues shows just how out of touch and extreme his views are."

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline to register to vote for the November 4, 2008 election is Monday, October 20, 2008.

Alameda County residents must be citizens, 18 years old and not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony to be eligible to register to vote. Voter registration affidavits are available at the Registrar of Voters office and at libraries, fire stations and post offices. They can also be download at www.acgov. Completed affidavits must be delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office at 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612 or postmarked by October 20th in order to be valid for this elec-

Voters can call the Registrar of Voters Office at (510) 272-6973 or (510) 267-8683 to check their voter registration status.

CHAMBER ENDORSES SCHOOL CANDIDATES

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is weighingin for the first time on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees race.

The Chamber evaluated five candidates for the Board, and are endorsing three. They are: Chris Grant, Jamie Lee Hintzke and Prasad Rallapalli.

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Chris Grant is currently serv-

ing as a School Board Trustee. During his tenure Chris has been involved in a number of District achievements including: Improving Academic Performance Index (API) scores by 15 points and achieving substantial gains in many grade levels and subject areas; adding full-time science specialists to every elementary school, resulting in 9 percent increase in State measured science proficiency scores; improving Student Counselor Services ratios from 1 per 685 students to 1 per 395 students at our high schools and 1 per 350 students at middle schools; maintaining class size reduction in all K-3 grades as well as middle and high school English and math classes and academic intervention programs; and maintaining and advancing reading, math and science intervention programs, at a time when surrounding districts were making cuts in these areas.

Jamie Lee Hintzke has been an active participant and supporter of Pleasanton schools for many years. She grew up in Pleasanton and was educated here. She is professionally connected with the schools as well as a School Health Consultant for Alameda County. She has been a leader in the PTA for eight years, both as an active committee member and as president of Harvest Park Middle School and Alisal Elementary School PTA's. She has also served as president of the Pleasanton PTA Council and the California State PTA Board of Managers. According to a Chamber press release, through all this experience she has developed an excellent working knowledge of the School District and has established relationships with the School District staff. In 2007 she was selected "Woman of the Year" by California State Assembly member, Mary Hayashi (Dis-

Prasad Rallapalli is a great example of a successful and world-educated professional and teacher. He received his MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (founded in collaboration with the Harvard Business School) and subsequently received BS and PhD degrees from California's Claremont Graduate University. He has also developed and taught graduate courses at Claremont and Golden Gate Universities as well as technical training programs for graduate Professionally, Rallapalli is a Principal Database Architect at Yahoo, Inc. and has worked with both Fortune 100 companies and Bay Area technology startups. In Pleasanton, he co-founded the Pleasanton Science League where students "Learn Science by Doing." He has lived in Pleasanton since 1999. Both of his children attended and distinguished themselves in the Pleasanton schools. Even his wife, Sucharitha, is involved in education as a Special Education teacher in Fremont. "We believe Dr. Rallapalli is exceptionally well qualified as a School Board member to help guide Pleasanton's schools to even higher levels of excellence and its graduates to greater levels of competitiveness," the press release concludes.

MAILBOX

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

Confused about PP & QQ? Karla Brown Pleasanton

Over 5000 Pleasanton voters signed a petition to place a Measure PP, the Hillside Protection Ordinance, on the ballot. PP will Protect Pleasanton's ridgelines and hilltops immediately (November 2008). PP has clear and simple language. It took endless hours of work plus 5000 signers to put PP on the ballot. It only took 3 officials (Hosterman/Thorne/Cook-Kallio) to put QQ on to compete and confuse voters. Yep, 5000 versus three.

These 3 officials have voted for more houses and less hilltops, time and time again. Many of them stood at the Farmer's Market and asked residents not to put PP on the ballot.

PP on the ballot.

It is time to take hillside protection out of the "Pro-Growth" City leader's and developer's hands. We trusted them to protect our Southeast Hills and they let us down. They voted YES to Oak Grove, which if built, will remove up to 40 vertical feet off of some of our south east ridges, and place houses along environmentally sensitive areas. Additional developers are waiting in line to place more structures on top of Pleasanton's ridges.

Drive to Dublin and San Ramon to see how a pro-growth city

council can take away hilltops forever. Vote "no" on the 3 council member's QQ. Vote "yes" on PP and Protect Pleasanton.

Vote for the team that will protect our hillsides: Steve Brozosky, Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan. Don't your kids deserve to know what a Pleasanton Ridgetop looks like?

NOW Endorsements Nancy Freedom ACT NOW Pleasanton

The National Organization for Women Political Action Committee endorses Barack Obama and Joe Biden for president/vice president in the November election because of their commitment to women's equality, for example their stands on pay equity, reproductive rights, violence against women, and the Supreme Court.

NOW also endorses Jerry McNerney for re-election to 11th Congressional District. California NOW PAC endorses Joan Buchanan to represent the 15th Assembly District. Alameda County Tri-Valley NOW PAC endorses these candidates: Pleasanton Mayor, Jennifer Hosterman; Pleasanton City Council, Matt Sullivan; Dublin City Council, Kasie Hildenbrand and John Zukoski; Pleasanton School Board, Valerie Arkin; Fremont Mayor, Gus Morrison and Bob Wasserman; Fremont City Council, Suzanne Chan, Trisha Tahmasbi, and Bob Wieckowski. We strongly oppose Proposition 4, parental notification of abortion, and Proposition 8, removing the right of same-sex couples

to marry in California.

Gary for School Board Sheila Cooper

Livermore

I urge Livermore voters to support Stewart Gary's candidacy for our school board. Stu's career in public service qualifies him well for a position as trustee of the Livermore Schools. His values and goal are clear—a high quality and challenging education for all Livermore children. His own children have benefited from our schools; Stu now wishes to contribute beyond his role as parent by taking on the tough job of guiding our school district's policies.

I can think of no candidate more qualified than Stewart Gary—a career in public administration and as Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Chief, an educational background enhancing this career, current experience as a Livermore schools parent, and an engaging and thoughtful approach to the future of our schools. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding leader in our community. Vote Stu Gary for LVJUSD Trustee.

Protect Views Susan Chavez Pleasanton

Pleasanton
Measure PP will give instant protections to our view shed in Pleasanton by prohibiting development on the top 100 feet of a ridgeline and by prohibiting grading in the steep areas over 25% slope. The tactic employed by our current mayor and two council members to allow ridgetop development in exchange for open space is unacceptable. Tim Hunt (former editor and associate publisher of the

Tri-Valley Herald) got it absolutely correct in his October 5, 2008 Tri-Valley Herald article when he stated, "what's important to most people is view shed – open space that they can see. Most don't need to hike on it. It's the psychological benefit of open hillsides and views."

The most cost-effective way to accomplish this is through private ownership and conservation easements, not city ownership. City ownership, with the associated liability and maintenance costs, is very expensive.

Make sure we retain our beautiful surroundings that make Pleasanton so special.

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

Mayoral Candidates Julie Rasnick Resident

examine Mayor Let's Hosterman's achievements. While our streets are congested and our schools are overcrowded, she has aligned herself with developers to add more housing. While our country has an energy crisis and our county has a water shortage, she fought hard to approve 8-12,000 square foot mansions on our beautiful ridgelines. When the council's agenda was full of important city business, she selfishly wasted hours and hours trying to convince us that her hawk is like a chicken and should be exempt from city codes. When the citizens of Pleasanton tried to save our hill tops from development thru Measure PP, she initiated a competing Measure QQ, which was designed to confuse voters and

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allow developers time for unrestricted building on ridges.

Mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky promises to improve our transportation infrastructure which he fought for through his public service career. He will respect our citizens right to petition their government and will aggressively support the voter approved housing cap. Most importantly, during these very troubling economic times, Pleasanton will need a financial watchdog that will control city spending without asking for higher citizen taxes. Steve Brozosky is exactly the Mayor we need in Pleasanton.

Vote for McGovern Mike Hamilton

Pleasanton Cindy McGovern is a dedicated public servant. For nearly 15 years, Cindy has been elected to serve as a Pleasanton City Council Member and a PUSD School Board Trustee. Time and again, the citizens of Pleasanton vote Cindy McGovern into office. Pleasanton has great schools, an unmatched public park system, and a thriving economic base. Cindy's tireless leadership has helped in making Pleasanton such a fine town. Her contributions and accomplishments are truly too long to men-

Cindy McGovern always displays a strong character, deep compassion, and unshakeable convictions. She has been an outstanding public servant with a long record of results. Cindy McGovern deserves our continued support in this election.

Long Range Plan **Stacey Borsody** Pleasanton

Your editorial regarding Measures PP and QQ was quite surprising to read. You wrote that the Measure PP supporters have begun to articulate a long-range vision. I have to ask myself, "Only now?" and "With what?" Why didn't you highlight the long-range preservation vision that already exists for the southeast hills that was developed by those behind Measure QQ, including Councilmember Matt

Sullivan? That vision seeks to gain over 2,000 acres of open space with a trail system that stretches from Pleasanton Ridge all the way to Livermore. The compromise process that led to Oak Grove and the dedication of 500 acres for parkland to Pleasanton was con-

ceived as the method by which to make that vision a reality. It gains parkland gifts to the City by working with property owners instead of against them.

Measure PP will put all that at jeopardy by having a chilling effect. Measure PP will lead to land in the Southeast hills staying in private hands. Measure PP will lead to the need to spend taxpayer dollars to purchase the land to make it public. A longterm plan to save the southeast hills for preservation already exists and is protected by Measure

Vote Yes on Measure QQ Barbara E. Hempill Pleasanton

Measure QQ has been placed on the ballot in Pleasanton by open space and trail advocates and community leaders. It ensures passage of a hillside preservation measure that will safeguard opportunities to receive hundreds of acres of open space dedications worth more than \$15 million, including maintenance and endowments for future parks and trails.

Your "Yes" vote on Measure QQ is the only vote that ensures a publicly accessible greenbelt and trail system in the hills southeast of Pleasanton. It is the best way to protect this greenbelt from private large lot develop-

Measure QQ reaffirms policies and a program in the city's current General Plan. It preserves spectacular scenic hillside and ridge views. It protects continuous areas of open space from intrusion by urban development and provides for trails on this open space. Measure QQ provides for the continuation of grazing and agriculture. And it confirms the 29,000 unit housing cap.
Vote "Yes" on Measure QQ.

Vote for McNerney Alfonzo "Oni" P. Aliomar Livermore

Jerry McNerney is truly focused on not just the needs of our environment but of the planet and the people living in it, taking it step by step. McNerney for 20+ years dedicated himself to working in the renewable energy field, which makes him the wiser choice for focusing on important issues such as: making better use of our own energy, instead of depending on foreign sources; energy efficiency of cars and the outright outrageous costs of gas. These

issues need to be addressed now, because in reality there's no telling what consequences our past and present actions could have on our tomorrows.

This environmentally friendly man, who believes strongly in enhancement and conservation, while focusing on these important issues is also working to bring new jobs to our area. Big Oil benefits greatly from these undeserved tax breaks, while we still pay insane amounts at the pump. To address this issue McNerney wrote and passed a landmark bill that not only aids our nations security by making less use of foreign oil but also cracks down on Big Oil tax breaks and instead, invests in tax credits for renewable energy companies so they can grow and create new jobs.

While he may be greatly focused on our planet's well being, McNerney also believes greatly in our nation's soldiers, and is very proud of all that they've done. McNerney is against any war fund that has nothing to do with a time line. While he was lucky to have his son Michael return home safely from Iraq, many families are not as lucky. McNerney kept his promise to never give any President a blank check without a strategy for ending the war. Instead, he wrote a bill to increase military pay for our troops still overseas.

McNerney is also a leader for our veterans of all ages. He fought for a new GI bill to provide full education and housing benefits to all veterans. He also wrote bills that address traumatic brain injuries and work to keep veterans and families in their homes. Also McNerney has created a Veterans Advisory Board, which hosts veterans from every era and part the district. This is done to be able to acknowledge and address issues abruptly. McNerney is not only experienced in what is needed in terms of our planet and state, but what is necessary to make the our lives and those of our veterans much easier. McNerney's definitely no one trick pony.

Sullivan for City Council

Pleasanton I have always believed that we can't have a government that is fair and works for the people unless we have leaders with integrity who will work for the common good and stand up to the special interests. Matt Sullivan has proven himself to be such a leader in Pleasanton. He has been a strong supporter of protecting the rights of regular people from the undue influence of wealthy political campaign contributors.

I'm voting for Matt because he has served and will continue to serve with integrity.

Thank You Ayn Wieskamp Livermore

I would like to thank the Livermore Police Chief, Steve Sweeney and the Livermore Police Department and their volunteers for giving Livermore residents an opportunity to dispose of outdated prescriptions and over the counter drugs correctly

I had a "stockpile" in my cabinet because I didn't want to use either the sewer or the landfill for disposal. Most people want to keep our water and earth as clean as possible and this event certainly was helpful.

I hope we will have disposal opportunities on a regular bases in Livermmore.



Community Workshop

on the Livermore Housing Element Wednesday October 22, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

> In the Livermore City Council Chambers 3575 Pacific Avenue in Livermore

Workshop Format:

- Overview of Community Needs Assessment
- Discussion on Future Policies and Programs

For further information contact: Ingrid Rademaker, Senior Planner, Community Development Department (925) 960-4450



PLANNING COMMISSION PLEASANTON. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF A SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, PRE-ZONING, AND REZONING

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has set Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, as the time and place to receive input on the following matter:

PSP-11 and PRZ-44, Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch Project and Corresponding Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning/ Pre-Zoning for Staples Ranch

The proposed 124-acre Staples Ranch development would include an approximately 37-acre auto mall to accommodate the relocation of the Pleasanton Auto Mall, 46-acre senior continuing care community with a health center, 11-acre commercial/retail development, 17-acre community park, and 5-acre neighborhood park that includes a storm water flow control basin. Access to the auto mall and future commercial development would be from a new road off El Charro Road, with no through connection to Stoneridge Drive except for emergency vehicles. A new two-lane bridge would extend Stoneridge Drive over the Arroyo Mocho and provide access to the proposed senior continuing care community and parks.

The project site is located at the southwest corner of the I-580 and El Charro Road intersection. Approximately 1.5 acres of the property is located in Pleasanton and is zoned PUD-MDR (Planned Unit Development — Medium Density Residential), and approximately 122.5 acres are located in unincorporated Alameda County. The site would be rezoned/pre-zoned to the following PUD districts: PUD-C (Commercial), PUD-HDR/C (High Density Residential/Commercial), PUD-P (Park), PUD-MDR (Medium Density Residential), or some similar combination of PUD zoning.

Copies of the Draft EIR, Final EIR, and Draft Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch Project may be obtained at the Pleasanton Planning Division, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. during regular workdays. The documents are also available on the City of Pleasanton's website at www.staplesranch.org, and copies are available for review at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. The staff report will be available at http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/pc-agenda-081022.pdf on Friday, October 17, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robin Giffin, Associate Planner, at (925) 931-5612 or rgiffin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Brian Dolan, Director Community Development Department

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JUDGESHIP

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conditions, and the independence of the judiciary. The candidates also were asked questions specific to their own back-

PHIL DALY

Phil Daly is a county deputy district attorney with 23 years' service. He lives in San Leandro, where he grew up, and is married, with three children.

Asked whether he could be fair to the defense, since he has been a prosecutor for so long, Daly said that he is supported by many defense attorneys, as well as 33 current judges, out of the 67 now on the bench in the

As to his orientation concerning society in regard to the judiciary, Daly said, "A judge must follow the law, and apply it in an impartial and fair manner. Every case is individual. All I can do is the best job I can.'

Daly said he worked in almost all of the judicial courts in the county, and has worked with witnesses, and victims. "I feel I have a good understanding of the county. I am personally invested in it. I live in San Leandro, in the same house for 19 years.

The most important quality in a judge is to be "fair, honest and treat everyone fairly. When people come to court, they expect a fair hearing from someone who knows the law," said Daly.

In terms of access to courts for everyone, Daly stated, "Accessibility is one of those issues courts will always want to work on. As society changes, courts will change. I would work with other judges to keep the courts accessible, and make them user friendly.

Asked about any needed court reform, Daly said, "Everything can be improved on in certain ways. It's important that judges be part of their community. It's important to me to be out there in the community.'

Elections are "a lot more work than (governor's) appointments. Both are good in their own way. One benefit of an election is that it gives voters a chance to meet the candidates. They get a sense of the person who will be on the bench. It also gives the candidate an opportunity to get to know voters, and get a better understanding of the community. Clearly it involves a lot of work and money, which appointment does not.

Any notion of prison reform is up to the Legislature. Judges need to be aware of it, and work with the Legislature. Judges should let the lawmakers know what is going on, and what the conditions are in cases that come before them. On the question of jail capacity, judges must defer to the sheriff's department. "It is an issue that judges have to work going on in regard to capacity. We have to make sure there is space for cases that require it."

As to the success of rehabilitation programs, Daly said that rehabilitation "works when a person wants to be rehabilitated, in appropriate situations. We need to always look at such programs. We have an obligation to make sure those who want to can be put back on tracks." He said that for one year he was a contract public defender in Napa County. and heard many minor offense cases in which young people were able to clear their records, "get jobs, and get on with their

A few months ago, a judge in San Francisco overruled a jury, and sent a defendant in a pit-bull attack case back to jail. Asked about whether judges should overrule juries, Daly said, "When a jury reaches a decision, judges have to respect that. Whether I ever would overrule a jury, I can't say. I can't think of any situation. I can't say what I would do in a particular case."

Daly said that of the two candidates, "I'm the one with criminal experience. I prosecuted hundreds of felonies, in juvenile and adult court. I am supported by the people who are most familiar with the court system.'

Among his endorsers are Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Sen. Ellen Corbett, Sheriff Greg Ahern and former sheriff Charles Plummer. His web page is at www.dalyforjudge.com.

DENNIS HAYASHI

Dennis Hayashi lives in Castro Valley. He is married to Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi. He was director of the Office for Civil Rights in the Clinton administration. Later, he headed the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Asked about any liberal or conservative tendencies among judges, Hayashi said that when one aspires to sit on the bench. 'vou are in the role of someone who enforces the law, which is different from the role of advocate or litigator for different causes. You check your biases at the door when you become a

Hayashi's web page calls him a champion of public safety. He said it's because when he was heading the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), and also was with the Asian Law Caucus, he represented victims of hate violence. The DFEH also prosecuted people with civil cases to recover civil penalties for victims of hate crimes.

Hayashi said that his backing by the Sierra Club ties in with his public interest work. "Their interest may not be civil rights specifically, but I was engaged in public interest work, and looking at the broader public interest versus private sector interests."

One reason Hayashi is running for judge is that with his background in public interest law, he is aware that the law is "a sacred trust given to the courts. It's always important to remember that law is there to protect people.

The most important quality in a judge is to be unbiased in handing out the decision. "It's easy to say, and sometimes hard to do. When issues come in front of you, there are passions on both sides of the issue. Sometimes it can cloud the perception in the public's mind.

The courts have made a concerted effort to be more userfriendly. Much court information is shared now on-line. It's a big help to a lot of people who may be navigating the court system first time. One improvement to the judicial system in the county would be to adopt a new judicial department, as some other counties have done. It would deal with the cases of mentally ill people. Whether civil or criminal, the problems of those with mental illness are different from others,' said Hayashi.

Hayashi said he couldn't say that elections are better than appointments. "However, it is important for voters from time to time to have a voice in who sits on the bench, even though it's fairly rare for there to be an election for a judge. Most judges don't serve out the six-vear term and the governor appoints (a successor).

Asked about whether the judiciary is independent, Hayashi said, "That it's an important issue. It's co-equal to the Legislature and governor. In general, in the tenor of political discussion, people blame the courts. You expect it in the course of political back and forth.'

Hayashi passed on a question about whether jails are adequate in capacity. He said that such questions are being litigated, and as a judge candidate he should not express an opinion.

In general, rehabilitation programs work. "We need to constantly evaluate them, and ensure they are doing an adequate job,"

said Hayashi. The courts don't become directly involved, but it's important for judges to be informed from time to time about how they are working, and whether there is a role for some

courts to weigh in on programs. There are situations where a court can overrule a jury. It depends on the particulars of any case. Judges in general would use that mechanism "extremely sparingly." There is a reason why juries work so hard to reach a verdict. When they have a verdict, it's not something that should be lightly overturned.

The county bench is in good condition. "There is a need to always take stock of how the judiciary is performing. It's important to get feedback from the general community as to how it perceives the judiciary.'

Hayashi said that diversity in the court systems is important, not just based on race, religion or national origin, but also concerning personal background. "Many judges have been appointed from the district attorney's office, or from more traditional firms that deal with businesses. The number of judges are far fewer with a background like mine (in public interest law). Bringing that to the bench in the area of civil law is helpful as another layer of activity reflected in the judiciary.

Hayashi said that he has practiced criminal law at the Asian Law Caucus, but he has not been involved as much with family law. He said he was confident he could get up to speed fairly quickly in that area.

He summed up by saying that he stands for accessible courts, an independent judiciary, and impartial decisions.

In addition to the Sierra Club, Hayashi is endorsed by the county Deputy Sheriffs Association, the Service Employees International Union, the California Nurses Association, and Assemblyman Sandre Swanson. His site is at www. dennishayashi.com

TRIMESTER

pectations—85% at LHS and

75% at Granada, About 60% of

teachers at both sites feel their

workload has increased with the

running around like their hair is

on fire, but we also want to make

sure we are not burning off too

much hair. The idea that our

teachers are teaching bell to bell

and our students are engaged

bell to bell bodes great things,"

teachers are enjoying the daily

contact with students and feel it

is helping them make stronger

connections. In last year's sched-

ule, LHS teachers only saw their

positive aspects of the new

schedule are the daily collabora-

tive time and longer prep peri-

ods within the school day. "We

have not had collaborative time

before, so this is something our

teachers are taking advantage

of," said Avilla. "We are going through some growing pains,

determining how to best use this

time and what it means to col-

Both principals said other

students every other day.

Avilla also added that LHS

"I like that our teachers are

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trimester schedule.

said Avilla.

laborate.'

MEASURE WW

Measure AA, said Ayn Wieskamp. The Livermore resident sits on the EBRPD board representing the Valley. EBRPD would obtain maximum use of the funds through thoughtful leveraging of grants in conjunction with the bond money, added Wieskamp. That has been the record so far with the Measure AA money, she

Measure WW requires approval from two-thirds of the votes cast in order to pass.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters erred in putting the measure on ballots that will be used in Livermore and its nearby areas, said EBRPD general manager Pat O'Brien. He said the error was not discovered until Wieskamp saw it on her sample ballot, and notified O'Brien. It was too late for county voter registrar Dave Macdonald to take the measure off the ballot.

The registrar's office sent out a notice telling Livermore voters to ignore the measure. Votes for or against it will not be counted. Livermore was not within the EBRPD boundary in 1988 when Measure AA passed.

EBRPD is telling voters that Measure WW is not a new tax. Since it would be a new tax in Livermore, the EBRPD board voted not to levy it there. Instead, EBRPD will develop Livermore projects by using the property tax revenue that comes from Livermore. Those proceeds will leverage grant money.

O'Brien said that the trail installed on Brushy Peak is a good example of achieving park development in that manner.

BOND WOULD FINANCE MANY PROJECTS

The crux of the argument for Measure WW, according to its backers, is that it will save habitat, give more people access to trails and other facilities for enjoyment of the parks.

EBRPD has a long list of proposed projects in the voter pamphlet for Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the district's jurisdiction. In the Valley, Sunol Regional Park would receive \$5 million to replace aging facilities such as picnic and camping facilities and the visitors center. The money would also go to expansion of the wilderness area to provide more protection to Alameda Creek, preserve wildlife habitat, and remove barriers to steel-head migration.

On the Pleasanton Ridge, \$13 million would be earmarked to buy more scenic land on the Pleasanton and Sunol ridges, complete a bicycle loop trail system, and build picnic, camping and visitor facilities. Another \$2 million would build a bicycling, hiking, and horse trail from Garin Park to the Pleasanton Ridge.

Some \$2 million would go to extending the Iron Horse Trail further south in Pleasanton, and further north in Concord. Another \$11 million would buy open space and a park corridor for a trail linking six regional parks on the Interstate 680 corridor from Sunol to the Carquinez Strait.

The district's new Dublin Hills Park would be allocated \$4.7 million for habitat preservation and pond development, as well as connecting local residents to regional trails.

Wieskamp said that the park district has done "a terrific job in 20 years" with the bond money authorized in 1988.

"We've done more than what we promised originally, by leveraging the money that the public gave us. We've gone after every grant known to man or woman, and did a good job of implementing projects," Wieskamp. Even when the district ran out of money for acquisition of land on Pleasanton Ridge, the staff found "every pot of money that it could find. It made a big difference in saving the ridge," she added.

In addition to regional projects, cities will receive money from the bonds to use for parks within their jurisdictions. OPPONENTS CONCERNED **ABOUT TAXES, FARMING**

Opponents who appear in the county voter guide show concern about re-instituting the tax that will pay for the bond issue.

They point to the sale of con-

servation easements to farmers and ranchers as a cost-effective way to preserve habitat, without taking land off the tax rolls. In that way, the land can continue to produce taxes, not consume them, they say. Taxes are used to pay for services such as police and fire protection, local schools, hospitals, and/or libraries.

Family farmers would be giving up their land to the park district, say the opponents. The park district should develop what it has, and not acquire new land.

Opponents also say that "further land set-asides make housing even more unaffordable." They object to the level of salaries of park district employees.

The opponents also dismiss the statement by the park district in its supporting argument that acquisition and preservation of the open space will help fight global warming. "Handing EBRPD another \$500 million won't affect global climate change," they say.

Among those opposing the measure are Daniel Marciel, president of the Alameda County Farm Bureau, and Paul Spinola, president of the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau.

'NOTAFTER FARMLAND'

Some of the bond money would be spent developing facilities in existing parks, district officials say. Further, the district, by leasing out some parkland to ranchers for cattle grazing, helps people stay in ranching, said Wieskamp.

"We are not going after farmland, where they are raising grapes or something. It's not the type of land we look for. We try to connect ridgelands for trails, and wildlife habitat. Some of it is for farming, usually just grazing, but it doesn't make sense to acquire it, unless it is connected to a trail or a park."

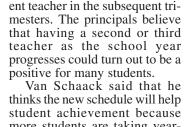
The district has only 15 percent of its targeted open land acquisitions remaining. "We are gradually connecting ridgelands. We don't open areas until we can do it safely, with an accessible roadway where police can go," said Wieskamp.

Spending the bond authorization's \$500 million could take 20 to 30 years, depending on the economy, said Wieskamp.

"We have goals about what we would like to do, but it does not always happen in the timeline you like," she stated.



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dents will continue with a differ-

more students are taking yearround math, students are taking more units on average, and the teachers have more opportunities for collaboration. A total of 770 students are taking year-round math, which translates into 70 hours of additional instruction, a 50% increase over last year. At Granada, students are enrolled in 67.5 units for the year, compared with 62.5 last year.

"I hate to be one who makes bold predictions, but I would say that these are important factors that could result in significant increases in achievement," he added. "Whether or not our APIs go up as we hope, we know we are doing the right thing. Students are learning more, teachers are instructing more, and we believe that in the long run this is going to show significant gains."





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OBITUARIES

Charles Joseph Volonte

Charles Joseph Volonte, Amador Valley High School teacher and swim coach, died Wednesday October 8, 2008 at his home with his son Richard by his side. He was 80 years old.

He was born in his grandmothers home June 11, 1929 in Susanville, California. He was raised in Westwood, CA and married his high school sweetheart, Donalee Read Volonte who passed away October 5, 2001. They met as a result of a dare from Donalee's girlfriends, as seniors in high school, to "tag" the most handsome freshman boy for the Sadie Hawkins dance. They were married November 28, 1947. Charles attended college in San Jose then joined the Navy and was transferred to Bainbridge, Maryland while he served. Their son was born there. They returned to Northern California where Charles took his first teaching and coaching position at Anderson High School. He was recruited shortly after by the Superintendent of Schools in Pleasanton to teach at Amador Valley High School.

The Volonte's moved to Pleasanton in 1958 where Charles taught and coached until he retired in 1992. His various positions in Pleasanton in addition to teaching and coaching included drivers training, teaching bookkeeping and typing at Amador night school, running the Amador summer swim programs, running the cabana swim club in the newly built Pleasanton Valley Homes, and after retirement co-writing the curriculum for at that time, the newly taken over program by the State of California's drivers training required course.

He is survived by his son Richard Joseph Volonte and his wife Joyce, Richard's son, Lucas Charles and his wife Shelby and his two great grandchildren Jayci and Emma, Richard's daughter Kari Lea Ann and her husband Tony Housewirght, all from the Modesto area. In addition, he is survived by his daughter Ann Volonte Gabbert and her husband Owen who live in Chico and their daughters Ariel Natalia and Allegra Volonte.

The funeral will be held, Thursday, October 16, 2008, 1:00 pm Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton, There will be a graveside service on Saturday, October 18th 10 am in Anderson, California.

Arrangements are being made by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

Dennis Edward Peterson

Livermore resident Dennis Edward Peterson passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 49 on October 5, 2008. Dennis was born on July 27, 1959 in Freeport, NY to Kenneth and Theresa Peterson.

He loved working with his hands, making anything out of wood. He worked on many residential construction projects over the years. He loved photography and especially loved traveling before his illness.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father Kenneth in 1975, his mother Theresa in 2004 and by his brother Kevin in 1994.

He is survived by his siblings Kathy Jones of NY; Michael Peterson of NY; Mary (John) Mulroy of IL; Timothy Paterson of NY; Patrick (Arlene) Peterson of NY; Brian Peterson of San Francisco; Owen (Michela) Peterson of NY and by many nieces and nephews who were very dear to

A memorial service for family and friends was held on Saturday, Oct 11 at the Trinity Baptist Church, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Joan Bolgen

Livermore resident Joan Bolgen died recently. She was born December 19, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois to Herbert and

Josephine Marquis as an only

She was schooled in many states, graduating in 1938 from East High School in Denver, Colorado. Joan worked at Lawry Field as head of the requisition section where she met and married her first husband. Later divorced she met & married Len Bolgen, Chief of Equipment at Oakland Army Base. Len had two daughters Bonny Wallace and Darlene Laspina who were adored by Joan. Joan's grandchildren include Tiffany & Marc Silveira Lance & Chandra Wallace, Phil Laspina and her precious great grandchildren Kristen Wallace

and Matthew Silveira.

Joan was the founder of Sirettes in Livermore, a project very dear to her heart. She and Len were the first travel chairmen for Livermore Sirs and enjoyed traveling the world.

Joan planned many "girlfriend' bus trips, one of her favorites being the Tahoe Turnaround every 3 months.

Len passed away in 1991 and into her life came another beautiful person, Hank Kirkwood. Hank and his late wife Doris had traveled with Len and Joan.

Hank and Joan remained loving companions, enjoying all of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Joan loved her family, card games, mahjong, bowling, art projects and traveling. Joan felt blessed with her beautiful life, and in writing this memoir she states "No tears, sing a happy song, a Hawaiian one if possible."

A nemorial service was held in Livermore

In lieu of flowers, please honor Joan's spirit of giving by sending a donation to our dear family member Cindy Silveira Turner in her fight against Leukemia. Checks payable: FBO Cindy Silveira Turner, Acct. #0776. Send to: Washington Mutual, 555 N. Main St., Lakeport, CA 95453.

Dolores Ann Riddle-MacLeod

Dolores Ann Riddle-MacLeod died October 7, 2008. She was born July 30, 1937.

She was a compassionate, warm-hearted woman with a colorful sense of humor who is fondly remembered as a truly exceptional mother, grandmother, wife, and friend. She spent much of her time with her numerous friends playing bingo and bowling at Granada Bowl. She touched so many lives and will be deeply missed by all who were blessed enough to know her.

She is survived by her sons Steven Troy and Michael Edward Riddle and grandchildren Lindsay Callie Anne and Eric Troy Riddle.

Funeral services were held October 15 in Livermore. Burial to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Shu-Hui Chen

Shu-Hui Chen passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side. She was 90.

Shu-Hui was born to Yung-Lai and Mei Hsu on Feb. 13, 1918 in China. She loved knitting, cooking and won several awards for Tai-Chi when she was

younger.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chi-Tsai Chen, who passed away at the age of 95 in 2006. She is survived by her children, Kate Eldrige of Livermore, Shu-Po (Seng) Chaing of Taiwan, Bill (Alice) Chen of Dublin, Joanne (Eugene) Bergh of Livermore and Bor-Chung (Lynn) Chen of Livermore, and a sister, Shu Haw Hsu of China, She is also survived by ten grandchildren, all of whom were very dear

Funeral services were held Oct. 6 in Livermore. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

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should also be included.

who was born December 28,

1928 in Oakland, California,

passed away recently in Walnut

Creek. She was a 45 year resident

yeras to Carl Schoenfelder, a lo-

cal scientist. She is survived her

children David, Barbara, Robert

and Carolyn as well as five

younger years before working

briefly at Arroyo Temporary

Agency and then with Beckman

and Associates for twenty years.

She was a member of the Las

Damas Women's Club, the Uni-

tarian Universalist Church and

numerous bridge groups. She

ejoyed traveling extensively,

finding adventure, locating ga-

rage sales, riding her bike, read-

ing anything, listening to music

and helping others. She will be

missed by all who knew her for

her generosity, relaxed style, in-

teresting conversation and

be held on October 19, 2008 at

1:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Uni-

versalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco

Memorial services for Cecilia

Wilson, 89, will be held 10 a.m.

on October 18th at Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in the Chapel,

1200 Lyons Ave. Turlock. A re-

Cecilia Lorraine (Mattos)

Wilson died October 29, 2008.

She was born August 24, 1919,

the fifth child of Manuel and

Adelaide (Adeline) Mattos in

Turlock, California where she

spent her youth. She eventually

relocated to the Monterey area

and then to the Livermore Val-

ley before returning to Merced

where she resided at the time of

She was a kind and caring per-

son who loved her family and

friends with a giving heart. In her

youth she enjoyed horseback

riding and playing the guitar. She

loved playing many different

kinds of card games, Bingo,

Bunko, and most of all crochet-

ing Afghans, doilies, and baby

blankets for her family and cher-

ished friends. She was a member

of the Women of the Moose,

Monterey Chapter for over 50

Cecilia was preceded in death

by her husband Dearl Marlin

Wilson, her parents, 5 brothers, 2

sisters and an infant son. She is

survived in life by her sons Larry

Faria of Tulock, and Guy Wil-

son of Livermore, her daughters

Terrebonne, OR, Maryann

Correia of Merced, Kathleen

Faria Duarte of Salida, and

Marjorie Dillard of Beckwourth,

as well as 15 grandchildren, 23

great-grandchildren, and 6 great-

great-grandchildren. She is also

survived by her 2 sisters Lena

Borrelli of Hilmar, Rose Stinette

of Seaside, and many nieces and

nephews.She was a wonderful

woman with a giant heart and she

will be greatly missed by all

those whose lives she touched in

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her 89 years of life.

Adelaide

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Cecilia Lorraine Wilson

A service in her memory will

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She was a housewife in her

She was married for many

of Livermore.

grandchildren.

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 Monday, however no agility. Information 925-455-4158

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 18, 30 miles up and around Palomares Road, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Dublin, Paul Yamshon, 487-9253. Sun., Oct. 19, 47 miles Scotts Valley to Santa Cruz, meet 10 a.m. Scotts Valley to Community Center, Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Mon., Oct. 20, 45 miles Livermore Airport to Walnut Creek, meet 9 a.m. Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Wed., Oct. 22, 28 miles leisurely tour of south side of Livermore, meet 10 a.m. at corner of S. Livermore Ave and Pacific Ave., 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.

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Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, 2008 woman of the year, Lisa Tromovitch, founder of Shakespeare Festival in Livermore. She will be honored at a luncheon on Tues., Oct. 28 at Garre Cafe and Winery, Tesla Rd., Livermore. Public is invited. Reservations, call Mona, 828-3006 by Oct. 25. Cost is \$17. October is the month set aside for 50 years celebrating the Working Woman.

Woman.

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.

5 p.m. at 398-8005 by Oct. 26.

Country Store, Wed., Oct. 22. Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Committee fund-raiser. It features a silent auction, food faire and a Golden Monkey Sale. The store will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VA Hospital, building 64, recreation room, 4951 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Breakfast 8 a.m., \$5; Golden Monkeys, silent auction, 8:30 p.m.; lunch at noon, \$5, root beer floats, 12:30 p.m. \$2. For additional information, contact Sue Scott, Lisa Tocci or LaTrina Rucker at 449-6448.

Livermore Library Board, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 23 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Blood drive, sponsored By Lerch Bates Inc. Mon., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donor Coach will be parked on the RR Right of Way on Abbie between First and Main. Please register online at www. bloodheroes.comclick on "Find a Location" & enter Sponsor Code: LerchBates to schedule an appointment!

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.

Spooktacular time at Forest Home Farms, hearing stories, singing songs, doing acraft and enjoying some refreshments! After the program participants can visit the pumpkin patch! Storytime with the Farmer will be held on Thursday, October 30, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children must be accompanied by and adult. Only children need to register. Preregister by calling the San Ramon Community Center at (925) 973-3200 or online at www.sanramonrecguide.com (SR residents only). Cost is \$4 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents. Activity #56165, Ages 3-5. Space is limited. Forest Home Farms is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon, just south of Pine Valley Road.

Family Fun Night, fundraiser for Las Positas College. Evening of food, fun, games and black light miniature golf. Come out and meet Steve Wisniewski and Robert Jenkins, Retired Raiders, and Sissi do Amor, the Las Positas College Womens' soccer coach, and former Brazilian national soccer team superstar. Free admission. Wednesday, October 22, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. SuperFranks, 5341 Owens Court, Pleasanton

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Wine for a Cure, Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation, in collaboration with Zephyr

Grill and Bar, Sunday, November 9. The

night will showcase wine from the Livermore

Valley and paired with local culinary dishes.

The Wine for a Cure event will raise money

to provide funds for the research necessary to

find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis

is a fatal, genetic disease that affects over

30,000 children and young adults in the

United States. The evening will include

silent and live auctions. Tickets http://

nca.cff.org/wineforacure, information 415
989-6500.

989-6500. The Livermore READ Project needs volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve basic reading and writing skills. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Public Library on Monday, October 20, from 7-9PM and on Saturday, October 25th, from 9AM-4PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training, or for more information, call 925-373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public Library.

the Livermore Public Library.

The Teen Esteem Connection event features local youth professionals that understand today's teen culture. It will be held Sat., Oct. 18 at 9 Country Oak Lane in Alamo at 6 p.m. The evening will include a Fall Soiree of appetizers, and wine at a private chateau. Those attending will be provided an oppor-

tunity to receive answers to some of the questions they may have with local marriage & family therapists, school administrators, counselors & local law enforcement. Admission is free, but RSVPs are requested due to limited space. For more information or to RSVP contact Teen Esteem at 925-855-9941, email dena@teenesteem.com or visit wwwinfo@teenesteem.com. Teen esteem

is a local non profit organization 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. 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 Seco famlies 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

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Native Plant Sale, Scores of species of hard-to-find native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. 2 miles west of 1-280. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com, orcall 650-941-1068.

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 compa-& empowerment for yourself and your children. (2) Shift from a paradigm of demands rewards, and consequences to a paradigm of self-responsibility, connection, trust, mu tual support & interdependence. (3) Avoid power struggles" & 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 ValleyHMN@hotmail.com.

RELIGION
Tri-Valley Unity Church, "Pennies
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Lives" is the topic of Rev. Steve Maynard's
Sunday morning lesson on Oct. 19. 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.

Tri-Valley Aglow, meeting 10:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at Parkway Baptist Church, 7485 Village Parkway, Dublin. Monica Tomtania ordained minister with Assemblies of God, comes from Togo West Africa where she and her late husband shepherded the largest church in the country and planted several churches in Ghana and Togo and ministered throughout Africa, Europe, and US. Monica also founded Anna circle and Hearing the Fathers Heart ministries as well written several inspiring

PARKS PROGRAMS Sunol Sunday Hike, Sunol Regional Wilderness, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 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)

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

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! 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)

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.

Pleasanton Prepares For The Holidays

The City of Pleasanton will once again host the Annual Hometown Holidays Celebration to be held on Saturday, December 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The centerpiece of this free event is a festive, community-based parade followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main.

The theme of the 2008 event is "Sights and Sounds of the Season." All parade entries are encouraged to decorate floats and marching units within the broad range of opportunities afforded through that concept.

Parade entry applications are

Parade entry applications are now available online and are due by Wednesday, November 26, 2008. Please visit www.hometownholiday.com to download an application and parade rules. A parade float building guide is available upon request by calling (925) 931-3432.

Once again the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will join the United States Marines to collect Toys for Tots at the Hometown Holidays celebration.

Disc Dogs Go For Championship

The 8th annual Crusty Classic Golden State Disc Dog Championship will be held Oct. 18 and 19 at Robertson Park, 3500 Robertson Park Rd., in Livermore.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with a fee of \$6 per team. All skill levels are welcome. No experience is necessary. The competition begins at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to come and watch the competition. There is no admission charge.

The Crusty Classic format will include novice toss and fetch, intermediate toss and fetch, and advanced freestyle frisbee. Frisbee dog teams from all over the state will compete for the title of "Golden State Disc Dog Champions."

The event is hosted by the Disc Dogs of the Golden Gate and Disc Dogs in Southern California. For more information, go to www.discdogg.com.



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SPORTS NOTES

Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships

Kristin Allen and Michael Rodrigues, both of Livermore, Calif./West Coast Training Center, won the silver medal in mixed pair at the 2008 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships, held at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow, Scotland. This is the USA's fourth

straight world medal in mixed pair. Allen and Rodrigues posted a score of 28.801 for their combined routine to tie for the silver medal with the Russian mixed pair of Anastasia Gorbatyuk and Alexander Barleben. Russia's Olga Sviridova and Stanislav Babarykin won the gold medal with a score of 28.812.

"We were very excited to win the silver medal and represent the United States of America well," Allen said. "Competition was tough and intense, but we didn't let our nerves affect our performance.'

"Due to television coverage, we had to wait until the next routine was completed before the scores were posted," said Rodrigues, who won a world bronze medal in 2006 with then-partner Clare Brunson. "During that two-and-a-half minutes, Kristin and I were on an emotional rollercoaster. We have to admit that waiting was the hardest part. Once the scores were posted, we were excited to see that we had won the silver medal for the USA.

Other champions at the 2008 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships were: men's pair - Mikola Cherbak and Sergei Popov, Ukraine, 28.622; women's pair Alina Yushko and Katsiaryna Murashko, Belarus, 28.740; women's group - Tamara Turlacheva, Irina Borzova and Tatiana Baranovskaya, Russia, 28.758; and men's group-Denis Cherevatov, Anton Danchenko, M. Chulkov and Teymuraz Gurgenidze, Russia, 28.751.

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club

The Pleasanton Ballistic Black under-19 boys Al Caffodio team won both of its games easily over the weekend and improved its league record to 8-1. Ballistic defeated the BUSC White 4-0 on Saturday and follow up with a 9-0 laugher over the Newark International on Sunday. David Norton gave the Ballistic a 1-0 first

David Norton gave the Ballistic a 1-0 first half lead by converting a nice pass by Jonathan Ramirez in the box against the BUSC White. Mason Ridgway scored after taking a through ball from Norton to start the second half. Norton scored off a Justin Dorsey pass. Aaron Lek headed in a cross from the cited to a linear Nick Nagarini Lek from the right end line by Nick Navarini. Lek scored within the first 5th minute of the game off a feed from Ramirez against the Newark International on Sunday. Ballistic scored three more goals quickly over the next two minutes with Lek (assist from Dorsey), two goals from Norton (Tyler Copeman and Navarini assisting). Lek had his hat trick by converting Copeman's pass 17 minutes into the game. Patrick Yee put the Ballistic up 6the game. Parrick Fee but the Bainsteap ob-obefore the half by taking a fine pass from Ridgway. Niko Lecco, Ramirez (assist from Eric Brunnett), and Dorsey scored in the second half to round out the scoring.

The BUSC U12 Div III Black Team's winning streak came to an end, losing to Newark Arsenal 4 to 1. The game started with BUSC exerting pressure on the Arsenal defense, taking two of their shots on goal within the first 10 minutes of play. Ben Smedley raced down the right side beating the defender and taking a shot that harely missed defender and taking a shot that barely missed high and to the left of goal. The Black team continued to play aggressive on offense but finally the momentum shifted and the New ark team scored the first of its' two goals in the first half. During the course of the game the Black team continued turning back the Arsenal with a combined 18 "Killed At-tacks", from Ryan Vicencio, Matt Teng, Chris Goldhawk, Jack Geasa, Alex Lee and Sam Hansen. In the first five minutes of the second half, Jared Siegel broke free of the Newark defender and raced down the right side of the field, capping the drive with a well placed shot past the diving goalie. The score was now 2 to 1. Newark scored two additional goals in the second half. Newark registered a total of 15 shots on goal and could have added a number of additional goals if it weren't for the outstanding performance of the BUSC goalie, Andrew Griehshammer. He was credited with 11 saves. The Arsenal squad was by far the most physical and aggressive team BUSC has faced this season. The BUSC U12 Div III Black Team

continued its winning streak with another shutout performance defeating Livermore 1 to 0. The lone Black goal came from a perfectly executed pass from Mason Picone to Jared Siegel who drove the ball into the ack of the net. The remainder of the game was a battle of defenses. Both teams did an outstanding job shutting down the offensive outstanding job shutting down the offensive attack of their opponent. On the Black team, Alex Lee led the defensive stand with 8 "Killed Attacks" and 5 "Clears" and generally stopped any threat that crossed the half line. Jack Geasa and Chris Goldhawk provided defensive support with a combined 4 "Killed Attacks" and "8 "Clears" limiting Livermore to six shots on goal over the course of the game. The team continues to have a balanced attack with Shots on Goal taken by 7 players. attack with Shots on Goal taken by 7 players Roberto Beard, Brian Kinnee, Brad Pilkington, Jack Geasa, Mason Picone, Jared Siegel and Joshua Cole. Also, another solid performance by Andrew Griehshammer at the Goalie position, being credited with 8 saves

and preserving the shutout.

On Sunday Ballistic United U-15s hosted Lamorinda needing only a point to become League Champions. Midfielder, Duke Driggs hit the woodwork in the first minute but Lamorinda managed to keep a clean sheet until just before half-time when David Gray until just before half-time when David Gray opened the scoring with a glancing header from a cross. In the second half, Lamorinda gradually tired and Ballistic extended their lead to 2-0 when Justin Lui blasted home a score after Toby Harvey had hit the woodwork, Jason Chow released Colin Hartland with a superb through-ball and Hartland's finish was clinical. The loudest cheer of the day came from the Ballistic fans when goalkeeper Michael Viebek made arare appearance as a striker and immediately rewarded his coach's confidence by smacking home the the championship celebrations on the side-line. Top Offensive Players: Michael Viebeck, David Gray, Justin Lui. Top Defensive Players: Erik Knaggs, Suchi Kuo, Seth

Ballistic United U-15s travelled to San Ramon on Saturday looking to continue their record of maximum points in league play at the expense of their nearest challengers for the championship. Ballistic took the lead in the first minute when Toby Harvey curled a corner kick directly into goal. Just before halftime that they extended their lead. Nandor Krause tapped home a cross at the near post. San Ramon started strong and pulled a goal back after ten minutes when they were awarded a penalty. Ballistic gradually reasserted their a penalty. Ballistic gradually reasserted their dominance and restored their two-goal cush-ion when Jason Chow cut in from the left ion when Jason Chow cut in from the left flank and finished in impressive fashion to seal the victory by a score of 3-1. Top Offensive Players: Toby Harvey, Jason Chow, Duke Driggs. Top Defensive Players: Suhau Kuo, Justin Lui, Baron Kim.

BUSC U19 White Class 3, After a valiant first half only trailing 1-0, the U19 White fell to the Black by a 4-0 final. Mike Tomin was the star of the game for the White, playing suffocating first half defense in the

playing suffocating first half defense in the first half and making several difficult saves in the second half. Spencer Miller and Alex Martinez also played well for the White. Miller unleashed a strong try from 20 yards out that almost got the White on the board in the second half.

When Ballistic United U-16 faced the

Castro Valley Hotspurs on Saturday at the Hotspurs' home field, United never quite adapted to the narrower, faster artificial turf field. The Hotspurs scored on a penalty kick in the first half, and later added two goals in the second half to beat United, 3-0.

With its home field advantage on Sun-day, Ballistic United sparred with the Fre-mont United team, resulting in a much better outcome for Ballistic. Pleasanton's goal-keeper, Adam Bailey, made several key saves in the day's shut-out victory. In the 26 minute, Ballistic United looked ready to score when Jamie Somerville fired a shot that missed the goal by inches after a good drive by Parker Quesinberry, Ryan Cox and Zac Savoy. James Metz took one shot that hit the post, and then two minutes later, returned for a second attempt that narrowly missed its

In the second half, Joey Pereira punched a header at the net, but Fremont's goalie was ready. To answer back, Fremont maneuvered its way up the field, only to be thwarted by goal-saving defensive tackles by Eddie Schoennagel and Wesley Ostrowski. Lucas Crawbuck also made an excellent diving header to prevent a Fremont break-away. Complementing these defensive efforts, Sam Fox and Evan Larsen moved the ball up the

right side, only to be stopped short by Fremont's strong defense.

The game's first goal came in the 60 minute when Crawbuck took a free kick to find Mitchell Lowrey, who volleyed the ball into the goal. In the 71 minute, Savoy scored on a nice combination pass from Agustsson to give Ballistic United the 2-0 win. Ballistic United has two games remaining in its regular

The Ballistic United Boys U-13 soccer team went in to the weekend with two tough Golden State Soccer League games and a Nor Cal Premier qualifier ahead of them. They came out of the weekend with 3 dominating

On Saturday, they started with a Golden On Saturday, they stated with a Content State Soccer League game against Diablo Football Club. Ballistic jumped to a three goal lead on two goals by Salvador Morales and one by Nimarit Wallia. DFC tried to make the game close with a goal with about 10 minutes left, but Ballistic keeper Daniel Slominski saved a penalty kick with 4

on Sunday, Ballistic started with another GSSL game at home against the Fremont Pegasus and had their best game of the season in blasting Fremont 6-0. Joey Devivo led the offensive charge with two goals and

Ballistic then travelled to Sacramento for Ballistic then travelled to Sacramento Formal American San Juan Lightning team. Overcoming fatigue, Ballistic prevailed 2-1. Salvador Morales again came through for Ballistic scoring both goals.

With three weeks left in the season,
Ballistic is peaking to make a run at the GSSL

The visiting Ballistic United U16 The visiting Ballistic United U16 White played the Newark Rebels in a 3 to 2 win on Saturday at the Newark Sports Field. The Ballistic played strong both defensively and offensively with a total 24 shots on goal coming from Josh Cho, Hunter Meurrens, Justin Medina, Yashar Behnam, Jake Lorentz, Eric Brooks, Jared Shohfi, Brandon Cohen, Anthony Hu, Luic Castillo, and Tyler Manda. Anthony Hu, Luis Castillo, and Tyler Mende. The Ballistic defense was key in the match led by Frank Morley's seemingly entire field by Frank Moriey's seemingly entire field coverage, with support from defenders Vik Aulakh, Josh Cho, Eric Brooks, and Chandler Bullock. Newark was held scoreless until the 27th minute. The Ballistic struck back in the 37th minute with a brilliant header goal by Yashar Behnam off a well placed cornection by Just Castillo Brandon Cohen. corner kick by Luis Castillo. Brandon Cohen tapped in the Ballistic second goal in the 43rd minute when in the high wind a direct kick from Luis Castillo soared over Newark's keeper head ending the first half up 2 to 1. Newark scored again in the 56th minute evening the match. Luis Castillo scored the go ahead goal in the 61st minute and the Ballistic defense was able to preserve the win. Keeper Lukas Moses had 6 saves. Top Offensive Players: Brandon Cohen, Yashar Behnam, Luis Castillo. Top Defensive Players: Frank Morley, Chandler Bullock, Eric

Brooks.

The home Ballistic United U16 White played Danville Mustang United in a 3 to 2 win on Sunday at the Pleasanton Sports Field. The Mustang scored early in the 2nd minute of the match catching Ballistic keeper out of the box. The Ballistic unaffected by the quick goal shot back quickly with a hard earned goal in the 7th minute made by Justin Medina who continued to battle in front of the Mustang goal after two shots from Luis Castillo and Jared Shohfi were blocked by the Mustang keeper. The Ballistic defense pree Mustang from scoring again in the first half. Jake Lorentz punched in a shot inside the far post past the Mustang keeper in the 40th minute with assists coming from Luis Castillo and Jaesung Lee ending the first half with the Ballistic up 2 to 1. Anthony Hu scored the game winning goal in the 57th minute with an assist from a well placed cross from Justin Medina. The Ballistic had a total 17 shots on goal with shots also coming from Josh Cho, Yashar Behnam, Jared Shohfi, Brandon Cohen, Luis Castillo, and Nick Bayley. The Mustang scored again in the 59th minute, but the Ballistic defense was able to preserve the win. Keepers Lukas Moses had 6 saves in the first half and Josh Che had 7 causes in the grand half. To Offensive Players: Justin Medina, Jake Lorentz, Anthony Hu. Top Defensive Players: Lukas Moses, Josh Cho, Frank Morley.

Ballistic United U12 Class 1 had a busy weekend of soccer, playing three hard fought games. In their first game of the weekend Ballistic played against a very talented Merced in a Nor Cal match up. Ballistic lost 5-1. The one goal came on a corner kick from Sahit Menon that bounced around, and Gabe Thurner tapped it in for Ballistic.

Saturday's game against Rossoneri ended in a 1-1 tie. Sam Musbach scored for Ballis-tic. The defense of Collin Alexander, Collin tic. The defense of Collin Alexander, Collin Balney, Cameron Casby, Daniel Payne, Blaz Perko and Daniel Rodriguez stopped many scoring chances by Rossoneri. In Sunday's final game of the weekend Ballistic lost to ACC Mavericks 3-1. Ballistic had some nice shots on goal by Justin Taylor, Collin Richardson, Alex Krause and Sam Musbach. Collin Blaney and Alex Krause did a nice job as goalie. Ballistic played extremely tough in all three games. Top Offensive Players: Sam Musbach, Sahit Menon, Justin Taylor, Gabriel Thurner, Top Defensive Players: Collin Alexander, Cameron Casby, Daniel Payne, Blaze Perko, Daniel Rodriguez.

DIVISION 4:
Under-9: The Dawgs matched up against

Under-9: The Dawgs matched up against the well-prepared Daredevils. Both teams got early goals going into the half with a tie. The

early goals going into the half with a tie. The Dawgs offense gained momentum when Timothy Wolfenberger got a header goal. Tyler Self, Jordan Sequiera, and Bradley Russo all scored goals. The Daredevils made afew attacks but couldn't get past James Kroll at goal for the Dawgs.

Under-8: The Cobras played a tough game, with Aaron Carroll scoring in the opening seconds. Then it turned into a defensive battle led by Calvin Chui, Andy Oh, and goalie Robbie Miller-who made several spectacular saves. Other notable ofseveral spectacular saves. Other notable of Khan. Top Offensive Players: Aaron Carroll, Sabiq Khan. Top Offensive Players: Aaron Carroll, Sabiq Khan, Calvin David - Cobras; Top Defensive Players: Andy Oh, Calvin Chui, Robbie Miller - Cobras

Under-7: The Slammers played the Seals

on Saturday, and the game was a fantastic team effort! Both teams played a great game. Lukas Arellano scored a goal for the Slammers

and played great offense for the team. Great offense was also played by Dante DeBenedetto, Jeffrey Wisoff, Rohan Arora, Kyle Biven, Jason Brown, Ben Deriquito and Arjun Khetrapal. Top Offensive Players: Lukas Arellano, Kyle Biven, Jeffrey Wissoff --Slammers; Demetre Aaron, Gregory Wood, Tyler Scherer - Squadron; Top Defensive Players: Dante DeBenedetto, Ben Deriquito, Rohan Arora - Slammers; Jack Hollmeyer, Ronak Singamsetti, Braedon House - Squad-

ron.
Under-10: The Admirals played a hard fought high energy game against the Aces, with many goal attempts by both teams. with many goal attempts by both teams. Effort and teamwork were apparent throughout the game, and goalie Jose Brasil blocked many goal attempts by the Aces, despite an injury in the second half, Scores: Admirals 0, Aces 3; Top Offensive Players: Caleb Henze, Aaron Zagar, Adrian Vargas-Loaiza; Top Defensive Players: Jose Brasil;

Maximillian Kim, Druv Pradhan, Admirals; Under-12: Saturday afternoon the Rays played a strong game defeating the Rush 4 to o. Keagan Locher opened for the Rays with a penalty kick after being fouled in the penalty box. This was followed by a score by Andrew Bailey assisted by Dylan Frades. Will Pickett added another before the half after a great pass by Davin Bokaie. In the second half the Pays corred again when let half gold is for the Rays scored again when 1st half goalie for the Rays Hector Vega eased one in under the crossbar unassisted. The Rays had outstanding defense from Augie Chen and Timmy Wu. This brings the Rays to an undefeated record of 5 and 0.

In the match between the Renegades and the Raptors, Rod Hajian's goal late in the second half led the Renegades to a come from behind to beat the Raptors 3 to 2 in a very spirited match. The Raptors took an early lead until the Renegades tied it up with a goal by Rod Hajian off an assist by Jaxon Kwong Curran Johal gave the Renegades their first lead early in the second half with a penalty kick, but the Raptors came right back to tie the game. The Renegades defense, led by Chris Bailey, Scott Lee and Arthur Hwang along with spectacular goaltending by Dylan DeVries, repeatedly turned back the Raptors

speedy front line to preserve the victory.
Scores: Rays 4, Rush 0; Rapids 1,
Raiders 2; Renegades, 3, Raptors, 2; Rockets
0, Rampage 3; Top Offensive Players: Kegan Lochner, Dylan Frades, Andrew Bailey, Rays; Brett Walsh, Justin Reedy, Luis Garcia - Raiders; Rod Hajian, Curran Johal,

Jaxon Kwong, Renegades;
Top Defensive Players: Augie Chen,
Timmy Wu, Conner Locher - Rays; Bryan
Collins, Dylan French, Raiders; Dylan
DeVries, Chris Bailey, Scott Lee, Ren-

Under-14: The Predators defeated the Pack 5-0. Thanks to their fullbacks and keepers, the Predators have only allowed one goal scored against them in 5 games. Best Offensive Players: Grayson Muerrens, Bryson Sherman, Jake Williams, Predators; Best Defensive Players: Michael Roeder, Jamie Ebbs, Kevin Crispell, Predators.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage results Pleasanton Rage U18 AC remained unbeaten in league with a come from behind effort that ended in a 4 to 4 tie with Livermore Arsenal. With the wind at their backs Livermore jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead. The Rage battled back with 4 goals in the second half to get back into the game. First goal by Claire Kennedy on a nice crossing pass assist from Toni Gonis. Krista Bormann hen scored on a header off of a corner kick by Mikayla Swinkels, Ailsa Smith tied the game on a break away goal. The final goal was scored by Nicole Rains on a long shot from outside the box. Top Offensive Players: Claire Kennedy, Krista Bormann, Ailsa Smith and Nicole Rains each with a goal. and Nicole Rains each with a goal

The Pleasanton Rage U11 Grey battled an aggressive Newark Crushers team which resulted in a win for the Rage. Mildreth Gil scored two goals and Sabrina D'Ambrosia the third goal. Defensive players Kayla Bowers,

third goal. Defensive players Kayla Bowers, Hannah Schwartzand Emily McKeeverplayed strong defense that prevented the Crushers from scoring. Top Offensive Players: Mildreth Gil, Sabrina D'Ambrosia. Top Defensive Players: Kayla Bowers, Hannah Schwartz. Pleasanton Rage U11 Grey played an awesome game resulting in a 1 to 0 win over the Walnut Creek Blast. Bailey Sanchez scored the winning goal. Excellent defense was played by Kayla Bowers, Hannah Schwartz and Mildreth Gil to hold the game to a shut out. Amazing saves by goalies to a shut out. Amazing saves by goalies

Christy Jensen and Cara Ingram Christy Jensen and Cara Ingram.

Pleasanton Rage U13AC defeated East
Diablo Storm, 3 to 1. Temperature of 50
degrees and gusty winds did not stop Pleasanton Rage to perform their best game of the
season against Brentwood's East Diablo Storm. In the first half of the game Rage offense passed the ball around the field eating numerous chances to score. Hannah Jackson had a chance to score after a long run to catch the wind carried ball but it unfortu-nately hit the pole. Molly Grozier and Paige Hughes ran many miles back and fourth the riugnes ran many miles back and rourin the field, stopping the opponent's rare offensive attacks and supplying the ball to Rage offensive line. Lauren Fan and Dani Leedeman played a perfect game not allowing Brentwood's team to seriously threaten Rage's confident goalie Olivia Brown. Rage scored after well-designed action by Keli Wheatly passing the ball to Sammie Williams who turned it into the middle where Rebecca Dumanski was in the right spot and placed the ball into the net. Sammie Williams again passed the ball into the middle where Mathea Turkalj scored. In the second half, Keli Wheatley outran the whole defense and scored for the 3-0 lead. Brentwood team scored after a corner kick and a lot of help from the wind. The whole team showed respectable determination to score and protect the score. Congratulations to all players. Final score Rage 3: East Diablo Storm 1. Offensive Players: Mathea Turkalj, Sammie Williams, Keli Wheatley, Molly Grozier. Top Defensive Players: Lauren Fan, Dani Leedeman, Paige

Players: Lauren Fan, Dani Leedeman, Paige Hughes.

The Rage U15 D3 Orange team played a exciting game against CVSC United at the beautiful Castro Valley High Stadium. Rage had a very strong offensive and defensive game keeping CVSC from scoring in the match up. The five goals were scored by Madison Nethery, Katey Cloonan, Molly Rowse on an unassisted corner, and two by Arielle Siesel with Assists by Katey Cloonan. Arielle Siegel with assists by Katey Cloonan, Danielle Homan and Arielle Siegel. The Rage's outstanding defense kept CVSC on Rage's sudstanting uteries kept cVsC on Rage's side of the field nearly the entire game. Top Offensive Players: Arielle Siegel, Madi-son Nethery, Devon Gold. Top Defensive Players: Danielle Homan, Molly Rowse, Kara Matsune.

a Matsune.

Rage Orange U13 Div3A took on the 1st place Mustang Tigers and 2nd place CVSC United over the weekend. Against Danville, Rage midfielders Vanessa Villanueva, Sarah Ryan and Ali Racer did a great job moving the ball up the field and into striking range. Rage was able to capitalize in the second half off a great corner kick by Kayla Bautista that ricocheted off a player landing in front of the

goal. Olivia Deutschman was then able to beat the Mustang goalie and pop one in to make it a 1-0 game. Although the tough Tiger offense never let up, they were unable to penetrate the rock solid defensive team of Cassie Santana, Patti Norcross and goalie Nikki Costello and Rage was able to hold off

He Tigers and defeat the #1 team 1-0.
Against Castro Valley, although Rage controlled the ball for a majority of the game, they came away with a loss. Rage started off strong and played great as a team. Rage midfielders Paige Zollars and Elysa Roman controlled the ball well on the outside, while controlled the ball well on the outside, while Courtney Seams and Ariel Gersshman ruled the center. Still tied 0-0 going into the second half, both teams turned up the heat. Rage defenders Claire Hickel and Kayla Cerri played an amazing game, denying all CVSC United advances With just 10 min. left of play an unintentional hand ball within the Rage box gave CVSC a direct kick and the goal they needed to pull ahead. Although goal they needed to pull ahead. Although Rage fought hard till the end, the clock was against them, and they were unable to score

resulting in a 1-0 loss to CVSC United.

The Pleasanton Rage U15 D3 Orange team took on the Fremont team with no subs on Saturday morning. The girls played hard and communicated well with a record number of shots on goal. Going into half time with a 0-0 score, the Rage came out fighting in the second half with goals by Jessie Hopson, Katey Cloonan, and Arielle Siegel. Jessica Klahr on offense showed great play and Autumn Whitney was a standout on defense Top Offensive Players: Katey Cloonan, Jessie

Hopson, Jessica Klahr and Arielle Siegel.
Top Defensive Players: Shannon Easley,
Autumn Whitney, Nicole Torquato.
Pleasanton Rage U11 AC White
celebrated its fourth straight win with a 3-2
victory over Diablo Futbol Club. Sadie Moore scored a goal in the first few minutes of the game. Additional goals were also scored by Darcy Kron and Madison Avery. Taylor Campbell and Julia Densmore kept the ball at the attacking end of the field. Makenna Elias and Monica Martinez controlled the midfield and Jasmine Dessouky played well at midfield and defense. Goalies Juliet Allen and Bryanna Schreiber had multiple saves to secure the win.

DIVISION 4: Under-6: The Dominoes played an exciting game against the Dancers in what proved to be a very evenly matched game. Olga Merkadeau and Makena Allen demonstrated very strong offensive skills by pushing the Dominoes to score many goals. Top Offensive Players: Olga Merkadeu,

Makena Smith, Melissa Garcia - Dominoes; Emily Cassetti, Victoria Frentz, Rachel Hogarty-Dashers; Sruthi Kalavacherla, Naya Ubungen, Meaghan Penrice - Diamonds; Ella Melvin, Gianna Vilter, -Dynamites; Top Defensive Players: Celeste Sadler, Julia Smith, Marina Garcia -Dominoes; Alexis Barerra, Kylie Hatfield, Annika Jernstedt -Dashers; Kendall Witters, Amelia Kelly,

Dashers; Kendari Witters, Affileia Keirjy,
Natalie O'Sullivan - Diamonds; Sydney
Walsh, Kyrah Woodward, -Dynamites
Under-7: The Tigerlillies and the Tasmanian Devils met for an exciting game.
Tigerlilies offense was on fire thanks to
Marissa Fredricks, Cameron Perez, Weslee Zinsner, and Karyna Russo who scored 2

goals.

Top Offensive Players: Karyna Russo, Cameron Perez, Tigerlillies; Lili Manos, Zoe Morgenroth, DeLaney Soble-Tornados; Top Defensive Players: Alaina Scholhamer, Constanze Huebner, - TigerLillies; Savana Sadler, Dominique Darius, Anika Kapai -

Under-8: Despite the final score, the MudDogs had many impressive saves by their goalies: Julianna Pereira, Allison Defazio, and Alyssa Serrano - and excellent goals scored by Sarah Baxter in the final

goals scored by Sarah Baxter in the final quarter of the game.

Top Offensive Players: Sarah Baxter, Jiahn Kim, Lilly Fehrmann - MudDogs; Ashley Lopez, Haley Christian, Haley Roundtree - Monarchs; Sarah Rieble, Hanna Fleshman, McKenzie Reese - M&M's; Emily Haskell, Abby Fried, - Mustangs. Top Defensive Players: Julianna Pereira, Allison Defazio, Alyssa Serrano - MudDogs; Tesia Toth, Emma Monsen, Katie Schmitz - Monarchs; Sarah Woodall. Hannah Sevilla. Breanna Sarah Woodall, Hannah Sevilla, Breanna

Saran woodall, Hannah Sevilla, Breanna Olberg - M&M's; Ava Holbrook, Lindi Ludwig, - Mustangs

Under-14: United 1, Powerage 1: Big Dawgs 9, Boomerangs 1: Aftershock 1, Cuties 1:

Cuttes 1:
Top Offensive Players: Kourtney Sicam,
Olivia Harber, - United; Cassidy Hager,
Alanna Goodman, -Big Dawgs; Danielle
Comito, Carly Krakauer, Jessica Rumsey Cuties. Top Defensive Players: Madison
Lingenfelder, Kylie Cardozo, - United; Ghena Judge, Hanna Harrell, Taylor Miller - Big Dawgs; Rachel Duggin, Andy Bright, Sierra

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League high comp, traveling house and rec game results:
Livermore Elite Soccer Division-1, Gold, U-19 Girls Livermore Elite Arsenal (4) vs. Pleasanton Rage U18AC (4): The Livermore Elite Arsenal battled Pleasanton Rage to a tie over the weekend in a game that saw eight goals throughout the afternoon. The eight gods thribagout the attention. The first half of play was dominated by Livermore Arsenal who led by 3-0 at the half. Caitlin Sill scored first by tapping in a ball that was shot by teammate Brigette Sohn on a free kick. The Rage goal keeper lost track of the ball and Sill extended for the soft goal before the goal keeper could extend back to the ball. Cailtin Sill would strike again in the came period Sill would strike again in the same period when she shot from the side and bent the ball in high and over for her second score. Melissa Lamb scored the third unanswered goal with a hard strike deep into the net late in the first half. Defense in the first half excelled in keeping some pretty fast Rage players away from the net. Defensive players Danielle Wilcox and Romina Oviedo ran down Rage players who would streak into their territory time after time. Brigette Sohn played solid in the middle throughout the entire game and Kelly Calton (GK) had some outstanding saves throughout day. Hailey Howard also played solid offense throughout the day. When the second half resumed, the Rage offense came roaring back to life, scoring four goals coming off either corper kicks or good goals coming off either corner kicks or good cross-action. Their consistent pressing finally woke up Livermore. Livermore Arsenal player Logan Le Van had an initial fast breakaway and attempted to penetrate the Rage defense for a chance to tie the game. The first attempt was broken up but moments later, LeVan broke free again and challenged the rage goal keeper in a one-on-one duel. The powerful shot deflected off and past the keeper

to tie the game four to four.

Livermore U9 Crush remained a strong force to be reckoned with, remaining undefeated. They defeated Fremont Storm, 4-0 In the first half against Fremont Storm, the Crush offense found the net twice. First was a pass by Meghan Giamona to Kaitlyn Oki to begin the drive. Next, Makenzie Farro found the net unassisted. In the second half, Kaitlyn Oki found Meghan Giamona for a goal by Meghan. Then, showing growth in

the Crush team throughout the season, the girls made beautiful one-touch passes between Meghan Giamona, to Kaitlyn Oki, to Makenzie Farro for an amazing shot on goal and score! Top players: Makenzie Farro, Kaitlyn Oki, Meghan Giamona, Kira Karter and Juliana Santos.

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In the second game, Cruse deteated the Danville Mustang Lightning 3 to 1. The first half showed even play between the teams. After a huge kick by goalie Sophia Pearson oclear the area, Kaitlyn Oki passed up to Makenzie for a goal. Then, great ball placement from a corner kick by Makenzie for Earre tyek the hall straight across the front of Farro took the ball straight across the front of the Lightning goal to the far post, with Isabella Barbero perfectly positioned to make the shot. During the second half, CRUSH dominated Lightning territory. Lightning did find a goal against Crush on a break away. Crush answered with a shot by Makenzie Farro unassisted. Lightning's Goalie Nikki Musco fought off many great shots and made some great saves during this game. Top Players: Isabella Barbero (with her first season goal), Makenzie Farro, sisters-Alyssa and Jessica Bonfiglio, and the entire Crush

Division-1, Gold, U-12 Girls Lamorinda (2) vs. Livermore Elite Venom (0): Livermore Elite Venom girls traveled to Bentley High Saturday to take on league-leading Lamorinda. An even, back-and-forth first-half ended scoreless, but Lamorinda stepped up the pressure in the second-half, resulting in two unanswered goals and a 2-0 Lamorinda min would as were goats and a 2-0 Lamonida win. Kaitlin Lipman did a great job controlling the middle of the field with strong support from Grace Lara and Hailie Shultz. Venom got enough pressure late in the game to keep things interesting, but in the end couldn't get the ball into the net in an

Livermore Elite Clash U12 Boys played two games over the weekend. Saturday October 11th the Clash played in Concord against the Diablo FC 96 Blue. Calvin Rasbold played Goal for the Clash as several players continued to be out on injured status keeping the Clash in a tough spot. Six minutes in David Adams scored for the Clash starting the game off in the Clash's favor. 25 minutes in Diablo answered scoring to tie it up. Despite 4 saves on Goal by Calvin, one save by Jacob Wool-Diablo scored again fifty three minutes in. Ryan Ball and Mike Brooks did well on offense taking shots that just wouldn't sink in. Despite other attempts by David to sink more points the Clash couldn't pull it off, ending the game at 2-1 in favor of

Sunday was a new game and a new opportunity for redemption for the beat up but not defeated Livermore Elite Clash Boys. This time they traveled to Alameda to take on Bay Oaks at home. Two minutes in Alec Bay Oaks at home. I wo minutes in Alec Foster's corner kick assisted David Adams who headed it in for a goal. Twelve minutes in Tommy Earle had a great kick assisting Mike Brooks for another Clash goal. As-sisted by Joey Hajduk, Alec Foster would score next, and then near the end of the first half Alec would assist by getting the ball to Mike Brooks who made a beautiful high kick resulting in Clash's fourth Goal of the half Let's not forget the strong defense of Jordan Murdoch, and midfield support of Brian Coddington and Erik Salgado which resulted in holding Bay Oaks scoreless in the first half. Despite Calvin Rasbold's 6 stops as goalie, Bay Oaks came back in the second half and scored forty seven minutes in. A few minutes later Bay Oaks would get a Penalty kick and take the score up another point. With few subs and an average playing time of fifty minutes per player ending the game with the Clash on top 4-2, defeating Bay Oaks on their home

The Livermore Elite Pumas U12B played Pleasanton's Ballistics Black on Saturday. It was a tough match but the Pumas held their own, allowing only goal. Final score was 0-1. Pumas' defensive team of Spencer Saing, Christian Arana, Dominic Carlson and Peter Lalor and goalies Raul Hernandez and Spencer Hickerson created a strong protective wall that the Ballistics had a hard time getting through.

On Sunday, the Pumas defeated the Danville's Mustang Galaxy, 3-0. Jose Chavarria-Ramirez and Rafael Alvarez scored the three goals and there were several attempts.

the three goals and there were several attempts by forward Zach Turner. Peter Lalor showed some excellent defensive plays using head, body and foot to block and return the ball to

Livermore Elite 99 Div. 1 U-9 girls looking to improve their league record to 5-2, traveled to Lafayette on Sat., Oct. 11th to take on the Lamorinda Soccer Club's LMSC Red. From the outset it was obvious that Elite 99 had come to play. Present as always was Elite's stifling defense and opportunistic "quick strike" offense. After many narrow misses, Elite's offense finally got on the board when Jenny "JJ" Gibson nailed a shot from the right side to give Elite the lead. Lauryn S. scored a few minutes later from the left side to give Elite a 2-0 lead at the half. The scoring continued in the second half as Red. From the outset it was obvious that Elite The scoring continued in the second half as Daniella Walkertapped in Elite's 3rd goal of the game. Elite's 4th and final tally came off the foot of Marley Walke in the closing minutes of the game. Strong offensive support from Tori Diehl and Katelyn Johnson kept constant pressure on LMSC. Two way play of Kiley Beard and Tori Borgna and blanketing defensive play by "Stix" Martinez, Sheridan Peters, Walke and "JJ" made it a somewhat slow workday for goalkeepers Maddy Krueger and Tori Borgna who only saw two shots on goal the entire game. It was Elite's 2nd straight shutout and 4th out of

Livermore Shock, Division 1 U15
Girls improved their league record to 3-1-3 on
Saturday, defeating Marin FC 94 Blue, 2-0. Shock scored midway through the first half when Kailey Moser sent a nice pass to teammate Rachelle Hamblin who placed a left foot shot past the Marin keeper. Hamblin, who recently returned to active play after many months of recovery from a foot injury, has scored in the last three Shock wins. The second half of play started slow as Shock came out flat. Ashlyn Conlin's powerful shot from 25 yards out nearly scored again for Shock. Midfielder Julie Lopez then broke through two Marin defenders and sent a nice shot to the right of the keeper and into the net for Shock's second goal. Just minutes later, Lopez sent another strong shot which banged

off the goal crossbar.

The Shock defense continued to be strong, shutting out Marin, and, has only allowed

two goals in the last four games.

The Livermore Elite Explosion U14

Division 1 girls soccerteam tied the Mustang

Velocity 1-1 and gave a very strong offensive
and defensive performance versus the tough

In the first half, Livermore dominated both offensively and defensively holding the Velocity to only a couple shots on goal. The Explosion was determined to score and their lone goal came from a well executed play as left halfback Danielle Lacombe crossed to center striker Taylor Roach who passed the ball to right halfback Mandi Alvarez allowing her to set and score beautifully. Livermore' defensive efforts were on the entire game led by Kylee Southwell while Audrey Walke controlled the midfield. The Velocity tied the game before the end of the first half on a

The Livermore Elite Fury U13 girls continued its GSSL play with a 1-1 tie against the Benicia Arsenal. After a scoreless first half, the Fury scored with about fifteen minutes remaining when Beth McCall took a pass from Alison Pierson and pushed through the Arsenal defense to beat the keeper Renicia managed to tie the game with keeper. Benicia managed to tie the game with five minutes remaining and Livermore settled for its fifth tie in seven GSSL games. The Fury battled the Castro Valley Green

in a qualifying game for NorCal State Cup. Livermore applied pressure early from Jenna Hatch and Rebekah Johnson Castro Valley responded with a well-placed shot into the left corner for a 1-0 lead. After CV opened the second half with a quick goal, the Fury controlled play the final 30 minutes. Brittany Ahrbeck and Ryley Landreth worked the ball into the CV zone with some nice give and go passing and Morgan Brandt played well up front. Elise Falgout had several nice runs, including a long run down the left side after beating her defender off the dribble. Despite the excellent play, Livermore fell 2-0. Overall, the Fury played one of its better games. Erin Winegarner, Elyse Codiroli and Kaitlyn Bulhoes played solidly in the midfield as they turned back a number of CV advances The defense was also strong as Amanda Fairclough, Alyssa Stevenson and Skyler Kriz limited Castro Valley to only a few good scoring chances. Fury goalie Emily Kalantar, returning from injury after four months, had

several saves to keep the game close.

Livermore Elite Force Div I - U17
match wasn't pretty, but the Force managed
to come out on top of their weekend league
play. Against the struggling Dublin Spartans, Livermore scored seven unanswered
goals and wranged up their second shut-out goals and wrapped up their second shut-out of the year. Goal scorers were Silvano Lopez, Jr (2), Brandon Bauer, Peter Morrow, Joseph Van Fossen, Kyle Kline and Zach Addington. In their second game, the Force played to a 1-1 tie in a heavily disputed game in Newark against the Cruz Azul. Livermore's lone goal

against the CIVAZUL Everniore stone goal was scored by Zach Addington during an exciting mixer in front of the Newark goal.

Division-3, Bronze, U-14 Girls Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 (2) vs. Pleasanton Rage Orange (1): Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 played an exciting game against Pleasanton Rage Orange. First-half, Brianna Hill took the penalty kick to score the game's first goal. Arsenal kept this lead going into the second-half. Outstanding game played by Brianna. Megan Thompson came out within minutes of starting the second-half and scored the 2nd goal of the game with an assist from Kaley Olsen. Arsenal kept the 2-0 lead for most of the game with exceptional defense led by Jennie Harmison, Holly Lamb, and Jenna Kadlec. Great efforts made by halfbacks, Jenni Smith and Kira Torretto. Phenomenal saves by Alyssa Ray (GK), blocking 9-shots-on-goal, including 1 penalty kick. Late in the second half Pleasanton Rage scored their only goal. Thank you to our injured-players, Jessica Sanassarian and Karley Luce for their

support.

REC-PLUS

Emerald, U-12 Boys Danville Saddleback Tournament Game 1: Livermore FC (1)vs. San Ramon Predators (0) Offense: Justin Walker, Sal Opipari, Brandon Brocklesby, Livermore; Chad Stark, Mat-



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All players are invited to attend this one day event. Players will be grouped by age and tested for agility; speed then assigned a team to compete with other players their age in a scrimmage game. This event is open to all players who are ages 10-13 as of 5/1/2009. The Tigers coaching staff will evaluate and interview players to fill spots on our spring/summer Mame.

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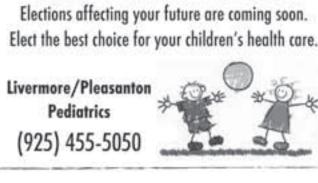
Who: Players who are 10-13 years of age as of 5/1/2009 Where: Max Baer Park in Livermore: 1310 Murdell Lane, Livermore, CA When: Saturday, November 15, 2008 (8:00am-11:30am) Cost: FREE for all players

8:30-9:15

Player Check-in Player Testing - agility, strength, speed

9:30-11:30 Game Evaluations - scrimmage games Any questions, contact Jeff Hollar at hollar@speakeasy.net. To download a registration form, go to www.rteamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball

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SPORTS NOTES

thew Miller, Rohan Mani, San Ramon Defense: Jonathan Short, Weston Nale, Logan Brist, Livermore; Jonas Harner, Jack Worthley, Daniel Kim, San Ramon Goals & Assists: Justin Walker (G), Livermore, During this second game of the Saddleback Tournament in Danville, both teams fought hard for the win. Livermore FC prevailed on a single shot from Justin Walker in the first half. It was a very exciting game as both teams were evenly matched.

were evenly matched.
San Ramon Panthers (1) vs. Livermore
FC (0) Offense: Jack Manning, Amir Ali,
Matt Snyder, San Ramon; Daniel Herrera,
Dominic Mingione, Eric Lopez, Livermore
Defense: Andy Kitts, Brandon Kurtz, Jason
Kurtz, San Ramon; Blake Richards, Manuel Lopez, Daniel Lopez, Livermore Goals & Assists: Amir Ali (G) Brandon Kurtz (A), San Ramon. Both teams played very well. Livermore's Manuel Lopez (GK), held off numerous goal attempts by the Panthers. The Panthers Amir Ali scored on an assist from Panthers Amir All scored on an assist from Brandon Kurtz just before the final whistle to end the game 1-0. A very tough game with both teams giving it their all.
Livermore FC (0) vs. Mustang Vipers (0)
Offense: Thomas Triantos, Max Wigginton,

Daniel Lopez, Livermore; Jiwan Karunatilake, Alex Raymond, Daniel Golub, Mustang Defense: Devon Shortridge, Daniel Lopez, Sebastian Gomez, Livermore: Brandon Suh. Mason Schinnerer, Baxter Cantrel, Mustang. In this final game of the Saddleback Tournament in Danville, both teams played very well and held each other off ending the game with a 0-0 tie. Livermore FC finished the tournament with a 1-1-1 record. This game wrapped up a weekend of challenging and entertaining soccer. **DIVISION 4:**

Traveling House, Copper, U-19 Girls Pleasanton Rage Ladyhawks (5) vs. Livermore Predators (2) Offense: Jessica Newby (2G), Gidget (G), Danielle Granlund (G), Torrie Odama (G), Ladyhawks; Avery Mast

Torrie Odama (G), Ladyhawks; Avery Mast (2G), Paige Anaya, Arielle Sallai, Predators Defense: Jimena Phea, Sabrina Murand, Erika Tam, Ladyhawks; Emma Folta, Amanda Shepherd, Makayla Byasse (GK), Predators Livermore Predators (1) vs. Livermore Purple Haze (0) Offense: Paige Anaya (G), Melissa Lau, Elizabeth Kling, Predators; Janette Espinoza, Rosemary Barton (GK), Marlee Chase, Haze Defense: Arielle Sallai (A), Anna Velsko, Emma Folta, Predators; Rock Toledo, Amanda Simons, Iasmine Rock, Toledo, Amanda Simons, Iasmine Brook Toledo, Amanda Simons, Jasmine Sposego, Haze. Both teams were well matched against each other which provided for an exciting game with back-and-forth action throughout the whole game. Lots of breakaways, corner-kicks resulting in a melee in the box, great defensive plays by both fullbacks and goal keepers, who often came well outside the box to affect play. The lone and winning goal occurred at the 41-minute mark of the first-half when Paige Anaya, on a well-placed cross by Arielle Sallai, struck the back of the net just out of the reach of the of the net just out of the reach of the goalkeeper's outstretched arms.

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Copper, U-14 Girls Lightning (0) vs.
Force (0) Offense: Kristen Mork, Megan
Smith, Charity Manning, Lightning;
Samantha DeSilva, Isabella Johnstone,
Chelsea Mannuel, Force Defense: Hannah
Stepanek, Tatiana Jansen, Yasmeen Haider,
Lightning: Bregonna Burgal Lessica Estrada Lightning; Breonna Burrell, Jessica Estrada,

Lighting; Breofina Burrell, Jessica Estrada, Michaela Leanord, Force Intensity (1) vs. Force (1) Offense: Becky Bernstein, Casey Schindler, Sage St. Claire, Intensity; Jessica Paul, Kaila Silver, Michaela Leonard, Force Defense: Olivia Cabotage, Michelle Soule, Karina Olgerin, Intensity; Savanna Dixon, Samantha DeSilva, Jessica Kendro, Force Goals & Assists: Kaila Silver

Force (0) vs. The Pack (0) Offense: Sarah Amorin, Kaila Silver, Michaela Molina, Force; Christina Guilford, Cassie Dukes, Tiffy Guzman-Bouet, Pack Defense: Jessica Kendro, Samantha Erickson, Rebecca Hyde, Force; Lauren Sweeney, Ashley Lyons, Guilli

Bishop, Pack
The Pack (3) vs. Intensity (1) Offense: The Pack (3) vs. Intensity (1) OTHERSE. Christina Guilford, Mariajose Chacon, Madeline Thompson, Pack; Brianna Stubler, Alejandra Mendez, Madison Bernstein, Intensity Defense: Clarissa Roland, Malani Hibbard, Lexi Herberth, Pack; Annie Williams, Haley Hamza, Anastasia Goold, Intensity Grale & Assists: Christina Guilford sity Goals & Assists: Christina Guilford (3G), Emily Swiers (A), Cassie Dukes (A), Pack; Madison Bernstein (G), Sydney Beard

(A), Intensity
The Pack (1) vs. Cyclones (0) Offense:
Lexi Herberth, Emily Swiers, Christina
Guilford, Pack; Kristen Palazzio, Deena Guillord, Pack; Kristell PalaZzlo, Deenla Maleb, Natalie Lopez, Cyclones Defense: Valerie Sommer, Lauren Sweeney, Ashley Lyons, Pack; Leah Tahlton, Tiffanie Munoz, Jackie Meijer, Cyclones Goals & Assists: Maria Jose Chacon (G), Emily Swiers (A),

Pack.

U-12 Girls The Force (0) vs. Cyclones (0) Offense: Amanda Stanford, Lauren Cairel, Kayla Sheppod, Force; Melanie Henshaw, Daniella Goode, Kelsey Pettis, Cyclones Defense: Cirin Cassarino, Hayley Warren, Mckenzie Sehley, Force; Alicia Craft, Nicole

Mighty Monkeys (3) vs. Fierce Pandas (1) Offense: Jordyn Bower, Michele Saunders, Monkeys; Sara Persson, Lea Becker, Pandas Defense: Gianna Donagly, Cameo Schubert, Monkeys: Maya Barnum, Kirsten Floyd

Monkeys, Maya Barnulii, Kiristei Froyd, Pandas Goals & Assists: Jordyn Bower (3G), Monkeys; Brianna Ruloma (G), Pandas Jaguars (2) vs. Cool Cleat Kickers (1) Offense: Amanda Starsiak, Juliana Herbeck, Sarah Bettencourt, Jaguars; Kenna Demayo, Ange-Elise Venet, Kickers Defense: Devin Everett, Lainey Hibbard, Victoria Winter, Jaguars; Sydney Zambonin, Khushboo Desai, Dot Richards, Kickers

Jaguars (3) vs. Fierce Pandas (1) Offense: Jade Ayres, Haley Bettencourt, Nicole Paulazzo, Jaguars; Taylor Ditzel, Leah Becker, Pandas Defense: Isabel Futral, Sara Novell, Peyton Woelk, Jaguars; Anjali Vachani, Brianna Ruloma, Pandas

Brianna Ruloma, Pandas
Cool Cleats Kickers (1) vs. Fierce Pandas
(0) Offense: Ashlyn Hutcheson, Kenna
Demayo, Kickers; Shruthi Sukir, Taylor
Ditzel, Pandas Defense: Angelise Venet (G),
Sydney Zamboni, Kickers; Anjali Vachhani,
Nicole Hamby, Pandas
Cool Cleat Kickers (0) vs. Cyclones (0)
Offense: Kenna DeMayo, Monique Porcella,
Shoshana Cohen, Kickers; Kelsey Pettis

Shoshana Cohen, Kickers; Kelsey Pettis, Melanie Henshaw, Nadia Ranagan, Cyclones Defense: Sydney Zambonin, Sasha King, Samantha Gruczelak, Kickers; Daniella Goode, Taylor Lawsen, Madison Gerton, Cyclones Jaguars (1) vs. Cyclones (0) Offense: Megan Fairbanks, Victoria Winter, Sara h

Benttencourt, Jaguars; Liliana Rangel-Parra, Cierra Prestegard, Taylor Lawsen, Cyclones Defense: Peyton Woelk, Julie Herbeck, Sara Novel, Jaguars; Nadia Ranagan, Madeline Hyde, Madison Gerton, Cyclones U-10 Girls Panthers (2) vs. Killer Bees

U-10 Girls Panthers (2) vs. Killer Bees (1) Offense: Laura Duterte, Kelly Perreault, Kathryn Tietjen, Panthers; Lauryn Schmitt, Lindsay Welles, Jamie Zogaric, Bees Defense: Avalon Amaral, Tiaja Andrews (GK), Olivia Sekany, Panthers; Brianna Shultis, Jordan Gewing-Mullins, Jillian Davis, Bees Goals & Assists: Laura Duterte (2G), Panthers; Chloe Rodriguez (G), Bees Killer Bees (2) vs. Pink Panthers (1)

Killer Bees (2) vs. Pink Panthers (1) Offense: Chloe Rodriguez, Jamie Zogaric, Madison Gannon, Bees; Sierra Freeland, Rachel Desilva, Elizabeth Richards, Pan-Rachel Desilva, Elizabeth Richards, Pan-thers Defense: Shannon Blockley, Amanda Eijansantos, Monica Meier, Bees; August Yocher, Kiley Yocher, Jessica Maldanado, Panthers Goals & Assists: Chloe Rodriguez (2G), Lindsay Welles (A), Bees; Rachel Desilva (G), Panthers. Chloe Rodriguez corred two goals inst before the final whistle scored two goals just before the final whistle to lead the Killer Bees in a 2-1 win against

U-9 Girls Goal Getters (2) vs. Soccer Rays (1) Offense: Riley Shepard, Clelia Opipari, Mary Carmona, Getters; Katie Dabney, Samantha Dukes, Sydney Pournaras, Rays Defense: Olivia Curtis, Ashley Geary,

Rays Defense: Olivia Curtis, Ashley Geary, Amanda Czapkay, Getters; Melinda Miller, Lucy Romero, Shannon McNamera, Rays Goals & Assists: Clelia Opipari (2G), Getters; Samantha Dukes (G), Rays Shooting Stars (5) vs. Soccer Wizards (0) Offense: Ciara Martinez, Andrea Sommer, Heather Woelk, Stars; Marissa Carpenter, Devyn Montesinos, Taylor Petersen, Wizards Defense: Mariah Ortiz, Sydney Rosenberg, Amanda Zeck, Stars; Kija Ourdoune, Sophia Sarkis, Elizabeth Waibel, Wizards Goals & Assists: Heather Woelk (3G). Ciara Martinez (G). Andrea Sommer (3G), Ciara Martinez (G), Andrea Sommer (G), Stars

Soccer Sharks (3) vs. Soccer Puppies (0) Offense: Sierra Deane, Mackenzie Riddle, Emme Poe, Sharks; Alexis Salzar, Destiny Balch, Puppies Defense: Alize Rizzo, Molly Wharton, Taylor Sullivan, Sharks; K.J. Hutchenson, Sophia St. Clair, Puppies Goals & Assists: Madison Jackson (G), Maya Pillon (G & A), Sierra Deane (G), Mackenzie Riddle (A), Sharks

Sparklers (2), vs. Fireballs (I), Offense:

Riddle (A), Sharks

Sparklers (2) vs. Fireballs (0) Offense:
Maddie Stewert, April Kennedy, Laura
DiSimone, Sparklers; Raegan Demo, Haley
Payne, Paige Sutter, Fireballs Defense: Maggie Fayne, Faige Suiter, Friedrais Detense: Maggie Sneed, Savannah Stevenson, Kacie Long, Sparklers; Victoria Dishong, Sierra Rose, Gaby Correa, Fireballs Goals & Assists: Nitzia Gonzalez (2G), Madison Stewert (A), Sparklers. Audrey Redell (GK) gave an outstanding performance defending the Fire-balls goal in the 1st half. Miriam Brown took two hard injuries but recovered to finish the

game.

U-8 Girls Tasmanian Devils vs. Spirit
Offense: Ashley Cole, Nicole Fairbanks,
Kailee Haskins, Devils; Emmerson Coberg,
Mary Griffin, Francesca Hyde, Spirit Defense: Madison Forneris, Isabella Cusimano,
Alicio Dica, Devils, Pranda George, Talina Alicia Diaz, Devils; Brenda Gaspar, Talina

Alicia Diaz, Devils; Brenda Gaspar, Talina Quezada, Lauren Zielinski, Spirit Fire Breathing Dolphins vs. Soccer Chicks Offense: Sophia Olgardt, Alexandria Christeson, Dolphins; Courtney Hayes, Aislinn McElderry, Chicks Defense: Casey Sansoni, Olivia Clypool, Dolphins; Hayli Edwards, Haylee Kramer, Chicks White Tigers vs. Mustangs Offense: Meagan Brooking, Caroline Eckel, Yulisa Avina, Tigers; Leah Kline, Kendall Yamamoto, Alxexah Nava, Mustangs Defense: Amanda Macedo, Mackenzie Lemieux,

fense: Amanda Macedo, Mackenzie Lemieux,

fense: Amanda Macedo, Mackenzie Lemieux, Kaylie Lawsen, Tigers; Lindsey Phillips, Tiara Birdsong, Abby Andrews, Mustangs Dashing Dogz vs. The Rattlesnakes Of-fense: Mackenna Howell (G), Aleyia White-head, Ashley Myers, Maddie Lovdahl (G), Dogz; Kennedy Griffith (G), Jordan Kennedy, Haley Holt, Stephanie Boschee, Theresa Lalor, Rattlesnakes Defense: Brianna Wheelock Emily Turner Melanie Laronde

Lalor, Rattlesnakes Defense: Brianna Wheelock, Emily Turner, Melanie Laronde, Dogz; Abby Fraser, Tally Soto (G), Cassidy Bates, Melia Miller, Rattlesnakes.

U-7 Girls Soccer Monkeys vs. Wildcats Offense: Gracey Walke, Catherine Linney, Abagail Rothe, Monkeys; Eliana Eme, Hannah McDougall, Alexa Clatt, Wildcats Defense: Delaney Richards, Bianca Pahler Rachelle Stone, Monkeys; Taylor Bond, Lourdes Cacacho, Madison Gourd, Wildcats LL6 Girls Oughes vs. Pragonflies Office Organics (Control Control Cont U-6 Girls Quakes vs. Dragonflies Of-fense: Katie Wilson, Morgan Kibbe, Katie Keenan, Quakes; Ava Hall, Graciana Ratto,

Dragonflies
Rockin' Angels vs. The Wildcats Of-

ROCKIN Angels Vs. 1ne Wildcats Offense: Irene Gomez, Alissa Madrid, Sonoma Calkins, Angels; Catherine Polaski, Serena Dolan, Haiden Arruda, Wildcats Offense: Jenna Crampton, Parker Anderson, Superstars; Delaney Cummins, Marcella Kumamoto, Wildcats Defense: Jackie Urban, Superstars; Julia Passannante, Klarissa Cuenca, Wildcats

Under-5 Girls Pink Kitty Cats vs. Rainbow Hearts, Pink Kitty Cats Offense: Mariah Gill, Sonia Fletcher, Louise Maloney Pink Kitty Cats Defense: Athena Lewis, Emma Kello; Rainbow Hearts Offense: Sophia Pulido, Erin Schrader Rainbow Hearts De-

fense: Jayden Thomas, Indiana Stoneberger Boys Division 4, Copper U-12 Boys Cyclones (6) vs. Terminators (0) Offense: Garret Vest, Jose Gutierrez, Jarred Faith, Cyclones; Nathan Buchanan, Nakita Van Schoonenberg, Chase Billings, Terminators Defense: Joe Roberts, Kenny Williams, Justin Swinkles, Cyclones; Jason Flores, Jake Peterson, Cole Escover, Terminators Goals & Assists: Goals: Garret Vest (3G), Jose Gutierrez (G), Jarred Faith (G), Connor Lovoi

(G), Cyclones
U-10 Boys Dragons (3) vs. Earthquakes
(1) Offense: Ben Dupuis, Joey Lestochi,
Holden Tanner, Dragons; Jordan Mello,
Evan Armstrong, Connor Young, Earthquakes Defense: RyanMyers, Daniel Alvarez,
Dillon Eng, Dragons; Kevin Spense, Dominic
Hill, Michael Silva, Earthquakes Goals &
Assists: Jose Araiza (G), Conner Gibbons
(G), Holden Tanner (G), Dragons; Jordan
Mello (G), Earthquakes

(G), Holden Tanner (G), Dragons; Jordan Mello (G), Earthquakes

U-9 Boys The Goal Miners (2) vs. Earthquakes (0) Offense: Mark Silverthorn (G), Oscar Franco (G, A), Nick McClendon, Miners; Lucas Owen, Nester Lopez, Cameron Geyer, Earthquakes Defense: Jonathan Song, Troy, Wentworth, Ethan Vincert, Miners: Wentworth, Ethan Vincent, Miners

Iroy Wentworth, Ethan Vincent, Miners; Cade Shortridge, Weston Everett, Chase Dunn, Earthquakes Terminators (7) vs. Predators (0) Of-fense: Omar Jesus, Joshua Garcia, Christian Moreno, Terminators; Ryan Carlson, Joshua Esteva, Predators Defense: Tanner Gomes. Riley Altman, Anthony Kumar, Terminators; Andres Cardenas, Zack Ridenour, Geno Murphy, Predators Goals & Assists: Omar Jesus (4G), Joshua Garcia (2G), Christian Moreno (G), Terminators.

Moreno (G), Terminators.

U-8 Boys Quakes vs. The Bombers Offense: Gavin Finkbeiner, Forest Bishop, Kevin Buklin, Quakes; Casey Worthham, Ryan McCusker Adam Lagodzinski, Nicholas Puso, Bombers Defense: Cameron Meier, Tucker Lyons, Alexander Pierce, Quakes; Evan Vasconcellos, Gabriel Parrish Lanes Evan Vasconcellos, Gabriel Parrish, James

Evan Vasconcellos, Gabriel Parrish, James Attree, Bombers
The Eagles vs. The Crushers Offense: Darren O'Neill, Jeremy Theobald, Eagles; Zack McIntyre, Dominic Sheherd, Crushers Defense: David Dale, Eagles; Eric Moody, Crushers Game Summary & Highlights: The

Crushers Gaine Summary & Frightights: The Eagles and the Crushers played an exciting game! Both teams scored goals and had fun! U-7 Boys Jedi SC vs. Tigers Offense: Ryan Juric, Lewis O'Neill, Nathan MacDougall, Jedi; Jordan Bets, Jacob Hutchinson, Brandon Umeki, Tigers Defense: Michael Straus, A.J Morais, Colin Wiese, Jedi; Brandon Martin, Jack Wilson,

Jackson Nystrom, Tigers Emerald Dragons vs. Cougars Offense: Chad Hemmig, Nathaniel Sproul, Benjamin Rocha, Dragons; Jared Paul, Peter Vance, Trenton Wiedner, Cougars Defense: Jason Wong, Diego Hernandez, Parker Hall, Drag-ons; Bo Cole, Sikander Haider, Tyler

ons; Bo Cole, Sikander Harder, Tyler Henderson, Cougars Fireballs vs. Thunderbolts Offense: Spen-cer Williams, Ty Marks, Bradley Mitchell, Fireballs; Jeffrey Fairbanks, Riley Hargraves, Noah Gibson, Thunderbolts Defense: Michael Gauch, Bradley Rittmann, Ethan Lane, Fireballs; Evan Sire, Dalton Johnston, Nino Sabella, Thunderbolts

Diamondbacks vs. Fireballs Offense: Colin Eads, Maximilliano Gomez, Logan Vinson, Diamondbacks; Garret Hamer, Jared Harwood, Joseph Field, Fireballs Defense: Bobby Farner, Matthew Gomes, Zachary Hollingshaus, Diamondbacks; Nathan Jones, Zachary Kramer Anthony Gomez, Fireballs. Heroes vs. Torpedoes; Heroes Offense: Ben Morrisroe, Josiah Knight, Thomas Kello

Heroes Defense: Ian Prachar, Ryan Wenzel:



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School varsity water polo teams recorded victories over Cal High last week. The varsity men recorded an 8 to 5 victory. Kyle Surber led the way with three goals. The Don's JV boys squad defeated the Grizzlies JV team, 11 to 3. The women's varsity overpowered Cal 26 to 6. Scoring six goals each were Jenn Docto and Nicole Plihal. The girls JV also won, by a 7 to 2 margin. In the photo, Amador's Mason Mooney (13) fired in one of his two goals.

Torpedoes Offense: Jack Bosso, Jarrod Gonzales, Colby Smith Torpedoes Defense: Jake Carmichael, Peyton Peterson, Blake

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U-6 Boys Thunderbolts vs. Fire Balls Offense: Dylan Baxter, Kelly Galicia-Thomas, Thunderbolts; Joey Keller, Ben O'Connor, Fire Balls Defense: Danny Geissbuhler, Nicholas Gladden, Thunderbolts; Kyle Rodgers, Carson Tracey, Fire Balls

Thunderbolts vs. Pumas Offense: Anthony Opipari, Ryan Wohlgemuth, Thunderbolts; John Orsini, Abraham Zarate, Pumas Defense: Vijay Memula, Sean Olgardt, Thun-derbolts; Patrick Curulla, Colby Cairel,

U-5 Boys Panthers vs. Light Speed Offense: Brett Demo, Leif Jensen, Nate Lee, Panthers; Tybalt Anderson, Ryan Bond, Garrett Riddiough, Light Speed Defense: Jackson Nystrom, Jack Martin, Ryan Demo, Mateo Contreras, Panthers; London Bishop, Will Wentworth, Luca Montalvo, Light

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League re-

The key for the offense of any team is successful play on the offensive line. Saturday, as they have for the last few games, the Seahawks offensive line was solid as they rolled to a 20-6, Pleasanton Junior Football

League win over the Steelers.
First-year center Kevin Miller had his best game of the season and along with linemates, Ryan Walsh, Harrison Heiser, Tyler Rains, Nate Vickers, James Frair and Usman Kahn, dominated in the trenches.
Cale Rubinson scored a pair of touch

Cale Rubinson scored a pair of touchdowns, both of which were set up by the hard running of Marc Luey. In fact, the Seahawks offense, guided the skillful play of quarter-back Nick Mendonca, racked up 264 yards

rushing..

Mendonca also added his first touch-

Mendonca also added his first touch-down of the season, scoring the Seahawks initial touchdown.

On defense, the Seahawks were also solid, holding the powerful Steelers running game to just 164 yards. Alex Jader, along with fellow defensive linemen Mike Harris and Sean Flynn, set the tone up front.
Friar and first time defensive end Grant

Sherrod did a terrific job of shutting down the sweep. Late in the game, the Seahawks defensive turned in a stand inside their 10 thanks to big plays from Parker Dalton, Dylan Isquirdo and Raymond Bartolomucci at linebacker and K.C. Chisim and Logan Finley in the defensive backfield

Intermediate Division: Raiders 8, Panthers 0: With week 5 rained out the Raiders had an extra week to prepare for the Panthers. After kicking off to the Panthers the Raider defense began their day forcing the Panthers offense to 4 & out. Not to be outdone the Panthers returned the favor forcing the Raiders to 4 & out. On the Panthers next possession Raider D-End Brandon Derdak recovered a Panther fumble. After 3 plays the Raiders were forced to punt again. The Raider D forced the Panthers back 18 vards on 3 plays. D lineman Mikey Parisi penetrated the O line blocking the Panther punt and recovering it in the end zone for 6. For the PAT the ering it in the end zone for 6. For the PAT the Raiders send in special teams RB Kane Millerstrom a.k.a. for a 2 point PAT. The Raider offense tried to get things going only to come up short on downs returning the ball to the Panthers. The Raider D was relentless to the Paintiers. The Raider D was reientiess forcing another Panther punt. The Raider O looked to go the distance mounting a 7:08, 12 play, 34 yard drive only to end having a pass picked by the Panther D. The Raider D forces second Panther fumble recovered by LB Harrison Mayo to end the game Raiders 8. Panthers 0.

Senior Division: Steelers 6, Seahawks 20: After forcing a three and out, Seahawks quickly moved the ball 39 yards after a 20 yard return for 6. On the Steelers' next possession RB Joshua Yu went 42 yards to pick up 6 for the Steelers. The Steeler D stepped up and forced a Seahawk fumble recovered by D-End Raymond Hudson on their 2 yard line. Two plays later the Seahawks forced a Steeler fumble getting the ball back on the Steelers

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1 yard line. The Seahawks scored and added a 2 point PAT. The Steeler D forces a Seahawk punt with 1:39 left in the half. The Steelers moved the ball 21 yards on 7 plays but run out of time ending the 1st half. The Seahawks receive the 2nd half kickoff and marched 60 yards for the score. The Steeler offense looked to set this control with 7/24/17 plays 65 to get things going with a 7:24, 17 play, 65 yard drive only to come up short of downs on the Seahawks 15 yard line. The Steeler D forced a Seahawk punt then turned the ball over on downs. On their last possession the Seahawks intercepted a deep pass to end the game Seahawks 20, Steelers 6. Cheerleaders Cierra Martinez, Lexi Venema, Lexi Ewanich, Melody Felix, and Krissy Mule helped support the team support the team

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League game results:

Senior Division: Giants 20, Cardinals 0: The Giants' defense, led by middle line-backer Al Rusell, shut down running back David Moffit and the Cardinals. Rio Orozco had touchdowns runs of 40, 60 and 70 yards. He rushed over 230 yards. The Giants' offensive line did an outstanding job of blocking and protecting quarterback by Jaymal Patel. Josh Sanders has 2 very nice defensive plays. Nick Vickers almost had an interception. Nick also had good pressure on the Nick also had good pressure on the quarterback on a couple of plays. The defense, as a whole, did not allow a first down during the entire football game.

Saints 26, Jets 20: The Saints maintained their first place in the Senior Division by holding off the Jets. The teams once again played a see-saw battle. Both defenses made several stands to hold off the powerful running games possessed by each team.

Advanced Division: Bucs 20, Raiders 14: The Bucs played a complete game with 311 yards of total offense and were led by Ryan Silvas who rushed for 111 yards on 8 carries and added 68 yards receiving for a total of 179 yards. In a series of 4 successive touches, Ryan scored on a run of 25 yards, a 68 yard reception from Travis Adams, a 3 yard PAT, and another 53 yard run. Ben Parker rushed for 81 yards and Chris Jones registered 68 yards in kick returns. The O-line was led by Nick Penrod, Nick Stanley, Truman Griffeath, Ryan Lewis, Jacob Mitchell and Eric Meeks and they played great all day by defense also stepped up their game. They with stood drive after drive by the Raiders and ended the game with 2 goal line stands to seal the victory. Eight players registered 5 or more tackles, including Ben Parker (20), Travis Adams (8), Armando Fagliano (6), Jeremy Cardenas (6), Matt Calcagno (5), Skiler amb (7), Chris Jones (5) and Jacob Valasco (5 & 1 int). The defensive line was relentless all day with strong play by Robbie Payne (2 tackles, 1 deflection) and Tia Phan (3 tackles).

Ravens 14, 49ers 0: The 49ers fought gallantly for 3 quarters and 4 minutes into the 4th quarter and held the undefeated Ravens without a score. A stunning pass play for a touchdown and a run for another score late in the game doomed the 49ers. Nonetheless, the 49ers played with heart and desire and all of the players should be recognized for their efforts: defensive ends Dylan Guilin and Miko Asifoa, defensive linemen, James Wilkins, Brandon Mullen, Steve Royster, Dominic Luzador, and Jacob Roach, linebackers Michael Kutsenda, Jacob Benavidez, and Russell Lovett, and defensive backs Conner Cruz, Kevin Garcia.

Amador JV

After two blow-out wins against nonleague opponents, the Amador Valley JV Dons found the going a bit rougher in their EBAL opener. Facing a big, strong California High squad, who handed them one of their only two losses last (freshman) season, the Don's came up short again this year 17-12. The loss brings their season record to 2-2.

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Friday's contest started with the Grizzlies returning the opening kickoff 24 yards to the 35 yard line. On the sixth play of the series Cal found an open receiver for a 47-yard touchdown strike with 6:39 left in the first

The first quarter ended with the Dons normally explosive offense only running just one series for four net yards. Meanwhile, helped by a pass interference call, the Grizzlies moved the ball down to Don's 19 yard

line. From there, after gaining only one yard, Cal settled for a field goal to go up 10-0.

On the Don's second offensive possession, they were able to put together a nine play drive. Capping the drive was a 36-yard tou play, Ewanich followed some great lead blocking on a sweep around left end to get into the end zone. The PAT was unsuccessful, and Amador trailed 10-6.

As the second half started, Amador's offense continued to struggle, but the Dons defense, anchored by the line play of Jason Haycock and Andrew Garcia, shut down Ca as well. The third quarter ended with the Cal still holding a 10-6 lead.

The Grizzlies started the fourth quarter with a drive that consumed much of the period, driving down to the Don's four yard line. Brian Hill made a stop in the backfield to end the drive and a missed field goal attempt left Amador within striking distance. Amador finally found some answers

offensively and, starting from their 20, the Dons advanced to the Grizzlies 25. The big play of the drive was a 34-yard scamper by Alex Osterholt. However, the drive stalled and the Grizzlies got the ball back with 5:09 left on the clock. From there, Cal put together an eight play TD drive put the Dons to ice the game 17-6 with only 4.3 seconds left. However, the game was not quite over

On the ensuing kickoff, Cameron Ashtiani received the kick-off at the 30 yard line and made a highlight reel dash to the end zone with time expiring. It was a great run, but it was too little, too late for Amador as they fell

Girls Lacrosse

Girls New Player Lacrosse Festival for girls in grades 1 to 8 will be held Sun., Nov 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Thomas Hart Middle School in Pleasanton. Cost is \$39 (includes stick & ball). Registration is now open at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com Questions? Kelly French at troynkelly@aol.com. Spring 2009 registration is now open

Bowling News

Sonja Williamson in the Friday Night Reno Getaway rolled 137 over series average

with games of 194-173-160 at Granada Bowl in Livermore. In the same league Charlie Butkiewicz was right behind with 128 pins over series average and games of 221-237-204.

Karl Hess, in the Getaway Fours, had a nice set of 208-235-227 for a 665 series. Robert Fulkerson rolled a 244 game. Diana Belcher, in the Balhorn O'Dell Construction Match Point League, bowled 104 over series average with a 176-193-140 to end with a 509. Margaret Barrow shot a 229 and Vicki Hambrick a 220. James Seltmann, in the Modified Guys & Dolls, ended the night with a 743 series including games of 276-222-245. In the same league, David Drab rolled a 233-242-245 for a 720 series. High game in the Reno Getaway Fours was recorded by Brian Johmann with a 246. Glen Thompson from the Friday night Cheyenne League heated it up with a 727 series with games of 246-277-204. Mike Stephenson rolled a 266 game, Mushy Machado a 256 and Don Dutton a 222. Darrell Irving, from the Sunday Generation Gap, turned in a 237 game.

Monday Primetime Senior Bowler Obie Brooks bowled 83 over average with a 231 game. Sam Cancilla, in the Thursday Morning Donna's Mixers, recorded a 237 game. In the same league Dick Braden had a 225 game.

PGSL Registration

2009 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublinand Sunol are eligible to play PGSLsoftball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions you can email Nancy Costa at nancy.c@pleasantonsoftball.org.

Pleasanton LL Signup

Little League registration for all three leagues in Pleasanton. Go to Sportability.com/ leagues in Pleasanton. Goto Sportability.com/ pll or walk up registration on the following dates: Sat. 10/18 – 10-1pm at the Pleasanton Library; Sunday 10/26 – 10-3 pm, between fields 5 and 6 on the last day of Fall Blitz at the Pleasanton Sports Park; or Sunday 11/2 11-2 at the library.

Sharks Tickets

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

Available tickets are: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, vs. Detroit Red Wings; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, vs. Los Angeles Kings; an d7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, vs. Anaheim

To reserve tickets, please call LARPD at

Softball Signups

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

AND both Parent and Player Code Of Conduct Forms and registration fee to: LGSA/ Livermore Smoke, Attn: Registration, P.O. Box 905, Livermore, CA 94551.

Mandatory tryouts for 10U and up are scheduled for Saturday, November 15 & December 6, 2008 at Joe Michell School on Elaine Ave. Last names that begin with A L 9am-12pm; M - Z 1pm-4pm. Pitchers and Catcher tryouts following regular tryout. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to check-in. Pre-registration is requested for tryouts. Questions? Contact Stacie Heinz www.livermoresmoke2008@comcast.net

Little League Signup

Registration for the 2009 Season of all three Livermore Little Leagues will take place on Saturday, October 18 and Saturday, November 15 at the Livermore High School Student Union. All players ages 5-18 are welcome. The hours of registration are 10 am to 2 pm. New players need to bring proof of residency and birth certificate. Check local league's websites for further details. Livermore National- www.lnll.us, Livermore American-www.eteamz.com/lall, Granadawww.eteamz.com/granadall.



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Glenn Staller will present an evening performance of solo guitar on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. The program includes regional works from various areas of the world such as Spain, Brazil, and Argentina. Works are by such composers as Murcia, Sor, Albeniz, Turina, Pernambuco, Piazzolla, and Pereira. Staller specialises in classical, Brazilian, Flamenco, Bossa Nova and jazz musical styles. He has performed as a soloist and with ensembles for 25 years. He has studied with outstanding mentors and instructors such as Dusan Bogdanovic, Rey de le Torre, Julian White, and Bill Tapia. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 for children and seniors.

Las Positas Students Present Children's Theater Show

The Las Positas College Theater Department will present two on campus performances of its touring Children's Theater show, Flashback - on Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. The 35minute production will take place in Room 601. Admission is free.

The campus address is 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Flashback!, by Alice Wilson, consists of a series of often humorous and sometimes poignant sketches about events in childhood. They deal with subjects ranging from nap time in kinder-

garten to family vacations to a

trip to the principal's office. It

even includes a humorous vignette about a sock that just won't stay up. The show is described as highly entertaining as well as being thought provoking. It is especially appropriate for children in grades K through 6.

The show is directed by LPC theater instructor, Ken Ross.

During the month of October, the show will be touring to Arroyo Seco, Croce and Michell Schools in Livermore; Fairlands and Valley View School in Pleasanton and Dublin Elementary School in Dublin.

For more information, call 424-1166 or email Ken Ross at kross@laspositascollege.edu.

LPC Radio **Station Attracts Overseas Listeners**

Recent statistics show that Radio Las Positas has gained more than 1,000 listeners in 38 countries on its radio station. A two-week statistical survey revealed 1,240 listeners and 599 unique listeners. The average listener connect time is 12 minutes and 28 seconds.

"When we came up with the concept of Radio Las Positas we hoped it would take off in the Tri-Valley," said Nolan O'Brien, faculty member and advisor to Radio Las Positas."The fact that we're able to provide our students here in the Tri-Valley the opportunity to share their talents and Las Positas College with the whole world is just awesome."

International listeners include several countries including Poland, Slovenia, Ireland and Norway as well as the following: Mexico - 43, Netherlands - 5, Russian Federation - 5, Spain -10, Switzerland - 5, Japan - 13, United Kingdom - 8, Italy - 16, and Brazil - 9.

Programming times for Radio Las Positas are:

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During off-air hours the station broadcasts preset programming. Faculty and students are considering expanding the broadcast schedule to meet student demand for more airtime.

To tune into Radio Las Positas go to www.radiolaspositas.com and click on the logo.



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Last Saturday's ArtWalk in downtown Livermore attracted a large crowd. The event included a wide variety of art located in businesses and along the sidewalk.

First Annual Livermore Poetry Contest. All Livermore Residents 18 and over are welcome to enter. Deadline: October 31, 2008. Cash Prizes. Results will be announced in early December. Awards will be presented at the December 8, City Council meeting. Sponsored by the City of Livermore in affiliation with Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. Entry Forms accompanied by complete Rules and Guidelines are available at City of Livermore - City Hall - Second Floor, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue Livermore. For questions, call: 925-960-4140 Or e-mail Poet Lau-Connie Post reate

connie@poetrypost.com. 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 to for a vendor booth, contact Christine, 449-5845 x2707 Christine@trivalleyhaven.org. x2707

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

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.

Joan's Farm and Pumpkin Patch, Back by popular demand, Oct. 1-31, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. Mines Rd.,

October Full Moon Dinner. White Crane Winery Vineyard, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.m Fri., Oct. 17. Buffet dinner servied at 6:30 p.m., live music 8 p.m. Wine & Beer available for purchase. \$40 per person. Wine Club Members \$35.00 per person. In-cludes 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 Vine-yard 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 meeting is at the Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore. www.livermoreartassociation.org. The public is invited to attend. There 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 373-6800 or through www.LivermoreShakes.org, are \$30 - \$45, with discounts for students, seniors, military and fulltime educators. Show times are Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm, and Sunday at 7pm.

The Best Man, Role Players Ensemble, Oct 10 Nov. 1 Popular Teams Most.

Oct. 10-Nov. 1. Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St., Danville. 314-3400.

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

Pacific Chamber Symphony Concert, The Orchestra Winds, Thurs., Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Classical era works by Mozart and Beethoven to works by Mozart and Beetinoven to the Strauss' Suite for winds and Dvorak's Serenade. \$38/\$32/\$26 students \$7. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Jazz at the Library, The Nerio DeGracia Mambo Jazztet performs Oct. 17, 8 p.m. at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon. 973-2850.

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. For reservations call 925-462-2766. Information:

www.museumonmain.org.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Com-pany, in partnership with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. Directed by Rebecca Ennals of the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. Performances will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, on October 17-19 and October 21-26.

Farm Life Exhibit, Oct. 21 at the Dublin Heritage Center, Donlon Way.

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. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Tickets available at 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Foothill Band Review, Sat., Oct. 25.

Parade competition down Main

a.m. to 1 p.m. Concert competition in the morning at Amador Valley High School. Field competition at Foothill High School 4 to 10 p.m. www.foothillband.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.

20th Annual Wine and Dine, Thurs., Oct. 23, 5:eo to 8:30 p.m. ClubSport of San Ramon. Evening of tasting fine wine, micro-brews and culinary creations from over 50 local establishments. Bid on silent auction items and enter the raffle for some prizes provided by our San Ramon Chamber members. 350 Bollinger Canyon Lane, San Ramon. \$35 per person, \$45 at the door. www.sanramon.org 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. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to the performance. http://www.civicartstickets.org, 925-931-3444.

Artists' Reception At Windermere

The public is invited to attend a reception for the artists in the 2nd Livermore Ekphrasis Poetry and Art Exhibition this Saturday, Oct. 18. The exhibition is sponsored by Windermere Welcome Home and the City of Livermore.

Ekphrastic poetry, from a Greek word meaning "art responding to art", is poetry inspired by art. Twelve local artists have work in the show, which will run through Dec. 22. Writers are invited to create poems about any of the pieces that inspire them. Selected poems will be hung with the art work beginning in mid-November.

The reception will be held from 3-6 p.m. at Windermere Welcome Home Realty, 1790 First Street, Livermore.

For information or entry forms, contact Connie Post, the Poet Laureate of Livermore, at connie@poetrypost.com or Cher Wollard

cherw@windermere.com or 925 824-4824. Entry forms for poetry are also available at the Windermere office.

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enunciation. I'd love a recording of his famous patter-song "Un dottore della mia sorte," pompously (and incorrectly) warning Rosina that she can't possibly hoodwink a wily old fox like

The audience also roared at the outrageous mangling of a dull old minuet he claims is better than Rosina's "newfangled aria." His every attempt to reach the proper pitch was excruciatingly funny, even for those who didn't realize the artistry involved in singing JUST off-key.

More than his match in highspirited defiance, physically and vocally, was Layna Chianakas as Rosina. She is no meek docile maiden, especially after hearing "Lindoro" (really Count Almaviva) singing a melting love song outside her window.

Rossini provided his sole soprano lead with impressive bel canto arias, expecting the singer to add brilliant coloratura fireworks, and she DOES. In her famous bravura showpiece, "Una voce poco fa," she brought back memories of Maria Callas' fiery performances. No wonder she's in demand as a tempestuous Carmen!

The audience responded enthusiastically to her brilliant vocal acrobatics, as well as her passionate outburst "Si, Lindoro mio sara" ("Yes, Lindoro WILL be mine! I have SWORN it"), leaving no doubt about her eventual triumph over her crotchety old guardian.

Even the conniving master Figaro, flabbergasted at her cunning tactics, exclaims, "Why, that scheming little lady - SHE could give ME lessons!"

Her suitor, Count Almaviva, sung by Robert McPherson, is not only a gifted lyric tenor, but also an accomplished comic in 3 different disguises: the poor student "Lindoro" who woos Rosina, a drunken soldier claiming to be billeted at Dr. Bartolo's house, and the unctuous "substitute" music teacher for Rosina's voice

As wooer, he knocked listener's socks off with the florid rendition of his opening serenade, using the dauntingly difficult original embellishments of Rossini's first Almalviva and literally stopping the show. (I remember him achieving a similar show-stopping effect in SFO's

2007 "Der Rosenkavalier" as the Italian Tenor.)

As a drunken soldier, he was outrageously obstreperous, combative, and aggravating, but hysterical (doing a backflip when tummy-bumped by Bartolo's ample paunch.) In contrasting demeanor, his lisping "music teacher" drives Bartolo crazy with endlessly repeated whining, "Pace e gioia sia con voi" ("Peace and joy be with you").

The opera's namesake, Figaro the Barber, was Igor Vieira, another outstanding comic with a wonderful voice, as evidenced here in last spring's "Carmina Burana." In Berkeley Opera's "Romeo et Juliette" he was hailed by the SF Chronicle as "the best singer in the cast," and this reviewer agreed.

Vieira employed all his talents: strong rich tone, great dramatic presence, physical agility and, yes, mugging, as the jackof-all-trades who propels the intrigues. Introducing himself in the famous "Largo al factotum," he describes his many functions for customers old and young, male and female, from leeches and love-notes, to wigs and wily

It's another of Rossini's beloved tongue-twisting marathons, and Vieira's spry and seemingly effortless rendition brought the house down in a prolonged ovation. (For a great giggle, click on LVO' website to hear Bugs Bunny's hysterical version in "The Rabbit of Seville.")

The fourth male lead was Kevin Nakatani as Don Basilio, a tall cadaverous villain scheming to assist Dr. Bartolo's lecherous plans to wed his ward. He describes "swiftboat" tactics for disgracing Almaviva in his signature aria, "La Calunnia" ("Slander"), explaining how little rumors start softly, gradually growing to a crescendo of public disapproval that overwhelms the disgraced villain. Listeners literally heard the orchestra's soft "sibilando" (whispering) growing louder and more insistent until it bursts forth "like a cannon shot" (heard booming in the percussion).

The aria, always an audience favorite, was greatly enhanced by Nakatami's expressive acting, and the comic shtick provided by Director Helfgot, but only

nature could endow him with those fabulous low basso profundo notes few Basilios can

Mention must be made of Marcella Caprario's Berta, Dr. Bartolo's long-suffering housemaid. Her every cranky action is a comic gem and her beautifully sung spinster's lament is at once funny and humanly moving. What a delightful touch when she ends up in Dr. Bartolo's lonely

The all-male chorus is a treat in itself, as a rag-tag group of musicians or later as a motley police crew. Their Keystone Kops antics, such as brazenly looting Dr. Bartolo's house, proved a howling success with everyone. Thanks again to David Helfgot's

inspired stage directing! Jean-Francois Revon's ingeniously inventive turn-around set was a masterpiece of cleverly effective design. Deceptively simple, it served multiple scenes with elegant versatility.

Conductor Alexander Katsman drew beautiful sonorous tones from the orchestra. both in exposed solos and wellcoordinated tutti passages. The ensemble has seldom sounded so well prepared.

Finally, bravo to all of LVO, from busy board members to unsung set-builders, prop-hunters, costume coordinators, stage crews, hosts, and hostesses, and all the people it takes to achieve such a success. They've raised the bar of excellence once again with this superb production.

The final weekend performances will be Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, at 8 PM, and Sunday October 19, at 2 PM. Tickets are available at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, 925-373-6800,

www.livermorevalleyopera.org. "Frugal Friday" seats are offered at \$10 off each ticket. Be sure to arrive one hour early for Phillip Manwell's informative pre-curtain lecture and then settle in for a really super show.

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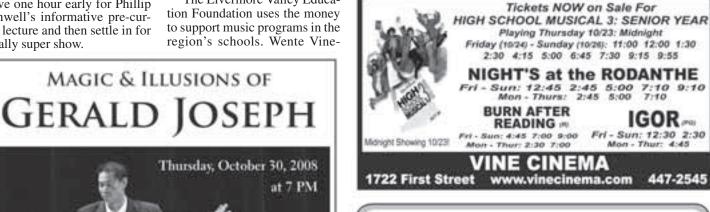
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Wente, who plays the guitar with his band, The Front Porch, has taken a creative approach to wine and music. In Vintage II of "Discover the Wine, Discover the Music," an innovative wine and music campaign launching this October, Karl pairs his wines with songs from nationally-recog-









Evening of Fun and Music As Pops Goes to the Movies

By Nancy O'Connell

A seven - year old Spiderman raced past me as I searched for my seat. He didn't leap over any burning buildings, but joined his parents and snatched up a cookie. Families brought picnics, and eating was not forbidden in this informal concert set-

It was the 30th year for the annual Pops concert and fund raiser for the Livermore-Amador Symphony, which was held on October 10 at the Barn. It was an evening filled with fun for all ages, a light romp through music composed or adapted for the movies. The doors opened at 7 p.m. Many in the audience arrived with their dinners. There were costumes everywhere, and some of them were elaborate. Dr. Arthur Barnes, the conductor, was a pirate, the first bass player was the "Wicked Witch of the North," a violist was Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, complete with bright red twinkling shoes. Sharon Schumacher, a 'cellist, was a wonderful scarecrow who played every note with a blackbird perched on her shoulder. Bryan Waugh, a French horn player, came as Amadeus Mozart.

Many in the audience joined in the fun. Across from me sat Lawrence of Arabia, and at the next table Mr. and Mrs. John Stroud came as Nelson Eddy and Jeannette MacDonald. Many of

the children were dressed up also. I spotted a small ghost in the crowd, one of the characters from Star Wars, and several ballerinas

Marion Stearns, wearing "two hats," was an excellent master of ceremonies, a role she's played in the past; and she also performed on her violin all evening. Her quips were humorous and she added notes of historical in-

After a fanfare, the concert opened with "Yankee Doodle Dandy" presented as a Sing Along, led by three singers. Next, the first movement from Mozart's Symphony #25 was heard. Composed in 1773, this brought out some of the remarkable talent of the orchestral players. It was, of course, from the movie, Amadeus.

"If I Only Had a Brain," from the 1939 Wizard of Oz was sung by Jennifer Geiger as the Scarecrow, Dale Larsen, the Tin Man, and Wendy Mason, as the Cowardly Lion. Dale's voice had a beautiful quality to it, and our community is fortunate to have all three of these singers in our area. They all sang well and had good intonation. I've often expressed the belief that the microphones used are far kinder to those singing in the lower registers. A soprano could sing like a bird, and yet her voice is often distorted because of the mike.

Brown's "Singing in the Rain" from 1952 was another Sing Along. The audience joined in with gusto. Then we heard two works by John Williams. He composed amazing music for films, and his "Artificial Intelligence" (2001) and "The Patriots" (2000) featured exciting passages for the brass players, but there were some intonation problems here. The audience enthusiastically clapped a bit too soon, after one of the many cadences, but realized their error, and everyone laughed after the closing chords were finally heard. Another moment of hilarity in an evening of

musical high jinks. After the first intermission, the orchestra played "Tara's Theme" from Gone With the Wind with its many beautiful melodies. The violins and violas all bowed together in unison, making a glorious sound. It's difficult to realize that this film was made in 1939 and is now over 60 years old! Another film created in 1939 was Intermezzo, which marked Ingrid Bergman's American movie debut. Provost's musical score for this film featured a violin solo, performed at the concert by Kristina Anderson, who was making her own debut as the symphony's concertmaster. Her intonation, even with the double stops, was flawless and she played with great feeling, but again the microphone distorted

her tone and created a harsh effect. I would much prefer to have heard her soar above the orchestra without that artificial help.

Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture, "Fingal's Cave" was composed in 1832 and is not an easy overture to play. It places technical demands on all of the performers. The 'cellists had an evocative melody which they played well, and shortly afterwards there was a clarinet solo which demonstrated that a single voice can soar over the entire orchestra without a mike being placed right in front of the performer. No distortion here, just a beautiful solo heard clearly and never forgotten.

After the second intermission, there were announcements of the winners in the costume category. A young man in blue jeans won the guest conducting spot for Alford's Colonel Bogey March. The 007 Themes were arranged by Calvin Custer, and in the forte fortissimo portions everyone's eye in the orchestra was upon Dr. Barnes with his sweeping generous beats. He gave excellent cues throughout the concert. The first 'cellist (who is almost finished with his Ph.D. program in chemistry) played a short, eloquent solo - a talented multitasker.

Schifrin's theme from Mission Impossible presented some interesting challenges for the percus-

/s/:Joe Pitta Jr.

sion section with the difficult rhythm of five beats to a bar. Syncopated passages led to heads nodding and toes tapping among many in the orchestra. The Tribute to John Williams, as arranged by Lavendar, The Star Wars Theme again had some intonation problems in the brass section, but the big full orchestral sound brought the concert to a resounding close.

Many in the audience stood and cheered in a standing ovation. Art Barnes sprang back on to the podium and conducted the encore - John Williams' Raiders of the Lost Arc. Sensuous melodies in all of the voices was interspersed with tricky difficult rhythms and syncopation. As many of the patrons of this symphony realize and appreciate, there are many talented multitaskers in this particular orchestra. Many engineers, physicists and chemists, as well as polished technical writers, have formed the backbone for this organization for years.

For its next concerts circle your calendars. On December 6 there will two concerts given by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. At 2 p.m. for the children there will be Buddy Wachter on the Banjo, plus Bill Nemoyten, the "Horn Man," who plays 15 different horns and gives a terrific show. At 8 p.m. there will be a special concert which will feature Mendelssohn, Vaughn Williams, Handel, and the Banjo playing Buddy Wachter. Both concerts will be held at the Bankhead

Pleasanton **Artist Honored**

Pleasanton artist Melanie Lacki has received the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club's Amberst Meeker Memorial Award for her painting, "Sunday in Killarney" (Michael). The painting was entered in the 112th annual open exhibition at the National Arts Club in New York

The exhibition of works in a variety of media by women artists from all over the United States was by juried submission.

The club is one of the oldest women's art clubs in the country. It was founded by Miss Wolfe, a New York philanthropist and art collector.

Another painting by Lacki, 'Lunch at the Met," was accepted in the Salmagundi Art Club Exhibition in New York City with an award by the Allied Artist of America.

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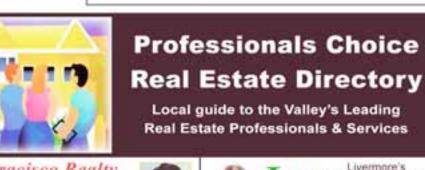
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Bargain Hunting in a Down Market: Foreclosures

By Cher Wollard

"These are the times when fortunes are made. Buy real estate." So said Donald Trump in a recent interview on CNBC.

The financial roller coaster of the past few weeks has many people concerned about the future of their savings and investments. However, as nearly every financial advisor is cautioning, now is not the

The old adage "Buy low, sell high" means just that: The very best time to invest is when markets - either stock markets or real estate markets – are depressed. Markets just like this one.

Of course, succeeding with this strategy requires careful investigation, smart planning and patience. Trying to turn a "quick buck" seldom works. For those interested in a long term real estate investments - or folks just looking for affordable housing - there are good values to be found.

"Buy on bad news," advises Paul Conrow of Real Estate Opportunity Network in Danville.

Bargain hunting is not the best strategy for everyone. Those looking to settle down in a house that will be their home for years to come need to look for those features that are most important to them - location, square footage, age and condition of the home. A shortterm bargain may not suit their long-term needs. In those cases, getting a home they love may well be worth paying a few extra

Investors, or those who can't quite afford their dream house, have several options when looking for well-priced properties: foreclosures, short sales and distressed properties. Each category of property for sale comes with its own potential rewards and more than a

Foreclosures

Foreclosed properties fall into two categories: REOs (Real Estate Owned) or bank-owned homes and land that have been repossessed by a lender, usually because the former owner failed to make the mortgage payments; and government-owned properties that have been seized for failure to pay taxes.

Most foreclosures on the market are owned by the lender. In the past, when banks, savings and loans, credit unions or other lenders put property on the market they expected to recoup their losses. These days, however, banks are more realistic. It is common for REOs to be priced well below the balance owed on the mortgage.

Buyers interested in pursuing REOs should proceed as they would in any other transaction. Work with a licensed real estate agent. Obtain pre-approved for a mortgage – most banks won't even look at an offer that does not include a viable pre-approval letter. Then be prepared to "hurry up and wait."

"Ninety percent of the loans we're doing are REOs," said Karen Long of Wells Fargo in Livermore. With prices so low, many REOs are attracting multiple offers, an

ironic note in an otherwise slower market. So while buyers can offer less than the asking price, that may not always work. How are REOs different from "normal" sales? 'The main difference is urgency. With homeowners and buyers, you are dealing with people's emotions. With foreclosure property,

Lafayette, who specializes in listing bank-owned properties. Other ways in which REOs are different: First, buyers and their agents must be patient. While most sellers respond to an offer within 24-72 hours, lending institutions can take weeks. With the volume of REOs on the market, the timetables have improved and many banks are making a strong effort to respond

it's all about the numbers," said Jenette Cope of ReMax Accord of

more quickly. But not all of them do. Even when they do respond, buyers may not receive signed cop-

ies of the contract until well into the escrow process. The listing agents for REOs are often agents who specialize in bank-owned properties, and have dozens of these listings at a time. This means they may be less familiar with the property, their response times may be slowed by the heavy workload, and the buyer's agent may end up dealing mostly with assistants and co-listing agents.

Second, many banks will require buyers to be pre-approved by their own mortgage specialists. They cannot require that the buyer use their services, but this can mean buyers will have to obtain two pre-approvals – one from their own lender and one from the selling Third, banks are not subject to all of the disclosure requirements

that other sellers must adhere to. In addition, many lending instituons will counter offers with addendums to releas disclosures the law does require them to provide. In these cases, a good buyer's agent can offer guidance on how to

proceed. Many agents have had success pushing back at these banks when they demand too many concessions. Banks will usually require longer escrows (45-60 days), but demand shorter timeframes for removing contingencies. That means buyers must move more quickly to complete inspections and other investigations of the property, the neighborhood and their loan op-

tions. Fourth, banks will usually require the transaction to go through the title and escrow companies they choose. The plus side is that, because of this, banks will often pay many of the title and escrow fees that buyers typically pay in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. But title and escrow companies vary. When purchasing bank owned properties, buyers may have to settle for a company they

would not otherwise use. "Every bank has a different process," Cope said. "When I work with buyers, I prepare my clients for what to expect. Because I understand the selling part of it really well, I can explain to them how

it works, the different processes of each bank.' Fifth, foreclosed properties are often in poor condition. People who have problems paying their mortgages may defer maintenance because they cannot afford it, often for months or even years while they struggle to manage their finances. Sometimes the difficult situation leads people to damage the property. It is not uncommon to find holes in walls or fixtures removed.

The foreclosure process itself takes six to nine months, and even after the property is seized, it may not go on the market for another six months after that. This means the property is vacant. Vandals may invade the pre-

mises and steal fixtures or damage walls and countertops. With the increased value of copper, some homes have had copper plumbing and other fixtures ripped out. The utilities are usually off, so lawns and gardens often die.

Buyers are advised to be even more diligent about obtaining

professional inspections of the property. This will cost them up to about \$1,000, but is well worth it. 'Sometimes buyers have a certain amount of enthusiasm, but they are not prepared for the rigors," said Andrea Davis, a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home, Livermore. "They need to be able to accept the realities. With bank owned properties, sometimes the

people will have done great remodel in kitchen, and something

happens, they run out of money. So they haven't replaced the plumbing or the windows. There is still stuff to be done."

When problems are found, banks, unlike other sellers, will not have repairs done. They are more likely these days to agree to pay

for some repairs, but that must be negotiated. Despite the pitfalls, buyers who are informed and prepared, working with diligent agents, can find great REO properties for homes or investment

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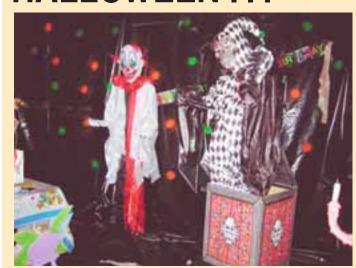






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HALLOWEEN ...



The "clown room' is just one of the displays included in the California Independent Film Festival's haunted house.

Mysterious Happenings at Dania Hall in Livermore

The California Independent Film Festival will again host a Haunted House this October.

The location this year will be Dania Hall, which is reportedly haunted and known for strange and mysterious happenings. "If you listen closely, you can still hear the music and laughter from 100 years ago," according to a press release.

The 2nd Annual Haunted House will be open Oct. 24 to 20 and Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 from 7 to 11 p.m. It is recommended for children ages 8 years and older. Young children will be able to go through with the lights turned on during the downtown trick or treat

Admission is \$7 per person. Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival coming to Livermore in April 2009 and the Children's International Film Festival held in May.

Dania Hall is located on Second Street in downtown Liver-

Episodes of Terror Planned in Pleasanton

Creatures of Impulse will stage "Tri-Valley High - Episodes of Terror" Thurs., Oct 30 and Fri., Oct. 31, 2008; 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton.

At each performance, the audience will be involved in creating the story from start to finish. When the members of the troupe take the stage, they will ask for suggestions from the audience to help develop their characters.

"We invite teens and their friends and families to join Creatures of Impulse in creating Tri-Valley High: Episodes of Terror," says Civic Arts Youth Program Coordinator Mark Duncanson. "We'll enjoy two nights of fun, interactive, and completely unscripted theater and, in addition, everyone is invited to come to our free mini-carnival from 5:30-7:00 p.m., before the shows be-

"This is a show for teens, by teens and about teens," adds Duncanson. "It is long-form improvisation, where the actors are inspired by participation from the audience and the story evolves according to actors' interpretation of the input they receive. Because of that, people coming to the show on both nights are sure to see two entirely different productions."

Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door 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. www.civicartstickets.org, 925-931-3444.

Scream-Worthy Display Set Up at The Barn

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is presenting its third annual Haunted Barn just in time for Halloween fun.

This scream-worthy haunted house is held at The Barn, a rustic structure built in 1922 that was originally part of the rodeo grounds in Livermore. LARPD employees and volunteers spend the weeks before opening turning The Barn into the The Haunted Barn. A maze of walls is created through the 4,700-square-foot building that leads visitors to scary scenes where they meet scary charac-

Although each group goes through The Haunted Barn with an LARPD guide, this attraction is sure to be a scary one. The Haunted Barn is not recommended for children under the age of 10. For those brave enough to visit The Haunted Barn, the cost is \$7 per person, with tickets sold at the door. The Haunted Barn is cosponsored by Wal-mart, Spirit Halloween Superstores, Richards, Lowe's, Livermore Police, Cresco Equipment Rentals, Aloha Driving School and Total Sports.

Haunting hours for The Haunted Barn are: Friday, Oct. 24: 7 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 25: 7 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 26: 7 to 10 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 30: 7 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 31 - Halloween: 7 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, Nov. 1: 7 to 11 p.m.

The Haunted Barn is located at 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700 or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Cheryl Charles will speak at Valley Montessori School about the Positive Impact of Connecting Children with

Her talk will be Sat., Oct. 18 from

& Nature Network and co-chair of the Education for Sustainable Development Working Group of the Commission on Education and Communication, World Conservation Union (IUCN-CEC). She has served for nearly 20 years as national director of Project Learning Tree and Project WILD, and has received many awards for her lead-ership. Recently, Cheryl developed an annotated bibliography of 20 premier studies focusing on the positive impact of the children-nature connection.

The community is invited to attend. The presentation will be in the Children's Cultural Center of Valley Montessori School, 1273 North Livermore, Livermore. There is no admis-

Child Safety Day

Pacific Service Credit Union will host a free Child Safety Day event at its Livermore branch on Saturday, October 18. Child Safety Day will provide important safety information and tips to children, parents and guardians. The event will feature free DNA LifePrint kits and Child Safety Journals (while supplies last). In addition, representatives from local law enforcement and other organizations involved in child health and safety will be on hand for the

day.
Child Safety Day will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 10am-2pm at 2800 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The event is free to the public.

Halloween Costumes

Bob and Deb Cilk of United California Brokers are conducting their 9th Annual Halloween Costume Drive to benefit homeless and disadvantaged

children of Alameda County.

Donations of new and "gently used" used costumes and accessories can be dropped of at 351 St. Mary St in downtown Pleasanton during business hours through Friday, Oct. 24th.

Thanks in advance for making the day of some of our neighboring ghouls and princesses! Please call 925.487.8735 for more information.

Dog Costume Contest

Stoneridge Shopping Center will be holding a Howl-o-ween Dog Costume Contest to raise funds for the East Bay SPCA and Simon Youth Founda-

tion.

The contest will be held Sun., Oct. 26 starting at 1 p.m. in the Grand Court. Categories include: best couple/ owner & dog, best couple/dog & dog, funniest and most creative. PRizes foreach category prizes will be awarded. The are first place, \$50 Just Dogs Gournet Giftcard and a trophy; 2nd place \$25 Just Dogs Giftcard; and

3rd place, \$15 Just Dogs giftcard. Entry fee is \$5. Forms may be picked up at Just Dogs Gourmet at Stoneridge, located on the upper level near California Pizza Kitchen. Entry deadline is October 22. The first 50 to return entries will receive a goody bag. Stoneridge is located in Pleasanton.

Secure the Call

The Senior Services department for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has begun participating in the national Secure the Call program. Secure the Call is a nonprofit organization dedicated to collecting old cell phones and converting them into free 9-1-1 emergency cell phones.

Phones are reprogrammed and given out through various community organizations across the country. Recipients receive the phone (programmed only to dial 9-1-1), a charger and instructions. The LARPD Senior Services Center has two sample cell phones on hand to show members of the public who inquire.

Although it is LARPD's Senior Services that is providing the service for the community, individuals do not have to be a senior to sign up for an emergency cell phone. Those who apply for a phone can expect to receive one from Secure the Call in about four

Those interested can sign up for a phone with Senior Services by calling 925-373-5760 or visiting in person at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The Center will also accept donated cell phones and phone chargers for Secure the Call. The Senior Services Center is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Backpack Information

before they leave.

"Pack It Light, Wear It Right," a skit to be performed by Foothill High School (FHS) Advanced Drama Students, aims to educate students at Harvest Park Middle School about ways to reduce backpack weight and bulk. The event will be held Thursday, October 16 with two performances,11:20 am and 12:10

Foster, will be teaching an introduc-

tory course on Monday October 27, 2008 at Livermore Adult School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. "You're On The

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istration required.

BioScience and Health Academy students from Amador Valley High School will also participate in the Backpack Awareness Campaign by assisting students with weighing their backpack and calculating maximum weight The event will be held during both lunch periods and has been coor-dinated by the Harvest Park Middle School (HPMS) Wellness Committee.

Backpack weights are a concern to many students and their families. The Pleasanton Unified School District provides students with a set of textbooks that students keep at home, rather than needing to transport them back and forth to school. At HPMS, administrators and faculty review the school supplies lists annually and the day planner is chosen with consideration as to size and weight.

The short, entertaining skit was

created by local writer, Joanne Hall. It will remind students of their responsibility to check their backpacks weekly, pack appropriately to minimize back-pack weight and bulk, and carry them properly.

Kids Vote Too!

It's an election year, so the Pleasanton Public Library has decided to get children involved in the political process. Between October 14 and November 4, children may come into the library and vote for the book character they believe would make the best president. The field of candidates, with representatives for younger and older voters, has been identified: Dora (the explorer), Frog & Toad, Curious George, Aslan, Harry Potter and Mrs. Piggle Wiggle.

Become an informed voter; candidate biographies and statements will be on display in the Children's Department. Campaigning for a favorite candidate is encouraged!

Children are invited to pick up a

ballot, make a selection, drop it in the ballot box and receive an "I Voted: Kids Vote Too!" sticker. Two characters will be elected, one from literature for younger children the other from literature for older children. The results will be announced Wednesday afternoon, November 5th.

For more information please contact the Children's desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Nature Programs

Autumn Astronomy is the theme of a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District range program on Sat., Oct. 18. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 7 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Participants will be going on a walk into the park as it gets darker to gaze into the heavens and hear some stories about the origins of the night sky. On the way back, the group will stop to look through some telescopes and binoculars at some of the more distant objects. Bring walking shoes and warm clothes as it will cool off as the night

On Sun., Oct. 19 the topic will be Fall's Feathered Friends. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8:30 a.m. at the Nature Area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The summer migrants have flown the coop, and the winter ones should be here by now. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them; otherwise, there will be some of both to lend. Please bring drinking water, too. Call 925-960-2400 for directions to the Nature Area. This program will be canceled if raining.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may

call 925-960-2400 for more informa-

Her Royal Spyness

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, with mystery writer Rhys Bowen at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton.

Rhys writes three series, including the Constable Evans mysteries, set in the mountains of Wales, and the Molly Murphy Mysteries, set in turn-of-the-century New York City, featuring a feisty Irish immigrant woman. Rhys' third series was launched in 2007 and features a minor royal in depressionera London who is penniless and trying to survive on her own. The first book in the series, Her Royal Spyness, was a resounding success. Rhys was born in Bath, England, and got into broadcasting with the BBC. From there she went to work for Australian Broadcasting in Sydney. While there she met and married her husband who was bound for CA. They relocated to the San Francisco Area where they raised a family and have lived ever since.

Rhys started writing children's books and then moved on to young adult novels before deciding to write what she liked to read-mysteries with a great feel for time and place. On October 23, Rhys will discuss her books. In honor of her latest heroine, "Lady Georgina" (34th in line to the English throne) shortbread, a tasty English cookie, will be served. Guests and prospective AAUW members are invited to attend. Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in Pleasanton. For further information, contact Elva Cooper at 846-2092.

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.

Decide tu Futuro

Michelle Gonzales, English Instruc-tor at Las Positas College, will present Decide tu Futuro at the Rincon Branch

of the Livermore Public Library on Wednesday, Oct 22 at 6:30 p.m. Gonzales will talk about her experiences growing up and the struggles she faced as a young Latina. Now teaching at Las Positas College, she will talk of her own life choices that led her back to school and eventually to teaching on the college level. Gonzales will call attention to programs available at Las Positas College that assist students and help them to succeed as she did.

The Rincon Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in Livermore. For more information please contact Mary Sue Nocar, 925-373-5540.

Dances of India

A variety of classical dance forms of south India will be performed at the Pleasanton Library by the Abhinaya Dance Company of San Jose on Saturday, October 25 beginning at 2:00 pm.
Dedicated to promoting the classi-

cal dance forms of South India through instruction and professional perfor-mances, Abhinaya Dance Company was created in 1980 as a dance school modeled after rigorous dance training programs operated in India. The company provides training in classical South Indian dance to approximately 120 Indian-American children ages 6 through young adult.
This performance continues the

library's popular Dance & Sing Around the World series, celebrating the music and dance of the many cultures which make up Pleasanton and the greater Bay Area. These approximately 45 minute free programs are open to all ages, with no registration required. For information on these and other family events, visit the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400







Las Positas to Host Family Fun Night

Foundation invites Tri-Valley families and kids of all ages to join them at "Family Fun Night" at Super Franks in Pleasanton. The event includes food, fun,

games and black light mini golf. Retired Oakland Raiders Steve Wisniewski and Robert Jenkins will be on hand signing autographs along with Sissi do Amor, former Brazilian national soccer team superstar and current Las Positas College women's soccer coach.

"We are excited to be able to invite all Tri-Valley families to join us for an evening of fun," said Ted Kaye, chief executive officer of the Las Positas College Foundation. "What better way to expose children and families to higher education opportunities in the Tri-Valley than to do it in a fun, family-

centered environment." Admission is free. Twentyfive percent of the proceeds from the sales of game tickets and food will go directly to the Las Positas College Foundation to benefit higher education programs and services in the Tri-

The event takes place on Wednesday, October 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Super Franks, 5341 Owens Court in Pleasanton. For more information, go to

the Las Positas College website at www.lpcfoundation.org or call (925) 424-1010.

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CANDIDATES

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of its size in the state. There are

reserves; the budget is balanced.
She stated, "As a child, in California she was told there were many possibilities. By working hard a person could do almost anything. Today, too many families have had to lower their expectations. The Golden State has lost its tarnish. I believe we can get the luster back. First, there needs to be a bipartisan effort to balance the state budget."

Each was asked what they would do to stop the practice of locating a business in one community and setting up a system whereby another community would receive the sales tax. A bill sponsored by Assemblymember Loni Hancock to stop the practice was vetoed by the governor. Would they reintroduce the bill.

"Yes," replied Wilson. "It's imperative we make sure the practice is not common." He said the practice hurts everyone.

Buchanan stated, "I think the practice is more prevalent than you think. "It is a fairness issue. One community has the burden of infrastructure demands; another receives the sales tax. That is unfair. I would be more than happy to introduce the bill again."

How would each of them cut waste at the state level and work to balance the state budget?

Wilson stated, "You can't balance the budget by taking funds from cities." He would sunset all state programs, then analyze each to determine if they are doing what they should. "One recent story estimated there is \$32 billion in mismanaged funds. I would find those funds and hold people accountable." He would put a cap on spending linked to inflation and population increase. In addition, he would like to see a 2-year budget cycle implemented.

Buchanan said, "The process is broken. The legislature passed a fiscally irresponsible budget and took 85 days to do so." She would look at every line item and remove redundancy in spending. She suggests that the budget debate should begin earlier. She too would like to see a 2-year budget to "force a little more long term planning." She also would look at changing the initiative process, which has resulted in 93 percent of the budget controlled by initiatives.

Local districts and the redevelopment agency have lost funds to the state. How would the candidate bring them back.

"I have been working to make sure that redevelopment funds are protected. Once Sacramento takes the funds, it is very difficult to get them back. Redevelopment is the heart of a city. Look at what has been happening in downtown Livermore. Redevelopment is how new businesses are attracted to an area," stated Wilson.

Buchanan said she did not support Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) raids, even though she is coming from a school district. "All those raids do is limit a city's ability to provide services and to plan effectively," Buchanan stated. "ERAF and redevelopment raids are a symptom of a broken budget. It has to be our number one priority to fix the budget." In addition the state needs to bring in more tax dollars by promoting business and creating jobs. There is a need to invest in the industries of the future and to put more money in education to create a stronger tax base.

Would candidates work to equalize school funding?

Wilson said that it is imperative to go after equalization funds. "As we go further on, Livermore will always be behind in gaining a fair share of funding. His goal would be to ensure that students receive a proper education. One program he supports is English immersion, believing it lowers expectations for non-English speaking students.

Buchanan pointed out that San Ramon is in a similar situation, receiving fewer dollars than nearby districts. "We have to be realistic, there won't be any quick solution to the issue," said Buchanan. Requiring only a 55 percent majority to pass a parcel tax and pressuring the federal government to pay its fair share are two options to consider.

The candidates were asked about making sure there is an adequate water supply.

Wilson declared, "It's a travesty what has happened (referring to a court decision to decrease water flow to protect the Delta

Smelt). Zone 7 was innovative in purchasing water contracts. Water impacts businesses, such as water for ag products. The smelt are important. We need to bring everyone to the table. It is important to understand the impacts of diverting water.

Buchanan called the Delta the second most important issue the state is facing after the budget. Key issues are how to restore the ecosystem, balance demands for water, fix the levee system, deal with global warming and a need for water for an increasing population. She noted there is a plan the state will release soon. She can't react to the plan. However, there is a need to provide solutions to the issues.

One of the audience members asked how the candidates stood on redistricting.

Buchanan stated that Proposition 11, on the November ballot, has some good points. Districts should be compact and areas of interest kept together. The one flaw is the requirement that the majority of Republicans, Democrats and independents on the committee to create new districts must agree. "My fear is that we will end up with gridlock."

Wilson declared that there is a need to get beyond parties. "All politics are local. They all have similar issues regarding safety and quality of life. We do need to change districts."

They were asked if they would be comfortable as individuals investing in bonds.

Wilson stated, that Bank of

America and Wells Fargo are examples of two banks who followed the rules and are now bailing out the economy. "It is important to make sure investors know what they are buying .I have expertise in this area. I have an understanding of what it takes to pull us out of this."

Buchanan said the problem is that investment bankers played by a new set of rules. Now "Main Street" is having to bail them out. "Everyday people are bailing out the economy, not banks. Yes, I would invest. If we stop investing in our economy and our people we will never pull out of the situation."

Can public agencies help address financial issues?

Buchanan said she would accelerate the sale of infrastructure bonds to provide jobs and promote new businesses and work to keep current businesses.

Wilson would make sure everyone is held accountable. It comes back to the economy and credit. First we have to restore the market. Businesses can't buy or sell cars, for example, if there is no credit available.

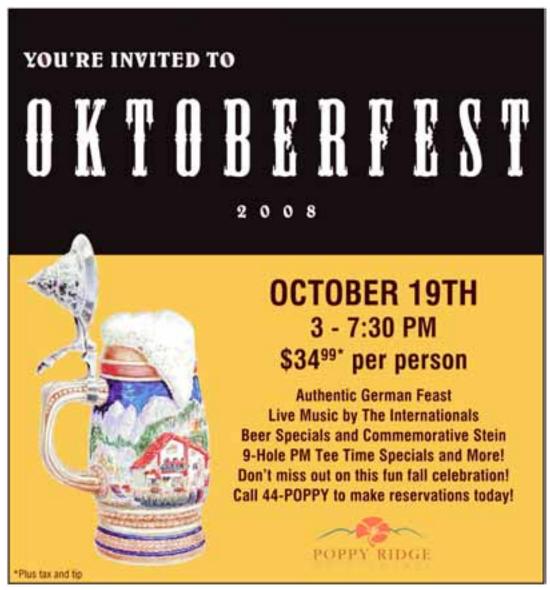
In conclusion, Wilson said he has a proven record of working regionally. In Sacramento, he declared, "It's very simple, we have to hold people accountable and bring people together."

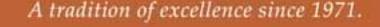
Buchanan, said she would establish a steady stream of income to provide essential services. She would work to raise the expectations of what is possible and then go and make it a reality.



Over 60 animals came by Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton on Saturday to be blessed by Father Ray and Father Evan from San Damiano Retreat in Danville. Dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, and bunnies of all shapes and sizes were blessed at the non-denominational ceremony. All animals received a St. Francis medallion. St. Francis is the patron Saint of all animals. The Blessing of the Animals is an annual fundraiser for Valley Humane Society.









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